

The Holly Hills *Neighborhood News Newsletter*

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An Arresting Subject

Our May meeting will be your chance to learn everything you wished to know about our First District Police force, as Commander, Captain Tim Reagan, has accepted our invitation to provide us with an update on district activities.

Many of us already know Capt. Reagan as a friend and neighbor; he and his family have called Holly Hills home for more than three years, and are members of the Holly Hills Improvement Association (HHIA). He will give a presentation at the upcoming meeting, and will also remain after the meeting to speak with attendees individually. Captain Reagan also emphasizes that he is available to answer your questions or discuss concerns at any time by calling him at his office, 444-0191.

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

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EVENTS/FUNDRAISING

Those of you who remember our HHIA Community Fair from two summers ago already know how much fun is in store for you and your family as we are proud to announce our second such event:

HHIA Community Fair
Sunday June 27
2 pm - 6 pm
Carondelet Park Boat House

*Also click here for info. re related
C4/HHIA Long-Time Resident Recognition Project.*

We are fortunate to have a park as beautiful as is Carondelet to enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends and family. Activities include family-oriented events, refreshments, entertaining and educational demonstrations by the St. Louis City Fire and Police Departments. Come see the Police Department's new helicopter, as well as their award-winning K-9 (canine) unit and equestrian Mounted Patrol. Immediately following the Fair in the same location, the Carondelet Park summer concert series will take place a perfect way to end a perfect day. The concert, which is co-sponsored by HHIA, the Carondelet Community Betterment Foundation and others, will feature the popular "Michael Brooks Route 66," a local swing band (see "Bits & Pieces" for complete concert listings).

Attendance to the fair and concert is free, with a nominal fee for refreshments. Attendance prizes will be given, provided by sponsors that will be gratefully listed in our next newsletter. Raffle tickets of \$1 each also will be available at the event (and at our May general meeting) for your chance to win a 19" color TV, tickets to the St. Louis Rams football and a \$50 gift certificate to The Market Place at Holly Hills. Proceeds from raffle and refreshments benefit the neighborhood.

Come rain or come shine be sure to come!

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BOARD ELECTIONS

Biennial HHIA Board Elections were held at our March General Meeting. [Click here](#) for the latest listing of board members.

We are pleased to note that members represent a diverse mix of many kinds of folks from throughout Holly Hills. All of us are committed to working as a team, representing the neighborhood to the utmost of our talents and abilities. Should you have any questions or wish to contact HHIA or its board members, you can contact us at our central number, 569-5708.

Also, at our March meeting, we gave a fond farewell to outgoing Treasurer Nick Neuman. A long-time resident of Dover Place, Nick had served as HHIA treasurer for nearly 30 years. We wish you all the best, Nick!

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BEAUTIFICATION

As always, our Beautification Committee continues to combine many hours of volunteer effort with resources available via grants and city resources. The results are those breathtakingly beautiful floral and plant arrangements that we all enjoy in the public areas throughout Holly Hills. A big thanks to those who participate!

Of course new volunteers to our Beautification projects always are welcome. However, closer to home, another effort you can do to contribute is to make sure you are recycling as many of your waste materials as possible. Don't forget that a free recycling collection center is located right in Carondelet Park, near the railroad tracks at the north-east corner. It's always open, and you can go there to recycle your newspapers, magazines, cardboard, office paper, aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and plastics (#1 or #2).

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Alderman Matt Villa, 11th Ward

Alderman Villa recently distributed his Spring 1999 *Aldermanic Update* newsletter. In it, he described details of some of his recent activities, including projects to open a Charter School and a Carondelet Youth Club in the 11th Ward. Villa also notes that he and others put together resources to enable the Family Care Center to remain in its current Carondelet location. Villa also notes that he is opposed to the proposed pension increase for Alderman and has voted against it. He reiterates in his newsletter some of the many resources available to city residents, including free trees for the curb area of your property, a 50/50 sidewalk replacement program, brighter street lighting, bulk refuse collection and more. To discuss any of these programs or any other questions with Alderman Villa, you can reach him at 622-3287 (City Hall) or 351-9896 (home).

