



## Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, March 28, 7 pm, Carondelet Park Rec Plex

Speakers: Mayor Francis Slay will discuss earnings tax, and a bond issue, Representative from St. Louis Public Schools will discuss a tax increase

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# Speakers to Discuss Taxes, Bond Issue on April Ballot

Mayor Francis Slay will speak at the HHIA neighborhood meeting on Monday, March 28 to discuss measures on the April 5 ballot.

The mayor will advocate for Proposition E. A Yes vote on Prop E will continue the city's earnings tax for the next 5 years. A vote to confirm the tax every 5 years is required by the state legislature.

The mayor will also explain Proposition F, a \$25 million bond issue for capital projects, including upgrades and maintenance of po-

lice, fire and refuse vehicles, bridges, recreation centers and software. The bond issue is not expected to increase property taxes.

In addition, a representative from the St. Louis Public Schools will explain Proposition I, which seeks to increase the property tax levy by 75¢ per \$100 in assessed value.

And a representative from the Metropolitan Sewer District has been invited to discuss a bond issue and tax increase that will also be on the April ballot.

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## Annual Earth Day Park Clean-up Scheduled for April 16

Friends of Carondelet Park and HHIA will sponsor its **annual Earth Day park clean-up** on **Saturday, April 16**. The clean-up starts at **8:30 a.m. at the playground**.

Bring gloves, buckets (way easier to use than trash bags) and garden tools if you have them; some will be available for loan. Kids are encouraged to participate and service hours are available.

We'll be cleaning up rain or shine. Please join us!

- Ben McClusky and Ben Montoya

## Grand Tradition



Bridge Bread retail store, 2604 Cherokee. Read more on Page10

## Letter From the President

A late blast of winter notwithstanding, there are clear signs that spring has sprung in Holly Hills. Kids are back out riding their bikes and playing on the playground, walkers—both the two-legged and four-legged variety—are back in the park in force and Holly Hills events are on the calendar:

- ◇ The Green Space Committee has scheduled several volunteer work days including the popular Wednesday evening “Gardening and Grapes” events to spruce up the boulevards (see page 6)
- ◇ Our annual Earth Day park clean-up is scheduled for April 16 (see page 1)
- ◇ The Tuesday night bike races have started in Carondelet Park
- ◇ The St. Stephens fish fries have already wrapped up for the year
- ◇ And the municipal election is Tuesday, April 5

Mayor Slay will be joining us at our upcoming meeting, Monday March 28, to discuss several ballot issues—find out more on the front page.

So do your civic duty, but don't forget to get out and play in our beautiful neighborhood.

- 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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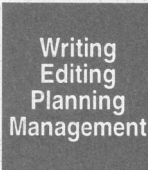
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## Safety Committee: Updates on Recent Court Cases

There were several Holly Hills residents in attendance at the recent Citizens on Patrol training March 1 at the Buder Library, including many of our own Rat Patrol members. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to attend this training from the SLMPD.

Cases I am following: Jermaine Dixon is accused of holding up a woman, her daughter, and her niece at gunpoint in their driveway on Dover Place. The defendant's arraignment was March 14. I and another Holly Hills resident have composed neighborhood impact statements to submit as evidence in this case. I was able to get 40 signatures at the January HHIA meeting for

my statement. The next court date may be a bond reduction hearing, so it is good that we were able to get our impact statements in prior to that hearing. I will be letting the neighborhood know when the trial is scheduled as it would be great if we could get residents present in the courtroom.

The next case is that of Eric Jerome Payne, accused of robbery at knife-point of the Family Dollar stores at 6155 S. Grand and 5324 Virginia. A \$75,000 cash bond has been issued. His arraignment is scheduled for April 1. A bond reduction hearing may follow, so if anyone is trained and willing

to write a neighborhood impact statement that could affect whether the defendant gets out on bond, please let me know ([safety@hollyhills.info](mailto:safety@hollyhills.info)).

Speaking of training, the next opportunity to learn how to write impact statements is at Court Advocacy training on Thursday, March 24 at the Schlafly Library (225 N. Euclid Ave.) at 6:30pm. Contact me if you would like to attend. The court advocacy training is a great way to learn how to represent your neighborhood in court and to learn more about the court process.

