



NEXT MEETING | MONDAY, SEPT 22, 7:00 PM
A representative from Better Together speaking

HOLLY HILLS APPENINGS

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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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At this event, younger children will parade along Federer Boulevard to Coronado and back to Arendes. (Pro tip: wagons are useful for this event – feel free to decorate).

Neighbors along the route are asked to hand out treats. Furry friends welcome!

Watch HollyHills.info for more information.

Also, don't forget the judging for the scariest and most creative Halloween Homes will take place on October 18. Be ready! Bwahahahaha!

BETTER TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AT SEPT. 22 MEETING

For decades, St. Louis City and County residents and leaders have had discussions about our fragmented local government and how best to streamline it, make it more efficient, and improve services. Growing public interest in addressing these issues has led to the creation of Better Together, a grassroots project sponsored by the Missouri Council for a Better Economy (MCBE) aimed at taking a fresh look at the discussion.

Currently, the 1.3 million people who call St. Louis home are served by 115 local governments including St. Louis City and County, 90 municipalities, 23 fire districts, and over 500 aldermen. The cost of these local governments, excluding airport and water service costs, has surpassed a staggering \$2 billion per year. However, to date there has been no single, comprehensive study that has looked at City and County government

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4058 Concordia	\$20,000 (UC)	5658 Leona.....	\$185,000	6202 Leona.....	\$180,000
4069 Burgen.....	\$24,900	5614 Arendes.....	\$195,000	4118 Alma	\$188,000
4087 Bowen.....	\$44,900	6120 Leona.....	\$199,999 (UC)	6101 Grand	\$189,000
5608 Morganford.....	\$45,900	6220 Arendes.....	\$200,000 (UC)	4060 Alma	\$189,900
4149 Fillmore	\$49,900 (UC)	3666 Fillmore	\$200,000	3970 Bowen.....	\$219,000
4092 Wilmington	\$52,000 (UC)	3909 Fillmore	\$214,900	4064 Federer	\$220,000
5661 Leona.....	\$74,900	3924-26 Wilmington.....	\$217,000	4053 Toenges	\$227,000
6724 Morganford.....	\$75,000	4068 Federer	\$219,900 (UC)	3622 Fillmore	\$232,500
4244 Bates	\$75,000	3984 Dover	\$219,900 (UC)	6145 Marwinette	\$246,000
3968 Bates	\$79,000	3963 Dover	\$220,000	4061 Holly Hills.....	\$300,000
4132 Wilmington	\$79,900	3636 Fillmore	\$224,900	6117 Coronado	\$350,000
3846 Burgen.....	\$82,000 (UC)	4074 Alma	\$229,900 (UC)		
3930 Burgen.....	\$84,900	4050 Holly Hills.....	\$230,000		
4108 Fillmore	\$94,500	3975 Federer	\$299,900		
4084 Burgen.....	\$94,900	3808 Federer	\$315,000		
3999 Dover	\$97,000	3800 Federer	\$345,000		
4148 Wilmington	\$97,000				
6129 Adkins.....	\$99,900 (UC)				
4176 Burgen.....	\$106,900				
5658 Arendes.....	\$109,000 (UC)				
6126 Newport	\$115,000				
6018 Morganford.....	\$125,000				
4137 Haven	\$125,000				
3654 Dover	\$129,900 (UC)				
4123 Burgen.....	\$135,000				
5927 Marwinette	\$145,000				
4115 Loughborough ...	\$150,000 (UC)				
3970 Dover	\$154,900				
4065 Alma	\$159,900				
4119 Haven	\$164,000				
4100 Rosa.....	\$164,900				
4095 Bowen.....	\$165,000				
4156 Federer	\$168,900				
3816 Dover	\$169,000				
3698 Bellerive.....	\$179,000 (UC)				
4136 Haven	\$179,900				
4115 Haven	\$184,900 (UC)				

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6708 Morganford.....	\$58,400
4163 Loughborough	\$62,050
3620 Bowen	\$66,000
4073 Fillmore	\$81,500
4153 Fillmore	\$88,100
4080 Concordia	\$95,000
4062 Fillmore	\$100,000
3844 Bates	\$102,500
6111 Adkins.....	\$110,000
4068 Federer	\$126,000
5910 Marwinette	\$127,900
3826 Fillmore	\$133,000
3632 Fillmore	\$139,500
4080 Toenges	\$161,500
4049 Toenges	\$165,000
4105 Alma	\$172,000
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to determine how we can improve service and cost by streamlining and eliminating redundancies. Better Together aims to fill that void.

