



News

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Next Southampton Neighborhood Association Meetings

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2007
Wednesday, May 9, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be served
Location: Southampton Presbyterian Church
Lower level gymnasium
4716 Macklind Avenue (at Nottingham)

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Plan Now for "Project Blitz" 2007

Southampton Cleanup and Beautification Date Set for Saturday, April 21

If you aren't sure how this day applies to your life, read on. Operation Brightside's Project Blitz 2007, in conjunction with the city's expanded refuse service, is the perfect opportunity to make our neighborhood more visually pleasing. Southampton didn't become a great community of neighbors without individuals thinking beyond themselves. Every time we trim the lawn, plant trees and flowers, or spruce up the alleys, we're doing it for every eye that passes by. This is the day your neighbors will be out planting or landscaping private property or common areas, and cleaning out their basement, garage or alley.

One of the best deals, is that the city will provide continuous collection of refuse and yard waste. Bulk pickup will also be steady throughout the day. Large appliances, tires, car batteries and motor oil will be collected and recycled. As always, items that do not fit or belong in a dumpster must be placed *behind your property and never leaning against any dumpster*. For the complete plan watch your mail or visit stlouis.missouri.org/brightside.

Southampton's Landscape Coordinator and Brightside liason, Lisa Tenhouse, adds her own support: "I encourage residents to clean up their property and alley on Saturday, April 21. As a neighborhood, we will also be cleaning up the wedge by the Buder School. Hopefully our bulbs will be in bloom. We will be meeting at the recycling wedge at Macklind and Wherry at 9 a.m. and would love to have you join us." The plan is to pick up trash, rake leaves, and trim the bushes. Bring a pair of garden gloves and any gardening tools you might want to use. Lisa will have trash bags and beverages. Photos of our previous clean-up are posted on Southampton's Yahoo Group.

All residents will be mailed information from Operation Brightside with information on how you can sign up to be a Project Blitz block captain. Block captains will then receive a packet in the mail with instructions for ordering annuals and equipment for their block clean-up. Annuals are available to block captains for planting in public areas. Flower choices are usually marigolds and dianthus.

Our neighborhood's common areas and "wedges" are really starting to become botanical assets. If everyone continues to do their part we will have a beautiful spring and summer to look forward to.

Block Captains Unite!

New Neighborhood Block Captains Needed



Block captain chair,
Pat Theodore

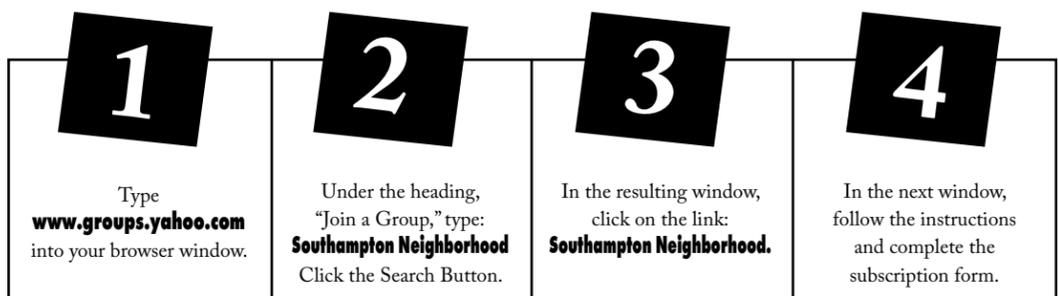
Not to be confused with a Project Blitz Block Captain, Pat Theodore, is on a blitz of his own as our *neighborhood* block captain chair. Pat is out pedaling for those who would like to start helping the community on a smaller scale, i.e. block by block. Those who would like to help can do as much or as little as they like or can even find a friend or neighbor from the block and work as a team.

Some things an SNA block captain can do are:

- 1) Notify Pat when a home is purchased on your block so that we can distribute a welcome packet
- 2) Plan a block party with Pat's help,
- 3) Organize a neighborhood watch (see president's message),
- 4) Be the relay person for residents' concerns,
- 5) Help educate the block about street cleaning and leaf vacuuming schedules, proper trash disposal and bulk pick-up schedules,
- 6) Work with the Operation Brightside coordinator and plan an alley clean-up or other beautification project (see above story).

If you would like more information about becoming a block captain before you decide, please contact Pat with your questions. For only a small amount of your time, the benefits to your block and the neighborhood can be large. Pat may be reached at 352-7137 or pat_theodore@yahoo.com and he anxiously awaits your assistance!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Chad Stockel, President, Southampton Neighborhood Association

Hello,

Spring cleaning time – which means a lot of short messages and thoughts that have collected since the last column. Don't worry, this won't be done Larry King-style. I promise everything will be relevant.

First, thanks to everyone who participated in the Holiday Party in January. The social committee did a great job, and it was a fun event to start the year. It's always nice to take a night off and get to know our neighbors.

