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## Survey Findings Available

Surveys of residential and commercial areas designated for redevelopment under the Neighborhood Development Incentive Program have been completed in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. A book of the findings has been published, and a few copies are available on loan at the Skinker-DeBaliviere office, 6008 Kingsbury.

The affected area includes the 5700 blocks of McPherson and Kingsbury avenues and Westminster Place and the 5800 and 5900 blocks of Washington Avenue, bounded by Delmar and DeBaliviere avenues. It consists of multi-family housing and commercial buildings.

The Neighborhood Development Incentive Program is not a federal program, but was established under section 353 of the Missouri Housing Act. The St. Louis Board of Aldermen passed a bill in April designating three city areas as eligible to present redevelopment plans for approval. The program provides long-term tax incentives for property improvement.

The next step toward actual redevelopment of the area will be a series of meetings in June open to all residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area to present alternative land-use plans, including sketches for prototype housing. According to the Reverend Calvin B. Stuart, executive director of Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, a consensus of residents and businesses affected is absolutely essential to the success of the proposed redevelopment.

Both the surveys and the land-use plans were prepared by students from the urban design department of the Washington University School of Architecture, in conjunction with the Council.

By Eleanor Pratt



Sylvia Collins

## Films at Library

A series of major films will be shown at the Des Peres Library, 5960 Kingsbury throughout the summer beginning June 22. F indicates family; A-YA - adults and young adults; A - adults only.

June 22, 10:30 - Born Free (F) - oscar-winning story of Elsa, the lioness.

June 22, 2:00 p.m. - Mysterious Island (F) - Jules Verne's thrilling adventure of balloon castaways in an underwater kingdom.

June 29, 10:30 - King Kong Escapes (F) - science fiction adventure thriller.

June 29, 10:00 a.m. - Wait Until Dark (A-YA) - A blind girl fights for her life against three criminals. Audrey Hepburn, Alan Arkin.

July 6, 10:30 a.m. - Viva Max (F) - hilarious comedy about Mexico's general, Max, and his battle to recapture the Alamo for Mexico - Peter Ustiov, Jonathan Winters.

July 6, 10:30 a.m. - Cat Ballou (A-YA) - Western comedy Classic of Cat Ballou and her trusty band of outlaws - Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin.

July 27, 2 p.m. - Me, Natalie

### W. H. Barbecue To Be June 12

Expert barbecue chef, Horace Busch, will prepare ribs and hamburgers for the annual summer barbecue sponsored by Washington Heights Neighbors.

The event will take place in the Busch's side yard at 5756 Pershing Ave. on Saturday, June 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Plate dinners, including meat and a choice of spaghetti, slaw or potatoe salad will sell for \$1.50. Ribs may also be purchased by the slab.

Children's hamburger plates will cost \$.40 and rib plates for children will be \$.85.

There will be beer and soda and a cash bar.

White Elephants will be on sale in the garage. If you have a White Elephant to donate, please call Mrs. Anna Busch 862-5122 or Mrs. Blanche Reel 721-8307. Free pick up can be arranged.

Sylvia A. Collins of 5770 Waterman has recently been chosen to spend two months in Mexico as part of the Experiment in International Living and the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund of the Girl Scouts of the USA. Sylvia, who is a member of Troop 1925 at Grace United Methodist Church, will leave in July and spend several weeks at Centro Vacacional del Instituto Mexicano De Seguro Docial, a Spanish Language Camp in Oaxtepec, Mexico. After camp Sylvia will spend six weeks living with a Mexican family in a chosen Mexican community. A three-day trip to Mexico City and then a two-day evaluation session in San Antonio, Texas will culminate her "south of the border" summer.

(A-YA) - Patty Duke as Natalie in comedy-drama set in Greenwich Village.

July 13, 2 p.m. - When Comedy Was King (F) - Some of the funniest scenes from silent films in one hilarious motion picture - Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chaplin, etc.

