

Holly Hills Happenings

HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)

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Hurray for Halloween in Holly Hills!

NEXT MEETING

November 22 7:00 p.m.* *Note NewTime

> Learn about the new recycling **Dumpsters**

Holly Hills didn't disappoint fans of Halloween this year with a wide array of decorations. HHIA would like to recognize everyone who took the time to make the neighborhood so festive. Here are

a few of our favorites:

HHIA applauds the creativity that went into this pumpkin ser-

pent at Holly Hills and Arendes

Movie Nights Prove Successful, Even on Three Dog Night

Holly Hills and Arendes- most creative

6132 and 6128 Leona—Best group effort

And then there was the house with the GIANT spider in the 4100 block of

Toenges, which gets our vote for worst house for an arachnophobe to live next door to!

4061 Holly Hills—Cutest decorations

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Despite a chilly wind, about 150 people and three dogs joined the Holly Hills Improvement Association for a movie in Carondelet on Oct. 2 People came prepared with sleeping bags and blankets to stave off the night air, once again gathering at the Band Stand next to the Boathouse, to watch Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs. Despite the cool temperature, this was a great night to make up for the terrible rainstorm that cancelled this film on July 24.

Girl Scouts from St. Stephen Protomartyr grade school held a bake sale at the movie and made about \$130 to purchase food baskets from the Holly Hills branch of the Community Helpings Produce Co-Op and then donate them to people in need.

The final film of the season, Monsters vs. Aliens, on Oct 23 was another success when about 100 people and three dogs (not sure whether they're the same three!) showed up on an unseasonably warm Saturday evening. Many movie-goers donned shorts and T-shirts on that Indian summer night, and HHIA was particularly appreciative of the turnout given

that there were no fewer than three other events going on in the neighborhood that same evening.

HHIA sold popcorn, soda, candy, hot chocolate and hot cider to help pay for the cost of licensing the public showing of the films. HHIA also solicited advertisements from local businesses and civic leaders to defray costs. HHIA would like to thank all of its sponsors and urge residents to patronize your local businesses. All sponsors can be found on the Association's website at www.hollyhills.info.

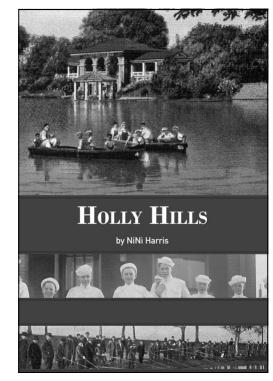
In addition a big thank you to retiring board member Patrick Hanlon for the use of his screen and projector for two of the three movies. We could not have afforded to show these movies without this generosity from Patrick.

Thank you to all of the Board members, neighborhood volunteers and attendees, who helped make the HHIA's October 2010 events so much fun and a huge success!

A message from the president...

Happy Thanksgiving, Holly Hills! We in the Holly Hills Improvement Association have much to be thankful for this fall season. We greatly appreciate the high attendance levels and community support at our October events: the final two movies of the season, the annual Pumpkin Parade and the Halloween house decorating contest. We want to thank all of you who participated in these events and encourage you to join us at our next event, the November 22nd General Meeting, to learn about recycling options in our neighborhood and beyond. There are lots of events in the greater City of St. Louis this season, as well, including the Wild Lights display at the Zoo and Gardenland Express at the Missouri Botanical Garden. And don't forget to put your best decorating foot forward for the December holiday house decorating contest. If you'd like to guarantee your consideration in the contest or nominate neighbor, email tara@hollyhills.info so we'll be sure to take a look at your house decorations!

Tara Ohler-Jenney



Holly Hills, the book, profiling the history, architecture, parks and personalities of the Holly Hills neighborhood. Written by St. Louis historian NiNi Harris and published by Reedy Press. Available for \$19.50 by calling 314-752-2304.

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The Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) was formed on September 10, 1927. Since its inception, HHIA has worked to promote the well being of Holly Hills and its residents. For more information or to become a member of HHIA contact us at hhia@hollyhills.info

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Rich Hutson	В	Member at large
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Holly Hills Real Estate courtesy of Paul Sager

