



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, November 27, 7 pm, Carondelet Park Rec Plex

Speakers: Amanda Doyle—Author, “100 Things to Do in St. Louis Before You Die.”

HOLLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HHIA)
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Thank You for Another Successful Holly Hills Grills!



Thank you to everyone that joined us for the second annual Holly Hills Grills! We didn't think we could top last year but, yet again the neighborhood came out in force for a great afternoon. This year, the event featured BBQ tastes from five food vendors, live music from the Friendly Henrys, and a Kid's Corner, provided by Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Much gratitude and thanks to our sponsors and donors including our main event sponsor, State Rep. Fred Wesels and music sponsor Crawford-Butz Insurance Agency. We couldn't put on such an event without all of their support.

And special thanks to our food vendors including the Stellar Hog, Edibles & Essentials, Iowa Buffet, Keeton's DoublePlay, and No Class Catering. Thank you all for a wonderful event for the Holly Hills neighborhood.

Stay tuned for next year's event on the first Sunday in October and remember, it is never too early to volunteer!

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Letter From the President

Hope you enjoyed Halloween and all the great festive decorations in the neighborhood. Please see additional information and pictures of decorating contest winners located in our newsletter.

I would like to invite our neighbors to join us at our next HHIA meeting on Monday, November 27 at 7:00 PM at the Rec Plex in the Respect Room. Guest speaker at this meeting will be Amanda Doyle, St. Louis author of the second edition of "100 Things to Do in St. Louis Before You Die". Amanda will be giving a brief, interactive and fun presentation of the book. Amanda will sell and sign books and give away prizes at the end of the meeting.

We will also be hearing from NIS Officer Andrew Hernandez, Neighborhood Improvement Officer Wilson, our Alderwomen Sarah Martin and Beth Murphy. Steve Butz will give us an update on Cops Walking. Hannah Erlich will fill us in on Friends of Carondelet Park.

Won't you please come and join us at the Rec Plex on Monday, November 27 at 7:00 PM in the "Respect Room".

HHIA's regular and business memberships or renewals are accessible on the HHIA webpage at hollyhills.info or you may mail your checks to HHIA, Attn: Membership, PO Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116.

Anna Baldwin

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 3813 Burgen \$129,900
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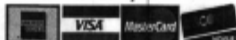
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Minutes from the September 25 HHIA Meeting

Roll call

Present: Anna Baldwin, Lisa Bertke, Eileen Muir, Beth Murphy, Mike Dauphin, Jim Sahaida, Tara Ohler

Absent: Stacy Ross, Kendal Dauphin, Lisa Coleman

Introduce New Neighbors

Guest Speakers

State Rep Fred Wessels – If you're in the 81st House District you got or you will get a directory from me. Mainly names of federal, state, and local elected officials that you might need to call. The inside cover contains the "report on the capital". If you provide your email address to me then I can send you the capital report. There is also a website here with current legislative activity. There won't be any until January. The leg session runs from Jan to middle of May. If you go to the back there are some things that are noteworthy. All the bills that passed both the House and the Senate. There were 75 bills. Over 2,000 bills that were introduced. Of these 75 bills, 18 are appropriations bills that we have to pass in one form or another. 5 bills coming to veto that are also outlined. Near the back of the booklet there is Fiscal Year 2018 Missouri Operating Budget. General Revenue was \$9 billion. Social Services gets 34% (largest portion is Medicaid). 22% Elementary and Secondary education. Total state budget is \$27 bil, \$9 bil is federal transfers. Another \$9 bil is the general revenue budget, last \$9 bil is revenue that goes directly to a dept (Conservation, MoDot, etc). Last page contains a section for "Unwanted Solicitations" for Missouri No Call, Stop Unsolicited Postal Mail, Unsolicited Junk Mail. You will get this soon in the mail.

I am in the phone book if anyone has a phone book. Food Drive to benefit St Trinity, St. Stephen, and CCBF Food Pantry. 5517 Koeln organized by 25 Democratic House Reps. If you can spare some canned goods or other personal items. Take it to 5517 Koeln Oct. 7th between 9am and noon or bring it to my house.

State Sen Jamilah Nasheed – Good evening. Let me first thank each and everyone one of you for taking time out of your schedule. This is truly what community life is all about. Sen. Jamilah Nasheed I represent the 5th senatorial district, everything east of Kingshighway. I have been in the senate for 5 years. Wanted to talk to you about what has occurred in the senate the last session. Major attack on the union movement. Many of my colleagues are doing all that they can to turn back the block on the union movement in the state of Missouri. We had to go out and get signatures to put it on the ballot to beat it back. Over 200,000 signatures were gathered. Be on the watch for that. Continue and talk to each and

every one of your neighbors about how important it is to go vote.