July 20, 10:30 a.m. - Pit and The Pendulum (F) - Edgar Allan Poe's masterpiece of terror. Vincent Price.

July 20, 2:00 p.m. - Horse Feathers (F) - The Marx Brothers run a college with Groucho as the dean.

July 27, 10:30 a.m. - A Man Called Flintstone (F) - Favorite caveman family in a delightful full-length cartoon based on the popular TV series.

Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. - Dracula Has Risen From the Grave (F) - The evil vampire Count is on the prowl again.

Aug. 3, 2 p.m. - Endless Summer (F) - Two young surfers on world quest for the perfect wave.

Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m. - Run Wild, Run Free (F) - The only friends of a lonely boy on the English moors are a white horse, a falcon and a kindly nearby farmer.



THE ENTERPRISING JUNIOR BLOCK GROUP OF DEGIVERVILLE.

Photo by Shirley Slaughter.

## Teenagers Organize For Fun and Work

It's not a mirage; the grass is really greener on the 5900 block of DeGiverville. Last spring, property owners had to worry about children playing on their lawns. This year, thanks to the formation of a Junior Block group, children are heading for the nearest playground and letting the grass grow.

While grass seed was still being planted in March, Mrs. Marie McReynolds and Mr. Eddie Sanders of the adult block group discussed with teens what their part could be in keeping the block looking nice. The teens called a meeting of youngsters from ages eight to eighteen and discussed the various problems involved in finding a place to play.

The group, numbering from about 25 to 30, now meets twice a month to plan such projects as

alley sweeps, litter pick up and recreational activities. Older members of the group help out younger members by taking them to playgrounds and supervising them while they are there.

The members of the Jr. Block group feel they have learned much about being good members of the community, and they try to keep their awareness alive by reminding each other of the guidelines they have set up together.

The generous and out-going officers of the Jr. Block group have offered to share their experience with the youth of other blocks in hopes that they might form their own groups.

Anyone interested in having this group visit their block, call the Skinker-DeBaliviere office: 862-5122, or Mrs. Marie McReynolds 862-1665.

By Glori L'Ecuyer

## Schools May Locate Here

by Jody Creighton

How long has it been since your high schooler was actively and enthusiastically interested in school?

If you are a parent who has steadily watched your son or daughter drop out of school mentally if not in actuality, a new type of high school, soon to be located in our area, offers you an alternative.

Matrix, as the new school will be called is a "free school" typical of the free school movement (some 800 schools) throughout the U.S. A free school tries to offer an alternative to the "joylessness,

authoritarianism and general stifling which they see in established schools."

The new school which has only been in operation a month and a half, was started by a group of dissatisfied parents and professionals in University City. They met and formed two groups, one to establish a high school along the lines laid out by authors prominent in the free school movement such as John Holt and another to establish a companion elementary school.

An interview with Jack Flynn, one of the core teachers now in the process of getting his masters degree at Washington University, revealed that the group hopes to locate the school on Pershing if they can find a backer to co-sign for the two properties, one for the high school and the other for the elementary school called Greenways.

The school will charge a tuition fee of \$500 a year, a reasonable price somewhere in between the costs of the neighborhood Catholic school and the

nearest private school. The charge is necessary, Mr. Flynn pointed out, so the school can be independent, so that the students feel they are contributing to their education.

The core staff, many of whom are taking a drastic salary cut, are experienced teachers who will live in the school building where they will teach. Presently they have 30 students, most of whom are on a part-time basis. They are involved in such projects as marketing organic spinach for Morning Dew after school and on week-ends.

This summer the staff plans a summer program much of which will be incorporated into the full-time winter courses. They will offer free classes in decoupage, organic foods, guitar, improvisational drama, car repair and mechanics (VW autos to begin with), pottery and sewing, candlemaking and filmmaking. One group of students plan to investigate and contrast lifestyles in the city, county and rural areas. At the end they plan a

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Inventive children use materials at hand to make a trampoline before it is hauled away.