Better Together is conducting six different community-based studies that will provide a better understanding of how municipal services are currently delivered, how taxpayer money is being spent, and how we can improve the system we currently have in place. The results of these studies will be publicly available. Better Together will strive to better understand what reunification of the City and County might look like, and whether it could benefit the St. Louis region.

Studies are being conducted in the

following order: 1) Public Finance; 2) Economic Development; 3) Public Health; 4) Public Safety; 5) Parks, Recreation and Infrastructure; and 6) Administration. So far, the first three studies have been completed. Each study will be inclusive in its outreach, involving all segments of the St. Louis region. The process will be fully transparent, with all discussions conducted in public and all research findings published on the Better Together website. Each study will look to answer the following four questions:

- 1) How do we operate today? What is the status quo?
- 2) What are considered to be best practices for each function?
- 3) How do St. Louis' local governments compare to best practices?
- 4) What are scenarios for moving forward?

Better Together is not advocating for a specific plan, but rather seeks to act as a facilitator, a resource for information and tools, and a catalyst to spark discussion. Accordingly, we will drive an inclusive, transparent process of developing and assembling valuable information other organizations can use to craft their own plans for what the future of the region should look like.

As the project's name reflects, this work will be done Better Together. The future of the St. Louis region will be best determined by working together, with widespread and inclusive participation from people throughout both the City and County.

~ Better Together



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HHIA MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 4, 2014

Roll Call Present: Stacy Ross, Kendal Dauphin, Anna Baldwin, Tara Ohler-Jenney, Lisa Bertke, Mike Dauphin
Missing: Jan Hill and Ted Disabato

HHIA Board Elections Following positions were filled: Vice President: Mike Dauphin; Treasurer: Kendal Dauphin; Financial Secretary: Lisa Bertke; Recording Secretary: Tara Jenney

11th Ward Alderman Tom Villa
The Board of Aldermen has been occupied with the City budget. For the first time the City of St. Louis budget is at \$1 Billion. The Enterprise account, which is airport and water department, combined with the general revenue

fund the \$1 Billion budget. The general revenue fund is \$484 million and, of that, the money that aldermen spend goes 55% to police, fire, public safety and corrections. The new fiscal year begins July 1st.

Alderman Villa met with the 2 men who purchased Southern Funeral Home and the building on the corner of S. Grand. Believes they have financial backing. They have the intention of modernizing the buildings w/ no intention of requesting money/credits from the City.

Audience Questions: What do the new owners intend to do w/ the funeral home? The only thing they said was

possibly exploring historic tax credits. He's assuming these purchasers looked inside and knew what they were buying prior to buying them. He thinks it would be difficult to demolish them.

Fire at Michigan and Loughborough by Loughborough Auto Body—Ald. Villa put in an emergency demolition request but the Preservation Board yanked that. He's very concerned and does not think it's particularly architecturally significant.

13th Ward Alderwoman Beth Murphy
Introduced herself for the first time as the new alderwoman of the 13th ward.
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COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

We have had a great growing season. The weather was cool this summer, which made it easy to keep things looking green and healthy.

We were able to take some of our produce to the Carondelet Community Betterment Federation's food bank. Tomatoes were a bumper crop this year, and were able to donate several pounds.

We are always looking for volunteers and people who would like a bed at the garden. Please feel free to come down and check it out. Contact garden@hollyhills.info for more information.

~ Hannah Erlich



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Neighborhood Liaison Police Officer Stephen Wilson He doesn't have a whole lot to say. Holly Hills takes care of its neighborhood.

June 18th at Feasting Fox will be the police BIG quarterly mtng at 6:30pm but start probably at 7. Officer Keith Novara is back on full duty so we'll be seeing him. Crime statistics for HH are really good—one of the best neighborhoods in South City.

HHIA President Stacy Ross asked about recent posts on Nextdoor.com about lawn mower and garage thefts. The officer's response is thieves are taking scrap iron, galvanized pool, wrought iron fence. He says that what looks like

utility trucks going down the alley are frequently gypsies or thieves. He said to write down the license plate and call the police.

The officer urges people to call and report no matter what, even if you do not have a specific license plate to report. If the police have lots of reports then they will do more patrols even if they can't do anything about that particular theft. More burglaries happen in daytime than at night—they dress like utility workers. Statistically as the week goes on more burglaries happen—on Wednesday mid-day is when the most occur because the thieves are getting weekend money.

