

the paper

for the Skinker-DeBaliviere residents

SUMMER 1974

JOINT SUMMER PROGRAM

A proposed summer program for the Skinker-Debaliviere area has been jointly submitted to the Mayor's Office by a number of local groups, including the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, the People's Community School, Delmar-Baptist Church, the Grace and Peace Fellowship, and the People's Clinic.

The proposed program would employ young people who have applied on forms distributed late this spring at local high schools and neighborhood and neighborhood agencies.

The proposal has received primary approval for \$32,000. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council will act as host agency. The proposal will provide a wide range of activities: arts and crafts, drama, some vocational courses, such as dressmaking, upholstery, and manufacturing of trash can holders for residents of the neighborhood.

Forestry

Commissioner

Praised

There has been a lot of publicity about city employees shirking their duties, but here's one man who went beyond the call of duty. On May 13 the high winds broke one of the ropes holding the Art Fair banner across Skinker. It happened at dinner time, of course. Mr. Wilburn Bone was called. He left his dinner on the table, brought a lift truck to the scene, and aided by local residents promptly took down the banner before any damage could result.

Skinker-DeBaliviere residents want to express their appreciation of this extra effort, after hours.



6000 Washington Has Block Unit

On May 9, 1974, the St. Louis Federation of Block Units Community Organization Department of the Urban League of St. Louis, Inc., organized the 6000 block of Washington as Block #663 Area A. Election of officers was as follows: Maverine Wilson, Chairman; Alberta Jackson, Vice-Chairman; Dorothy Jackson, Secretary; Jean Kitchen, Ass't Secretary; Theresa Hickey, Treasurer.

Election of officers will be completed at the next meeting on June 6, 1974, at 7 p.m. at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office, 6008 Kingsbury.

Congrats Officer Beeks

We wish to extend our personal congratulations to our own 7th District patrolman Robert Beeks for the Special Award he received from the Inner City Black Athletic Association, Friday night, May 24, 1974.

-from the Washington Heights Neighbors Association

New S-D

Officers

Virgil Wright was re-elected chairman of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc., at the May meeting. Dan Schesch was elected vice-chairman. Mrs. Jean Eberle was re-elected secretary for the coming year and Lee Judy was elected treasurer. The Board now consists of representatives from the three neighborhood associations, the three major churches and Washington University as follows:

Washington Heights Neighbors-
Virgil Wright
Clarice Haynes
Eddie Sanders
Raleigh Rodgers
Joyce Bernard
Shirley Polk
Mike McGrath Pres. WHN

Rosedale Neighborhood Assn.-
Boyd Morros
Dan Schesch
Brad Weir
Thomas McPherron
Joe Lange Pres. RNA

Parkview Association
Lee Judy
Jean Eberle

Grace United Methodist Church
Ken Krippner

Delmar Baptist Church
Mrs. E. L. Metcalf

St. Roch's Church
Robert Martin

Washington University
Robert Blackburn

IS YOUR

NUMBER UP?

The neighborhood Crime Committee and the local police are asking all residents to display their street number clearly both on the front of their homes, and on the back of the house or garage.

This will greatly simplify pinpointing the exact location when calls for help or for firemen are made.

Both nail-on metal numbers and press-on self adhesive numbers are available at hardware and stationery stores at reasonable cost. (A Paper staff member reports the stick on numbers have stayed on for 18 months with no problems.)

\$\$ FOR THE PAPER

On very short notice eight neighborhood women participated in a market research test on May 29, 1974, for the benefit of The Paper, which will receive \$3.00 per participant. Each participant was asked her preferences about sample glass ware which might be used as a bonus in boxes of detergent. Then each was asked to express opinions about fragrances and color to be used in a new liquid laundry detergent to be marketed soon.

The Paper staff sincerely appreciates the effort and time that Anne Martin, Nan Thomas, Marcia Mitchell, Kathy Woodard, Rita Sweets, Cherie McKee, Chris Lange, and Marj Weir donated.

If you are interested in participating in such tests in the future, call Marj Weir, 863-7558, so that we can put you on our contact list. We have been given this opportunity twice and hope that it will become a steady thing. It is an entertaining way to make money for The Paper quickly and without expense.