-photo by Doug Muxlow

## Community Center

Within the Skinker-DeBaliviere area there are approximately 2,500 children ranging from ages six to thirteen (the combined enrollment of Hamilton and St. Rock's schools.) Perhaps there are half again that many in the fourteen to nineteen age group; no figures are available. Whatever the exact amount of young, growing-up individuals that live in the area may be, we do not lack for children. For many of these youngsters, summer vacation offers "nothing to do" and little space to do it in.

Our area is rich in various sit-down programs (see schedule) but we are poor in adequate play areas that are roomy enough for ball games and various impromptu running, jumping and leaping activities. Churches and schools provide four large asphalt lots for this kind of play, but without special equipment and adult supervision, these areas accomodate a limited amount of children.

Where do children go to play then? The streets, the alleys, vacant lots, and any place that the strong urge to exercise growing muscles may lead them. But playing in the streets and alley ways is dangerous and private lawns are often trampled by players leaping for liners and diving for shoestring catches. Vacant lots are sometimes considered too remote or too near traffic to be safe. Owners of the lots are reluctant to lease their land to neighborhood groups and allow them to become trashy, full of holes and weed ridden. Most lots are simply too small without some kind of special design to bolster the play potential, such as the plan worked out at the Tot Lot on Pershing and DesPeres Avenues. Most parents are reluctant to send their children to Forest Park without supervision.

The problem of finding a place for children to play in the neighborhood is not a new one. From time to time some interested group begins to plan for a recreational facility; location and finances usually the stumbling blocks. With the blighting of the area near DeBaliviere, the problem of location could possibly be solved. No specific plan for obtaining a Community Center has been devised at this time, although surveys indicate community concern is high.

Cal Stuart, Executive Director of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, feels that a Community Center would be a positive element in the area, but that financing the project would be difficult. The 353 blighting bill does not give incentive to developers to build recreation centers, and public funds are not available for our particular neighborhood.

If a capital expenditure could be found to build a community center, then individuals using the facility would have to support it financially. Some form of endowment would probably be necessary, depending on the type of support the community could offer.

What would a community center give to the area? Would it be worth the effort that would be needed to acquire the facility? How many people could it really serve?

A nearby county YWCA reports that it has a membership of approximately 1,500 - with room for more. It provides meeting space for community groups and a variety of programs and classes including; swimming, pre-school dancing, tennis lessons, crafts, oil painting, tumbling and many more. There is something for every age group and interest.

A community center is needed in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. Apathy will not bring it here, and the tried and true handful of hard workers in our area are already overburdened with projects that demand their continued effort. If a Center is to become a reality, more people must become involved.

A community center should be high on our priority list. If you are interested call Cal Stuart at the Council Office, VO 2-5122, so that he can arrange for a meeting of interested people - adults and teenagers. Let's get moving.

By Glori L'Ecuyer.

## Summer Activities

**CITY ART MUSEUM-** drawing, games, etc. related to art.

Dates: June 14 ongoing

Ages: 7 and up for two-day sessions each week

Where: City Art Museum, Forest Park

Cost: None

Details: Programs are varied to appeal to age of children. Program includes tour of art works, drawing, games, stories.

Registration: Call two weeks previous to classes. Department of Education -- 726-2316.

**CONCORDIA SPORTS SCHOOL-** basketball baseball and tennis

Dates: June 14 to July 9

Ages: Boys and girls, 10-16

Where: Concordia Seminary, 801 DeMunn off Big Bend

Cost: \$12.50 per week -- in case of need, grants are available upon application to Pete Pederson, PA 1-5934.

Details: Each sport will be taught for all four weeks. Students must attend one sport for at least one week. They may, however, mix classes attending the baseball clinic for one week, tennis for another etc.

To Register: Call PA 1-5934, ext. 221.

