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Speakers

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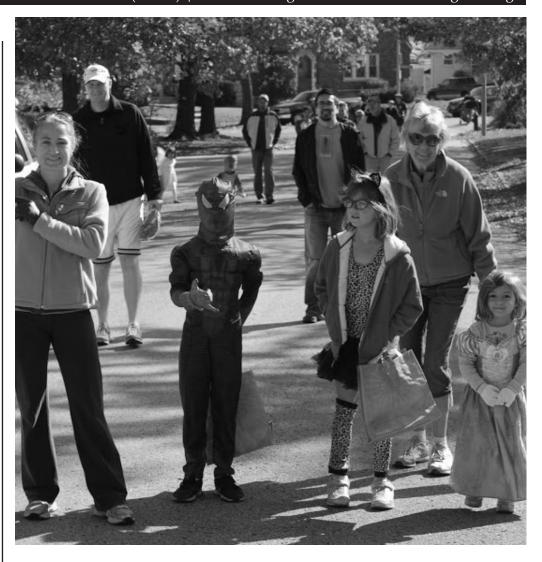
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on September 10, 1927. Since
its inception, HHIA has worked to
promote the well being of Holly
Hills and its residents. For more
information or to become a
member, please contact us.

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Batman, Spiderman, Cat Woman and a princess were among the 40 or so neighborhood kids and adults who gathered on Federer on a crisp and sunny Oct. 27 morning for the annual HHIA Pumpkin Parade with a surprise visit by Mayor Francis Slay.

HOLLY HILLS HAPPENINGS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have to start by thanking Tara Ohler-Jenney for her tireless efforts on behalf of HHIA and her willingness to continue serving on the board as immediate past president. HHIA is what it is today thanks to the efforts of Tara and the leaders who came before her including Paul Sager, Dee McAliney, Dan Haag and Victoria Hatfield, to name just a few.

Moving forward one of my goals as president is increasing HHIA's membership. Relatively few neighborhood residents and businesses are paying members of HHIA. Your membership dues pay for the printing and mailing of this newsletter. In addition, we help support the community garden and neighborhood plantings and provide free events such as the recent Pumpkin Parade and movies in Carondelet Park. If you are a dues-paying member, THANK YOU!"

We are fortunate that our neighborhood has few real problems and many assets. But I can tell you from serving on this board and attending neighborhood events that being involved enriches my life. On a larger scale, having an active neighborhood organization with strong support from the residents is an asset itself that promotes our neighborhood as a fun and friendly place to live, work and play. Being involved need not take lots of time or effort. Join us for a park clean up, help out with a single event, attend meetings and provide input or even help label newsletters. Contact me at president@ hollyhills.info. I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood!

~ Stacy Ross

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HALLOWEEN A SCARY TIME FOR ARACHNOPHOBES THIS YEAR

John and Chelli Faletti are really into Halloween. So much so that they convinced several of their neighbors in the 6100 block of Leona, across from Woerner School, to decorate their homes and string orange lights in the trees. Their efforts earned the block a Halloween Decorating Contest Award from HHIA.

The Falettis and their daughter Emily would love to see their enthusiasm spread to the point where the neighborhood is transformed into "Halloween Hills" each fall and becomes a destination for sight-seers akin to Candy Cane Lane in St. Louis Hills.

Other winners included Richard & Karin Skeel and their spider-covered home at 4133 Toenges. The Skeels, who weren't even aware that HHIA sponsored a decorating contest, made the spiders out of common household items, including Christmas ornaments for the eyes. One spider was nearly 10 feet across – and that was the smaller one!

"My son is still talking about the spider that was rigged to fall down from the porch ceiling right in front of his face!" said neighbor Kelli Graf.

The third winner was the home at 6155 Marwinette, which had lots of lights and well done flying monkey-



Spiders overrun 4133 Toenges

ghouls floating across the yard.

Congratulations to the winners, who in addition to bragging rights, will receive a one-year membership to HHIA. Thanks to everyone who

provided nominations. And it's time to start planning those Christmas decorations for the next HHIA Decorating Contest. May the best decorations win!