On the topic of "getting to know" – please welcome DeAnna Murphy, the new 16th Ward Neighborhood Stabilization Officer. Sandy Colvin will remain as NSO for the 14th Ward. Now each Alderman will work with one specific NSO within their ward. DeAnna can be reached by phone at 589-8161 or email at murphyd@stlouiscity.com. We look forward to getting to know DeAnna better in the days ahead.

Operation Brightside Cleanup will be April 21, 2007. It's a great chance to get out, neaten up your property for the spring and summer, and meet some neighbors. We'll also be cleaning up the wedges (as usual) and possibly an alley or two. Further details will be announced on the Yahoo! Group forum.

Finally, if you are interested in Neighborhood Watch training, please contact your Block Captain and let them know. Each block should have 60% participation before we schedule a training session. If you don't know who your block captain is, please contact Pat Theodore by phone or e-mail (listed on the front of the newsletter) to find out.

That's all I've got for this issue, and nary an ellipses or a tangent to be found.

Take care, and see you at the meeting on March 14,

Chad Stockel
President, Southampton Neighborhood Association

Community Updates

Macklind Avenue Business District Progress

There are now fourteen members of the new Macklind Business District Association. The group has been the catalyst for many of the improvements you may have noticed along Macklind Avenue. The planters should be blooming soon, new black iron trash receptacles are keeping the litter down, and come spring there will be nicely designed and long-lasting metal banners which should help visually identify and unify the district. Thanks to Aldermen Gregali and Baringer for their support of these projects. The Business Association is planning some exciting community events which we will alert you to as they arise. There are also some new businesses coming online and potential property transactions that should be positive for the area.

Walking Wednesdays Continue

Now that the weather seems to be warming a bit and the flowers are deciding when to bloom, it is time to get back into the habit of walking the neighborhood. The initiative "Walking Wednesdays," which the association began last year, continues each Wednesday with the hope that it will be a chance for you to be healthy, meet new neighbors, dissuade crime, and encourage a vibrant community. There is no specific time or place, just plan on walking at some point each Wednesday. The neighborhood association also encourages you to reclaim your "main street" by frequenting the businesses on Macklind Avenue or at least including the district in your walk. There are two new dining establishments with outdoor seating. Chances are you'll run into a neighbor or meet some new ones!

Check Your SNA Membership Status on the Mailing Label

We know that many of you want to be a member of the association but just haven't gotten around to it. We are trying to make it as easy as possible for you to keep tabs on your membership, and last year added your status to the mailing label on the back of this newsletter. Please check it to make sure we have the correct information. If not, you can contact our treasurer who will make the updates. If you would like to join or renew, there is a form on the front of this newsletter. Your membership does not require you to volunteer, or even to attend meetings, but believe us, it does encourage the rest of us and lends a bit of financial support to small projects that we think will improve the neighborhood.

New Playground Equipment Installed in Francis Park

Francis Park has a new playground replacing the 20-year-old equipment that did not comply with the National Playground Safety Standards and had many reports of accidents and injuries from the dated equipment. With the help of Alderman Baringer, the City Parks Department and a major contribution from our good neighbors of the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association, the expanded playground will accommodate age groups 0-3, 3-6, and 6-10 in separate and safe play areas. In addition to the climbing structures, spring riders and swings, a new rubberized and soft play surface was installed under all "fall zones." Under the swings and spring riders a sterilized woodchip base was installed. New grass in the surrounding muddy areas should be in place this spring. Enjoy!

Car Clubs Available at Neighborhood Meetings

It is always better to be safe than sorry. If you do not have a car alarm, the next best auto theft deterrent besides parking in a garage is the "club." The club is a device that quickly and easily attaches to your steering wheel when your car is parked. The St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department, the Office of Mayor Francis Slay, Alderman Donna Baringer and the Neighborhood Stabilization Team are asking you to purchase the discounted clubs through the city. Cost for a club is \$10 for cars and \$15 for full-size vans and SUV's (cash only). You can purchase them from Room 418, City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or a few will be available at neighborhood meetings. You may also call and request that your neighborhood stabilization officer deliver one to your home. Please look for your NSO's phone number on the front of this newsletter and consider "joining the club."

Newsletter Now Printed on Recycled Paper

We are pleased to now offer this newsletter on recycled paper and in the process save a few dollars. While we're on the subject of the newsletter, be sure to take the time to look over the ads in each issue. The newsletter printing and mailing cost is covered by the advertisers who have chosen to support our neighborhood. In addition to our loyal regular advertisers, we would like to welcome Montgomery Bank, who has offered to partner with us on various projects and already helps take care of the wedge at Hampton and Sulphur. The newsletter is delivered to 3,400 homes and businesses, reaching 7,800 residents in the square mile which is Southampton.

