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**HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)**

Grand to Morganford • Bates to Loughborough

### Join the HHIA Email list

If you are interested in being up-dated by the Holly Hills Board in between newsletters, send an email to [hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org)

### 2005 Neighborhood Meetings

## Mayor Slay to Visit

Mayor Francis Slay will be at the September 26th Holly Hills General Meeting to discuss the revitalization of the City of St. Louis including the Loughborough Commons Development and the renewed interest in the Urban Parks of St. Louis, including Carondelet Park.

September 26 7:30 p.m.  
November 28 7:30 p.m.

**Southern Commercial Bank**  
5515 South Grand Avenue

*Everyone Welcome!*

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### Newsletter Contest

We've gotten many possible names for the newsletter, but we are looking for yours! You have until 9/26/05 to submit entries. You can either call **(314) 569-5708**, e-mail [hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org), or use regular mail to enter. Include your suggested name for the newsletter, your name, your address and your phone number.

The winner receives a \$50 gift certificate to his or her choice of one of our fine neighborhood restaurants.

**The Holly Hills Improvement Association  
is proud to announce the 2nd Annual**

## Jack O'Lantern Jog 5K Race and Pumpkin Parade

**Saturday, October 22, 2005**

### LET'S CELEBRATE!

The Holly Hills Improvement Association invites all families and friends in our neighborhood as well as people from all over the region to join us in celebrating our neighborhood with a day of Halloween and community spirit.

### Jack O'Lantern Jog 5K Race

Run, walk or skip to the Carondelet Park Boat House by 9am as we begin the festivities with a 5k run/walk through Carondelet Park and surrounding streets. At 9:30 the one mile race will begin and for the kids a mini-mile race will start at 9:45. All first time and seasoned runners are welcome. ALL the proceeds from this event will go to improve Carondelet Park.

### Pumpkin Parade

After the race the party has just begun. At 10:30 a.m., gather with us at the corner of Holly Hills and Arendes for the Pumpkin Parade. Wear your spookiest or most booooooootiful costume, decorate a wagon, tricycle and family friendly dog and be a part of this fun, safe, short stroll down Holly Hills Blvd. Costume prizes, food, drink and a DJ will follow. And remember moms, dads and friends — Costumes are not just for kids! Hope to see you there for this fun-filled family event.

### WE NEED SPONSORS

Donate money for this event and promote your business!

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer meeting will be October 5th, 7:30 at the Music Room of Stephens School. Everyone welcome... HHIA members or not. For further information, call 569-5708.

# Neighborhood Construction News

## Construction on the Multi-Use Pathway for Carondelet Park has Begun

The contractor selected for the pathway has presented an aggressive construction schedule which shows them beginning work on Monday, August 15, 2005 and completing the project before the end of the year given good weather. The Board of Public Service should be commended for working with the contractor in getting such an aggressive schedule. This 12 foot wide multi-use path was a priority for the community when the Master Plan for Carondelet Park was developed. The path will be a great asset to the Park.

## Loughborough Commons Update

DESCO, the developer of the new shopping center on Loughborough, is making a donation to help beautify Carondelet Park.

## Support Friends of Carondelet Park

You can purchase a FoCP T-Shirt for only \$10. Proceeds will help fund park improvement projects. Adult and youth sizes available

For more information about FoCP or to purchase a T-Shirt please contact Monica at 832-7240 or Megan at 832-0775 you may also e-mail your inquiry to [focp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:focp@sbcglobal.net).

### EVENTS CALENDAR

#### October 5

HH5K/Pumpkin Parade  
Volunteer Meeting  
7:30 p.m. St. Stephens  
School Music Room. For  
information, 569-5708.

#### September 26

HHIA General Meeting  
HHIA welcomes Mayor  
Francis Slay.

#### October 22

HH5K Jack-O-Lantern  
Jog/Pumpkin Parade

#### November 11

The St. Stephen's *Triple  
Crown Parish Auction*  
held at Orlando  
Gardens. Contact  
Joe Mahfood 832-1107  
or Michelle Rusch  
351-3474

For more information  
about these events or  
to add an event, visit

[www.stlouis.missouri.org/hollyhills](http://www.stlouis.missouri.org/hollyhills)

## St. Stephen's Preschool — An Allergen-free Alternative

More evidence that our Holly Hills neighborhood is special – it hosts one of the few schools in the nation designed for children with asthma and allergies.