HHIA MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Roll Call: Present - Stacy Ross, Jan Hill, Beth Murphy, Brenda Smarko, Kendal Dauphin, Ted Disabato

Tara Jenney is stepping down as president; Election held and Stacy Ross elected new president; Kendal Dauphin elected new recording secretary

Guest Speaker Dennis Trask: St. Louis Public Schools Community Education Center Programs

Provided Flyer; Classes Available

Guest Speaker Stacy Reliford: American Cancer Society -- Prop B:

MO Tobacco Tax

Guest Speaker Martin Casas: Prop A: Local Control of Police

Officer Mike Mueller:
Neighborhood Police Report

Chris Rumpsa has stepped down; New officer will be taking over

Crime is down; Rise in scooter thefts; New Ordinance on prostitution issue - continue to make arrests

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa: Spoke on the Fireman's Pension and Mayor Slay's opposing views Prop A/Prop B discussion

Prop A does not belong on statewide vote

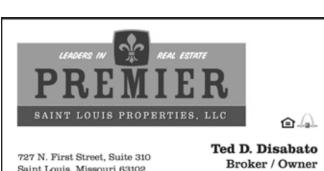
Prostitution Bill – Lewis Reed put Villa's name on it; Villa does the news interviews; Broadway and Bates- Prostitution very visible here

Reduction in size of Board of Aldermen (Proposition R) – is not in favor of putting it on the ballot

13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels: Ward reduction Issue (Proposition R) - in favor of putting it on the ballot continued on page 8







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DNA AND THE CSI EFFECT

"The only thing that matters is of that we're supposed to solve. Even if technicians are able to find the evidence," says CSI: Miami investigator Horatio Caine. While scientists in crime dramas are able to solve a crime in 45 minutes, the real-life science of DNA is much different. Here are some myths and facts about modern day DNA technology and processing.

Instantly

Shows like CSI have "caused some problems," according to Mike Murphy, the coroner for Clark County, Nevada, "Some of those problems are [that] people expect us to have DNA back in 20 minutes

a crime in 60 minutes with three commercials. It doesn't happen that way," he explains.

MYTH: Prosecutors Must Have DNA To Convict Someone

Forensic evidence is certainly important, but it's not the key to MYTH: DNA Testing Can Take Place securing a conviction in every case. Even in cases where no DNA was present, a case can be made with a defendant's confession, clear motive, and eyewitness testimony.

> MYTH: DNA Can Be Contaminated or Chanaed

DNA, finding a match can depend on how much DNA is present. You may hear defense attorneys or TV shows use the phrase "crosscontamination." This is a misleading statement. DNA can never change or morph into the DNA of someone else. Even if the DNA of multiple people becomes mixed together, tests would still come back with separate, individual DNA profiles.

The only way DNA ever changes is that it disintegrates. Over time, or due to harsh elements or chemicals, DNA can become less potent. That doesn't mean the DNA continued on page 10



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CARONDELET PARK HAS FRIEND IN FLORA CONSERVANCY

Members of the Flora Conservancy came out on Oct. 13 to spruce up the Carondelet Park Boathouse for the fall/winter season. This is a small energetic group of volunteers who work to improve and maintain green spaces in Forest Park, such as the Jewel Box and Boaota Lake.

This was the second working Saturday that the group generously came to the Holly Hills neighborhood to improve your local park. These volunteers come from University City, Webster Groves, West County, and Kirkwood, giving of their time and talent for others to enjoy the beauty of nature. The presence of

local volunteers from the Holly Hills Neighborhood was sadly lacking. Only two local residents came out and they are greatly appreciated.

More "local" residents must begin to show an interest in this beautiful neiahborhood asset if

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Question re: Aldermanic Courtesy -Wessels opinion this will not be affected by ward reduction

Many local and state wide items on the upcoming ballot

108th Dist. State Rep. Jake **Hummel:** Leaislature not currently in session; Next session in January

Religious Freedom Bill – Passed by one vote

Discussion on Prop B - tobacco tax - North Carolina used to be the lowest, now Missouri is

FHA/VA programs

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that legislature will not take the money out of the budget and put it somewhere else - Our Public Schools rate near the bottom for this reason

Question re: Can issues like Prop A be put to rest- seems to be brought back again and again - No

11th Ward NSO Brian Kolde: Car Theft – get a Club for your car - Has them in the office for \$13; Cash

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Announcements: Norb Marine Corps League: Upcoming Event - Marine Corps League in the old Grace Church

Ladies Auxiliary sponsoring a blood drive on 9/30

League will have an open houseliterature to follow.