Voting...there is another attack on us in the state of MO. The Koch Brothers decided that they wanted to implement a voter id policy. We don't have a problem with voter impersonation. People barely go vote. We don't have an issue with this, we have an issue with participation. They are trying to turn back strides we have made with voter rights.

Min wage. How many of you have been following the min wage issue? Some of you may not even agree with me on min wage. I can tell you, no one can live off \$7.70 an hour. These aren't little kids anymore. We have seniors that are told that they can live comfortably but to find out the cost of living, utilities, and prescription drugs are rising. We have to do all we can to increase the min wage. And that is going to be on the ballot as well. We are fighting back at the ballot box. We are going to need each and every one of you and let's fight the good fight.

Crime is another issue. The number one problem that is plaguing our city is crime. It's not just North St. Louis, it is South St. Louis. So go NSL, so go SSL. What can we do to reduce crime? Two elements: quality education (children being passed from one grade to another without knowing how to read) and jobs (20% of black men in the city of STL unemployed). Many of them are unemployed because they have felony charges. Even if they wanted to change their lives... the first question that they get asked if is you are a felon. Even if they wanted a second chance... they can't get it because of that question. I have been fighting extremely hard to ban the box on applications at the state level and local level. The city of St. Louis no longer asks the question. The state no longer asks you per an order from Nixon. This doesn't mean that you can't get a background check, but don't eliminate them on the front end. We aren't saying that you shouldn't get the background check, but not on the front end. That is a barrier to job opportunities.

Education is going to be my number one issue. Right now, we have young kids who are in an unaccredited district...they can't even apply for the A+ scholarship. I filed legislation that even if you are in an unaccredited district and you meet all of the requirements you can still get the scholarship. How many kids would have been left behind? Those are the types of things that I work for. We had 10000 kids that dropped out of the system. If you don't educate them, you are going to incarcerate them. We passed legislation where young folks can go to a school called Fresh Start, they can still get a degree by way of an options program through the GED test. GEDs are hard to get.

Minutes from the September 25 HHIA Meeting (cont.)

I served on budget for the last 6 years. We oversee \$27 bil. I am happy to say that I have been instrumental in protecting College Bound funds. I was the first person to put over \$2 mil in the budget for Teach for America when they weren't receiving anything in the state.

We have a dark cloud right now over our city. I'm sure you all have been following the unrest. People have the right to protest and be angry, their first amendment right. They don't have a right to destroy property or vandalize. The same people that are vandalizing are the same people that support them. I believe that these are people coming from the outside of the city, anarchists who want to put a blemish on the movement for progress. We have to figure out as a collective how we are going to bridge the gap between law enforcement and community. Because it is fractured. All of us have our different opinions but at the end of the day we have to come together and figure out how we are going to come together as one St. Louis. We need some help right now. It's really bad. I'm a firm believer that we are resilient. We have to begin to quit pointing fingers and figure out solutions. How do we get out of it is the question? Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here.

NIS Andrew Hernandez – CSB 13th Ward NIS, I work with Beth and deal with problems in the 13th Ward. It has been relatively quiet. We were hoping that someone from the CSB could be here. I worked for the CSB when I joined the city in 2000. I was with them for 8 1/2 years. Everybody here should know what it is. Anyone doesn't know? Left a green sheet on the back table. It tells you everything you need to know. What you can report. Lots of other stuff that you can report. You can report by phone, by website, by Twitter, or email. What is CSB? Started in 1985. Just crossed the million-phone call mark. When I started there were six operators. 8 operators who take all of your calls. Street lights, potholes, trash isn't being collected, neighbor is being obnoxious. If you don't know what to do about something, call them. They are the people you call because they start the paper trail. Which follows to the NIS and Alderwoman. Takes thousands of calls a week. The operators do a wonderful job, I can attest to that.

Under a lot of stress, some people aren't nice. They are there to help you. I got calls about anything...from yard weeds to real weed. If the CSB can't answer the question, they will try to get the answer for you. They have a mountain of resources. Stray animal, potholes, overgrown trees.

