



Tilles Park Neighborhood Association's Tilles Park News

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What's on the Agenda??

...Senators and Auditors and Committee Reports, Oh My!

TPNA will host a Primary Election State Auditor and 4th District State Senate Candidates Forum at its next General Membership Meeting. The event is set for 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 30** at the SLPOA Hall, 3710 Hampton and is open to the public.

Guest Moderator for the Forum will be **Jo Mannies**, St. Louis Post-Dispatch Political Correspondent.

All candidates were invited. In the order of response, candidates accepting TPNA's invitation are State Auditor candidates **Jack Jackson** (Republican-Wildwood), **Charles W. Baum** (Libertarian-University City), **John W. Loudon** (Republican-Chesterfield) and State Senate candidates **Jeff Smith**, **Derio Gambaro**, **Kenneth Jones**, **Amber "Holly" Boykins**, all St. Louis City Democrats.

Auditor candidates will be heard from first, followed by Senate candidates. Each segment will include candidates making opening statements, a Q&A period with Mannies asking the first two questions followed by questions from TPNA members, and closing statements by the candidates. Questions must be directed to all the candidates within the segment. Time cards will be used. Candidates will draw for sequence of speakers at the beginning of the meeting.

Other items on the agenda include: TPNA Committee Reports, updates from the Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, the Second District Police Report, and words from our Aldermen.

Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25

...Effort to Slow the Cars on our Neighborhood Streets

Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 is a safety campaign designed to encourage motorists to observe the residential speed limit, which is usually 25 mph. It invites residents to work together to address speeding in their own neighborhoods, through a grassroots level. Local residents can post KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25 yard signs on their blocks to attract the attention of drivers as a means of reinforcing the message to observe the posted speed limit. The yard signs serve as a friendly reminder to check your speed and slow down as needed. Yard signs, 18" by 24", printed on both sides with sign stakes, are available to purchase. A pack of 5 signs cost \$62.50 plus shipping.

The TPNA has agreed to pay the shipping fee for those interested in purchasing yard signs. Please see a Board member for further information.

From the Park –

...We are Off and Growing

The growing season is off to a fabulous start in Tilles Park. At the March General Membership Meeting, we were presented with a \$200 gift certificate to Bayer's Garden Shop from Dave Durham on behalf of Firestone Tire & Auto Center on Chippewa. This generous donation went toward the plantings in the new Container Gardens on the south side of the Comfort Bldg.

On April 8th, Wolf Scout Pack 62 worked hard on getting our playground ready for the 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. They did a terrific job cleaning up debris from all the flowerbeds and play areas and leveling out the wood chips under the swings. John Chiapas and a crew from Old World Roofing took time out of their day to dispose of the old, very weighty and broken down Container Gardens. They carted them up the hill where the contents were used to backfill five new dogwood trees that were planted near Rosalie's Garden by our volunteer gardeners. St. Louis City Foresters made the job much easier by auguring planting holes earlier in the week.

April was a very busy month at Tilles. In preparation for the 12th annual Easter Egg Hunt, several volunteers were there working three Saturday mornings in a row. April 22nd was our second official workday. We celebrated Earth Day by transplanting ornamental grasses and cannas from Rosalie's Garden to the playground gardens. We also potted-up 18 Cannas, 6 Hardy Mums and 6 Hollyhocks to donate to Gateway Greening's Great Perennial Divide.

Because Rosalie's Garden is doing so well, we will start the "Sip and Snip" schedule in June. What is "Sip and Snip"? On Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to ? and weather permitting, we will meet at Rosalie's to weed, water and play in the dirt. No tree planting, no mulching and no big tools will be allowed, just some lightweight clipping and pulling. That's the "Snip" part. The "Sip" part is that you bring your favorite evening beverage. After all, the gardeners need a drink just as much as the garden does!

Membership Update –

... Growing Stronger but We Still Need You

Show your support for the neighborhood. Join the association today; it is because of your dues and our sponsors that we are able to continue offering the Easter Egg Hunt and similar activities free of charge. **All members will receive a free treat at the ice cream social following the July 25 meeting in Tilles Park.**

12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt was Eggcellent

The Easter Bunny kicked off the Easter Egg Hunt and joined in the Hokey Pokey. 125 children were sporting Bunny Ears made with the assistance of Suzanne Hirth. All total there were more than 200 excited children who when not hunting for eggs, could be found clowning around, having their faces painted or creating a work of art in the coloring corner (compliments of Anna Scheve and Chippewa Firestone).

Thanks to our experts behind the grill (Dave Davidson, Joe Zoia and Charlie Merlotti) and the generosity of the 7-Eleven on Watson hot-dogs and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Upcoming Events –

You do not want to miss out on any of our upcoming events. We have a lot of activities in the works for 2006.

May 13	9AM	Tilles Park Work Day
May 30	7PM	General Mtg. SLPOA Hall
June 7	6:30PM	Sip & Snip at Tilles Park
June 10	9AM	Tilles Park Work Day
June 14	6:30PM	Sip & Snip at Tilles Park
June 21	6:30PM	Sip & Snip at Tilles Park
July 25	7PM	General Mtg. Tilles Park Ice Cream Social to follow
June 28	6:30PM	Sip & Snip at Tilles Park

If you would like to help plan any of our upcoming activities or have ideas for other events, please let us know.