NEXT ISSUE

SEPTEMBER 1, 1974

Pom-Pom Try-outs

ACTIVITY: To recruit vibrant, enthusiastic women to cheer on to victory, the 28th Ward Slow Pitch Softball team.

They need it--recent scores:

Fraternal Alumni 24
28th Ward 2

Northside Gorillas 18
28th Ward 2

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet following requirements:

- 1) enthusiastic about pom-pomming and cheering the team on to victory,
- 2) general physical deportment that would elicit spectator response epitomized by the old song title "It Must Be Jam Cause Jelly Don't Shake Like That."
- 3) general behavioral deportment during the games that will tend to develop respect and recognition for the 28th Ward All-Stars and its distinguished members.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Pom Pom candidates and those eventually selected for Pom Pom Girls must provide proper fitting, modestly cut bikini swim suits that will evoke a modest interest on the part of spectators, Pom Poms will be furnished by the sponsor.

TIME AND PLACE OF TRYOUTS:

Home of Joe Mestres, sponsor, 6106 Kingsbury Ave. 7 p.m. GIRLS, DON'T FORGET YOUR UNIFORMS!!!



Alleys To Be Cleaned

The S-D Board has approved a three month trial plan of alley cleaning by a private contractor. Work will begin shortly in parts of both the Rosedale Neighborhood Assn. and Washington Heights Neighbors. Violations of local sanitation laws will be noted as part of the contract.

Council Office Face Lift

A plan to spruce up the front of the building occupied by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council at 6008 Kingsbury is being studied by the Board. Members saw the first drawings at the May meeting and suggested some changes which will be taken up in June.

CHURCH NEWS

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Church School, acclaimed a great success last summer, will again be sponsored by Delmar Baptist, St. Roch's, and Grace Methodist Churches, August 5-9. Under the leadership of Director Mrs. Margaret Utley of Delmar Baptist and Co-Director Mrs. Pat Krippner of Grace Methodist, the program will hold informal classes at Grace Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman, from 9:00 to 11:45a for about 100 children from Kindergarten through 6th grade. The emphasis of the program, which is free of charge to all community children, is on sharing good times in fellowship with neighbors. Each church is committed to providing one-third of the volunteer staffing for the ten or eleven classes, two teachers per class.

DELMAR BAPTIST

In addition to its commitment to the community's Vacation Church School in August, Delmar Baptist Church will hold Pre-Kindergarten classes and sponsor seven students in a Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

The Pre-Kindergarten, for children who will enter Kindergarten this Fall and will be five years old by September, is aimed at helping children without previous Pre-School experience to prepare for Kindergarten through play, learning activities, and field trips. Classes will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M., beginning June 18, and free. Children are asked to bring sack lunches.

Summer Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment still underway. Call church office, 725-2311.

In cooperation with the SDCC, Delmar Baptist submitted a proposal for a Neighborhood Youth Corps program to be held at the Church. The students, who have already been selected will take upholstery classes twenty hours per week. The purpose is to teach the youths a marketable skill.

The church will provide a working base for two young Southern Baptist missionaries, Nancy Stevenson, from our neighborhood, and Theresa Nunez from Tyler, Texas. The women will be involved in the Pre-Kindergarten, vacation Church School, and NYC program; they will also work as census takers and make home visits in the area.

Requiem

The Paper wishes to extend condolences to the children in the St. Louis Public Schools on the vote of "no confidence" expressed by the St. Louis voting public on June 6, when the school tax increase was laid to rest. It is truly a great loss, which will be felt by many, for a long time to come.

VICISSITUDES

Ms. Karen Bynum received her Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Webster College in May 1974.

Joseph Lange received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Washington University in May 1974.

Ms. Rita Sweets received her Bachelor of Arts degree, having majored in Theatre Arts, from Webster College in May 1974.

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NEW APPROACH TO HOUSING

At the May meeting, S-D board members gave preliminary consideration to a proposed revolving fund, to be used in buying, renovating, renting or selling, single family homes in the area.

The proposal calls for raising \$25,000 to \$35,000, which would supply twice that amount in credit leverage. Funds would be used to purchase single family homes in our neighborhood, especially those being returned by default to government agencies. A contractor would be hired to repair and renovate the homes, which would then be sold or rented on the open market.

The chief advantage of this plan to the neighborhood would be assurance that the homes were properly repaired and marketed by a responsible party, not patched and sold by real estate speculators. It is similar to efforts now being made by some individuals in the area.