A fireman at the meeting got home from work early, his neighbor was

burglarized, they took firearms and computer and found the thief the same day within a few hours because someone called the police and they put out an All Points Bulletin. If you procrastinate it is much harder to catch the criminal.

(314) 231-1212 is the City of St. Louis Police NON-emergency number: You should call the non-emergency number if see something suspicious.

13th Ward NSO Chris Howard He's been doing this for 25 years, and has been in the 13th ward for 1 ½ years. A few things he's noted—when we talk about neighborhood boundaries we don't always discuss things just across the street. It affects the neighborhood

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Pastor Zeigler graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 2001 and served on active duty for five years with assignments in



Arkansas, Washington, Delaware. He has continued to serve in the Air Force Reserve as an aircraft maintenance officer for the last 8 years at Scott Air Force Base.

Prior to coming to Epiphany, he served Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Louis as assistant pastor while working on a Doctor of Philosophy degree, which he

completed in May. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at Concordia Seminary, teaching courses in Systematic Theology.

Pastor and Epiphany are here to be part of this wonderful neighborhood and let us know of anything we can help with to make the neighborhood even better.

~ by Rich Berg





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WOERNER SCHOOL UPDATE

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We are currently working to become a State School of Character.

Volunteer and community partnerships are available and desired. We are always looking for tutors, reading buddies, or mentors for our students. Please come by and visit the school anytime. You'll get a chance to check out the amazing things our teachers and students are doing every day!

~ Peggy Meyer, Principal

2014 BONDS PROPOSAL TOWN HALL

The proposed \$200 million bond issue is on hold for now. "The Board of Aldermen couldn't agree on the wording," said Ward 13 Alderwoman Beth Murphy. "I assume it will be brought up again, but there are no plans right now." At press time, the board was in summer recess and was scheduled to go into session on Sept. 12.

A correction from our article in May: City Budget Director Paul Payne was scheduled to attend the meeting but was not able to.

For more information on the bond issue visit: <http://www.propelstl.org/g-o-bond-proposal-2014-capital-improvements>

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GROUP CONTINUES TO MONITOR TRAIN SAFETY ISSUES

St Louis for Safe Trains (SL4ST), the community group formed to address the potential explosive threat posed by the large scale transportation by train of Bakken shale oil through Holly Hills and St Louis, has been involved in the following activities:

- SL4ST met with Alderman Tom Villa, Alderwoman Beth Murphy and senior representatives from Union Pacific railroad, the primary carrier of Bakken oil through St Louis, to discuss safety concerns. The group was told that the long tanker trains traveling through Holly Hills have always carried empty tank cars. While the threat posed by derailment of empty cars remains, it is much smaller than that posed by derailment of full cars capable of carrying up to 30,000 gallons of oil. SL4ST will maintain communication with UP.
- SL4ST supports the Department of Transportation's recently proposed rules to enhance the safety of these tank cars including reclassifying the Bakken oil to the highest level of volatility and conducting risk analyses of routing oil shipments by rail through highly populated areas such as St Louis:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-08-01/pdf/2014-17764.pdf>
- A petition addressing the transportation of Bakken oil by rail can be joined at:

<http://action.foresthethics.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1818&ea.campaign.id=30917&ea.tracking.id=facebook>
- STSL is continuing to lobby the Missouri Emergency Response Commission to publicly disclose the transportation of Bakken oil through St Louis.

SL4ST will continue to monitor the shipment of Bakken oil through St Louis and we encourage all members of HHIA to join us in our efforts. If you have questions or would like to join us, please contact me at windsorgn@aol.com.

~ Judith Studebaker

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if it's right across the street. For example there is a Morganford bar, by Bates, popular with lots of people, and neighbors are outraged with weekend evenings. There is loud noise and beer bottles on neighbors' window sills, etc. He is getting lots of calls, but people are afraid to call the police, & do not give details, but the NSO has a big hammer with the Excise Commissioner. The bar's license is up

for renewal soon—this is not a threat, but just how it works.

Another Morganford property has

been condemned for occupancy for quite a while, but the occupants don't get it. They have mental incapacities and there are horrific living conditions. This is a Project 87 house, with drug issues, and these people keep wanting to move in. (Project 87 is a cooperative effort between the St. Louis Police Department and the City Building Division to rid neighborhoods of drug houses and the danger and crime that accompany them.)

