

Local Business Does Good

Geoffrey Seitz, Violinmaker, located in our neighborhood at 4171 Loughborough Avenue, teamed with the late Norma Tomlinson, a former prominent violin teacher, to donate 40 violins to the St. Louis School District. The donated collection is valued at \$12,000–\$15,000 and helped to start the New Year right for the public school music programs. 2003 is also Mr. Seitz’s 25th year in the business of repairing violins. The HHIA extends him congratulations on that anniversary and commends him for his work with the public school system.

Community Gardening Night at Carondelet Branch Library

If the snow has got you down, you might want to gather with some gardeners at the Carondelet Branch of the St. Louis Public Library to at least think and talk about spring! An open forum and informational meeting is being held Tuesday, March 18th from 6:30–8:30 during which time people can share ideas and learn more about community gardening resources from people like Tricia Freund of Gateway Greening among others.

FoCP Clean-Up Event

Saturday, March 29th from 9:00 to noon, the park advocacy group, Friends of Carondelet Park, is hosting a clean-up event at Horseshoe Lake (located on the western edge of the park near Leona and Holly Hills Blvds). This clean-up event is a fun first step toward getting one area of the park ready for some of the exciting improvements outlined in the proposed Master Plan for Carondelet Park, now before the City Planning Commission. So put on your work boots and gloves and bring your rakes to join other neighbors, scout groups, and park lovers to spruce up Horseshoe Lake. This event is being hosted in cooperation with Operation Brightside, who is donating bags, and the St. Louis Parks Dept., who will dispose of the trash and debris the volunteers will be cleaning up. For additional information, contact Friends of Carondelet Park at 832-0775.

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The Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) was formed on September 10, 1927. Since its inception, we have held various activities and events to promote the well-being of Holly Hills. Our Web site is at <http://stlouis.missouri.org/hollyhills>.

Boundaries:

Grand on east, Bates on north, Morganford on west and Loughborough on south.

Membership:

Anyone can become an HHIA member. Annual dues (\$10 per family, \$25 per business), collected at the end of each calendar year, support projects and defray the cost of this newsletter.

General Meetings:

Bimonthly general meetings, are typically held the fourth Mondays of March, May, July, September and November, in the lower level of the Southern Commercial Bank, 5515 S. Grand, 7:30 p.m.

A non-business January meeting is also held.

Questions:

Contact us at 569-5708; P.O. Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116 or hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org.

March 24th General Meeting's Featured Speaker

Dan Schulze, Program Executive for the Carondelet Family YMCA, will be joining us to describe the many updates that have been occurring at 600 Loughborough Ave. The Carondelet YMCA is an old neighbor that is now sporting a new roof, new windows, new paint, new Cybex exercise, and even new staff and programs. The YMCA continues to offer valuable old standbys, such as swimming lessons, but is also featuring Tai Chi, roller hockey, and Yoga for Kids. Tours of the facility are available or you can meet with Dan at our HHIA general meeting for more information.

Officer Re-election

The following names are to be voted on at our next general meeting in June. As the officers are representative of the membership body, we would all benefit from some new blood. If you would like to serve as a member at large, please contact us at the hotline.

Victoria Chechik, President
Wendy Cook, Vice-President
MaryJo Gordon, Immediate Past President

Mark Smith, Past President
Beth Murphy, Treasurer
Anne Borgmeyer, Recording Secretary
Monica Farrar, Financial Secretary

Members at Large

Joe Rusch
Dan Haag
Mary Lipinot
Ray McCollum
Lori Neidel
Lisa Roth
Mark Groth

Think flowers . . .

A neighborhood planting day is coming up sooner than you think. No firm date yet, but we'll need help to make it a greening success! It's a great way to meet your neighbors and just thinking about it is a good way to beat the winter blues. Watch for the signs.

HHIA General Meeting

Monday, March 24,
7:30 pm
Southern
Commerical Bank,
5515 S. Grand

Carondelet Master Plan

The final draft of the Carondelet Park Master Plan was approved by the Master Plan Executive Committee in late January. The next steps require approval by the City of St. Louis. The City Planning Commission will be hosting a Presentation and Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Carondelet Park Master Plan on March 5th. This meeting will be held at 5:30 in Room 208 of City Hall. While many of you might be aware of this date only at this reading, there are other ways to gain information. If you are interested in reviewing the Plan Documents, they are available at the following three sites:

- St Louis Main Library (Downtown), Government Information Section, located at 1301 Olive Street
- Carondelet Public Library located at 6800 Michigan Ave.
- City of St. Louis Planning & Urban Design Agency, located at 1015 Locust St., Suite 1100.

Also, you can access the Plan via the Web Site: http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/parks_div/carondeletpark.html.

Written comments will be accepted until Wednesday March 21, 2003. Please send letters to: City of St. Louis Planning & Urban Design Agency, Attn: Daffney Moore
1015 Locust St. Suite 1100
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

or you can e-mail your comments to:
damoore@stlouis.missouri.org

Southside Community Recreation Facility

Please join other neighborhood residents from Carondelet, Patch, Holly Hills, and Boulevard Heights on March 11, 2003 at Woodward School, 725 Bellerive to discuss your desires and support for current and potential recreation facilities. The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. If you can not attend the initial meeting, other meetings are as follows:

- March 12, 2003 at St. Anthony's—Lower Level
3140 Meramec
- March 13, 2003 at Shaw Elementary School
5329 Columbia
- March 18, 2003 at Sigel Community School
2039 Russell

If you desire to have input on the Southside Community Recreation Facility, please plan to attend one of these meetings.

HHIA Trying for Non-Profit Status

Currently, HHIA operates under the laws of Missouri as a benevolent association. HHIA has been organized as such since 1927. However, because of tax advantages, the board members have looked into becoming a non-profit organization. If HHIA operates as a non-profit organization, people and businesses that donate items or money can be eligible for tax deductions for their donations to HHIA. Also, items that HHIA purchases would not be subject to state or federal sales taxes. This can represent savings to HHIA for expenses such as those incurred for the house tour and other ongoing expenses. This may also encourage donations to HHIA by individuals and businesses. To become a non-profit organization, HHIA must first dissolve as a benevolent association. To do this, a vote must take place at a regularly scheduled meeting whereby seventy-five percent (75%) of those attending must vote to dissolve HHIA as a benevolent association. This will allow HHIA to file the necessary paperwork to become incorporated as a non-profit organization. This vote will take place on June 2nd at the regular organization meeting. (The June date, one week after our regular ly scheduled meeting of the fourth Monday of the month, is necessary because of Memorial Day.) At that meeting board members will be available to answer questions from the members before the vote takes place.

Not so new NSO

Our NSO (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer) for this area is Brian Kolde. Brian took over for Bridgette Pidduck and was introduced at our meeting in November. He can be reached by phone at 314-772-3484 or 314-622-4628, or by email at the following address: KoldeB@stlouiscity.com.

Just a minute of your time . . . and a stamp!

On the facing page is a form that has been supplied from the City of St. Louis. We have been asked to supply this form to our members in a desire to get a better feel for what the neighborhood would like to see in the way of services and activities. Please take the time to fill it out and mail it to the P.O. Box listed at the bottom of the form. A similar form was used in the St. Louis Hills area and was instrumental in bringing a St. Louis Bread Company to that area. You may disregard the February 28 deadline, but please return as soon as possible.