**CRAFT ALLIANCE CENTER** for the creative arts -- an extensive summer program in all aspects of art. Taught by teachers who are professionals in their fields.

**Children's Workshop I** -- Ages 4-6 -- Six classes, \$21. A free approach to drawing, painting, printmaking and mixed media.

**Children's Workshop II** -- Ages 7-10 -- Six classes, \$21; drawing, painting with resist techniques, work in 3-D, environmental designs, etc.

**Dabblers and Parents Workshop** -- ages 2-4 accompanied by parents. Parents observe and discuss early graphic development and become familiar with appropriate materials for young children while the children work with various media.

**Work With Clay** -- Ages 7-11 six classes, \$21, learning to use coil and slab techniques in building clay forms. Ceramics -- Ages 8-13, learning techniques of working with clay both as sculpture and pot; kiln and wheel methods. Six classes, \$21.

**Batik** -- Ages 10-15, Ages 9-12 tie dye, print and wax resist in batik, six classes, \$24.

**Crafts From Nature** -- Ages 9-13, tree loom place mats using buffalo baskets, braids and belts, One field trip. Six classes, \$21.

**Afternoon painting**, Ages 9-14, experiments with color, interactions and use of backgrounds, techniques of 3-D painting, puzzle problems and designing space. Six classes, \$21.

**Printmaking** -- Ages 9-15 Woodcut, linoleum, and experimental six classes, \$21.

**Papier-Mache and Origami**, Ages 8-12 papier-mache, paper sculpture, and paper folding, four sessions, \$16. **Macrame** -- ages 11 and up, basic macrame, six classes \$24.

**Ceramics Studio** -- Ages 11-17 -- use of clay in sculptural and ceramic approach; use of kiln and glazes, six classes, \$24.

**Drawing** -- Ages 11-17 -- individual instruction, four classes, \$16.

**August Imaginings** -- Ages 7-11 -- painting, graphics and 3-D six classes \$21.

Dates vary with sessions call or write for specific info.

Where: Craft Alliance Gallery, 6640 Delmar, 63130. Call or write for applications from: Mrs. Melanie Fathman, 6630 Waterman, 862-6340. (Scholarships will be offered.)

**DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH** -- Good Neighbor Program offering crafts, sports, bible stories, refreshments.

Ages: 6 to 12

Dates: July 5 through August 13 Girls: 10-12 Boys: 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost: free

Register: at church, Skinker and Washington

Pre-School

Dates -- June 14 to August 20, 8:30 to 12 p.m., five days a week

Ages: 3 to 5 (classes will prepare children for kindergarten)

Where: Skinker and Washington

Cost: free

Details: Classes limited to 25

To Register: Call PA5-2311 or Mrs. Humphrey at 966-5412.

**FONTBONNE SUMMER THEATRE** -- plays for children and classes in drama and dance.

Dates: June 21 to July 30 from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Where: at the college theatre, Wydown and Big Bend. Details: classes in creative drama and a separate class in dance. Lessons are one hour each. Registration is limited. Productions: Jack and the Beanstalk, June 17-19 and June 24-26; "Rapunzel and the Witch", July 1-3, July 8-10; "Puss in Boots" July 15-17 and July 22-24. Curtain time: 11 a.m. Admission adults, \$1, 75cents children.

Cost: \$50

To Register: Call the college, VO 2-3456, ext. 200 or send application to the college theatre department.

**GRACE METHODIST CHURCH** -- vacation bible school in cooperation with Delmar Baptist and St. Roch's.

Dates: Aug. 9 through Aug. 13, 9 to 12 p.m.

Ages: 4 through 12, open to entire community.

Where: Waterman and Skinker

Cost: Free

Details: to register show up first day. Recreation, crafts, bible stories.

**JEFFERSON MEMORIAL** -- lectures on history and classes

Ages: 7 to 12 (for classes), all ages for lectures.

Dates: June 21 through July 30 at 10:30 and 1:30 p.m.

