



DECEMBER/JANUARY 2018

## Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, January 22, 7 pm, Carondelet Park Rec Plex

Speakers: Sara Figueroa, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Gregory FX Daly

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## Friends of Carondelet Park Gets New Leadership

Welcome to 2018! A new year is upon us and with it, comes renewed interest and energy around one of our neighborhood jewels, Carondelet Park! At the last HHIA meeting, we were delighted to hear from Hannah Ehrlich regarding her appointment as President of Friends of Carondelet Park (FoCP).

The mission of FoCP is to ensure the park's stability as an icon for surrounding neighborhoods and to accelerate improvements that provide a wholesome environment where visitors can enjoy recreational activities and be inspired by the historical legacy and unique natural habitat of one of St. Louis' oldest and most beautiful parks.

To kick things off, FoCP is looking for public input on what would you most like to see happen at Carondelet park. Please take a moment to visit their Facebook page and let your voice be heard! <https://www.facebook.com/pg/FriendsofCarondeletPark>

We at HHIA welcome Hannah and look forward to working together and great things to come for Carondelet Park!

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## Letter From the President

It was so wonderful to see all of the festive Christmas lights. Christmas is my favorite holiday. It is a time of the year to celebrate with family and friends. I do hope each and everyone of you had a wonderful holiday with your family.

Monday, January 22 at 7:00 PM at the Rec Plex in the Respect Room. Guest speaker at this meeting will be Sara Figueroa, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and will give us a presentation on the Functional Needs Registry of the City of St. Louis. There also is the possibility that Gregory FX Daly will stop by and speak to us about taxes.

Anna Baldwin

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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.*

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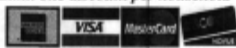
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# Minutes from the November 27 HHIA Meeting

## Roll call

**Present:** Anna Baldwin, Lisa Bertke, Beth Murphy, Mike Dauphin, Jim Sahaida, Tara Ohler, Stacy Ross

**Absent:** Kendal Dauphin, Eileen Muir

## Introduce New Neighbors

## Guest Speakers

**Alderwoman Sarah Martin** - Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. A little shy on info as we were on holiday break at the board. Hannah Butz and I met about Hannah taking over Friends of Carondelet Park. Would like to see the Lyle House...start out small with some Christmas lights. Trying to work on a pop-up hot chocolate or coffee shop. People of a certain age have never been in there. It's historical and important and a big part of our neighborhood. Cross your fingers as this would be great for the neighborhood. Francis Park has a coffee shop and it is always packed.

Lyons School pending historic tax credits. A lot of people in the neighborhood attended the school, it was open until the mid-90s. Will be turned into condos. Hinging on historic tax credits which have all been sold for the year. Lots of talk about whether or not these credits will continue to exist...call your governor or legislator to tell them how important the credits are. Most new developments use these credits. Second largest pasta manufacturer is buying Apex Metal finishing. Apex Metal is buying an entire block for their new place. Had a huge 11th Ward clean up a few weeks ago. The Spanish Society hosted the after-party.

**Amanda Doyle, St. Louis Author**—My books were in the recent warehouse fire. Author of “100 Things To Do in St. Louis Before You Die”. All books written about St. Louis. Published by local Reedy Press. My first book: “Guidebook to St. Louis Neighborhoods”. Covers Wentzville to Belleville. “100 Things To Do in St. Louis Before You Die” is a bucket list of 100 things to do in the area. “To the Top, the Gateway Arch Story” is a children's book. I thought how hard could it be to write a children's book...apparently it's really hard. Story of two kids and their first trip to the arch with their grandpa. “Standing Up For Civil Rights in St. Louis” is a history of civil rights in St. Louis, a

companion book to the exhibit at the History Museum. “Missouri Almanac 2018-2019”. Famous Missourians, largest walnut, etc.

When we first published “100 Things To Do in St. Louis Before You Die”, first edition, they wanted more. There are now 73 of these books across the country...all written by a

local crazy person like me who is really excited about their city.

**Officer Wilson** – Looks like we have a bunch of potential police recruits in the front row, keep those uniforms on. Want to thank everyone for voting for Prop P. Millennials are leaving us...but they like the city work. They are dedicated when they come on...we are the best police dept in the area. County has no problem gobbling them up...they love the city experience. Just wanted to say thank you for that. Crime Summary. PCS on Bates and Grand seems to get robbed a lot. Domino's is another big target, unfortunately. Carjackings are up in the city of St. Louis. Just had one in St. Louis Hills over the weekend. Holly Hills hasn't been touched. If you're not paying attention, you are a good target. They're just walking around, not shying away or hiding in the bushes. If you see someone suspicious, call someone for help. Don't stick around. Just be aware of your surroundings. It's the holidays...the FedEx trucks. Have your neighbors keep an eye out. Package pirates. Shaw and Soulard have taken a beating. Got a call the other day about a car following the UPS truck. Didn't see anything once I got there.

**Hannah Ehrlich** – Recently took over Friends of Carondelet Park Assoc. It was started in 2001 by a bunch of moms in the neighborhood to get new playground equipment. They went to the Parks Dept and they asked for a civilian board group. They have helped a lot with the walking trails, paving them, replanting of trees, new trash cans, etc. As is the nature of the beast, it has ran out of steam. We hope to rectify that.

