

# The Holly Hills *Neighborhood News Newsletter*

**March, 2000**

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## **Can You Dig It?**

It is spring and the smell of mulch is in the air. At the next meeting of the Holly Hills Improvement Association, we will have two speakers to address the green thumb in all of us. Craig Jung, Project Manager at Gateway to Greening, will talk about gardening and lawn care in South St. Louis. Mr. Jung will discuss what plants thrive best in our area and what plants to avoid. He can also answer questions about your lawn, trees and shrubs, and vegetable and flower gardens. Come with your questions. Mr. Jung has assisted with some of the plantings that the Holly Hills Improvement Association has sponsored and completed over the last few years. He is also involved with the Community Gardens Project and can answer your questions on this topic.

Kelly Butler, leader of the River Des Peres Beautification Alliance, will also join us. The River Des Peres Beautification Alliance has been doing the plantings and projects that have occurred around River Des Peres. Ms. Butler also organized last summer's Dinner on the Park, a very successful outdoor dinner and party at the historic Carondelet Park Boathouse. Ms. Butler will talk about the efforts of the River Des Peres Alliance and how you can get involved. She will also share plans for the upcoming Dinner on the Park scheduled for June 24, 2000.

Our March meeting will occur at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 27 at Southern Commercial Bank, 5515 S. Grand.

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### **Maintenance**

#### **Block the (K-Mart) Box**

There will be a Conditional Use Permit hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in room 208 City Hall regarding DDR's plan to put a K-Mart at the Southtown site. KMart and now

Walgreens are making another push for the southtown site. HHIA joins others in the Southtown Coalition that oppose this plan. Building these stores on the site would leave two spotsone directly across the street (Walgreens) and the existing K-Mart (at 3861 Gravois) vacant. If you can't attend, you can voice your opinion by sending a letter to:

John Koch, Zoning Administrator  
1200 Market Street  
City Hall  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

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### **Beautification**

#### **Operation Brightside**

Operation Brightside's annual campaign to clean up city neighborhoods begins March 25 and continues through April 15. Blitz Saturday falls on April 1 this year. Large items will be collected beginning at 10 am. HHIA is planning to organize a neighborhood cleaning program to focus on areas of the neighborhood that might be in particular need of attention. If you would like to volunteer to assist in our efforts or to help out with any of the flower beds, be sure to give us a call at 569-5708.

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### **Events**

#### **House Tour Heats Up**

The date is now set for this year's Holly Hills House Tour. Be sure to mark your calendar early and plan to attend (or help out with!) this very this special event:

A Holly Hills Homecoming Tour  
Sunday, October 1  
Time to be announced

We'll keep you up to date on our plans in upcoming newsletters. Some early developments include:

- Homes and gardens throughout the neighborhood will be featured, including some of the premier homes in the area, some of which have never been open for tour.
- A short and entertaining "History of Holly Hills" presentation by local Historian NiNi Harris, included in the price of admission
- Plans to feature local artisans works within the tour homes
- Refreshments and a shuttle bus provided

Want to be a part of it all? We're going to need lots of volunteers to help plan the event and/or to help out on the day of the tour. Please call 569-5708. Or, just help us spread the word to your friends, family and co-workers.

*Also:* Thanks to all who made our January banquet such a success. Particular thanks to Alderman Fred Wessels, the Companion Bread Company, and Mary Lopinot of Schaller Realty for their generous donations of attendance prizes.

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### **Welcome Committee**

#### **Additions on Your Block?**

Call or e-mail us the address of your new neighbors. We would love to welcome them to the neighborhood and let them know what a friendly place they live in. Call 569-5708 or e-mail at hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org.

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## **Reports From Your Reps**

### **A Report From Congress:**

Census 2000 is fast approaching. Every ten years since 1790, the federal government has counted the population in order to make critical decisions about the allocation of financial and other resources, and for long range planning, public health efforts, and representation in Congress. Census data is also used by others to locate pools of skilled workers, distribute charitable funds effectively, and even rescue disaster victims.

The Census is critical to the well-being of our citizens and to the health of the Nation. Undercounting, particularly in large urban centers, results in reduced federal monies that are desperately needed. It is important that everyone complete the Census questionnaire when it arrives in March.

Most households will receive the short form, with basic questions such as the name, age, sex and race of persons in the household. About one in six addresses will get the long form, asking a total of 52 questions (including the seven short-form questions) about residents' demographic characteristics, housing, how they go to and from work, languages they speak at home, and other data. Information gathered from the long form is important in painting a statistical picture of the trends affecting our nation.

Many people are concerned about privacy. They have nothing to fear. Federal law mandates that no one outside the Census Bureau can ever be given information that would connect your answers with your name and address. It also says that before anyone inside the Census Bureau sees your responses, they must first be sworn to secrecy. Violations can result in a sizable fine and a prison term of up to five years.

For the good of our community and the nation, please complete and return the Census 2000 questionnaire as soon as possible after receiving it.

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### **Sale Away!**

The Carondelet Historical Society has decided on "Re-Sell It" dates for 2000. These sales are held in the lower level of the Carondelet Historical Society, 6303 Michigan Avenue. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts.

- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11

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### **Carondelet Bakery Celebrates 125 Years**

One hundred twenty five years ago this month, the bakery located at 7726 Virginia was opened by Mr. Jacob Daut. Mr. Daut built the bakery and also lived in a residence upstairs. The bakery had several owners through 1954 when Herman Doering Sr. bought the bakery and building. It was then named Doering's Bakery. In 1993, the Smith family bought the bakery and changed the name to Carondelet Bakery. It is the oldest bakery in the city of St. Louis still using the original brick hearth ovens.

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### **River Des Peres Update**

The River Des Peres Beautification Committee is hosting a second (annual) "Dinner on the Park," scheduled for Saturday, June 24, at Carondelet Park. Mark your calendar for this unique way to meet new friends, enjoy the park, and help make the scenery just a little more beautiful. More information will follow in future newsletters.

The committee will also host a "town hall meeting" in the gymnasium at Windsor Community Center on Tuesday, May 2nd. The purpose of this meeting is to invite neighborhood groups that surround the River Des Peres from the Mississippi River to Forest Park to hear ideas from the River South Task Force and Gateway Parks and Trails 2004 and give input.

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