Chris Rumpsa/Captain Mueller – One of the bike guys in the 1st District. Wanted to thank everybody for the support that we have been getting. We have been getting a ton of food. In between the 12 hours and all the extra food I have been getting, my vest barely fits anymore. A lot of the civil

unrest has been calming down. Officers are finally back on 8 hours shifts and getting our days off. We are keeping civil disobedience team at the ready. We don't want to allow for destruction of property. I just found out that I was coming here so I didn't get the chance to analyze your crime stats.

Sarah Martin – Sen. Nasheed is a tough act to follow. I have a pretty lean report. The CSB reports, it is helpful as an Alderwoman if you make the report. Then call me and let me know the report #. There is then a record that I can track. Lot of talk about the DESCO property...out of control weeds. They do have a taxing district (CID) single site taxing district which is not the best policy. The way that it was written there is a neighbor, someone who lives nearby on these boards. But DESCO is just putting DESCO folks on there. Now we have learned from our mistakes and they are not done that way anymore. Alderwoman Murphy and myself can adjust our CID through legislation. If they want to play nice and clean up the property but if they are going to be difficult about it then we will go after them. I am having an 11th Ward trash pickup on Oct. 28th. Holly Hills may not have these issues but it would be nice to have your help. Loughborough by the park and at the 55 exit. Lyon's School in Carondelet/Patch has sat vacant for years. There is a contract on that... they did qualify for their loan. They will be turning that into 33 market rate apartments. This is huge. They are nice guys and they have already offered to donate the playground equipment to the neighborhood. Crosswalks...small signs that say "Missouri Law you must yield to Pedestrians". Pet peeve is people who don't yield to pedestrians when we are trying to cross the crosswalk. It is state law. People are asking for them here. Mike S has generously offered to donate a sign and I can get labor donated. The Carpenter's union has offered to put them in for free. If you want them get with me or get with Lisa and we can talk about how to raise funds. Would only take \$10-20 from each person on the block. We need one person to volunteer to take them out during a snow route.

Beth Murphy – The weeds...no one was claiming the weeds. Beth called Union Pacific and MoDot. No one was sure if it was theirs. Union Pacific said there were no tracks there. Beth took pictures to send to him. The crosswalk signs can only go in marked crosswalks. I call them the zebra stripes. They will not let us use our capital funds for this. Success this week was in the park, The Bosnian festival even with the Strange Folk festival. They were looking for a home and Sarah and I decided it would be a good place for them. It just happened that the mass and Bosnian festival were both scheduled. The Bosnian Festival was able to share the space just fine. We will not allow that to happen on the same weekend again.

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Woerner School dismissal time. People that live on Leona complain that people double park in front of their house. Peggy is having teachers park in the school parking lot to free up space. Someone called me and said that they shouldn't park in front of their house. But we can't really prevent that from happening. Police cameras are coming...we had nothing to do with that. Estimates & Apportions voted on it...Axon is the company. It is free for a year. It is just a marketing tool. It is a good thing because we get to try it for free. The devil is always in the detail. Who will have access to the data...things like that. We will have time to work on it. We moved the dumpsters that were in the park. People were always dumping illegally. You need to go down to Gasconade now. They also removed them from Willmore. It will take some of us time to get used to it. Mostly the people in the county.

Steve Butz – Cops Walking a Beat program. We are now not the only neighborhood where this program is. The program is going well...we have about 350 families participating. So far so good. Lots of positive response. It is good for the officers, they are out of their cars, they are talking and meeting with people. It is easier to hate someone on social media from afar...but these cops are in your neighborhood. Expand-

ed to the entire Holly Hills boundaries. In Sept. 1st the program expanded to Carondelet (12 block area). Today they got their two cop bikes delivered. Primarily they walk a beat. If you are interested there is a Safety tab at www.hollyhills.info. If you want to get involved I would encourage you to. Most people give \$20 a month.

Vote on if we want to retain the current HHIA board

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Neighbor Spotlight—Chef Liz, Tenacious Eats

As I had not heard of Tenacious Eats before this article, I now stand embarrassed that I've missed out on such an innovative and delicious experience. Literally in our own backyard we have a gemstone cuisine that pairs fun classic films with a scrumptiously prepared dinner. Imagine watching a fun movie with friends and you smell the irresistible aroma of popcorn. Well now jump your imagination into fragrances of cooked onions and garlic with grilled meats, vegetables and sauces you only find in first class restaurants. Presented at the Marine Corp League at 5700 Leona St., Liz Schuster, the owner and Chef of Tenacious Eats prepares and serves dinner tableside, while you enjoy a movie with friends.