For sale as of November 10

4125 Concorida \$24,900

4123 Burgen \$44,900 (UC)

4114 Wilmington \$54,900

4111 Wilmington \$70,000

4058 Concordia \$70,900

4079 Concordia \$72,900

4150 Fillmore \$74,500

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5805 Dewey \$75,000

3850 Bates \$89,900

4146 Burgen \$89,900

6126 Adkins \$95,000 (UC)

3862 Bates \$99,900

6125 Newport \$105,000

5916 Leona \$109,900

6730 Morganford \$110,000

3683 Dover \$110,000 (UC)

5714 Morganford \$119,000

3652-54 Bates \$119,900

6111 Adkins \$119,900

5947 Marwinette \$124,900

3655 Fillmore \$128,500 (UC)

6131 Dewey \$129,900

3632 Bellerive \$134,900

3999 Dover \$147,000

3618 Bowen \$149,900

3833 Dover \$150,000

4125 Alma \$154,900

6131 Ray \$154,900

5632 Arendes \$155,000

5922 Marwinette \$164,900 (UC)

4155 Holly Hills \$167,900

4138 Toenges \$173,000

3939 Fillmore \$173,750

3632 Wilmington \$174,900

3915 Dover \$175,000

4127 Toenges \$177,000

6158 Leona \$184,900

6141 Grand \$187,400

3640 Wilmington \$188,000

5916 Marwinette \$189,900

6000 Arendes \$194,900

3620 Wilmington \$199,900

3687 Dover \$199,900

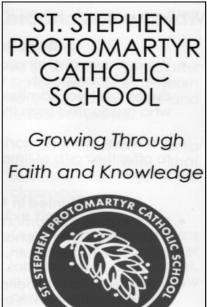
3924-26 Wilmington \$200.000

3963 Dover \$250,000

6110 Arendes \$257,900

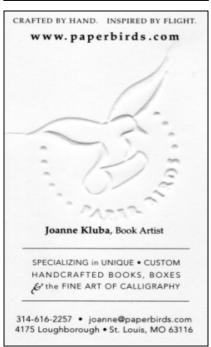
3975 Federer \$289,900 (UC)

5620 Arendes \$299,900









SOLD listings

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HHIA General Membership Meeting Minutes for September 27

Roll Call

Tara Ohler-Jenney introduced herself as newly elected president

Board in attendance: Tara Ohler-Jenney, Stacy Ross, Anna Baldwin

Not in attendance: Beth Murphy, Patrick Hanlon, Rich Hutson, Paul Sager

Approximately 30 neighbors in attendance

New neighbors on Ruth introduced themselves – moved from Soulard

Minutes and Financial report approved

Brenda Smarko introduced herself and asked to join the board as Financial Secretary. She was elected unanimously by the membership

Officer O'Brien's report:

Compared last 4 weeks to one year ago. Holly Hills has the least amount of crime. Crime is a nonfactor.

Even larcenies went down. Lock your car, keep valuables out of site.

Encouraged residents to call with questions, complaints, reports of crimes. Provide as much info, specific description.

Prostitution sweep is on — will that really do anything, well no. They can be out on the street in a couple hours. Eight officers doing nothing but going after prostitutes.

Encouraged neighborhood watch groups.

Read email from Marilyn Bennett thanking those who have been working on stopping speeders on Morgan Ford. Doesn't like the electronic signs that show speed because kids like to see how high they can get the sign. If they put an officer with a radar gun then everybody gets a ticket – no one gets a pass.

Aldermanic Reports Fred Wessels (Matt Villa is out of town)

Lights at Bates and Morgan Ford have been delayed so that all four are red for about a second and a half and if there is an accident it means that someone has absolutely run a red light.

Solar-powered radar speed signs have been ordered at a cost of \$40K.

East side of Morgan Ford between

Holly Hills and Bates going to move curbs out – change from two lanes

to one plus a turn lane – this is going to slow down traffic a lot. Plant more trees. Work

scheduled to start March 15. Will use stimulus money. Next step will be to do it between Bates and Walsh on Morgan Ford. We'll have to see where we can get the money for that. Not sure when that will happen.

Train bridge will be replaced this fall/winter — will not expand lanes over the highway, just over the railroad. Wessels explained that it took a long time due to all the parties involved. The railroad took a long time to agree to it, then the state took a long time with its part.

Member of the audience asked about home renovation on Arendes. Wessels said the buyer will start work next month.

NiNi Harris told Wessels she appreciated the number of trees that have been planted. He said he likes to be proactive and not wait until people request them. He plants 200-300 trees a year.

What's happening with Bevo Mill? As far as I know they're still operating,

doing weddings, Sunday brunch.

Entrance into rec center? There's no solution that will make it better. We want to make it better and not worse. Traffic consultants recommended roundabout. Estimated cost \$1 million. It didn't speak to the problem of pedestrian safety and I think that's important. What we did tell them to do is to put some heavy duty walk ways – stamped asphalt look like bricks or stone. I think that will help.

