

The Holly Hills *Neighborhood News Newsletter*

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MARCH RIGHT UP

A busy agenda is scheduled for our March Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA) General Meeting:

HHIA General Meeting
Monday, March 23, 7:30 pm
Southern Commercial Bank, 5515 S. Grand

Guest speakers at the meeting are two businesses owners we are proud to have as part of our neighborhood **Joe Koppeis of the Market Place of Holly Hills** and **Len Koch of J.K. Pulley Company**.

Koppeis is making plans for a July opening of his grocery store at Grand and Iron. On Monday, February 17, Schnucks Market Inc. agreed to sell the location to Koppeis, who already owns a supermarket in Columbia, Illinois. The quality of products and services he is promising to bring to our neighborhood indicates that his store may well have been worth our long wait for a new neighborhood market. Final development is pending final approval by the FTC, which is expected to act by the middle of March.

Len Kochs father established the J.K. Pulley Company at 3805 Bates (near Arendes) 25 years ago. Today, Len and his son Brian continue to operate J.K. Pulley at the same location, and have added two subsidiary companies Capen Industrial and Ancel Products. The companies provide cast-iron pulleys, a machine shop and power transmission equipment. Making a commitment to remain in the neighborhood, the Kochs recently completed a major renovation of their facilities, and are showing off their upgraded services at an open house/guided tour, Friday, April 3, 1:30 pm - 5 pm. Len also will be available at our general meeting to discuss his role in the Holly Hills neighborhood.

Also on hand at the March meeting, Sandra Bennett, of Congressman Richard Gephardt's St. Louis congressional office, will inform us of the services locally available from Congressman Gephardt's office at 11140 South Towne Square, Room 201.

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GIVEAWAY GRILL

Thanks to a generous donation from Laclede Gas Company, HHIA is raffling a ProChef gas grill, valued at more than \$500. The grill is an in-ground type (model 1523), and includes free installation.

Proceeds (\$1 per ticket) will support HHIA's general neighborhood activities. Below is a ticket for you to print. To enter the raffle, simply photocopy the ticket and fill out as many as you would like (or contact us at hollyhil@stlouis.missouri.org or 569-5708). Then return your ticket(s) and \$1 per ticket payment to us for your chance to win:

- Mail to: HHIA, PO Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116
- Return them in person to any HHIA board member (call 569-5708 for a list of board members)
- Bring them to the March or May General Meeting

You also can help your neighborhood by passing tickets on to others who are interested in entering. The drawing will be held at the end of our HHIA General Meeting on Monday, May 18; you need not be present to win. Many thanks to Laclede Gas and to HHIA board member Shirley Wright for arranging for the donated grill.

Giveaway Grill Raffle Ticket

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Clip and photocopy as often as you'd like.
Return tickets and \$1 per ticket to HHIA, PO Box 22144, St. Louis, MO 63116.
Please print legibly.

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EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

It's hard to go wrong with Lemmons restaurant famous chicken and lemon pie, and this year was no exception at our annual Dinner Meeting in January. The event was a great chance to meet neighbors old and new, and plans for next year's event already are under way. Special thanks go to door prize donors: **Alderman Matt Villa, Alderman Fred Wessels, State Representative Brian May, and KIX 106 FM**

Radio. Our Events committee also is sponsoring the BBQ grill raffle outlined above. We appreciate their efforts on behalf of the neighborhood.

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WELCOMING

Our Welcoming Committee volunteers continue to make regular visits around Holly Hills now, with homemade cookies. December and January proved to be slow months for the committee we are assuming this is because of the Holidays and because not as many people moved during this period. Remember, we continue to rely on your calls to know of new residents. Be sure to keep contacting us (569-5708) when you have new neighbors!

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MAINTENANCE/IMPROVEMENTS

Perhaps youve noticed five new decorative trash receptacles around the perimeters of Carondelet Park. These new receptacles, which will keep our neighborhood cleaner and more attractive, are the result of several organizations and individuals cooperation. Undaunted by cold and rain, they were placed for us by **Harry Bennett**, St. Louis Community Development Commercial District Manager, and assistants **Randy Ulrich and Dave Leicht**. To make the receptacles available, Bennett worked in cooperation with the South Broadway Merchants Assn., as part of the Citys Facade Improvement Program. **Joe Vacca** of the Parks Dept. has arranged to keep the receptacles emptied for us. HHIA Board member **Bill Davis** helped make the final arrangements for their placement. Thanks to all for their assistance.

You Can Help!

Any resident or business is eligible to have a receptacle placed at no cost in a suitable location. The applicant need only agree to empty the receptacle weekly into city trash dumpsters. If you or your business would like to sponsor a trash receptacle, give us a call (569-5708) or [e-mail us](#) and we will help you make arrangements. It's an easy and inexpensive way to keep our neighborhood neat and clean.