Details: Talk type programs showing artifacts and memorabilia of past periods. Programs last one hour. Call educational department -- 727-9265 for more information.

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** -- four classes in creative dance for children taught by Gregg Mayer, artist-in-residence in the dance division and Vivien Gear, guest-teacher from London, England.

Dates: June 21 through July 16 and July 19 through August 13

Ages: boys and girls, 6 to 15

Cost: \$18 for the eight classes per session.

Details: Two classes for ages 6 through 8 will be held for beginners and non-beginners. Two other classes will be held for ages 8 through 11 and ages 12 through 15. Classes will last one hour. Swimming after classes. Classes for senior and college students are offered in the evenings (call 863-0100, ext. 4628). Where: the Wilson Studio (air conditioned located in the Swimming Pool Building on the campus, east of the Field House).

To register: Call immediately 863-0100, ext. 4628 (deadline was this week.)

**HAMILTON SCHOOL** -- Title I summer school at Cook School, a special leadership program conducted by Forest Park Junior College, playground program from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. All classes are free.

Title I -- to be held at Cook School for students selected by the staff at Hamilton. In addition, a limited number of students in the Rooms of 20 will be selected to attend classes at Hamilton Branch III where a teachers in-service workshop will be conducted this summer. Mr. Burnett at Hamilton or Mrs. Johnson at Hamilton Branch III have more information.

Leadership program conducted by Forest Park Junior College will include 50 students from Hamilton School. The 50 students will be selected from a list of those wanting to attend. Classes begin July 21 and continue for six weeks every day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Junior college. Three hours will be classes and the rest will be recreation.

Enright Middle Classes -- in addition to remedial work, classes will be offered in creative writing, guitar and instrumental music. Those wanting to attend must be seventh or eighth graders and may apply by contacting their school principal.

Hamilton playground will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. A program will be conducted by the City Recreation Department.

**SEVENTH DISTRICT POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS** -- Operation Little Sweep, movies, swimming, sewing, softball teams (PAL) All free. Operation Little Sweep -- businessmen association pays boys 50 cents an hour to sweep in front of businesses from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. every day. Approximately 120 boys participate in the Wellston, Skinker-DeBaliviere business areas. Call Officer Bob Beeks, EV 5-0290 or visit the seventh district community relations office, 5884 Easton.

Police Athlete Softball League (PAL) for boys and girls ages 10 to 14, 14 to 18. Teams formed by area.

**NEEDED VOLUNTEERS** -- Coaches and parents willing to provide transportation to parks. Police will provide equipment Call EV 5-0290. Give our children a fun-filled summer, volunteer!

District office activities -- movies two or three times a week after 9:00 a.m. Sewing for girls, Swimming two or three times a week. Call Joe Kress, Daniel Estes, Bob Beeks, EV 5-0290.

# Something for Summer

by Bob Hall

"Something for Summer" this year will have an altogether different format from last year's somewhat formal, remedial reading arts and crafts, program. The dates are tentatively set at June 28-August 13.

There will be limited programs in arts and crafts for grade school children which will be more or less a continuation of the winter after-school program. Priority will be given to those who have been regular participants during the past year. These particular programs will be held three mornings per week, 9:00-11:00 A.M. for boys and girls ages 6-8; For older children up through age 11 there will be a boys club held each Thursday morning from 9:00-11:30 A.M. For girls of this age group there will be an arts and crafts program each Thursday afternoon from 1:00-3:30 P.M.

In addition to the above there will be a limited swimming program under a qualified instructor for boys and girls ages 6-8. This will be held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon beginning at 1:00 P.M.

A new activity to the program this year will be a weekly overnight camping program for pre-teen and young teen boys. This will be held on Monday and Tuesday of each week. Activities will include experience and instruction in outdoor camping and cooking, swimming, hiking, games, crafts and rap sessions.