On the topic of Illegal signs in the 13th ward, the NSO received an order from his director to go out and grab as many illegal signs as possible, such as "Will buy your house cheap", off of

telephone poles, etc. NSO thinks he got the most—down Leona and all in the area—there was one person in particular who was putting out hip hop dancing flyers, and he'd take them down and they'd put them back up. He finally got in touch with the person and said you can't do that. They talked because they are wanting to help the youth, so NSO said if you put them up you have to take them back down at some point after the event.

Chris is happy to be working w/ Alderwoman Murphy; they'll be driving the neighborhood soon.

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NSO Howard is the person who can help you and "CALL CALL CALL" and tell him because that's the only way he'll know that something needs to be done. NSO says he and police, fire, and all the city departments need CALLS to be able to do anything. This leaves a paper trail. The most important thing is the call—if it's the middle of the night, don't wait for the police or whomever to show up, but rather go back to bed because it's the call that documented the incident that is important.

Audience Question: What percent of houses in the 13th ward are unoccupied? NSO does not know but says the best way to find out if a house is vacant is in the summer when

the grass is not cut. He gets surprised by this because he sometimes does not have this on the list. The Forestry Division is among the city departments that have vacant property lists.

Guest Speakers:

Trina Manhardt, Red Cross She's here to promote their partnering w/ Carondelet Park Rec Plex and Cardinals-June 18th. Statistics: It takes one hour to donate; they supply 70 area hospitals; 3 people benefit from one donation; there is greater need in summer; 25% of blood comes from high schools and universities; Their goal of 80 units requires about 100 people to show up.


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Dee Brown — Southside Neighborhood Ownership Model meeting — June 11 at the Rec Plex. There is a subsequent meeting October 6 at 7pm at the Rec Plex.

Fire Chief Dennis Jenkerson There has been lots of discussion on Next Door Holly Hills about Bakken Oil and the railroad trains through HH; there have

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been nine pretty substantial accidents across the country and in Canada over the past year; and he started paying attention to this a year ago.

Shale oil, sweet crude, frack oil—product of hydraulic fracking, called Bakken oil—is a very young, crude oil. It is very thin, more volatile, more flammable, with higher amounts of dissolved flammable gases, including 6-10 times the amount of methane, butane (and two or three other types). The Fire Department hazardous materials teams told them treat this as if it's gasoline.

Crude oil is transported as UN 1267, but this Bakken oil is not actually crude oil; it puts out a lot more flammable vapors, runs quicker, and has caught lots of fire departments off guard b/c of how it's labeled. The railroad (RR) does a very good job of transporting these kinds of materials and marking them properly, BUT with this product they are behind on it and are not doing well.

A "key train" has all the same product as in tankers—130,000 gallons in 130 cars. In 2008 there were 9500 tankers per year. Today, in 2014, there are 450,000 tankers per year. Accidents:

Canada, summer 2013, explosion killed 47 people and wiped out a town. North Dakota—two trains collided in the middle of nowhere. Virginia—6 tankers into river, near populated downtown area.

Good things in last couple months—D.O.T. emergency orders issued. 2/25/14—emergency order—the product must be classified properly now. It's still coming through as UN1267 though. The RR must notify both the state and city emergency management when it's traveling through a state. Speed limits—down to 40 and last month down to 25 or 30 due to conversation in neighborhood. If the trains go too slow people will jump on them. D.O.T. URGED that you should probably ship in a stronger tanker. Problem—don't have any that exist and no federal regulations on what that level of strength should be. BNSF Railway is going to build 5000 new tanker cars, but they don't know whether that will be strong enough for what the federal government will eventually say.

D.O.T. 111 tank car was the old style, and now they are supposed to increase the thickness of walls and make stronger ends; there must be a vent in there that allows the vapors

to escape in multiple ways because in a rollover with the current style, the vent is on the top which becomes the bottom in a rollover. The vent is for vapors and gas, not liquid,. So if the tanker is upside down in a rollover the vent is filled with liquid and can't release vapors and gas and therefore blows up.

The RR does not own the tankers, other companies do and the RR just transports.

Chief's estimation—he's been trying to find out since October 2013 how many trains come through this area. He's currently being told 3 trains of full cars and 3 trains of empty cars, but empty ones are just as dangerous as full cars because of vapors and residual product still in there.

Chief has spoken with representatives of the RR and legal representatives—the fire department is in the middle of 10 days of training. He asked for equipment in his last meeting with RR officials. They train for and have equipment for ONE failure of ONE tanker—do not have enough to control 100 tankers. He said the RR needs to stage equipment in St. Louis, and the RR has verbally agreed. He's

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looking at where it should go. RR has been receptive to requests of STLFDD. The maximum number of cars on a train is 130.

