

The Holly Hills *Neighborhood News Newsletter*

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HHIA September General Meeting

HHIA General Meeting
Monday, November 26, 7:30 pm
Southern Commercial Bank
5515 South Grand

Meet the Mayor!

November 26th is the next HHIA general meeting with Mayor Francis Slay as our featured speaker. If you have a question or comment for Mayor Slay, please complete the form printed in this newsletter and bring it with you to the meeting. We will have a collection box at the meeting for your forms, and a volunteer will then present the questions to the Mayor during our discussion. If you forget to bring your form, you can write out your question that night as well. The larger the turnout at our meeting with the Mayor, the larger the attention our neighborhood will receive, so please plan to attend . . . and bring a neighbor with you!

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Woerner School Update

At the HHIA's September general meeting Principal Taubenheim introduced himself and Woerner School (6131 Leona St.), now a neighborhood public school and an increasingly vibrant part of our community. A planning group organized by Principal Taubenheim currently is researching playground equipment and designs for the school grounds. The group is working with Linda Riekes from the St. Louis Public Schools to coordinate the much-needed improvements to Woerner's recreation areas. This project will not only benefit the children and staff at the school, but also our entire neighborhood by making visible

capital improvements at the school. Once the plans are in place for the playground, Principal Taubenheim will publicize the design and solicit help in fundraising for the project. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the school, either to work on the playground project or in any other role, please call 481-8585 to request a volunteer application. Principal Taubenheim welcomes neighborhood visitors to the school and hopes to see an active community presence at work for our children.

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Fall Bulb Planting Event

Thanks to a grant from Operation Brightside and the hard work of volunteers, 5,300 new tulip and daffodil plants will be blooming this spring in our neighborhood. Bulb plantings in our common areas are just one of the beautification projects sponsored and organized by the HHIA. If you are interested in becoming more involved in these types of projects, please contact the HHIA hotline and leave your name and phone number.

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Nini Harris Dinner & Lecture Postponed

Due to construction delays, Chameleon Catering's reception room will not be available in time for the HHIA-sponsored dinner lecture with local historian Nini Harris. This event that focuses on the architecture and history of our neighborhood will be rescheduled to take place in the spring. Please stay tuned for details so you can plan to join your neighbors for an evening of good food and interesting stories.

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Holiday Lighting Contest

The annual holiday lighting and decorating contest is right around the corner. Judging will take place December 16 through 20. Put on your best show! Winners will be announced in the January newsletter. Good luck and good cheer.

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Holiday Dinner Meeting

The HHIA's annual holiday dinner meeting will be held January 28th at the Bevo Mill. Tickets are \$18 per person and include a 2-hour open bar, buffet dinner (menu to be announced) and entertainment by our neighborhood's most illustrious celeb-Stan Kann. Checks can be made payable to the HHIA and mailed to P.O. Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116 or delivered to Beth Murphy, Treasurer, at November's general meeting.

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St. Louis Christmas Carol Association

Anyone interested in spreading some goodwill and raising funds for children's charities this winter season, can contact Ann Borgmeyer at 752-2528 to learn more about holiday caroling events.

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Friends of Carondelet Park

A new group is sprouting up in our community: the Friends of Carondelet Park. This volunteer group, which is a separate entity from the HHIA, has the goal of promoting the park by partnering with City officials and the community. The group is having an informational meeting on Nov. 14th at 6:30 in the library of the Woerner School (6131 Leona). Aldermen Matt Villa and Fred Wessels will be in attendance at this meeting. If you'd like to learn more about the park and become involved in its continued well-being, please mark Nov. 14th on your calendar. There are many exciting developments happening in our park-come find out how you can be a part of them.

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Aldermanic Update

From Alderman Fred Wessels--13th Ward Update

13th Ward A bill recently passed by the Board of Aldermen will modify the City sidewalk program to make the City responsible for the full cost of removal of any slabs that have been raised by trees planted between the curb and sidewalk. For instance, if six slabs need to be replaced and two have been damaged by a tree, the City will pay 100% of two slabs and 50% of the remaining 4 slabs. I encourage you to get your sidewalk repaired if it is in need. Now is the time to make an application for the next construction season. All those who apply now will have the work done next year. I expect a ward-redistricting bill to pass some time in November. There are several versions being proposed but all would leave the ward boundaries in the Holly Hills neighborhood unchanged.

From Alderman Matt Villa--11th Ward Update

The buildings at 1022-1028 Bates will be demolished by MSD sometime around the end of this year or the beginning of 2002. The land will then be used by MSD for the sewer project they will be working on in that area.

Curb work along Holly Hills Blvd. will be completed by a private contractor rather than the City. The work hopefully will be completed before the winter begins. In the spring, landscaping will be done to replace the grass that was torn up for the construction.

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