

The Holly Hills Neighborhood News Newsletter

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Featured Speaker

HHIA General Meeting
Monday, November 25, 7:30 pm
Southern Commercial Bank
5515 South Grand

Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce will be the featured speaker at the next meeting.

Ms. Joyce has provided a database for citizens to search public information on crimes that occur in the City of St. Louis. She encourages everyone to empower themselves with this knowledge: search by crime, neighborhood, judge, prosecutor or defense attorney.

"Working together, we can succeed."

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New NSO for Holly Hills

I am excited to be the new Neighborhood Stabilization Officer for Holly Hills and eager to work with as many residents and businesses as possible! In addition to the Holly Hills neighborhood, my assignment includes Carondelet, the Patch and the portion of Bevo bounded by Leona, Bates, Morganford and Holly Hills.

I most recently worked as an Administrative Assistant to the President of the Board of Aldermen since April, 2001. Prior to that, I was the NSO for St. Louis Hills, Lindenwood and Clifton Heights for over six years.

Before working for the City of St. Louis, I was the Main Street Program Manager in Boonville, Missouri and a planner for a consulting firm in Urbana, Illinois. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri and a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

I am a proud city resident and look forward to helping keep Holly Hills a strong, vibrant neighborhood. Feel free to call me a 772-3484.

-- Brian Kolde

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Thank You, Thank You!

A great big thank you to the boy scouts and their leaders from both St. Stephen's and Our Lady of Sorrows. These boys, from the 5th, 6th and 7th grades, spent a Saturday planting Missouri wildflowers and bulbs in the Holly Hills Neighborhood. They just did a great job. And in the spring we all will see the blooms that will result from their work. These great young people should be very proud of themselves for helping to make our neighborhood an even better place to live. We are very proud of them! Thanks guys!

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Crime Mapping

The Saint Louis Police Department recently unveiled "Safe City Online Crime Mapping," an interactive website that allows users to examine crime incidents and calls for service throughout the city. Website users can search for activity within one-half mile of an address or by neighborhood. The system maintains data for the previous three months and is updated every 24 hours. Kinetic Solutions of Earth City developed the nationally recognized site under the guidance of Sgt. Bob Heimberger. HHIA member Dan Haag will provide a brief demonstration of the application at the November general meeting. Meanwhile, you can access the Safe City crime mapping application at: <http://64.218.68.50/stlouis/news/impd/>.

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Carondelet Park Update

The Carondelet Park Master Plan Committee held a well attended public meeting on October 6th at Blow School. John Hoal and the executive committee delivered ideas and schematics for the park. It is a very exciting process, and it will take time and money to complete . . . however, following are some of the possible plans for Carondelet Park:

- Connect sinkholes to form new ponds with riffles flowing into Horseshoe Lake
- Develop passive corridor with a diversity of landscape types including forested areas, wetlands and open parkland
- Develop external walking/jogging path on Holly Hills, Leona, and Loughborough.
- Develop internal one way biking/ rollerblading path system connecting with citywide bike system on Holly Hills.

- Connect sinkholes to form a connected system of wetlands.
- Remove Holly Hills playground and replace with park trail
- Opening up Bear Pit area for new adventure playground encircled by picnic pavilions
- Renovate Boathouse, Lyle House and Old Stable Building
- New maintenacne facilities located in mulch area.
- Upgrade existing athletic fields
- Relocate all athletic fields to the Active Recrea-tion Zone located at the eastern end of the park.
- Remove Grand Drive entrance from Loughborough Ave to Loughborough Drive

Plans will be developed further and presented at the last Public Meeting to be held December 7th 10:00 - 12:00 (place to be determined).

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Regarding the Community Recreation Center

The Community Recreation Center will enter the site selection and feasibility process directed by an architectural/engineering firm hired by the City of St. Louis. They will begin to hold public meetings the beginning of 2003. This is a separate process from the Carondelet Park Master Plan process. The job of the Master Plan executive committee is to decide if Carondelet Park might be an appropriate spot for the center. This does not quarantee, or even stipulate that the center will go in the park, it just puts the Park in with all the other site candidates. If the committee decides to have Carondelt Park as an option, John Hoal presented the idea of possibly placing the center in the Active Recreation Zone. The building would be located where the existing "locker rooms" sit, on the eastern end of the Park next to the ballfields facing Highway 55.

The next public meeting is December 7th. In the meantime your comments and questions are welcome. You may call 314-832-0610 to gain more information regarding the Master Plan.

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Treasurer's Reports

Beth Murphy, HHIA treasurer, provides a treasurer's report each general meeting. Copies are available at the table near the entrance to the meeting room.

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Holiday Lighting Contest

After you have put up all those lights and decorations, make sure to have them on Tuesday, December 17 through Thursday, December 19. There is rumor that there will be elves in town doing their annual judging of the lights. (Okay, so it is really the president, but just go along with it! It means a lot to her!)Ho! Ho! Ho!

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Chameleon's Catering

Chameleon's welcomes you for "Sunday Brunch on the Boulevard" every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy live, classic, soulful sounds of St. Louis-jazz legend Mae Wheeler every second Sunday. The brunch buffet offers an array of delicious dishes and also features a made-to-order omelet and carving stationall for \$10.95. Call to make reservations or just walk on in. Chameleon's is located at 5535 S. Grand at Bates, phone: 481-8086.

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Membership Dues

At the next general meeting in November, a vote will be taken on whether to increase membership dues for individuals from \$7 to \$10 and for businesses from \$20 to \$25. This change in dues will help offset the costs of postage, which have increased, and will help fund landscaping and beautification projects to begin this spring. If passed, the new price will take effect with the January membership renewal.

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"Where Did You Get That Flag?"

Display your neighborhood pride and purchase a "Welcome to Holly Hills" flag for your home or garden! As pictured on our Web site, our dark-green flags with white lettering are made of durable and attractive "Sunbrella" canvas. They include two grommets and a slip pocket for easy hanging, and are available for only \$25 each (pole not included). To purchase, simply send us your name, address, phone number and desired quantity, along with your check payable to Holly Hills Improvement Association, to:

Holly Hills Improvement Association
Attn: Flag Order
PO Box 22144
St. Louis, MO 63116

Order one or several. At \$25 each, they make great house-warming gifts for new neighbors or thank-you gifts for long-time neighbors! (Place your holiday orders early to ensure availability.)

Questions? Call us at 314-569-5708 or send an e-mail inquiry to [HHIA Webmaster](#).

HOLLY HILLS HOUSE FLAGS

Please print or type legibly!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please deliver _____ flags to me for \$25 each (pole purchased separately) as soon as the flags are available!

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$_____ to support other HHIA neighborhood projects.

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