Tim Bolt mentioned that traffic consultants graded the intersection an A and that traffic flows well.

State Representative: Jake Hummel

Hummel asked MoDot to look at highway on/off ramps. They put down

new asphalt.

Crime is a nonfactor in Holly

Hills. Lock your car, keep

your valuables out of sight

Community Outreach Officer

- Officer Mark O'Brien

Red Light cameras — it's a delicate situation. It does save lives but obviously when you get a \$100 ticket

you're not very happy about it.

Ford plant in Claycomo (KC area) is the last major auto plant in Missouri. Very flexible plant and they'd like to keep it open, however it's very old. Some of the workforce already moved to another state. Ford had been offered incentives from other states. We offered them incentives and it looks like they will stay.

The incentive is tied to jobs. If they move the jobs they don't get the incentives. They have promised \$500 million in plant upgrades and additional jobs. 75,000 jobs – every county in the state except one has jobs that are tied to that plant.

Veto session. Nothing of substance.

Met with mayor's office and discussed

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Punkins on Parade!



On Saturday, Oct, 30, about 75 children, adults and dogs convened at Federer and Arendes for the annual Pumpkin Parade. Thank you to the Federer Place neighbors, who handed candy out to

all of the trick-or-treaters. And a huge thank you to former HHIA Board member Barb Russell, who promoted the event and drove a convertible to lead the parade.

Boat House Clay Tiles Now Available

Local Artist Bridget Flood presented her original clay tile representation of the Carondelet Park Boat House at the HHIA neighborhood meeting in May.

Flood, who operates Carondelet Pottery, created the tiles as a fundraiser for HHIA.

The tiles have a blue glaze and also include a card with a brief history of the Boat House. They are \$25 each and are available for purchase at neighborhood meetings or by completing the order form on the back page.



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upcoming legislation for the city. He is chair of city's Jeff City delegation.

NSO report: Brian Kolde — TJ Minden couldn't make it.

Doesn't know much about Southern Funeral Home building. It's a complicated project because of unwilling sellers on the adjacent corner building, the economy etc. Just trying to maintain the funeral home until something comes through.

Discussed Nixle – crime, public safety via email and cell phone. Sign up for different levels of notification.

Nationwide DHS, Centers for Disease Control, etc. etc. going to be doing a study of children and the environment. There's never been a study over time to do comparison. They are looking for neighborhoods and families. The neighborhood, the home, the air, their school. The National Children's Study. They will be approaching people to enroll children. It is a legitimate study. If they approach you, as with anyone, just make sure they show you ID.

Guest speaker: Special Assistance

Mary Ellen Ponder from mayor's office to discuss the solid waste fees

Fiscal year 2011 \$46 million shortfall. Unemployment – tax base is lower. Cost of pensions for city employees, fire police etc. (12 fold increase since Mayor took office). Eliminated 600 positions in city govt. Got rid of all city take-home vehicles except for those that are absolutely necessary. For the first time ever, pensions will be included in cost of each department.

Trash costs the city \$20 million a year. All surrounding areas are higher than the city's without as much service. New fee will generate about \$10 million. Last year tried to cut service to once a week and it just didn't work. We're just getting to the point where we're running out of ideas.

Fee will be attached to water bill and took effect in July so it will be on your next water bill. If you live in a twofamily unit and one unit is vacant you can apply for a waiver for the vacant unit.

Trying to crack down on illegal dumping. If you see someone dumping illegally, get a description and license num-

ber. If that results in a prosecution there is a reward.

City employees are feeling it to. She and the aldermen are taking furloughs.

Gardening report: Tim Bolt planting on Saturday Oct. 9

Applied to Operation Brightside, a couple thousand tulips, black-eyed susans, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., meet at the flagpole in the park. Also appreciate donations. It's a good time to say hi to your neighbors and it's not that much work and then we can enjoy it in the spring.

Wessels – I just want to compliment Tim. There is nobody in this city works more on the public spaces, planting watering etc. He must enjoy it. It's a lot of work and he really deserves our thanks.

Announcements: Upcoming movies in Carondelet Park, combined w/pumpkin parade, Epiphany Lutheran Church spaghetti dinner, St. Stephen's trivia night.

The meeting was adjourned.

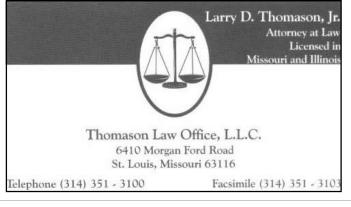


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