

# The Holly Hills *Neighborhood News Newsletter*

**January, 2001**

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## **Annual Holly Hills Banquet...**

### **HHIA Annual Banquet**

**Monday, January 22**

Cocktails, 6:30 pm -- Dinner, 7:00 pm

Christy's Banquet Center, 5856 Christy Blvd.

Cost:\$15.00 per person

RSVP: Thursday, January 18

The date and time have been set above for our annual banquet. Dinner will be followed by the Year in Holly Hills quiz. How well do you know what goes on where you live? There will also be attendance prizes, so plan to attend! RSVP BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 18.

Many years ago, the Holly Hills annual banquet was a ritzy affair. Ladies and gentlemen dressed in their formal best for an elegant banquet and ballroom dancing at the Chase Park Plaza's swanky penthouse Starlight Room. Die-hard party-goers would then gather at homes after the main event, to visit, talk about past highlights and plan for a bright future (and perhaps sip another cocktail or two) until the wee hours of the morning.

While the Chase has reopened, we can't recreate the past (especially at today's prices). Nonetheless, this year's banquet promises to bring back a touch of those exciting days. This year's banquet will be at the Christy Banquet Center at the corner of Christy and Gravois. In addition to an open bar, the buffet meal will feature turkey, top round and an array of tasty side dishes. Dinner will be accompanied by graceful background music and the warm company of your neighbors.

Dinner will be followed by the Year in Holly Hills quiz. How well do you know what goes on where you live?

Finally, as always, you might be one of the lucky attendees to win one of the many door prizes we have.

If you've never attended one of our banquets in the past, this will be the perfect time to find out what you've been missing. (The snow will have to be melted by that time.) If you're a long-time attendee, we think you'll enjoy what we have in store. The price for the entire event is a very reasonable \$15 per person. (Where else could you enjoy a fine meal and good company at this rate?) RSVP by Thursday, January 18, 2001. [Click here to go to form.](#)

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## What HHIA Provides

What HHIA provides Holly Hills:

- Bimonthly neighborhood meetings and guest speakers
- Reports from neighborhood government representatives
- A chance to get to know your neighbors
- Reports from First District police officer
- A chance to ask questions about Holly Hills
- Bimonthly Neighborhood News newsletters
- Annual neighborhood dinner
- Social and fundraising events
- This neighborhood website (<http://stlouis.missouri.org.hollyhills>)
- Neighborhood beautification and maintenance programs
- Public relations activities to promote our neighborhood
- A source for information about your neighborhood

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## Our Newest State Rep. Tom Villa

HHIA welcomes Tom Villa as our newest State Representative and looks forward to working with him on improvement projects to benefit us all.

Thomas A. Villa, who resides on the 3800 Holly Hills block of Holly Hills was sworn in as State Representative of the 108th legislative district on January 3, 2001, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Representative Villa is a life-long resident of our Holly Hills neighborhood and previously served in the state legislature from 1974 to 1984. Some of the major issues that will be confronted this session are the \$17 billion operating budget, increased costs of the Medicaid program, the \$6.7 billion tobacco settlement and stronger drunk driving laws. Mr. Villa can be reached locally at 314-354-2084 or in Jefferson city at 573-751-0438. His mailing address at the Capitol is:

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Missouri State Capitol Building  
Room 114-B  
201 W. Capital Avenue

Jefferson City, MO 65101

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## **Award-Winning Artist Opens Shop in Holly Hills**

If you haven't visited the Cut Once Woodwork Studio at 5614 South Grand since its opening in 2000, you might want to make such a visit your New Year's resolution. You can begin by admiring proprietor Kerry Hogan's extensive portfolio. His projects range from tidy little custom crafted jewelry boxes to large statements in furniture. Last year, Hogan built a solid wood cabinet that took Best of Show at the fall Shaw Art Fair. Hogan also is available to help with repairs on existing furniture. Or, if you're the do-it-yourself kind, he offers ongoing woodworking classes with both daytime and evening schedules available.

You'll especially enjoy visiting Cut Once if you appreciate unusual woods incorporated into pieces that double-duty as functional furniture and distinctive artistic statements for your home. HHIA is pleased to welcome Cut Once to the neighborhood. We are delighted to witness a growing number of creative businesses choosing to call our region home, including Geoffrey Seitz Violinmaker at 4171 Loughborough, Preston Art Glass Studio at 4527 Virginia and Companion Baking's old-world bread company at 4555 Gustine. Let's all help keep these and similar businesses thriving!

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## **Want to Get More Involved?**

Our bi-monthly meetings are only one fact of what the Holly Hills Improvement Association does. There are committees and events where you can volunteer and get more involved in your neighborhood. If you would like to get more involved in your neighborhood, call Mark Smith at 314-935-6489.

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## **Why We Do What We Do (Or Did)**

We hope we didn't cause too much confusion. Our membership runs from January to January, so if you renewed your membership after receiving the September mailing you got three months free! However, if your mailing label has a dot on it this month, you need to renew. You can fill out the form on the back and bring it to the banquet or next meeting, or you can mail it to the address listed on the front page.

We just couldn't pass up the opportunity to reach as many potential members as possible with our recent blitz. The purpose was two-fold to reach everyone we could while advertising our house tour. It seems to have worked! Following is a list of new members whom we heartily welcome!

- Jane Alles
- Kathy Armstrong
- Meredith Britt
- Paul & Arlene Cooper
- Joan Cooper

- Stephen Frank
- Heidi Fust
- Clare & Jim Highfill
- Tim & Donna Hobart
- Corey & Jennifer Hollander
- Gina Jerome
- Vincent Knopp
- Daniel & Jeanne Kriss
- Jim & Mary Ann O'Connell
- John Loyd
- Robert & Deborah McClain
- Bruno Mruckovski
- Viviane Picard
- Jim Ross
- Rory & Susan Shelton
- Scott & Laurie Rahn
- Dan & Ann Sutter
- Wilma Wells
- Tom & Carol Warwick

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### **A Winning Neighborhood**

The judges have decided and even added a category in our annual holiday lighting contest. Following are the winners of this year's contest.

### **GRAND PRIZE: 4226-28-32 BATES**

**(three houses combined forces and made one spectacular display!)**

#### **Best Single-Family Larger Home**

1st: 3949 Federer

Runner-up: 3823 Holly Hills

#### **Best Single-Family Smaller Home**

1st: 4226-28-32 Bates

Runnerup: 4108 Holly Hills

#### **Best Multi-Family**

1st Prize: 3966 Dover

Runner-up: 5723 Dewey

**Most Spirited Streets**

3800 block of Holly Hills  
4000-4100 block of Toenges  
4000-4100 Burgen

**Best Business**

1st: Marketplace  
2nd: The Bungalow

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**What's On Your Mind?**

Is there something that you would like to see in your neighborhood? Perhaps a book club with your neighbors? Or garden club or exercise club? How about a progressive dinner of the month club? If you have some ideas, we can advertise for you in upcoming issues. Drop us a line at P.O. Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116 or [hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org](mailto:hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org).

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