Some board members felt that the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council did not have sufficient staff to manage such an operation efficiently. Others thought the project could succeed as long as it was limited to single family homes. The second week in May, S-D representatives met to discuss the plan with West End Townhouses, which does similar renovation on multiple family dwellings; and with Grace and Peace Fellowship, whose members have undertaken this kind of work in the neighborhood.

THANK

The Board of the Washington Heights Neighbors Association and Horace and Anna Busch who were host and hostess for the WHN Barbecue Social, May 12, 1974, thank everyone who volunteered to make the event a success.

--Anna Busch

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Plans for Art fair '75

Before memories of Art Fair '74 had begun to fade, a number of interested residents met to review the Mother's Day Weekend in order to share what was learned (and earned) and to plan any needed improvements. Another important agenda item was discussion and staff changes in the Residential Service.

The meeting was held at Susie Roach's house on Tuesday, May 21, with approximately 15 neighbors in attendance. Several needs emerged from the discussion:

1. a statement of philosophy and purpose of the activities of the Art Fair Weekend as a whole which would serve as a basis for establishing clearer policies and guidelines for exhibits, fund-raising activities, etc.

2. a method for eliminating inappropriate exhibitors before they arrive on Mother's Day,

3. additional manpower to control traffic at Skinker & Kingsbury before noon on Art Fair Sunday,

4. restroom facilities for the public,

5. a coordinator for neighborhood fund-raising,

6. more buses for the House Tour,

7. more training of house sitters.

At the meeting several people volunteered to serve on various committees for next year's fair.

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GOING ON

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For further information, or to register, call Washington University's Summer School, 863-0100, ext. 4628.

MUSIC

An internationally-known Swedish chamber orchestra and choir will present a program of Scandinavian folk and classical music, song and dance at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20 in Washington University's Edison Theatre. The performance will be sponsored by Washington University's Germanic Area Studies Department and the University City Chapter of People to People in cooperation with the American-Scandinavian Foundation. It is the group's first United States tour.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults; \$1 for students; and 50 cents for children under 14. For further information on tickets, call Washington University's box office and information center at 863-0100, ext. 4113 or 4114 (days), or Mrs. Eric Seagren at 878-3598 (evening).

WHN Makes Hit

WHN functions over Art Fair weekend proved quite profitable. Because of a near rain-out Saturday, the Flower Sale was continued at The Art Fair, Sunday, May 12, to sell the remaining plants. The Flower Sale netted \$130. That evening's Bar-B-Que at Horace and Anna Busch's home at 5765 Pershing fed the neighbors and the WHN treasury to a total of about \$260. Disbursement of these funds will be discussed at the next WHN board meeting June 13, 7:30 at SDCC. Visitors are welcome!

HEALTH

PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE The Breast Examination

Since the American health care system is designed to treat illness rather than people, preventive health care education is rarely a part of that system. What that means to us, the people who become patients in time of illness, is that we are seldom taught things to do for ourselves that could help stop disease before it strikes. In order to practice preventive health care, we must educate ourselves about our bodies and learn how to detect potential disease. A good example of this is the simple, but important breast exam. It should be administered once a month after the menstrual period, and continued after the change of life. Early detection of cancer can mean the difference in controlling the disease.

Follow these simple steps:

1. Observe your breasts in a mirror. Lift arms up. Place palms together and press - OBSERVE. Push against your hips with your palms - OBSERVE. Look for areas of redness, skin drawing back, swelling or scars. If any abnormality is seen, it is wise to see a doctor, though it might represent a perfectly harmless condition.
2. Lie down. Place a towel under the shoulder of the breast being examined. With the opposite hand, using two or three fingers, gently feel the breast. Work in a circular motion around the breast, moving closer to the nipple each time around. When you have felt all parts of your breast, squeeze the nipple to check for any discharge. This too should be checked out by a doctor if it occurs.
3. Sit up, place your hand behind your head and repeat the same procedure as in step 2.
4. Examine your entire armpit area, checking for tenderness or a lump or thickening. If you have any unusual symptoms, always see a doctor to be sure of the diagnosis.

And that's the entire, simple procedure. We suggest you clip and save these instructions in order to begin practicing preventive health care with confidence.

Judy Machon
People's Clinic

Want Ads

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