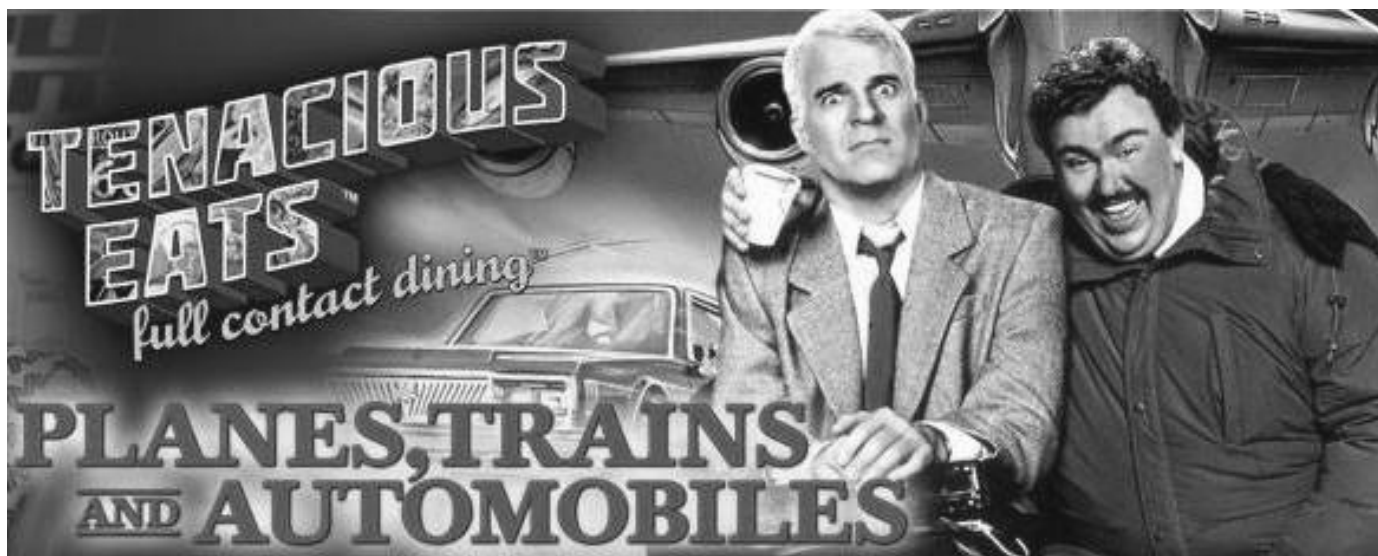
What a fun chat we had where I discovered that Liz has helped out with cooking since she was about 3. Learning from her German Grandmothers' recipes, she quickly realized that "food is the sustenance for the soul." It's the highest expression of love and the proof is that she met her husband while both were cooking at the Chase Park Plaza.

Chef Liz, a native St. Louisan, advanced from Grandma's recipes after graduating from film school and earned her degree in "Self Direction." Moving on, after achieving her MBA, she worked a bit in the corporate world, but would then go home to relax and cook up enormous amounts of food. One day her son, Benjamin, asked her why she didn't cook for a living since she obviously loved it, so she decided to pair what she loves most, films and food.

Her menus consist of ingredients from mostly local produce, butchers and cheese artisans. I had to ask about some unusual ingredients she uses and I got a lesson on turkey eggs. Not something I've ever tried, but she taught me about the richness of the yolk compared to chicken eggs. Most people

when eating a food prepared with turkey eggs ask about the secret ingredient. Liz explained that the profile of the turkey egg is similar to how roasted turkey tastes. So next time you are looking for something a little different, add turkey eggs to your grocery list. And if that doesn't appeal to you, try another tip by using Amaranth in your next pizza dough and you'll love the slight nutty taste it adds. Amaranth is an ancient pseudo-grain originally grown in Meso-America by the Aztecs. They referred to it as the immortal due to its nutritional value. Today we are starting to see Amaranth appear as a super food and one you'll want to add to your list of healthy grains. You can add it to anything from your morning breakfast to meatloaf and stuffing as it has a very high protein content.

