

HHIA General Membership Meeting March 24, 2008

Attendance: Tara Ohler, Stacy Ross, Anne Borgmeyer, Barb Russell
40 members in attendance.

1st District Police Report:

Officer Ed Reese (For Officer Bottini) Crime Report 2007-2008: All crimes are down. 12 Problem Properties currently in neighborhood.

Jason Vander Weele Smoke Free St. Louis

Reminds group of hazards of Second Hand Smoke. More than 58% of states are covered by smoke free policies. All levels of smoke exposure are dangerous. Advocate training sessions are scheduled. SmokefreeSTL.org is looking for volunteers in many capacities. Royale smoke free 3/31 – happy hour.

Holly Hills Improvement Association Reminders

“Very good!” Members can sign up for internet reminders. Hard copies will continue to be mailed.

Alderman Fred Wessels

- Carondelet Park. Tree planting for re-forestation is starting. Replace surface of playground (8-10 years old). Pathway in park will be sealed. Rec Plex construction has started. Bid came in at \$21.5 million (2 million over budget). 1/8 cent sales tax will fund. Gym, track in/out door pools (open Memorial Day 2009). Cost for membership not yet decided but there will be different levels. YMCA will operate the city recreation facility. No operating funds will come from city revenue. Maintenance will come from user fees.
- Water rates will go up with our bill in April. (Approx \$34 per year.) This will be first raise since 2002. Raise next year will cover capital improvements.
- Info about clubs \$11. Room 418 City Hall. Alderman Fred Wessels is able to deliver.
- Problem property Arendes and Dover. Officer Rees and Building Inspector condemned property. House sold and rehabbed.
- April 2009 will get notice of re-assessment based on current appraisal of property. There will be 3-4 week window to appeal.
- Concerns expressed about rights of pedestrians in crossways. Education for neighbors suggested.
- Lane will be added to Loughborough bridge over 55.

Matt Villa – not in attendance.

NSO Report

Brian Kolde Ward 11 Fliers for Club and Ignition Switch. Lead paint abatement. Take care when rehabbing. Lead Safe Coalition will loan special vacuum to eliminate lead dust.

Kathy Savage continues as Ward 12. TJ Minden new NSO for Ward 13 introduced to group.

New Nominees for HHIA Board

Kate Hastings. 10 yrs on Holly Hills and Leona. Made reminder cards.
Brooks Goedeker. 6100 Leona. Member at Large
Patrick Hanlon new to neighborhood

Upcoming HHIA Events

Celebrate Carondelet Park Day April 19. Volunteers are needed. www.HollyHills.info.

Brightside Blitz Day April 5. April 7 Bulk Pickup Day

June 2 HHIA Meeting will be at Boathouse

Anne Borgmeyer
Recording Secretary