It should be noted that the above programs are limited to the number of children which can be effectively and efficiently handled. However, even though priority will be given to those who have been regularly participating in the programs last summer and this past winter, there will invariably be dropouts for one reason or another. Consequently those who feel that their child might possibly be interested in any of the above programs, are urged to call Bob Hall at 727-5672 and they can be put on a waiting list if the particular program desired happens to be filled. This proved to be a satisfactory arrangement last summer and we were able to admit most of those who were waiting to enter the program.

"Something for Summer" will also have some activities which are somewhat more open-ended.

A series of dramatic presentations and puppet shows will take place every Friday afternoon beginning at 1:00 P.M. These will be held on the sidewalk in front of the building and will be open to all the children in the neighborhood.

Free tutoring will be conducted on a voluntary basis from the grade school level on up through high school. Those who want special tutoring should contact Bob Hall at the above number and tutors will be provided as they are available. This will be on a one to one basis and schedules will be arranged to suit both tutor and student.

There will be a pre-school for children from age 4 up to pre-

first grade. It will be every week-day from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The dates are tentatively set at June 21 to August 7. Activities will include those which are preparatory and constructive toward developing reading skills. There will be a \$5 charge per child for the seven weeks. For those wishing day-care, a nominal fee for the extra hours can be worked out with those directly in charge since it will be on their own time. A lunch program, hopefully, will be provided through the West End Gateway Center.

With reference to all of the above it should be emphasized that since Grace and Peace Fellowship is committed to the historical Biblical Christian position, such content will be an integral part of all of the above activities.

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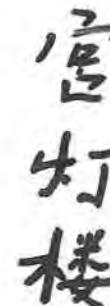
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ODD JOBS, grass cutting. Contact Jim Maginn, 6036 Pershing, PA 5-3967.

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Children's Summer Art Courses. .Call Buzz Renard PA 7-3283, 9-12 A.M.

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multi-media presentation including a film. Call Jack Flynn 863-0828, Fred, 652-2246 or Alex, 645-2900 to register.

The curriculum, or as a newsletter states, "the course is where the runner runs" plans an interrelated mixture of the practical and ascetic. Where many free schools have failed, according to Jack, is in their failure to tie their courses to reality. Thus, a course in architecture may involve remodeling a home. However, as the newsletter on the school cautions, the content of what an individual or the group as a whole studies will depend on individual interest and the nature of the group experiences."

What the school does promise is a staff which will be constantly available to the learners to stimulate and assist them in their search. Matrix will consist of three faculties the core faculty, a second group of resource persons that will work with learners on specific projects or studies and a third group that will be available for general consultation and the development of highly specialized interests.

One of the most important goals of the school is to "foster the skill-attitudes necessary for becoming an autonomous learner or a self-actualizing person. These are: reasoning, communication and media skills, who and how to be in vital contact with one's feelings and surrounding world; and why and how to activate one's imagination and fantasy."

One of the prime ingredients of the school will be active community involvement. Jack, who terms high school students as "an untapped natural resource", sees the students giving outdoor plays for children throughout the summer, remodeling a home and tutoring the elementary students in the companion elementary school, Greenways.

The school considered seeking state approval, but decided that such approval and the requirements that go with it were against the spirit and form of the school.

However, to help students have a diploma recognized by the state, the school will offer a course on the high school equivalency test.

Matrix, as the pamphlet states, is a philosophy of learning and an attitude about the way people relate to one another and to the world."

All the school needs are students willing to learn these attitudes, parents who see the school as an answer to their needs, and a community willing to accept it.

If interested call Jack Flynn (863-0828), Alex Bornstein (645-2900) or Fred Schmelzer (645-2900). (Editor's note: a story on the Greenways school will appear in the next issue.)

### UP WITH BOOKS

Up with Books, the summer reading club for young members of the neighborhood begins on June 1st at the Des Peres Branch Library. All neighborhood youngsters are encouraged to sign up.

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