TPNA Classifieds

Newsletter Volunteers Needed for the Following Areas:

- * Hampton Gardens Apartments
- * Bradley (Clifton to Watson)
- * Childress (Fyler to Tamm)
- * Wyoming (Tamm to Clifton)
- * Lindenwood (Hampton to Sulphur)
- * Lindenwood (January to Macklind)
- * Lindenwood Court Apartments
- * Jasper Park Area (North of Fyler and East of Hampton Gardens)

If you would like to help deliver please indicate on your membership form and return it as soon as possible. If you live in one of these areas and do not receive future newsletters, we did not find a volunteer to deliver to your street. Maybe you and a neighbor could share the route.

Looking for all TPNA Meeting Signs

Here ye! Here ye! We need to update our list of where the TPNA general meeting signs are posted. If you have a sign, please call Don Simakoff at 645-7660 with your name, address and phone number.

www.hcba.biz

The Hampton Chippewa Business Association has a new web site. You can learn more about their organization and local business members by visiting their site at www.hcba.biz.

Tilles Park Neighborhood Association

Boundaries: Scanlan/Connecticut, Sublette/Macklind, Chippewa, Watson

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<http://stlouis.missouri.org/northhampton/tpna/index.htm>

Officers: President Dan Hagerty, Vice-President Janet Eichhorn, Secretary Ann Dill, Treasurer Liz Sztukowski

Board Members: Janet Dring, Tina Kelly, Don Simakoff, Marianne Stanek, John Koberg, Suzanne Hirth, Andrea Schwartz, Chris Otto, Charlie Schwartz.

2006 TPNA CORPORATE SPONSORS DIRECTORY

Grand Oak Sponsor - \$300

Bayer's Garden Shop, Inc.	3401 Hampton	781-2314
Firestone	6211 Chippewa	352-1000
St. Louis Fitness Club	3525 Hampton	351-2780

Majestic Maple Sponsors - \$200

Dr. Thomas C. Flavin, DDS	4224 Watson	832-1366
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Knotty Pine Sponsors - \$100

Biggie's Restaurant & Bar	3332 Watson	781-0060
Colonial Mortuary	6464 Chippewa	832-7770
Evans & Dixon, LLC – Elder Law & Estate Planning	3703 Watson	781-3082
Fyler Auto Repair	6501 Fyler	644-5995
Johnson's Auto Service	5401 Chippewa	351-2116
Kleinigger Construction	5439 Pernod	351-0562
Timothy McCann, M.D.	3338 Watson	647-0554
MortgageTeam, Inc.	3470 Hampton	351-9711
Ravetta Photography, Inc.	3131 Hampton	781-4758
St. Louis Cancer & Breast Institute	6435 Chippewa	353-1870
Judy McNamara – State Farm Insurance	3304 Watson	781-2290
Watson Imaging Center	3915 Watson	781-9711

2005 Taste of Tilles Sponsors

Bartolino's	644-2266	LeGrand's Meat Market, Deli & Catering	353-6128
Bastante	783-4000	LoRusso's Cucina	647-6222
Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders	832-9700	Old World Roofing	832-3495
Biggie's Restaurant & Bar	781-0060	Pietro's Italian Restaurant	645-9263
Chris' Pancake & Dining	645-2088	Sign-A-Rama	351-7070
Gateway Properties – Joni & Todd Jordan	580-1619	Spiro's Central	645-8383
Gerard A. Nester Attorney at Law	421-4433	Sweet Encores	832-4303
Hampton Car Wash	781-8844	The Sweet Life Coffee House	352-3909
		Tandoori Hut	646-8488

2005 Movie Night Sponsors

Curves	6651 Chippewa	644-5501
AAA Insurance	www.aaa.com	523-7530
Johnnie Brocks Dungeon	Hampton Village	481-8900

2nd District Police Corner – News from Nancee

National Night Out is a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2006. It is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Neighborhoods 'celebrate' National Night Out with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, cookouts, visits from local police and fire departments, parades, flashlight walks, contests and youth programs. This is an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits our community will derive from the National Night Out will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

The Official National Night Out 2006 Registration form can be obtained from the website at www.nationalnightout.org. Additional information will be available at an upcoming meeting.

Tilles Park Neighborhood Association - 2006 Membership Application

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Dues Category- Please Check One

- \$6.00 Senior Residential (65 years and over)
- \$12.00 Residential (Tilles Park Resident)
- \$12.00 Associate Residential
- \$25.00 Business, Professional, Organization

I am interested in volunteering for the following TPNA Committees-

- Park: Gardening/Watering
- Newsletter Delivery Team
- Newsletter Article Contributor
- A Night with the Stars in Tilles Park (Movie Night)

Bring to next meeting or mail with check to: TPNA, PO Box 39478, St. Louis MO 63139