



NEXT MEETING | SEPTEMBER 24, 7:00 PM  
Carondelet Park Rec Plex, 930 Holly Hills Avenue  
Comptroller Darlene Green Meet & Greet  
Representatives speaking in favor of the Tobacco Tax  
and Local Control ballot issues

# HOLLY HILLS APPENINGS

HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA) | Grand to Morganford and Bates to Loughborough

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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, please contact us.

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## HOLLY HILLS PUMPKIN PARADE

The Holly Hills Improvement Association will hold the annual Pumpkin Parade on Saturday, Oct. 27th at 11:30 a.m. Have an early lunch then attend the parade to get dessert! Meet at the triangle of land at Arendes and Holly Hills and the parade and trick-or-treating will take place on Federer. This is a chance for the youngest residents of Holly Hills to trick-or-treat in costume safely in the daytime. Don't forget a

stroller or wagon for the littlest ones. If you live on Federer Place, please have some of your Halloween treats ready for Oct. 27th at 11:30 a.m. and come out to the sidewalk as you see the parade approaching. If you live elsewhere in the neighborhood but would like to give out candy, feel free to stand on the sidewalk along the parade route. For more information, please go to [www.hollyhills.info](http://www.hollyhills.info)

## SEMPER FIDELIS

The Southside Detachment 183 of the Marine Corps League has moved to the former Grace United Church of Christ at 5700 Leona in Holly Hills from its headquarters of 48 years at 6646 Gravois. Grace United Church of Christ donated the building to the Marines and has moved their congregation one block south to 4025 Wilmington at Leona.

The detachment, one of about five in the St. Louis area has approximately 200 honorably discharged Marines

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you read this edition of the Holly Hills Happenings, there really is a lot happening in Holly Hills! The season is changing from summer to fall, HHIA board members are changing, and neighborhood events are filling our calendars.

As weather cools and the school year is well under way, I have decided to step down as President of the Board to become the Immediate Past President. I thoroughly enjoyed my two-year term as HHIA President, which officially ended in May and was renewed at the May general meeting, but recent changes in my schedule require that I assume a smaller role on the Board. I believe my biggest accomplishment as President was spearheading the change of the neighborhood meeting location to the completely accessible RecPlex, so that all who choose are able to attend. I will still be involved, but Vice President Stacy Ross has graciously agreed to become President. She has been approved by the Board, and there will be a formal vote by neighbors at the next general meeting on September 24th at 7pm. I know Stacy will do a fabulous job! We also welcome new Member at Large, Jan Hill, who was elected at the May meeting.

Don't forget to let us know about the best Halloween decorations in the neighborhood for our annual Halloween decorating contest.

Please see our website [www.hollyhills.info](http://www.hollyhills.info) for all upcoming events and more. Thank you for the privilege of serving as President of the HHIA Board. Have a safe and festive Fall!

~ Tara Ohler-Jenney

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Citizens' Service Bureau .....	622-4800
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Alderman Tom Villa 11th Ward .....	622-3287
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State Rep. Jake Hummel 108th District .....	457-1792
State Senator Jim Lembke 1st District .....	845-8508
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

23rd Annual St. Stephen Fun Run

Saturday, September 22 at 7a in Carondelet Park, benefiting St. Stephen ECD & Preschool, Inc., located at 5516 S. Kingshighway

Epiphany Lutheran Church Pasta Dinner

Friday, September 28 from 4-7p

Woerner Elementary Tailgate Sale

Saturday, September 29 from 8:00a – 1:00p  
Single Space \$15 (approx. two parking spaces), Double Space \$25 (approx. four parking spaces). Call (314) 481-8585.

St. Stephen Protomartyr Grade School Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, October 20 at 7p benefiting the PTO

Annual Holly Hills Pumpkin Parade

Saturday, October 27 at 11:30a  
(see page 1 for the parade article)