So back to Tenacious Eats, check out their website at www.tenaciouseats.com. The upcoming events are: November 18th with Trains, Planes, and Automobiles serving 5 courses, 5 cocktails and December 16th is Home Alone, also with 5 courses and 5 cocktails. Please also check out our Holly Hills neighborhood partner St. Louis Banquet Center managed by the South St. Louis Marine Corp League Detachment 183 for a great place to plan your next event, at <https://stlbanquetcenter.com> or call 314-352-8762. One final word of advice from Chef Liz; breaking bread together is so important to bringing people together. If you come to one of her dining events with just a few friends, you will leave knowing many more.



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Carondelet Park Advisory Meeting September Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Michael Dauphin at 5:00PM.

Present: Michael Dauphin, Dean Ehrenheim, Kim Haegele, Peggy Meyer, Jim Ross, Alderwoman Beth Murphy, Sr. Marion Renkens, Erica Oliver (BJC Healthcare), Mike Chapin (USAPA/St. Louis Pickleball), Julie George (Friends of Carondelet Park)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 18th board meeting. The motion carried.

Kim Haegele updated the board on the following old business items:

- Wayfinding Signage – Project Involves: 10 vehicular wayfinding signs, 8 destination identification signs, remove & reinstall fish limit signs, 4 new monument entrance signs at NW corner of Loughborough Drive at Loughborough Ave., NE corner of Leona Dr. at Loughborough Ave., SE corner of Leona Drive at Holly Hills Blvd., and south along Grand Drive where it meets grand Blvd.; It goes out to bid on 9/22/17; Bids are due on 10/13/17; Construction NTP anticipated for 12/1/17
- Bird Habitat – Ready to bid as an Emergency Authorization pending the transfer of funds from the roundabout project
- Lyle House Improvements – the windows will be put out to bid as an EA by the end of September; bids are due 10/20/17; construction NTP anticipated 12/8/17; the current roof was either installed or resealed in 1980 (per pre-existing plans); the plan is to reuse the pre-existing project plans as much as possible; there is an onsite meeting with the roofing contractor to discuss the project on 9/21/17; it will bid out mid-October as an EA
- Boathouse & Lake Improvement Update - bathrooms almost complete, they are starting on abatement and painting – weather permitting this will take 6 weeks.
- Beth brought up the curfew signs – they have been put up at the entrances

The following new business items were discussed:

- Healthy Schools / Healthy Communities – Erica Oliver - Employee of BJC – provides prevention programming; goal of reducing childhood obesity; work on increasing opportunities for families to be active in their community and have access to healthy food; partners with SLPS; community action plan is developed to change policy and bring resources to the community; they have done exercise stations; crosswalk; community gardens; earn-a-bike program; work to change policy; action plan is good for 2 years; something is needed for older kids to do in the

park; Erica spoke with Dean – they are discussing the creation of a fitness station series near the YMCA; \$40,000 has been set aside for this – goal is for completing by the end of summer 2018; this will be for kids 13 – adult; the parks department must put some money into the project; Game Time rep (John) will be contacted by Kim to look at the space and offer suggestions; Dean will look into the liability – it should not be any different than a playground; location was discussed

- Pickleball Courts – Michael Chapin - Pickleball – racket game – paddle and whiffle ball; fastest growing sport in America right now; it is played on a short court – about 4 pickleball courts in one tennis court; this is a very social game – played in doubles; courts were put into Tilles Park; pickleball has become more popular than tennis; we could take two of our existing 5 courts and make 6 - 8 pickleball courts out of them; a decision will need to be made regarding a portable vs. a permanent surface; next steps will be to check with Game Time to see if they can help with the project; communication will occur at neighborhood meetings and through social media
- “Pseudo Roundabout” – the flag and pole will be replaced soon – paid for by the motorists’ insurance
- Strange Folk – will be at the park this weekend along with SSP Mass in the Park and a Bosnian Festival
- Bond Project Money – there is still some money left, but until the above projects are completed, we need to keep some money for unknown tasks; Kim will check on the dollar amount left. It must be spent by April 2018.

Announcements:

- Julie George – on the board at Friends of Carondelet Park; this is a possible fundraising arm of the board – they also do events; the HHIA wants to form a relationship with this board; Mike suggested that they communicate their goals with HHIA for partnerships

The next meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, December 19 at 5:00PM in the Honesty Room at the Rec Complex.

Bring Toys for Tots to Neighborhood Meeting Nov. 27!

The Marine Corp League Detachment 183 is once again participating in the annual Toys for Tots campaign. HHIA will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the campaign at the neighborhood meeting on Nov. 27 and will deliver them to the League.



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
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