- Lisa Bertke



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## Green Space Volunteer Events Scheduled

The HHIA Green Space Committee spring kickoff event will be held Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 am. For location information, go to [hollyhills.info](http://hollyhills.info).

Upcoming Green Space Volunteer Events

**\*\*\*Check the Holly Hills Website  
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Information for all events\*\*\***

### Gardening and Grapes

Wednesdays at 6pm Dates: 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/10, 9/14, 10/5

Volunteers will work for up to 1 hour on a specified area that needs a "quick hit" of weeding, picking up litter, etc. These activities were popular last year and we saw many new volunteers. Afterwards, we will have some wine and conversation! Please bring your own gloves and tools.

### Volunteer Saturdays

Saturdays at 9am, Dates: 3/26, 4/23, 5/14, 6/25, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/8

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These events are more industrious so please bring your own gloves and tools (and a friend!)

### Volunteer Recognition

We're planning a volunteer recognition event in November to thank everyone who participated during the year.

### Adopted Greenspaces:

Neighbors who need a hand (or two or three!) with their adopted greenspaces, let us know! We'll list your greenspace for one of our Wednesday or Saturday volunteer days.

We look forward to seeing you!

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-Mehelle Minden and David Weder

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

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## Summary of the Carondelet Park Advisory Board Meeting January 26, 2016

Present: Dean Ehrenheim, Ted Hartzler, Peggy Meyer, Alderwoman Beth Murphy, Sister Marion Renkens, Jim Ross, Fred Wessels, Alderman Tom Villa & Dan Skillman  
Not Present: George Kindler, Ben McClusky, Don Roe, Kathryn Woodard

Commissioner Dan Skillman updated the board on ongoing projects in the park:

- Wayfinding Signage – There were problems with the designer. Drawings will be ready for the April meeting.
- Boathouse and Lake Improvements – Plan for the ceiling is still in the works, should be ready for bid soon.
- Athletic Field Lighting Upgrade (Ballfield/Tennis Courts) – Up for bid soon.
- Upgrade Tennis Courts (court surface) – Bids due in February. Plans include new surfacing and nets, and fence repair.
- Bird Habitat – Plans will be ready for the April meeting.

New projects:

The board decided to go ahead with three projects:

- Sealing the YMCA parking lot (crack fill, seal, & re-line)
- Repainting the boathouse
- Building a new picnic pavilion between the playground and horseshoe pits

Under consideration:

- A disc golf course was discussed. This idea will be revisited at the April meeting
- Exercise stations - estimated cost would be between \$40,000 and \$50,000



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## Bee Study coming to Holly Hills

A healthy bee population and the pollination service they provide are critical for our food security. Scientists are concerned as they see bee populations decline. Holly Hills has been chosen as one of two areas for a study being conducted on the impacts of urban landscape on the presence and health of bees.



This study, conducted by the Department of Sustainability at Saint Louis University and funded by the Missouri Department of Conservation, is looking to determine what kinds of plant choices are most conducive to bee presence and health. The ultimate goal of the research is to be able to decide what best practices are and promote these practices to the general public.

Researchers at SLU are looking for 15 sites within each of the chosen neighborhoods. If you or anyone you know would like your yard or garden to be part of this research please contact Hannah Ehrlich at [garden@hollyhills.info](mailto:garden@hollyhills.info).

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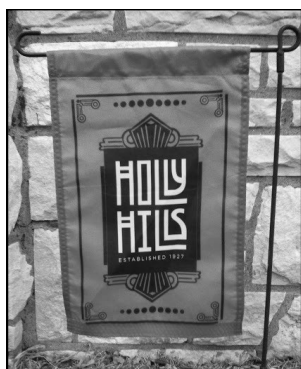
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## HHIA Neighborhood Meeting Summary—January 28, 2016

*Minutes available online at [hollyhills.info/minutes/](http://hollyhills.info/minutes/)*

**Present:** Anna Baldwin, Lisa Bertke, Beth Murphy, Ted Disabato, Tara Ohler-Jenney, Kendal Dauphin, Stacy Ross, Jim Sahaida, Eileen Muir

**Absent:** Mike Dauphin

Treasurer's report available on front desk

**Guest Speakers** – Judges from 22nd Judicial Circuit (state) Court. All 31 judges live in the city. The 22nd Circuit Court has the highest average sentence of any circuit in the state. Defendants are more likely to go to prison in this circuit than any other. They hear over 300 trials a year out of 3,000-4,000 felonies that are charged. Most felonies plead out. Judge Bryan Hettenbach and Judge Thomas Frawley.