Former Ideas for Carondelet Park are Dog park, Boats at the boat house, Cleaning up the lake, Lyle House on the historic register, Getting valleys back to their intended purpose. These are old goals but still relevant today. Please rank them in order of your interest. This is your park and you know best. Three people on our board currently. If you have some time, talent, or treasure, please join our board. We would also love to have you just help out.

Contact: Hannah Ehrlich 314.605.9622 butzhan-nah@yahoo.com <https://friendsofcarondeletpark.org/>

**Alderwoman Murphy** – 13th Ward – legislation, not a whole lot going on right now. Lawsuit against ScottTrade, will be heard next month, concerning the amount of money that the city is putting in to renovate ScottTrade. The initial lease, they weren't honest and we are trying to get them to put a ticket tax on the ticket so that the people that use ScottTrade on a regular basis will help pay for renovations rather than the city.

## Minutes from the November 27 HHIA Meeting (cont.)

Legalizing marijuana bill, Pres. Reed introduced another bill before Thanksgiving. I think the city passing something is going to be kind've ridiculous because the state law can override. They will override it just like the minimum wage. We will eventually get medical marijuana at the state level. My biggest problem is that it has already been de-penalized. It is a ticketable offense only at this point. Isn't a priority currently for the police anyway. My problem with Megan Green's bill, it took away the authority of employers to test employees. I would think that almost any employer would want to retain that option. Megan may have removed that section already. Three Habitat for Humanity homes going up...on Ulena. New home on Grace being built. St. Cecilia's Historic District is starting a new neighborhood association. Carondelet Park improvements, as the monies are made available. Went through the dog park thing a year ago...the park can donate an area to use. But it has to be managed by citizens or an association. In Wilmore Park, which isn't very far, the people that use it pay a fee...you need running water and other amenities. Sarah and I have scouted the park for a good spot...it has to be fenced and need water. Need an awful lot of people to sign on and pay a certain fee to make it work. People also need to volunteer, you also need lighting. Lyon Park is already fenced, that might be a good choice for someone that is interested in a dog park. Mr. Yummy....trying to put in a pizza place. They're going to go for a beer license and outdoor patio. It is all feasible. They haven't showed me anything yet as far as plans. Delfino's...he already has a pizza place downtown. I'm going to go check it out...it would be nice if something would go in there. St. Louis Chess Club is looking for a place to put outdoor chess tables. Thinking of Sebilj park. We would like some in Carondelet Park too. Also adding playground equipment near the Carondelet YMCA.

**Steve Butz** – Cops Walking a Beat – We have a unique program in Holly Hills. Just two weeks ago we had our one year anniversary of our Cops Walking a Beat program. The idea was that we would get local cops and we have several of them that live in our neighborhood or grew up in the neighborhood and they patrol in pairs in uniform. It's been going on for about a year. I went back on the SLMPD website and I got the last nine years of crime data, came up with average month of crime stats. Based upon that large sampling pool, crime in our neighborhood has gone down 29%. We have about 2,000 households in Holly Hills. The goal was 25% participation. That is the money that we use to pay Campbell Security to hire these officers to work secondary. We just broke the 410 household mark. There is also a link on the Holly Hills Improvement Association website which has a Paypal option. You can sign up for \$10-20 a month...all I ask is that if you love the program, if you love your neighborhood, it's a great way to help. Between that and the neighborhood patrol (Rat Patrol) we are bucking a trend. The idea is spreading...Channel 5 called today. The interest is grow-

ing...tomorrow night I will be at Trinity Lutheran in Carondelet to expand to Carondelet. The program has expanded to the Hill, also spoken at Tower Grove Heights. If every person helped out it would be \$2 a month, per household. All of these cops they have to work secondary. They have all the rights and privileges of an active duty officer. Have a meeting tomorrow to discuss Deputies on Duty...another way to expand it and make it more affordable for other neighborhoods. We have done a few homes where an off duty officer sits on the front porch and takes notes.

When an off duty cop calls in a problem...it makes a difference. We did push a few drug dealers off a block in Carondelet. This group Holly Hills does more than any other group...successful because of HHIA.

Please donate to Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps League on Leona is collecting toys. Next meeting, January 22, 2018

Complete meeting minutes located online at <http://hollyhills.info/minutes/>

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## Neighbor Spotlight—Don Occhi

As part of our ongoing Neighbor Spotlight series, we sat down with Don Occhi (pronounced “O-chee”). The retired interior designer is an enthusiastic Holly Hills resident. His second-floor apartment at Leona and Fillmore is furnished with an eclectic mix of styles and periods, both old and new, and its walls are lined with photographs of St. Louis. His backyard is one large stone patio with a fountain and fire-place, and multiple seating areas including a “dining room” and “living room.” He moved to Holly Hills from New Melle in St. Charles County in 2009.