The St. Stephen Early Children Development Program (St. Stephen ECD) at 4025 Wilmington offers a safe and secure place for children with asthma and allergies. Such children often are not able to attend regular day care and early childhood development centers due to the risk of life threatening reactions to certain foods or air quality conditions. By eliminating both food and environmental allergens and providing a multi-filtration air system, St. Stephen ECD enables children with asthma and allergies to learn in a safe environment.

Approximately 30% of St. Stephen ECD students have an allergy or asthma condition. The entire program is asthma and allergy friendly – no known trigger foods or allergens are allowed in the building.

St. Stephen ECD offers early childhood education for all children ages two and half through five years in two settings: a preschool classroom and an early childhood development classroom. The standardized preschool program offers hands-on learning of developmentally appropriate activities targeted to individual learning styles. The curriculum touches on all subject matters and pre-academics, music, movement and rhythm and much more. The early childhood program focuses on socialization and preparing for the preschool curriculum. It also incorporates arts and crafts, individual and team skill building, and learning through play.

Children attending the St. Stephen ECD may participate in the after school program at St. Stephen Protomartyr School until 5:30 p.m. The St. Stephen ECD also offers summer camp sessions each summer. For more information, call 752-4433.

## Gardening and Landscaping Tips

by Mary Jo Gordon

If you are adding some perennials to your garden this fall, start with first mixing in some compost. If you don't have some homemade brew, consider some cotton-burr compost from Back-to-Nature. This stuff is wonderful for breaking up the heavy clay soil that most of us are blessed with, and is easy to use. Mix it in with your garden soil and you will be amazed at how fast it retexturizes your "terra firma". Even top dressing your plants will give them a boost before they settle down to bed this winter. It is available at The Flower Box, corner of Holly Hills and Morganford.

*Mention this ad at The Flower Box and receive 5% discount on bags of cotton-burr compost!*

Don't forget to plant some pansies this fall. Since they are biennial (means you get two seasons for the price of one), you will get the pleasure of enjoying them this season and again in the spring.

Nothing beats their color when little else is in bloom. Now is also the time to start thinking about planting bulbs. Daffodils and day-lilies are a natural combo. Once the daffodils start to fade, the day-lilies take over with their foliage and then their flowers. Both have the same requirements of water and sun, meaning you can have twice the color with ½ the work. Nice deal.

If you are into turf, remember that September is probably the best time of year to seed around St. Louis. Remember: it's soil, not dirt!

## Membership Information

**Join your neighborhood organization and make your voice count more!** HHIA is working hard to raise the quality of life in our neighborhood and you can be part of that effort.

HHIA monthly meetings are often the first place to hear about new political, security and social efforts in your neighborhood. We need your voice to make Holly Hills even stronger and an even better place to live, work, play and raise your children. Join your neighbors in the HHIA and be apart of making our world a better place for all of us.

### We love to make new friends!

You can join the Holly Hills Improvement Association by calling **(314) 569-5708**, or by e-mailing us at **hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org**.

One-year, household membership    \$ 10  
Business membership                    \$ 25

### HHIA Board Members

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dan Haag                  | <i>President</i>                |
| Paul Sager                | <i>Vice President</i>           |
| Victoria Hatfield Checkik | <i>Immediate Past President</i> |
| Mary Jo Gordon            | <i>Past President</i>           |
| Beth Murphy               | <i>Treasurer</i>                |
| Anne Borgmeyer            | <i>Recording Secretary</i>      |
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| Mary Lopinot              | <i>Member at large</i>          |
| Dee McAliney              | <i>Member at large</i>          |
| Lisa/Tom Roth             | <i>Member at large</i>          |
| Joe Rusch                 | <i>Member at large</i>          |
| Mark Smith                | <i>Member at large</i>          |

### Show Your Neighborhood Spirit



Holly Hills is one of the City of St. Louis's most prized gems. Show your pride by flying a Holly Hills flag. These high-quality, weather-proof flags are available by sending a check for \$25 to HHIA; P.O. Box 22144; Saint Louis, MO

63116. We will deliver the flag to your door.

## From Our Association President...

*Dear Neighbors,*  
I'd like to introduce myself and my goals for my term as HHIA president.