Bryan Hettenbach appointed eight years ago, tried more cases than any other in the state. One-third of all trials in the state are in St. Louis.

Tom Frawley, been on the bench a long time. Appointed by Governor Ashcroft. Two important questions:

What is probation and what does it mean? How can you become involved? Jury service provides a way to understand how difficult it can be to determine if a defendant is guilty or what the sentence should be. Show up at court. If you're the victim and you don't come, you're an idiot. If you are a victim you have a legal right to make an impact statement. Lady stole \$20,000 from her employer. The employer testified that he never thought he would have to go bankrupt. They were ready to retire, but now they had to keep working. Incredibly impactful statement, and the judge sentenced the lady to 10 years. What is probation? It is not a free pass. If I believe that you are worthy to get yourself off the drugs or get yourself an education we will use probation. Only for lower level crimes, murder and robbery you are not getting pro-

bation. You are monitored by the board of probation and parole. You must show proof of pursuing an education, substance abuse treatment, get a job or show that you are looking for a job. If they are not complying then a warrant is issued. At that point the judges have a full range of punishment. Drug case would be 1-7 years, gun case 1-4 years. It is not "probation and they never see them again."

Hettenbach: Point gets lost. We are located in the city of St. Louis but they are a state court. They are not the city municipal court. The law that they follow (bail bonds, constitutional requirements, crime definition, penalties) is state law. The same laws apply in KC, Columbia, Mississippi County, etc. The significance of this is that a 17-year-old in rural Missouri that has a semi auto pistol with a clip and covers it with his jacket has committed a crime. Unlawful use of a weapon.

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*How can you become involved?*

*Show up at court.*

*If you are a victim, you have a legal right to make an impact statement.*

## Bridge Bread Carries on South Grand Bakery Tradition

Years ago, my first job was at one of the respected south St. Louis bakeries, Schmidt Brothers Bakery. It was at the southwest corner of Grand and Walsh for almost 50 years and had friendly competition with several others along Grand Avenue such as Darnheim's near Grand and Bates and Eiper's further down Grand which is now Cecil Whittaker's Pizza. I loved to go into Eiper's after school with a dime and pick out penny candy that

they would put in tiny brown paper bags.

I recently became aware that the Grand bakery tradition has continued. Bridge Bread at 5622 South Grand was founded about four years ago by Fred Domke. Domke founded the bakery as a Social Enterprise, which perfectly describes the name, mission and positive success it is experiencing. I recently chatted with Fred, and learned he is a Holly Hills resident,

who decided to put his love and energy into a business that employs people without homes. "We tend to think of homelessness as typically folks with mental illness, disabilities, or addictions yet only 20% of the homeless community falls into those categories," he said. "The rest are economically homeless and could benefit from learning a trade and experiencing meaningful work in a sup-

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Take that same guy and have him stand here in your neighborhood. They have committed the same crime. Is that conduct in rural Missouri a problem? Probably not. Is it a problem in our neighborhood? It most certainly is. When it comes time to deal with it, they must follow state law. Same procedure. The law we follow does not come from the Mayor, the board of Alderman, the judges are not free to make it up. Calls to put these guys away for 20 years, it is an empty call. They have to follow the state law for the crime charged. Unlawful use of a weapon - max sentence would be 4 years. Same classification as failure to pay child support, etc. Felony class D. He would be paroled in 5 months. If he has spent 5 months in jail waiting for trial, then he gets a 4 year sentence, he will be released because he already

served his 5 months. Let's say you are the judge and this guy has done his 5 months in jail. What do you do? Do you send him to prison for 5 years (when he will be out on parole in 5 months)? Or do you put him on probation for 5 years? With probation you might have a hook in him. He might fail and commit another crime, pull the trigger and send him back to jail. Most people on probation don't fail, most succeed. People wonder who is the fool that put this guy on probation? Probation provides a hook in him.