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Carondelet Concerts in the Park

Good news Carondelet Concerts in the Park resumes for another year beginning in June. The concerts are free and open to the public. They begin at 6 pm every Sunday from June through August and take place at the Music Pavilion, just east of the Boathouse in Carondelet Park. Clip and save this handy schedule for future reference:

June 6 STLP Blues

June 13 Waterloo German Band

June 20 The Presentations

June 27 Michael Brooks Route 66

(Co-sponsored by HHIA

Immediately follows Community Fair!)

July 4 St. Louis Wind Symphony
July 11 Affton Community Band & Chorus
July 18 Crawdaddys
July 25 Pat Auberry
August 1 Starlifters
August 8 Bob Kuban
August 15 The Duetschmeister Band
August 27 Missouri Air Command Natl. Guard Band

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Dinner on the Park

Ready for some more outdoor summer evening entertainment? The newly formed River des Peres Beautification Alliance will hold their First Annual Dinner On the Park fundraiser at the Carondelet Park Boat House on Saturday, June 19 at 5 pm. Included in the price of the ticket are full dinner, beer, wine, soda and entertainment featuring "The Gents of Jazz." Dinner includes beef, chicken and tuna kebabs, roasted veggies with feta cheese, roasted new potatoes, Italian salad and dessert. Proceeds benefit River des Peres beautification efforts. Advance tickets are \$20 (seniors \$18.50). Tickets at the "door" are \$26. Stop by Shopper's Cleaners or call 908-1434 for more info. Tickets also will be available to purchase at our upcoming [May 24 HHIA General Meeting](#).

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Sing a Song

Leif Johnson recently moved to Bellerive Blvd., and has since formed an informal neighborhood chorus group, open to all. There is no cost to join and experience is not necessary the only requirement is to enjoy singing all types of music. The chorus currently meets Monday evenings, 7 pm - 9 pm. For more information, you can call Leif at 353-3583.

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Moving Along

Have you ever wished you could do something about transportation issues affecting our region? Several regional transportation organizations have formed the Major Transportation Investment Analyses (MTIA) project, and are holding community forums to establish ways in which area transportation and overall quality of life can be improved. The next forum is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 7-9 pm, location to be announced. At this forum, a list of issues will be presented, and you will have the opportunity to add issues to this list that may have been overlooked. At future meetings you will have the chance to evaluate the issues compiled. For more information contact the MTIA Hotline: 436-7299 or mtia@hshassoc.com. A Web site also is available: www.ewgateway.org/corridor/corridor_studies.htm.

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Find a Bargain

The St. Louis Ambassadors first annual St. Louis Neighborhood Associations Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 9 am - 3 pm at Gateway Mall Park, 10th and Market streets. HHIA is not participating in the event our volunteer force is currently "overbooked" with our upcoming Community Fair, our spring beautification projects and other projects ongoing in the neighborhood. However, we

support the event, and strongly encourage you to attend. All proceeds from items sold at the Flea Market go directly to benefit St. Louis neighborhoods. Besides, it will be fun!

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Bravo for Bellerive!

Bellerive Neighborhood Association (BNA), in conjunction with Dutchtown North and Metropolis St. Louis, have established a program to encourage city living and housing preservation. The program is patterned after a successful effort launched in Soulard in 1974. The program focuses on using minimum resources and relatively straightforward techniques, such as organizing neighborhood residents who are willing to serve as weekend "hosts" distributing literature and answering questions about their neighborhood to prospective home owners and renters. "We are seeking face to face contact with our potential new neighbors," says BNA President Dave Eschmann. BNA's boundaries (which overlap with HHIA's), are: I-55, Holly Hills Blvd., Dewey and Dolor. If you live within that region and wish to become involved in the program, contact Eschmann at 752-5463. As the program develops, HHIA will be considering ways to establish similar efforts within our boundaries.

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Welcome, New Members

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

- Kent & Laura Duncan on Arendes
- Jill Halpin & John Ambuehl on Dover Place
- Mary Niebling on Federer
- Michael & Kirsten Novak on Arendes
- Oscar & Dolores Reed on Dover Place
- David & Doris Rittmann on Holly Hills

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