### **Q. Why did you move to Holly Hills?**

After my wife died, I decided to move back (to St. Louis). I looked everywhere I’d ever lived. Holly Hills was the perfect place to live. It’s close to downtown. It’s close to everything. My brother lives in St. Louis Hills and he has to drive everywhere. In New Melle, the closest grocery store was 10 miles away.

### **Q. You mentioned looking at every place you’d ever lived.**

I grew up in St. Louis Hills. I bought my first house on Marine Avenue (in the Marine Villa neighborhood). I lived in the Central West End, and on South Jefferson. I’ve owned buildings all over the city.

### **Q. I know you were thinking about moving.**

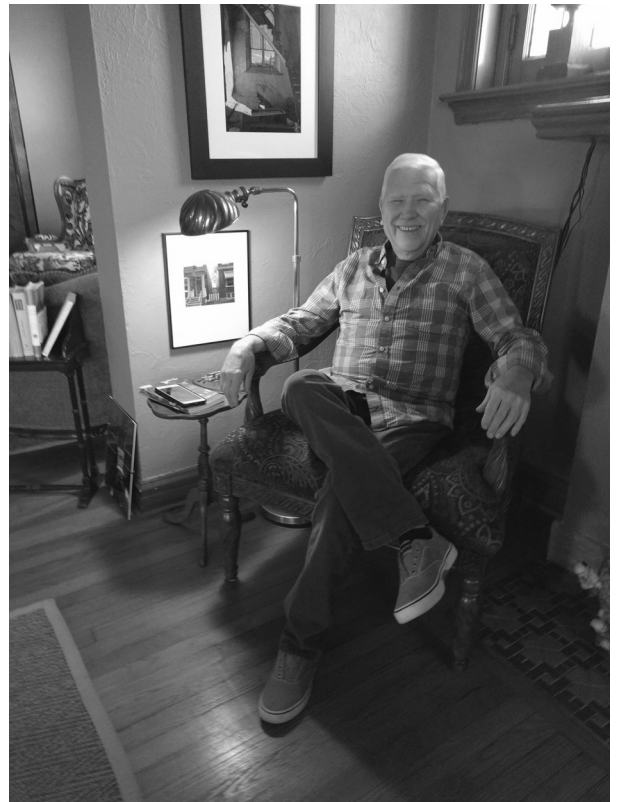
When I bought the building there was a beauty shop in front and an apartment in the back on the first floor. Instead of moving I’m going to redo the downstairs. I’ve talked about doing this. I’ve got to do it now or never. It’s going to have two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a big living room and a galley kitchen.

### **Q. I hear you like to entertain**

I usually have a couple big parties in the summer and a few people—three, four, five—over all the time. I like to serve outside. I eat breakfast outside every day. I like to go out, laugh, and have fun.

### **Q. How would you describe the neighborhood to someone?**

Holly Hills has great architecture, different priced housing, two great schools and people of different ages. You have everything within a mile – the Y, food, hardware. I can walk to five bars and restaurants. It’s amazing to see people walking dogs and pushing strollers. It’s got a little bit of everything.





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The meeting was called to order by Peggy Meyer at 5:00PM.  
Present: Dean Ehrenheim, Kim Haegele, Peggy Meyer, Sr. Marion Renkens, Ted Hartzler, Hannah Erlich, Sarah Martin

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 19th board meeting. The motion carried.

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

All of the old business items are ready to go. Alderman signatures are needed. Packages are ready. Bird Habitat and Lyle House ready to go out to bid. Signage – bid already came in within budget. Boathouse improvements are complete. We are waiting for BPS to turn bathrooms over to the parks dept. – boathouse. Work on signage should begin right away.

Pickle Ball courts – may be on next year's list of park improvements

The fitness station series spot has been chosen. Choosing and ordering the equipment is currently in process. This project will be completed by the summer.

The flag and pole have been replaced across from the Lyle House.

### New Business:

Hannah Erlich – took over Friends of Carondelet Park. They want to have a pop-up hot chocolate and coffee valentine's event. They would like to see the Lyle House used. It would be a great place for a small business. The windows are being replaced, and all old furniture and other items will be removed soon. The Friends of Carondelet Park would like to have some fundraising or volunteer events to possibly help with Lyle House improvements – beautification and historic preservation.

Sarah – baseball fields - new backstops, laser grading, poured foundation and new player benches/dug-out areas. The back baseball field is going to be turned into a permanent soccer field. The work should be completed by summer.

There is a metal trashcan that looks burned along HH and Livingston that needs to be removed. Note: This was removed on 12/21.

Announcements – None

The next meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, March 20, at 5:00PM in the Honesty Room at the Rec Complex.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership   includes 1 Euro Sticker     | \$15                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Membership   Includes business-card ad    | \$25                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Flag   | \$49                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Flag  | \$25                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's T-shirt   light gray   forest green        | S-M-L   \$15               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's T-shirt   light gray   kelly green           | S-M-L-XL   \$15   XXL \$18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Longsleeve unisex T-shirt   light gray   dark gray | S-M-L-XL   \$20   XXL \$22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Euro Stickers - Member exclusive        | \$2                        |

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☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

☐ "Green" email newsletter delivery