Audience Question: What can we residents do? Chief says get a count of cars for me. They are generally FULL going south and empty going north. If a car says BNSF, it could be Union Pacific—they share cars—and there is also movement of cars in Alton.

Audience Question: Are other areas like Webster in danger? Chief says anywhere they move this stuff is in danger—this stuff only gets moved on tracks that have been upgraded. The tracks are checked every 3 days. He's already working with these other cities.

Audience Question: Where is this oil coming from? North Dakota, Saskatchewan, Manitoba—Bakken Flats—then it goes anywhere there's a large refinery. Wood River has a large refinery.

Audience Question: What I hear for us to do is reactionary. Is there anything we can do proactively? Can we ask them to reroute these things? Chief says the problem is they can only

travel on upgraded tracks. When you graph these trains of accidents you see that there are cold temps when this happens.

Audience Question: Shouldn't there be a limit to how close these trains can be to residences? Arendes sits on the tracks. Also, shouldn't there be a limit to speed regardless of whether people may be jumping on trains and also limits for the train going at night—this should not be allowed because they are so heavy that it wakes you up like an earthquake. Shouldn't some tracks be upgraded elsewhere for these trains to travel? Chief says there used to be two sets of tracks so these are farther from the homes than they used to be. He thinks if there is concern about people jumping on tracks then more workers should be on trains to monitor that. Chief thinks more track monitors, more people on trains, and slower speeds on these trains going through neighborhoods.

Audience Question: In 2014 there were more train accidents than in the prior 40 years, so is there a group to collectively put pressure on the RRs to make them do something? Chief says Federal Department of Transportation. The RRs are, for all intents and purposes, a federal entity because

they get all their directives from the federal government.

Audience Question: There are 45,000 trains that are not strong enough to carry Bakken. Chief says the classification about cars and the oil must be changed because there is NO federal guideline yet on how to build the tanker cars.

Audience Question: What can we do locally to make sure there's local follow-through on the federal requirements? In Canada they are getting laws passed and getting things made safer. Chief agrees with this question and comment. He says most of the product is moved out of Canada and most movement happens in USA, not in Canada.

Chief explained the Canadian explosion of summer 2013—there was a rush of fuel off of trains that blew up and set fire, but it went in town sewers and blew the houses up. Canada has lower train standards than U.S.A.—requires fewer brakes to be set on trains and fewer workers on trains.

Question about STL equipment—STL has foam so its lucky because some places don't have that. In the event

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of an explosion, the Chief's priorities would be: First evacuate people, second protect houses, third contain the spill.

Audience Question: How is it possible that the RRs are not giving simple information to the Chief? Why should residents have to count trains and train cars? How are RRs not legally required to tell the Chief this information? Chief says under Homeland Security Rules the RRs are protected from releasing information on what's transported so terrorists can't find out BUT now new D.O.T. rules require telling what is going to come through, whereas before they only told what had already come through.

Audience Question: Can the city pass ordinances to make zoning that the RRs cannot ship this stuff through? No, b/c the RRs have been here so long—this product is only a 3 or 4 out of a scale of 1-10 on a danger level compared to other products they ship that are way more dangerous. But the RRs do listen when we say, for example, we're having the World Series so do not ship it through here when we're having all these extra people and extra events. The RR listens at those times.

Audience Question: Can this be shipped on highways in oil tanker trucks? Chief says cheapest way to ship is by RR and the Keystone Oil Pipeline is not finished, so that is not an option.

Audience Question: If there were one

or two priorities we should go after, what should we in the community do? Chief says 1. slow train speed down and that's his job, 2. Put more people on trains to make sure people don't hop on and people don't try to cause a disaster and mess w/ trains, 3. Break down the trains from 130 car unit to 30 car units and bring them through in 4 units when coming through densely populated areas. All of these are things the Chief must do by talking w/ RR.

Audience Question: A lady sent a 50-signature petition to RR last year asking to reduce speed and not send such heavy cars. They decreased weight but did not slow down she says. Chief says they are getting more amenable to his requests.

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Audience Question: Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce asks what is the radius for the worst case scenario? Chief says there's a limited number of hydrants along the tanks—minimum evacuation is 15-20 blocks. If there's a complete explosion, one tank car burning, it's heating the next tank car, is one going to blow up or are 2, 3, 4 or more going to blow up?

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