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3862 Bates .....	\$25,000	6232 Arendes.....	\$174,900	6127 Adkins.....	\$64,900
4077 Concordia .....	\$34,900 (UC)	3622 Bellerive.....	\$174,900	4015 Dover Place .....	\$76,500
4163 Concordia .....	\$38,000 (UC)	5921 Marwinette.....	\$183,900	6015 Dewey.....	\$78,000
3856 Bates .....	\$51,500	4129 Holly Hills.....	\$193,900	3667 Dover Place .....	\$79,000
6730 Morganford....	\$52,500 (UC)	4147 Alma .....	\$195,000	6111 Dewey.....	\$83,900
4161 Concordia .....	\$65,000	3936 Burgen.....	\$199,900	4104 Rosa.....	\$87,000
4153 Fillmore .....	\$74,250 (UC)	3998 Bowen .....	\$224,900	3900 Burgen.....	\$103,500
4143 Burgen.....	\$90,000	3963 Dover Place .....	\$229,900	4014 Bates .....	\$110,000
3642 Wilmington .....	\$91,000 (UC)	6240 Arendes.....	\$255,000 (UC)	3905 Bowen .....	\$117,000
4089 Alma .....	\$92,500			5706 Arendes.....	\$129,000
4081 Bowen.....	\$100,000			3848 Fillmore .....	\$140,000
6109 Newport .....	\$110,000			5947 Marwinette .....	\$160,000
4071 Wilmington ...	\$110,000 (UC)			3624 Bellerive.....	\$168,500
3946 Dover Place .	\$110,000 (UC)			6142 Leona.....	\$169,150
3675 Fillmore .....	\$115,000 (UC)			3680 Bellerive.....	\$172,500
3941 Burgen.....	\$119,000			3857 Federer .....	\$172,900
3637 Fillmore .....	\$134,900			3935 Bowen .....	\$185,000
3680 Wilmington .....	\$139,900			3666 Fillmore .....	\$192,000
6111 Marwinette .....	\$159,900			4068 Toenges .....	\$237,500
4138 Haven .....	\$159,900				
3677 Bellerive.....	\$168,900				

SOLD AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

4132 Concordia .....	\$26,033
4165 Concordia .....	\$30,276
4157 Wilmington .....	\$40,000
5910 Morganford .....	\$40,900
4154 Bates .....	\$41,000
4082 Wilmington .....	\$44,900
3650 Bowen .....	\$55,500
4161 Loughborough .....	\$55,500
4068 Concordia .....	\$58,500

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HHIA MEETING MINUTES MAY 21, 2012

Roll call: Tara Jenney, Stacy Ross, Beth Murphy, Brenda Smarko, Kendal Dauphin, Ted Disabato. Board elections – all board members reelected to current positions. Jan Hill added as new member at large. Old Business: Please pay your dues – we need it to cover our costs. Please sign up for electronic delivery of newsletter.

**11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa:** Police raided 6100 block of Tennessee – bad actor. We are using every resource available to not let him back in. Burglary in my alley right in the middle of the afternoon. We have to collectively keep our eyes and ears open.

Sr. Marie Charles and Bellerive Park – we’re going to open that space up and actually join those two parks; Southern Funeral Home was sold for \$130,000 to a company in St. Charles. I don’t know what they’re going to do with it

Pretzel vendors in the 11th ward – that’s a no vending zone. It’s illegal. It’s kind of hard coming down on a man selling pretzels, but people have different opinions.

Q: What are the guidelines for Bellerive Park rest rooms being open?

Villa: Unfortunately I don’t have a good answer for you. We keep them pretty much locked because of the vandalism. We will be making sure all the drinking fountains and bathrooms are in working order.

Q: Thank you for sending the forestry department to Haven – they did a beautiful job.

**108th Dist. State Rep. Jake Hummel:** Rush Limbaugh inducted into hall of famous Missourians. Governor is prohibited from putting it in Rotunda.

Bill to allow state to take over KC school district like here. It’s done nothing but have very positive results here in St. Louis – held hostage in senate, didn’t pass. Teacher tenure didn’t pass. A lot of things did not get passed.

Things on November ballot: Change nonpartisan court plan – the way judges are selected. I do not agree with this change. Across the country, states look at the way Missouri selects judges to keep it nonpartisan. Hummel will be on the ballot for reelection – no opposition. District changing – getting rid of most of Boulevard Heights, go down into the city to Anheuser Busch.

The state has a \$450 million shortfall in funding K-12 schools. It’s going to have to be addressed in the next couple of years. There seems to be no serious discussion in the legislature on how to fund this. Everything we come up with is no. It may be something we have to take to a statewide ballot.

Q: We could make up the funding shortfall – sales tax for online retailers – fairness

Hummel: I have sponsored it for the last 3 years. It would raise about \$50 million in revenue a year.

Q: Heard that city schools close to getting accreditation back.

Hummel: Close to being provisionally accredited. They have made huge strides in their test scores. They’re not there yet. But leaps and bounds.

Question: China cargo hub?

Hummel: Not happening. Tax credit that we went into special session for - \$60m for freight forwarding – designed to make it cheaper to ship goods. Other portion for construction of new warehouses around St. Louis. Attempt to put the \$60m portion back this session was killed as well.