**Q.** Who controls the 5 month number? **A.** The Board of Probation and Parole. Based on good time credit. The idea is that we will save money because they won't be in prison. But unfortunately, nobody spent that money to integrate the guys back in the community.

**Q.** How often is the parole criteria reviewed? **A.** Parole board members are appointed by the governor. It is internal to the parole board. Probation for younger men and women. Trying to provide them with a way to become productive members of society. Most of them do not have a job or a high school diploma. Most have two children from different partners. No real skills. Give them employment opportunities, job training.

**Q.** Your anecdote about the urban and rural areas...is there an opportunity to create a gun-free or drug-free zone? **A.** You can change those laws at the state level. Not saying that it can't be done, but it is tricky and hard to do. A school zone is already an enhanced crime. Chances of getting a law through the legislature is remote. The people out state don't understand our problem. Until they

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portive environment." Bread is a consumable as people return each week to purchase more, so there is an ongoing demand. With a low overhead, 75% of each dollar in revenue goes to staff compensation and the remaining is spent on ingredients. On a visit to Bridge Bread bakery, the aroma of fresh baked bread instantly took me back to those great South Grand bakeries. The bread is baked in the South Grand facility, but if you want to make a purchase, check out their retail store at **2604 Cherokee Street**. Unlike the old time bakeries that had people come from all over to South St. Louis, Bridge Bread has a contemporary and unique distribution channel. They sell to over a dozen churches and now have some restaurants and local grocery stores where you can taste what their skilled bakers have handmade. To learn more about Bridge Bread and its fantastic story, check out their website at [www.bridgebread.com](http://www.bridgebread.com).

-Eileen Muir



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understand the magnitude of our suffering there isn't much that can be done.

**Q.** More and more crimes are being committed by juveniles. **A.** Judge Frawley has been recognized for his work in Juvenile and Family Court. To be a juvenile you have to be under 17. Juvenile court is designed to be rehabilitative as opposed to punitive. No matter what crime they commit, they are sentenced to the division of youth services and cannot be held past age 18. St. Louis has the most secure juvenile facility in the state. It's basically a dorm. The kids aren't in cells. It is

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**A.** You would be charged with assault...Your truck does not constitute your castle

an effort to try and give them structure but not allow them in the community. The goal is to get them back in the community A S A P with some

mentoring and education. Informal adjustment, parents are brought in in an effort to try to help this family keep it together. Next level is a formal adjustment...for example a burglary or car jacking. Process of a trial, plea of guilty, disposition which is a sentence. Probably will be back in the community assigned to a juvenile officer. Regular reports are sent to the judge. St. Louis has the highest incar-

ceration rate in the state. Highest bail bonds in the state. And yet we still have high crime. If there is some place to put energy and effort and money that might make some dent it is in the juvenile court. When you have 13-year-old kids with guns you have a problem. If there is a place where the court might do something better, it is getting to these kids when they are young.

**Q.** They stole my tools in my driveway, if I catch the person and I do something to him then what will happen to me? **A.** You would be charged with assault. The Castle Doctrine allows you to use the force necessary to protect your "castle." Your truck does not constitute a castle. I can't tell you what is going to happen for certain if you go after the criminal and harm them, but it won't be good.

**Q.** We have had several car jackings some involving juveniles with weapons. There is a big difference between stealing a lawnmower and pulling a gun on someone and stealing their car. Are those juveniles also going to be out on the street at the age of 18? **A.** There is a provision that a juvenile can be certified as an adult. One criteria is if the crime was of such a magnitude it should be tried in the adult

courts.

**Q.** Who determines the adult certification? **A.** Juvenile officer is responsible for the certification. Criteria include: magnitude of the crime, was anyone injured, likely to be rehabilitated, time left in the system to get them rehabilitated, race is also a factor.

**Q.** Can someone as young as 14 be certified? **A.** They can. Juvenile officer is part of the court, not the police system.

**Q.** At the St. Stephen's Town Hall meeting the police officers expressed the desire for a special gun court. **A.** Cannot happen because of state law.