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SOUTHAMPTON ARCHITECTURE

Gingerbread, Duplex, California Bungalow, Ranch? My What a Wonderful Place

If you have ever wondered about the different types of architecture in our neighborhood, or just what to call your style of home, this article should not only answer your questions but pique your interest as well. It might even encourage you to get outside on "Walking Wednesdays" for a self-tour of the neighborhood. So sit down, relax, and get ready for a ten minute survey of Southampton homes.

The housing stock in the Southampton Neighborhood developed in the early twentieth century. The houses were arranged on the city grid on standard city lots, but new considerations for the quasi-suburban neighborhood developed. Houses, though placed closely, were not placed exactly cheek-by-jowl as in older city communities. The housing stock respected a clearly-defined street setback, but each home featured a modest front lawn and back yard. The houses were arranged so the short sides face the street, making for a human scale community. Blocks typically have 20 to 35 homes per side of the street. Southampton's urban grid features all the amenities of a walkable community: sidewalks, well-defined streets with street trees and on-street parking. Alleys feed the backs of each lot, where garages and ash-pits were situated. The neighborhood itself, originally bisected and arranged around the Macklind commercial district, is now rather well defined by the commercial streets Hampton, Chippewa, and Kingshighway and the residential collector street Eichelberger. The original Southampton neighborhood included three streets south of Eichelberger, before Eichelberger became a collector with development to the west.

The robust brick construction that predominates the city also found a place in the earliest portions of the neighborhood. These houses were normally two story brick homes complete with full width porches and art glass windows. High ceilings, large double hung windows, and cross ventilation typifies the older Southampton

home. Wood burning fireplaces and working coal chutes were standard fare for the early Southampton homes. Many of the homes on the east side of the neighborhood around Devonshire are stately duplexes. Houses along Brannon can be very large. Gambrel roofed homes can be found between Brannon and Macklind. Smaller homes on Delor and Walsh east of Brannon still feature brick and art glass. Broad homes with generous porches like those along Sutherland must have made early twentieth century streets wonderful places to chat with neighbors on hot summer nights. Southampton was then still a rather rural setting in comparison to the densely-settled neighborhoods to the east.

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Development in the twenties involved the incorporation of the craftsman and California bungalow style into Southampton homes. Though the homebuyer expected the standard fare—the coal chute and woodburning fireplace—these features gradually became decorative rather than functional. Porches at times were curtailed to roofed-over stoops. The high ceilings of the earlier developments dropped from 9 feet to 8'-4". Some homes featured central air circulation, though many homes featured radiator heat.

In the thirties, as Southampton spread westward, the classic "gingerbread" style houses were built. These homes included lyrical stone treatments on the lower portion of their facades. The homes featured basements, one living story, and an attic that may or may not be convertible into another living floor. Art glass was built into the front windows of the homes. The "gingerbreads" sported gable roofs with a smaller decorative gable placed above the entry door.

Southampton's latest phase of large-scale development took place south and east of Chippewa at Hampton Avenue. The homes in this area developed postwar, taking cues from the trendy ranch style, single-story homes that were the rage then. The neighborhood in this area abandoned sidewalks and alleys for the "garden city" concept, where the residents would pull up in their cars to attached or detached garages. In the seventies and eighties, a few empty parcels were filled in with small ranch-style houses.

Despite the many styles, most homes are arranged with their axis perpendicular to the street and with a modest facade, belying the full depth of the Southampton home. Many Southampton homes can conceal 2,000 square feet of living space behind their 24 foot wide fronts, so seem deceptively small. Most houses employ unreinforced masonry bearing walls and wood joists that rest upon a central beam on lally columns in a basement. The foundations tend to be stone, with a few concrete basements on the west side of the neighborhood.

Homes feature full width covered porches on the east, which become smaller as one proceeds west, until they become uncovered porches or are completely absent on the western side of the neighborhood. Back porches are likely to be three-season wood attachments. One-car stand-alone garages are predominant.

No matter what decade your home was built, it is a tribute to the many craftsmen and homeowners that came before us. One can easily imagine, or remember, the early tight-knit community with its bustling days and calming nights—good times that will continue as long as we carry the same pride and delight in Southampton that has lasted a century.

— Thanks to Michael DeVlieger, ALA, NCARB, of Delor Street for his stream of thoughts on Southampton homes.

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What Happened to Your Can?

Okay, we're talking recyclables here. Ever wonder what happens to the items you deposit into the neighborhood blue recycling dumpsters? Materials are hauled by the City Refuse Division to Smurfit-Stone Recycling Division in North St. Louis City, whereupon they are shipped elsewhere to be manufactured into recycled-content products. Hopefully, if you see what happens to your donations, you'll take the time to give more.

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- to Middletown, Ohio to be recycled into paperboard

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