**Guest Speaker Mayor Francis Slay:** Over the past 11 years I’ve been in office we’ve had a lot of tough budget years, but we’ve always balanced the budget – required to by law. Our priority is and always has been public safety. Police and fire. They put their lives on the line. I can’t thank them enough. We have to make some very tough decisions.

We’ve eliminated 600 positions. We’ve diverted money – housing, after school programs. City employees have pitched in, taken furloughs. Tax payers have pitched in. Approved ½ cent sales tax to fund pension costs and give city  
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as members. According to its mission statement, it is charged with preserving the traditions of and promoting the interests of the U.S. Marine Corps as well as serving the needs of Marines, former Marines and their families.

Norb Butz, detachment Chaplain, said the headquarters will be in situated in the school building that is attached to the church as soon as they have completed housekeeping projects and renovations that will make the building accessible to the disabled. The detachment will maintain the church and plans to rent it for weddings or lease it to another organization that is in need of a church, Butz said.

The Hall will also be available to be rented for special occasions to the public. The classrooms in the school will be able to be rented individually by non-profit groups. The detachment received their Occupancy Permit that allows 250 in the Hall and 240 in the Church, Butz said.

Butz, a former Holly Hills resident, said the detachment is looking forward to becoming part of the Holly Hills community and is here to assist as best they can with different projects in the area. The detachment has joined the Holly Hills Improvement Association and a representative will be attending the Holly Hills General Meetings whenever possible, Butz said.

Detachment 183 provides many generous acts and good deeds and was pleased this year to provide an honour guard for the St. Stephen Protomartyr School Picnic Parade. They have also provided color guards for the Webster Groves 4th of July parade, the Veterans Day Parade and several others based on their availability.

The detachment has provided honor guards for more than 6,700 services for deceased Marines and service men and women at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Butz said.

At Christmas, Detachment 183 works with “Toys for Tots” and has provided hundreds of needy families in the St. Louis area with toys, clothing and food.

Yet another service the detachment provides is properly disposing of old worn or torn American flags. It has moved its old flag collection mailbox from Gravois to their new location, in front of the hall on Leona. Residents may drop worn flags in the box and when it is full the Boy Scouts perform a ceremony at which the flags are burned. Butz noted that in this manner the flags are treated respectfully and with honor.

The detachment is “proud and yet humbled” to provide a separate space in their new location for the headquarters of Boy Scout Troop 181, the Cub Scouts and the Venturing Program, Butz said. He noted that 136 Boys from Troop 181 have earned Distinguished

Eagle Scout Awards in its history. “The Boy Scouts have been awesome in doing lots of grunt work for us, helping us move in and providing some housekeeping chores,” Butz said.

Detachment 183 will be hosting an Open House after final renovations and housekeeping are completed. “We plan to invite Holly Hills residents,” Butz said, so watch for more information on the Holly Hills Improvement Association’s website (hollyhills.info) and announcements at the Holly Hills Improvement General meeting sometime in the future.

All the various facets of the detachment, including the Ladies Auxiliary, contribute to its ongoing success, Butz said. In addition, they are grateful to 13th Ward Alderman Fred Wessels for his help and direction in their move.

“We would also like to thank all the residents of Holly Hills for receiving our detachment into the community,” Butz said.

To contact the Southside Detachment 183 call 314-352-USMC (8762) Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

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*Semper Fidelis became the Marine Corps Motto in 1883 and is Latin for “Always Faithful”*  
~ Barb Russell

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employees a pay raise – 4 years ago – last one they had. All city residents are paying for trash, so everyone has pitched in.

Police budget has gone up \$53 million, firefighters \$27 million. We’ve been shoveling money into these departments, but guess what? We have fewer police and firefighters. We’re closing fire houses this year – don’t have enough money to support them. Police chief testified the pension system is negatively impacting the department.

You’re paying \$80 million more for police/fire departments but you’re not getting more. I’m not blaming anyone. The state actually controls those two systems - we can’t modify any benefits. I’ve been warning about this for 2 years. We have to do something to address this problem. We’ve had mediation and we’ve got nowhere. Firefighters have absolutely refused to negotiate with us.

Two bills introduced in Board of Aldermen. Opt out of state plan on condition we put in place a city plan. New plan does several things – biggest changes for new hires – people who haven’t been hired yet. The other thing it would do is modify the disability benefits.

48% of retired firefighters have left department on disability. We want to distinguish between those who can do another job and those who can’t.