Although I'm not originally from Holly Hills — I hail from York, Pennsylvania — this has been my home for the past 9 years and, hopefully, many years to come. I moved here from Champaign, IL to join my wife who was living in St. Louis Hills prior to our wedding, and we settled in an apartment on Fillmore based on the recommendation of mutual friends. Since then we've owned a house on Toenges and currently reside on Alexander with our two sons. I commute daily to St. Charles, where I work as a senior consultant at the regional office of a software company. Many of my co-workers still act surprised that I would

choose to live in St. Louis when I work in St. Charles, but they just don't know what our neighborhood has to offer.

We should all thank our outgoing HHIA President, Victoria Checkik, for her hard work and dedication during the past two years, in particular her efforts to improve public relations within the community and recruit volunteers to breath some new life into the organization.

Some of the things I'd like to see happen during my two year term include:

- Increasing HHIA membership. Too many neighbors don't seem to know what the HHIA is about and how to get involved.
- Improving our public relations so that the broader community knows what we do

already; that Holly Hills is a gem of a neighborhood

- Getting more residents involved in efforts to beautify the neighborhood and keep our streets safe
- Attracting more events that highlight Carondelet Park.

In the time I've been living in St. Louis, I've seen a lot of improvements — from revitalized neighborhoods to new and unique ethnic restaurants to urban bike trails to large commercial developments. I can't help but be excited for the future of St. Louis and the future of Holly Hills, but it's going to take the involvement of all of us and I hope you'll share your ideas with me.

*Regards,*  
Dan Haag  
HHIA President  
2005-2007

## If you are receiving this And you are not a member...

**This is a sample of one of the perks of HHIA membership. Receiving this bi-monthly newsletter that is full of information about the happenings in this wonderful neighborhood is not only helpful but entertaining. Please consider joining the HHIA and getting involved in your neighborhood.**

**CITY SERVICES / IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| First District Police.....                         | 444-0100             |
| Police (non-emergency).....                        | 231-1212             |
| Anonymous Drug, Gang, Homicide Police Line.....    | 241-COPS             |
| Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO).....      | 772-3484<br>622-4628 |
| Citizen's Service Bureau.....                      | 622-4800             |
| Humane Society.....                                | 647-8800             |
| Alderman Matt Villa 11th Ward.....                 | 351-9896             |
| Alderman Fred Heitert 12th Ward.....               | 622-3287             |
| Alderman Fred Wessels 13th Ward.....               | 589-6836             |
| State Representative Tom Villa 108th District..... | 352-2084             |
| State Senator Harry Kennedy 1st District.....      | 481-5857             |

**New Neighborhood Business — Paper Birds Studio**

By Dee McAliney

It's a lovely shop — named *Paper Birds Studio*. And the first thing you notice when you walk in are the reflections of the owner, Joanne Kluba. Her paintings are displayed, beautiful handmade paper boxes sit on the shelves and her custom bound books give you an indication of what she does here.



Joanne is an artist, a calligrapher, a binder of books and designer of hands, a careful eye and a sense of style to put it all together, and she does it well. One of her specialties is presentation portfolios for photographers

and illustrators as well as other businesses. Her poetic nature surfaces in her original haiku, done in book form in calligraphy with hand-cut stamped illustrations.

The name? Paper Birds? Imagine if you will small pieces of paper, inspired by origami, floating through the air with her thoughts written on them, filling her life and now being a part of her new work space. Stop in sometime at 4175 Loughborough to say hello and Joanne will tell you about classes or mini-workshops you can take. For more information, visit [www.paperbirds.com](http://www.paperbirds.com). Welcome, Joanne!



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The Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) was formed on September 10, 1927. Since its inception, we have held various activities and events to promote the well-being of Holly Hills.

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