**Q.** Why do the police believe that is can happen? **A.** The judges have a

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different job to do than the police officers do. The job of the judge is to make sure that the system works fairly for everyone. Gun court is a great slogan, but it is an unconstitutional punishment court. When you show up on day one in court, we presume that you are innocent. But in the case of a gun court, before you are even charged, you are in the gun court....then when time for a trial and the jurors walk in the courtroom, they are in the gun court. That presents prejudice and presumes punishment.

**Frawley:** We are a state court. We are still bound by the four-year maximum and the parole board is still going to decide how long they are locked up. Gun court or no gun court.

**Q.** Other state courts have a gun docket. **A.** This would have to be a Municipal court. We already have a gun court in our juvenile court. Philadelphia also had one at one time...it was disbanded. Wouldn't someone come up with more funding if it was working? It was originally done to move the cases faster. We are already moving at such a fast pace, the Circuit Attorney is asking to slow down so that they can prepare the case. It is not a vaccine for crime...it just doesn't work. If you want to raise penalties go to the legislature. Certification as an adult? Judge Frawley heard 8 and certified 7. The one that was not certified had no prior involvement, good family, he thought he was redeemable. He is on probation...he now has a job and he is back in school and is going to graduate a year late.

**Q.** How do you rehabilitate these

kids? Let him out at 18? What is so magical that happens in the dorm room? **A.** Our juvenile division was written up in Parade magazine. They have a very good program with these young people. How can you rehabilitate a kid in 4 years and make up for 14 years of crappy parenting? One of the goals of the judges is to distinguish stupid from mean and nasty. It is a very high percentage of the kids that turn their lives around. They have a high success rate of rehabilitating.

**Q.** Things that are happening, juveniles are committing crimes, what are they doing to hold the parents accountable in the system. Can they be charged with anything? **Capt Mueller:** When juveniles commit a felony, the parents are issued a citation. They will be charged a fine or community service. Very difficult to proceed with prosecution on the state level. If you have a single parent family...mom is working two jobs, they give her a \$150 fine, are they doing more harm than good? The parent has the opportunity of community service in lieu of the fine.

**Guest Speakers**  
DESCO Representatives Jenny Mitchell, property manager for DESCO. Marnie Miceli-Clark,

property admin for Loughborough Commons - We are also very concerned about the neighborhood, they have close to 24 hours of security, off duty police man rotates shift 16 hours a week. They move him around so that no one will know when he is there. They can't prevent everything from happening. They do everything that they can.

**Q.** The security people around here...they can't do nothing for anybody. This resident chased a kid who grabbed a woman's purse. Security didn't do anything. **A.** That is the kind of info that they need to know.

**Comment:** Hire off duty officers on a more permanent basis. You have

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influence on the security company. Many residents reported walking into Schnucks to report an issue and being told that there is nothing that the manager can do. DESCO is a sister company of Schnucks, it is not Schnucks.

**Comment:** It shouldn't fall on the residents to call the police...the security staff should also call the police. Schnucks manager Jackie needs to report to the police. Make her aware of things you don't like.

**Q.** Lots of people have dialed 911 from the parking lot. But why do we even have the security guards there if we have been told by the businesses that we need to call the police? **A.** The store management and store security should be contacting the police, and the rep will talk to them about this.

**Q for Police:** Do you really want us to call the police for panhandling?

**Capt Mueller:** They receive a couple hundred calls a month for Loughborough Commons. DESCO needs to take action on their own about what is happening on their lots. Delays the police from getting to other calls. Rep asked if Capt Mueller is willing to meet with them? Capt Mueller is absolutely willing to meet.

**Neighborhood Liaison Officer Stephen Wilson – Q.** Rat Patrol been helping? **A.** The concern is that they haven't gone thru official training.

We don't ask anyone to carry guns. Officer Wilson and Capt Mueller response: If something would happen, we can't say that we are affiliated with the Rat Patrol. Capt Mueller is interested in meeting with the Rat Patrol. It was an ad hoc group formed when



St. Louis Circuit Court Judge Bryan Hettenbach speaks to a standing-room-only crowd at the HHIA meeting on January 28. Photo courtesy of Officer Stephen Wilson

the Rat Patrol members felt the police weren't going to help us. Capt Mueller is just asking for a better understanding of the group.