Active firefighters – I don’t blame them. Retire after 20 years – get 40% of their pay for the rest of their lives. They can get another job. That’s fine, that’s what we agreed to. Going forward, they can still be vested after 20 years but they can’t take it until they’re 55 – if they take before 55 they get an actuarially reduced pension. They have tough job, they deserve everything we can afford. 40 % of their budget is going into pensions.

Our plan: The average firefighter can still retire at age 55 with

\$50,000 for the rest of their lives. Right now they put 8% of their pay into the system and they get it all back – without any interest, and their pension. Our proposal is they would put 9 % in and it would stay there. A true participatory system.

Save \$9 million – Could restore a lot of things that are getting cut – building demolitions, afterschool programs for kids.

They always talk about well mayor you promised. We did. That was a different time under different circumstances. It would have been easier if we had fixed this years ago. We don’t have much of a choice. We’re on sound legal ground. If they’re going to sue us and make you pay for the lawsuit, we’re going to have to defend it.

Q: How did we not know this was coming?

Mayor: We knew about it – I complained about this 10 years. Sick leave buy back. I’m against it. Police and fire dept. systems they lost a lot of money in the market and people are living longer. I put the task force together 6 years ago.

Q: If we keep losing firefighters how are we going to get new ones to come into the city?

Mayor: We’re not having a problem attracting them. Firefighters have not gotten a raise in 4 years. I’d like for them to get a raise. Fighting fewer fires, but doing more first-responders. We need to look at the whole dept. They saved my mom’s life before.

Q: Mike Fitzgerald city firefighter for the last 18 years – have been involved in negotiations and the mayor has never been in those negotiations. The one sticking point, the mayor wants to take complete control – he says its state controlled but it’s really not – there’s an 8-person commission. The governor doesn’t appoint any of those members.

As he said he has approved some of these things. The city has declared an impasse with us. We did not go into these meetings declaring an impasse, the city did. We came up with an actuarial plan that would save \$60 million and the city said no.

In 2003 the mayor quit funding all three systems - we sued them – they lost every step of the way. His plan what he wants to do will end up in court. In 5 years he may not even be mayor anymore and we’ll still be in the same boat. I’m a taxpayer, I’ve lived in the city all my life.

Mayor: If they had a plan that got us where we need to be, we would agree to it. Why wouldn’t we? 5 members of that board are retired firefighters.

Q: Couldn’t you make each department balance its own budget and let them figure out how to cover it?

Mayor: Essentially that’s what we do – but by law we have to pay pensions first, then other stuff gets cut. We didn’t neglect to pay the pension costs.

Q: Ken Mitchell – VP of Firefighters local 73. Believes TIFs are causing the budget problems. Firefighters don’t get social security. I got my lump sum and the city kept the interest – the interest was more than my lump sum.

Q: Both sides need to get together and lock them in until you get it finished. We pay our taxes. We’re living on Social Security. Both sides have to sit down. I don’t care what kind of ill feelings there are.

Mayor: If I thought my presence would be productive there I would be there. They’ve been going on for 6 years. We’ve got 20 aldermen who are for this thing. There’s a reason.

Q: How do we look at education, this accreditation. All this money that went toward finding this board or that one.

Mayor: We should be focusing on excellence. Accreditation is the minimum. We’ve got a board that’s

stable. They’re making progress. They’re not there yet. Metro, best high school in the state. I have no direct control over the city of St. Louis School Board.

RFP for quality charter school operators – connect them with sponsors. Imagine schools, I called for their closure. We should demand quality charter schools. There are models to serve inner city kids and give them a quality education.

Q: Is National geospatial intelligence agency moving to the county?

Mayor: It’s an important employer for the city. We let them know we want to keep them here in the city. I’ve been out to visit with them. They’re not at a point yet where they’re looking at specific sites.

Meeting adjourned.

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NOTES FROM CARONDELET PARK BOARD MEETING 7/17/12

Parking spending \$32K to widen Loughborough Drive at Loughborough Blvd. across from Loughborough Commons. Adding 200 feet of additional lane, no trees lost, three 11-foot lanes

Park will have \$411K left in budget after Loughborough widening project

Parks can no longer be used as collateral for bonds after ordinance

that requires vote of people to sell one

Carondelet Historical Society putting together books on park, Lyle House etc. Rock wall at bear pit and restrooms were WPA projects. Bear pit was used to quarry limestone for roads.

Ron Bolte proposes making bear pit a bird sanctuary – change to master plan. Bolte will investigate

what help may be available from state and Audubon Society.

Plan to fix street, curbing, sidewalk on Holly Hills Drive – has never been done

Will replace bleachers, concrete pad by double diamond ball fields.

Next meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 16.



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