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BEAUTIFICATION

Its official: Weve been awarded a 1998 Neighborhood Greening Program grant through Gateway Greening, Inc., in cooperation with Missouri Botanical Gardens. The grant will enable us to place around our neighborhood 30 large terra-cotta planters filled with decorative grass, ivy, black-eyed susans and annual plantings. We look forward to work on this project the weekends of March 28-29 and April 4-5. Volunteers are always welcome for planting, watering and weeding. No experience needed! (Give us a call at 569-5708 or [e-mail us](#).)

On Saturday, May 2, Operation Brightsides Project Blitz 98 is scheduled for Holly Hills. Everyone is encouraged to participate by using the day to clean and beautify their own property as well as nearby public areas. Beginning at 10 am, the city will empty all trash and yard waste containers and will pick up bulk-trash items. Please have all bulk items at your regular bulk pick-up site by 1 pm (in alleys near dumpsters or on curbside fronts for those residences without alley access). To help with your beautification projects, free wood chips will be available the week before the Blitz at the recycling area at the eastern end of Carondelet Park.

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Community Service Officer Mark Reichert, First District Police

Officer Reichert reports that the First District is offering two no-cost auto theft prevention programs. To participate in or for more information on either program, contact Officer Reichert at 444-0176:

- CAT stickers If you do not drive your car late at night, available from the First District are CAT (Combat Auto Theft) stickers you can place on your vehicle. Any vehicle with a CAT sticker that is seen by police on the roads between 1 - 5 am, will automatically be pulled over for questioning, with the assumption that the vehicle may be stolen.
- Anti-Theft Car Collars Also available via a Safeco Insurance grant are anti-theft collars you can place on the steering wheel column of your General Motors vehicle. On a first-come first-served basis, 285 car-collar certificates are available from the First District, to be used for the free installation of a car collar.

Also, Officer Reichert reports that the First District is holding a Public Affairs meeting:

First District Public Affairs Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 7 pm
Windsor Community Center
4092 Robert

At the meeting, guest speakers will present a novel idea in controlling less serious quality-of-life crimes. A successful community court in New York sentences offenders to visible community service in the neighborhood, and offers social services to address root causes. The meeting will address whether such an approach might work for St. Louis.

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Congressman Dick Gephardt, Third District

Congressman Gephardt reports that he is working toward simplifying the U.S. tax code, making it less complicated and more equitable. Recently, he proposed a 10% plan that he says would give nearly 75% of Americans a tax rate of no more than 10%. Under his plan, home mortgage interest deductions, employer-paid healthcare premiums and standard deductions would be retained. It also would eliminate the so-called marriage penalty, where married couples in some instances incur a higher tax rate than if they were filing individually. Finally, the plan would require a national referendum to change future tax rates.

Says Congressman Gephardt, We can and should have a fairer and simpler tax system in this country that gives Americans more power over their own economic lives. Look in future issues of Neighborhood News and in the media for updates on this proposal. Or contact Congressman Gephardt's St. Louis office: 894-3400.

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Alderman Fred Wessels, 13th District

Ald. Wessels reports that the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis has announced a 1997-1998 Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) to St. Louis City residents, Available via a grant from the MO Dept. of Natural Resources/Division of Energy, WAP offers financial and technical assistance to low-income homeowners and renters to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. For more information, contact Valerie Minor of the Urban League at 615-3613.

Ald. Wessels also reports that free 5-gallon containers of recycled paint are available on a first-come, first-served basis from Paint Solutions, Inc. at 1920 S. Vandeventer, Monday-Friday, 10 am - noon. The paint was collected during a hazardous waste recycling program sponsored by the Solid Waste Management District, and recycled into various colors of latex paint.

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Parade Your Patriotism

The 11th District Veterans of Foreign Wars, with the Gardenville Arts Council and Princeton Heights Neighborhood Assn., is holding the 30th annual Loyalty Day Celebration on Saturday, May 9. A parade begins at 1 pm in the Kingshighway/ Gravois area. The celebration also includes a BBQ, carnival rides and entertainment at the Gardenville Community Center, 6651 Gravois. The event is open to the public.

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A Stitch of History

The Carondelet Historical Society is holding its Stitches in Time Revisited quilt exhibit, including outstanding examples of local fabric art with interesting historical backgrounds. The exhibit is March 21-28, noon - 4 pm at the Historical Society, 6303 Michigan Avenue. Proceeds from the \$2.00 admission support the Historical Society. HHIA is a proud sponsor of the event, so look for our advertisement in the program booklet!

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Welcome, New Members

Please join us in a warm welcome to our newest HHIA member:

Michele & Kenneth Lada on Rosa Ave.

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