



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

## Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, January 25, 7 pm

Carondelet Park Rec Plex

Invited speakers: Representatives from Desco

Judges from the 22nd Circuit Court

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

## Crime, Safety Jan. 25 meeting topic; DESCO, Judges Invited

Recent events have put crime the uppermost in many neighborhood residents' minds.

To address this issue, HHIA has invited representatives of DESCO, the owners of Loughborough Commons, to speak and answer questions about safety at the shopping center.

In addition, judges from the 22nd Judicial Circuit have been invited to talk about court procedures, where courts fit in with addressing crime and the constraints they face.

As usual, we will also hear from repre-

sentatives of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

"Holly Hills is a safe neighborhood in comparison to many around us, and crime rates are going up nationally," noted HHIA President Anna Baldwin.

"But of course we've had some very scary incidents in the last year, so we're looking for some answers. We're hoping the DESCO representatives, the judges and the police can talk about what they're doing to reduce crime and how residents can help.

*See the Safety Committee report on page 4*

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NO MEETING MINUTES

## Congratulations, Decorating Contest Winners!



The winners of the HHIA holiday decorating contest are:

- 4110 Wilmington
- 6109 Marwinette
- 3800 and 3900 blocks of Holly Hills

In addition to the coveted "Decorating Contest Winner" signs, winners will receive a one-year HHIA membership or renewal.

*4110 Wilmington*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are all concerned about crime in Holly Hills and our Jan. 25 meeting will focus on recent problems as well as possible solutions. I want to thank all of the residents who are actively working toward neighborhood safety, particularly our Safety Committee Chair, Lisa Bertke. Lisa works tirelessly to follow up with police and prosecutors about crimes and court cases; she attends trainings – often on Saturday – solicits neighborhood impact statements and attends court hearings. Jim Sahaida, who has organized some of the past safety meetings, has joined forces with HHIA and was elected to the HHIA board as a Member-At-Large at our holiday party on Nov. 16.

I want to thank The Marine Corps League Ken Dieckmann, U.S. Marine, Battalion Scout S-2 Intelligence for hosting the holiday party. Thank you, too, to the board members who worked hard to put the

party on. We would have liked to have seen higher attendance, so for those of you who didn't attend, I hope you will consider attending next year. This event is a fun opportunity to enjoy some home-made holiday goodies (thank you to those that contributed those delicious baked goods!) and socialize with neighbors.

We collected toys for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign and elected officials gave brief reports. Local historian Nini Harris and Lynn Josse, an architectural historian with the Preservation Research Office gave a presentation on the proposed historic district, and provided maps showing all of the streets of the Holly Hills Area in the proposed historic district.

I hope to see you at our meeting on Jan. 25.

- Anna Baldwin

*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.*

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 3686 Bellerive \$119,900 (UC)  
 6130 Morganford \$119,900 (UC)  
 4103 Fillmore \$120,000  
 6117 Adkins \$121,000  
 6011 Grand \$124,900  
 4011 Dover \$131,000 (UC)  
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## Safety Committee: Updates on Recent Court Cases

For those in the know, the Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) can be an effective way for you to get involved and help keep your neighborhood safe. The NOM is a partnership between neighborhood residents, the Circuit Attorney's office, and the St. Louis Police Department. There are three NOM components: Court Advocacy, Victim Support, and Citizens on Patrol.

The Circuit Attorney's office is offering Court Advocacy training on Saturday, Jan. 23rd at 10am at the Divoll Library. To register, please contact [milesj@stlouiscao.org](mailto:milesj@stlouiscao.org). This training teaches you how to advocate on behalf of your neighborhood in the courtroom.

It is a powerful tool available to us as a neighborhood to express to a judge the impact that a crime has had on us.

Here is a brief update on a few court cases affecting Holly Hills.

### **Case 1 - Car jacking on Wilmington, July 2015.**

One of the juveniles involved had his day in court recently. A neighborhood impact statement was submitted to his juvenile officer. Due to the size of the courtroom we were not permitted to read the impact statement in front of the judge, but it was submitted to the court. The juvenile was also involved in two other cases, so the hearing lasted for

several days. The juvenile was found guilty of the crime and we are awaiting news of his sentence.

### **Case 2 - Burglary and assault of elderly woman, May 2015**

The defendant is accused of breaking into an elderly woman's apartment on South Grand and beating her with her walker. We have submitted three neighborhood impact statements for this case. The case has been continued time after time and the next scheduled hearing is Feb. 1st. If this date sticks I will be asking for volunteers to be present in court and will read my impact statement, if permit-

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ted. It would be great if we could get enough residents in the courtroom so that the judge looks out upon a sea of Holly Hills T-shirts. Not only are we sending a message of support to the victim, but also that we are not going to stand idly by when such a crime occurs in Holly Hills.

### Case 3 – Armed robbery on Dover Place, November, 2015

The defendant is accused of holding up a woman, her daughter, and her niece at gunpoint in their driveway on Dover Place.

I am currently working on a neighborhood impact statement for this last case.

If others who have already attended Court Advocacy training are interested in writing an impact statement, I am happy to pick it up and deliver it to the Circuit Attorney's office. I also plan to get signatures for my impact statement at the next HHIA meeting. The more signatures we get, the better to show the judge that we collectively care about crime in our neighborhood.

If you are interested in participating in the NOM or have any questions about how to get

involved, please contact me at [safety@hollyhills.info](mailto:safety@hollyhills.info).

Thank you for working to keep our neighborhood safe.

- Lisa Bertke



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ready for your next book, we have several in the area. Have you noticed the little libraries in several

neighborhood spots? The little

libraries are starting to pop up and the rules are easy; take a book or leave a book. There's no library card to remember, it's all on the honor system.

There is actually a large organization called The Little Free Library. Inspired by Andrew Carnegie's contribution to the public free libraries at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Todd Bol of Hudson,



The Little Free Library at Woerner School

Wisconsin, built a model of a one room schoolhouse. It was a tribute to his mother; she was a teacher who loved to read. He filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard. His neighbors and friends loved it. He built several more and gave them away. Each one had a sign that said FREE BOOKS. Now the network has grown to 36,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and over 70 countries around the world.

There are three Holly Hills locations :

- In front of Woerner School on Leona (near the mailbox)
- In front of Grace Church on Wilmington at Leona
- Near the front of Chulick Funeral Home on Grand and Bellerive

Check out their website if you want to learn more or register your own Little Free Library at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org)

-Eileen Muir

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-Mechelle Minden

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