Don't warm it up in front of your house unattended...it is actually illegal. Getting stolen at a high rate. You can get a ticket. Get a club.

**First District Captain Mueller –** Just a follow-up very briefly on the judges. For a long time there were complaints that the police don't do what they are supposed to do. They are addressing that. Then prosecutors weren't doing their job. Jennifer Joyce has addressed that. Then we complained about the judges and now the judges are getting more involved. Ten years ago you wouldn't have seen judges attending meetings. The next step will be in corrections. The problem is that we have tried so many different things, and it seems that they are all ineffective. Sending them away is not solving the problem, they will do their time and come back to the

same environment that has been their whole life. That is the biggest challenge. What do we want and expect corrections to do? Warehousing? Programs? Which programs are effective? How do we get them out of the environment that they have been in and make them productive members of society. Need better parenting... but when your parents are brought up in that same situation they repeat the cycle. We have made a lot of progress in certain areas, this is the next area for open and frank discussion. Gun court question: it seems pretty obvious if you got arrested with a gun and there was an assault. Presumed innocent, but isn't it a given when you are arrested and a gun is involved. Capt Mueller is a proponent of what in his mind is gun court. We have a drug court - no one is assumed guilty walking into drug court. He doesn't want to violate anyone's constitutional right. The police chief and Circuit

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# Wonderful Things at Woerner!



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## Character

Woerner Elementary was named one of 17 Missouri schools recognized by Character.org

as 2016 State Schools of Character. Each year, Character.org and its state affiliates select schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development that has a true positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate. The staff and students

at Woerner are very proud to have earned this prestigious award!

## Wishes Fulfilled

Two teachers at Woerner were among the recipients of a donation from Twitter founder and St. Louis native Jack Dorsey. The teachers, Angie Samples and Leslie Schainker posted requests for funding for 8 special projects and supplies on DonorsChoose.org.

"To have all 8 of their projects fully funded at once was nothing short of a miracle!" said Woerner Principal Peggy Meyer. "Mr. Dorsey's generosity

is sincerely appreciated, and will not be forgotten."

Nationwide, more than 50 athletes, actors and philanthropists funded 12,000 projects worth \$14 million.

## Open House

If you'd like to come see the great things going on at your neighborhood public school, please plan to stop by during the district's Neighborhood School Open House Event on Saturday, April 2 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM. All neighbors are welcome!

-Peggy Meyer, principal  
Woerner Elementary

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Attorney are continuing to press for it. Continuing to meet with judges. Judge Hettenbach is the one that would have to be convinced.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderwoman Beth

**Murphy:** All of our utility boxes will be painted by an artist in the spring. April bond issue on the ballot and city earnings tax. Bond issue is only \$25 million, no property tax increase. Majority is for the fire dept. Trucks and equipment that they have to replace. They have the most expensive vehicles. City rec centers such as Marquette will get a chunk of money. Earnings tax is \$300 million dollars for the city, if we lose it I don't know what we would do. If it would fail it would have to be replaced by sales tax and property tax.

**Q.** Before the RecPlex building was built here...taxpayers passed a bill. All city places were supposed to receive funding (Marquette, etc). Where did that money go? **A.** Unsure, it was before she was alderwoman.

**Q:** I'm not a Rams fan, but there was money...and now there's not money for cops. **A.** The money for the stadium study did not come from the city. The regional sports authority paid for that...this money is coming from the state. The money for the stadium was coming from the income for the stadium.

**11<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Tom Villa -** MSD will be on the April ballot. Capital improvement bond issue failed when asked for \$199 million, now going for incremental \$25 million dollars. RecPlex centers...they are all

getting old. Trash trucks have holes in them. Gentleman bought Lyon School. He plans on living in part of it and subdividing it into offices.

**St. Louis Safety Group Dee Brown -** Next meeting Feb. 22nd, South Grand Library. All about problem properties

**Community Garden Hannah Ehrlich -** If you are interested in a garden plot contact her at [garden@hollyhills.info](mailto:garden@hollyhills.info) They have a lovely little space

**Next HHIA meeting March 28th at the RecPlex**



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