

The Holly Hills *Neighborhood News Newsletter*

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HHIA Candidates Forum/General Meeting

WHEN: Monday July 24, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

WHO: Candidates for the office of St. Louis Circuit Attorney, State Representative for the 68th District and State Representative for the 108th District. (Candidates may send a representative if they are unable to attend.)

WHERE: Southern Commercial Bank, 5515 South Grand

FORMAT: Five minute presentations and possible questions from audience

QUESTIONS: Contact Mark Smith at 935-6489 or by e-mail at smith@wulaw.wustl.edu

As you can probably tell from all the yard signs sprouting in the yards, Tuesday, August 8, 2000 is the primary for the fall 2000 elections. Next fall we will be voting for candidates for President, United States Senator, Governor, and many other important offices. This month the Holly Hills Improvement Association has arranged to have you meet and hear from candidates of local importance. On Monday, July 24, candidates for the office of St. Louis Circuit Attorney, State Representative for the 68th District and State Representative for the 108th District will appear to speak and answer questions. While there is no Republican candidate for the Circuit Attorney's Office, both Jennifer Joyce and Jerry T. Christmas have filed to run in the Democratic primary. As many of you know 108th District Representative Brian May is running for the office of State Treasurer. A number of candidates have filed for his vacant seat. They include Democratic candidates, Matthew L. Rankin, John Anthony Fernandez, and Thomas Albert Villa; and Republican candidate, Ray Stephens. In the 68th District, Republican candidate, Joe Hodes; Libertarian candidate, Jim Craig; and Democratic candidates, Michael Colona and James P. O'Toole are all running. Come see, hear and meet the candidates.

**HHIA General Meeting
Monday, July 24, 7:30 pm
Southern Commercial Bank, 5515 S. Grand**

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Carondelet YMCA Book Sale

The Carondelet Y Service Club is holding its twenty-second annual Book Fair August 18-23, 2000, at the Carondelet YMCA, 600 Loughborough. Our Book Fair is the second-largest in the St. Louis area [behind the Nursery Foundation's big one in the Galleria parking garage]. Last year's Fair featured nearly 250,000 volumes on all three floors of the Y facility and raised just shy of \$40,000. Proceeds benefit YMCA youth programs in this historic South Side neighborhood, the Beginning Babies with Books and Y-Read programs all over the metropolitan area, and YMCA work in developing nations worldwide. To volunteer your help or donate call 314-353-0439 and leave your name and number.

Friday August 18 will be First Look Night. This night only we will be charging \$5 for admission, since all the book dealers and collectors from miles around will be anxious to get in and get the best stuff. Numbered tickets go on sale at 9 am for the 5 pm opening. (Admission is free every other day of the Fair.) Wednesday August 23 will be \$4 per box or bag. This is your big chance to stock up on books for the winter, fall, spring, or even next summer, without spending a lot of money.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like directions or more information, you can call the Carondelet YMCA at 314-353-4960 or the book pick-up hotline at 314-353-0439, or you can e-mail jredmond@ymcastlouis.org.

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Windler Florist and More

Marvin Schmiddy recently purchased the entire building at the corner of Bates and Grand. Marvin operates Windler's Florist in that same building. He is in the process of rehabbing the apartments on the second floor.

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The MarketPlace Modifies Management

Joe Koppeis, owner of the Market Place of Holly Hills (6155 So. Grand), recently named a new manager for our neighborhood grocery store. Please join HHIA in welcoming Kevin Brown to the position. Kevin is quickly implementing improvements large and small to the Market Place, and looks forward to ensuring that the store remains a permanent member of the neighborhood. His wife Kathy is responsible for the Customer Service area. Kevin, Kathy and Joe are interested in hearing your suggestions, kudos and criticisms, so they can best serve our needs. Contact them any time at 351-8000.

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C4+HHIA

HHIA has joined with C4 (Congregations Committed to Community Concerns) in working with properties in the neighborhood. Carol Sestric, as a representative of C4, is working on a project to improve the apartments on Bates near Grand. C4 is concerned with the problem properties on our neighborhood "gateway" streets. Those gateway streets are: Bates, between Grand and Dewey and Morgan Ford, between Rosa and Federer. Those working with this project hope to invite the landlords to a meeting some time in August to find positive ways to make our streets shine again. During the next few months the committee wants to begin to strategize with tenants and landlords on ways we can all work together in continuing the safe, friendly environment for all who live here.

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Change of Command

Captain Tim Reagan has moved to the Intelligence Unit. We'll miss his help and support. He will be replaced by Captain Eugene E. Reece, Sr. HHIA extends a warm welcome the new command. Following is a bio on Captain Reece.

Captain Reece has over thirty-one years of law enforcement experience. He has worked, supervised and commanded a number of Patrol Units and assignments to Homicide Division, Personnel Section, Planning and Development, Commander of the Public Affairs/Public Information Division, the Third/Second/Sixth District Commander of the Vice/Narcotics Division and Deputy Commander of the Bureau of Auxiliary Services. Presently, Captain Reece is utilizing his talents as Commander of the First District, in the South Patrol Division.

Captain Reece is a product of the St. Louis Public School System. His educational background includes advanced studies as a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville. Captain Reece has been and is involved in numerous projects and groups including: the St. Peters Boys to Men Program, the Foster Care Coalition of Greater St. Louis, Big Brother/Big Sister's Minority Recruitment Committee, The Boy Scouts of America Explorer Program and Advisory Board, the Christopher Harris Statue Committee, the University City Sports Association and a speaker for the U.S. Department of Education, among others.

Captain Reece is also involved in a number of law enforcement professional organizations in St. Louis and nationally, and has been president of the St. Louis Ethical Police Society, and a National Board member of the National Black Police Association. He is currently on the diversity training committee for the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. Among his many hobbies, Captain Reece is a registered Sports Official. Captain Reece is author of "The Parent's Yellow Pages," a resource guide for parents. Captain Reece has been married to his wife Janet for 33 years and they have two married sons -- Eugene II resides in Orlando, Florida and Andre lives in south St. Louis -- and three grandchildren. He is a life-long member of St. Peter's African American Methodist Episcopal Church where he is the Pro-Tem of the Board of Steward.

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Home and Garden Tour Update

We're now in advanced planning stage for our Holly Hills Home and Garden tour. Holly Hills Home and Garden Tour

**Sunday, October 1
11 am-5 pm**

Within the next month or so, you should start seeing our posters around town and hearing or reading about the tour in the media. We'll also post detailed information in the September issue of this newsletter. Please, help us spread the word about this not-to-be-missed event! To volunteer to assist in other ways -- in preparation for the tour or on the day itself -- contact Wendy Cook, 752-2040.

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Sunday Concerts in the Park

There is still time to enjoy some wonderful music in the park. All concerts take place in the bandstand next to the boathouse. In case of rain, concerts will be performed the following Wednesday. Otherwise, scheduled appearances are as follows:

July 23 -- Michael Brooks Route 66

July 30 -- Starlifer-AF Band of Mid-America

August 6 -- Soulard Blues Band

August 13 -- Smokehouse All Stars

August 30 -- Fanfare

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