Tim Bolt, gardener: Community Garden at Arendes and Bates

after property owner; if there is an issue, call the police and provide the address. - Provided Flyer with

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COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

With the turning of the leaves and the temperatures dropping, things are beginning to wind down in the Holly Hills Community Garden, but on a recent check I found tomatoes still on the vine as well as

swiss chard and kale that may make it through until next spring. Additionally, some of our beds are being planted with garlic - a great winter cover that provides a wonderful late-spring harvest.

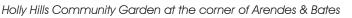
In this our sixth vear, we had 23 beds being tended by 15 gardeners. Gardeners must be HHIA members and pay \$25/ bed to use for an entire year, late winter/spring to the following year. It's very likely that we'll have a few beds available for new gardeners next spring, so if you're interested and would like to get on the waiting list, please email Hannah Butz (our new garden leader starting in 2013) at butzhannah@yahoo.com.

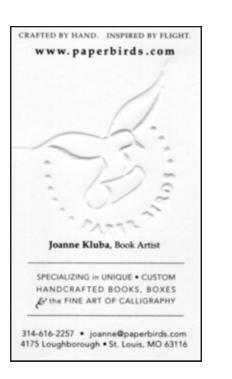
One major enhancement to our garden was the installation of our own dedicated waterline through the generous support of Gateway Greening and matching funds from the Holly Hills Improvement

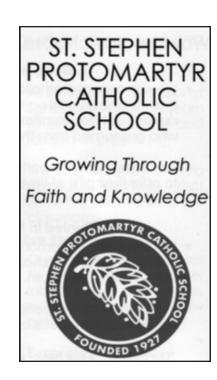
Association. installation is vital to the long-term success of the garden, and should allow us to become even more of a community asset supporting outreach to local food banks, schools and the neighborhood in general. The garden also became part of Gateway Greening's South Side Hub Garden Network, so keep on the lookout for more events happening in your local neighborhood garden next spring!

~ Dan Haag









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they want assistance from the Flora Conservancy volunteers to continue. With city budget cuts there are fewer and fewer funds available for park upkeep.

Please join in this effort by volunteering and getting involved with Friends of Carondelet Park. Visit Friends of Carondelet on Facebook. Do not just visit, get involved!

~ Tim Bolt





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Come and enjoy the garden; it is there for everyone's enjoyment; The garden now has water!

Decorative tile created by artist Bridget Flood available to purchase as fundraiser for the garden

Green spaces - There was a complaint and Parks Department is threatening to turn it to grassremove flowers and beds - due to height of a couple of plants. How can vou help? Help out with gardening

Fred Alderman Wessels that the Parks commented Department is only responding to complaints and won't be doing anything drastic. Hoping to come to a resolution

Stacy Ross: Hoping to have a survey for next meeting - What do vou want from HHIA?

If you did not get a newsletter, your dues may not be up to date

Bia thank you to Immediate Past President Tara Jenney!!!! She has done so much for the HHIA.

50/50 Drawing - \$24.50 won by Norb Butz

Meeting adjourned

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less DNA available to test.

MYTH: A Criminologist Will Say They Are 100% Certain It's a Match

scientists, criminologists As never say things like "I'm 100% certain the DNA profile is a match." Instead, they use and mathematical probabilities. You would likely hear a criminologist describe a match by saying something like "The suspect has the same profile as the DNA recovered from the

crime scene. This likelihood of this profile occurring is fewer than 1 in profile will change, there will just be 10 billion individuals." According to NYPD Crime Lab supervisor Lisa Faber, criminologists "never use the word 'match'. We say 'similar' or 'could have come from."

> The use of DNA evidence in the courtroom is never as dramatic or theatrical as what is shown on TV. Some juries think there has to be "scientific" evidence to back up what witnesses have seen. Don't let this science fiction fool you!

> > ~ Jennifer M. Jovce Circuit Attorney City of St. Louis

Can you believe it? Christmas is right around the corner and that means the Holly Hills Holiday Decorating Contest is upon us. Help us identify the most fun, festive, creative decorations in the neighborhood by sending nominations to president@hollyhills.info. Winners earn bragging rights and a one-year membership to HHIA.

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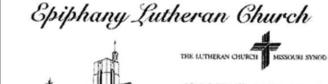
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