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Meet Ann FitzGibbons



The Paper interviewed Ms. Anne FitzGibbons, new executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, about her past experiences and her expectations for the Council and the neighborhood.

Paper: Ann, what do you see as the major challenge of your job?

AMF: The major problem I see is apathy. I hope to continue to bring high quality programs here and get people re-involved. For example, I am asking local artists to lend SDCC some of their works to display at the office. In this way I hope to get our neighbors to appreciate the great wealth of people who live here.

Paper: What about housing, which has been a major concern of the Council?

AMF: In the past, the Council focused on saving the deteriorating housing stock in the area. This problem has been solved to a great extent—we're now a stable neighborhood. What we need now is to maintain our present level and project our image.

Paper: Will you continue as executive director of the West End Neighborhood Arts Council?

AMF: Yes. I'll use contacts and programs begun there to improve our neighborhood pride and draw outside interest.

Paper: How will you address the negative aspects of neighborhood politics?

AMF: Many people are sticking with the past—the negative past. I believe that I can convince them that I am new, not to the

neighborhood, but to the conflicts. I am not avoiding the issues but can emphasize the positive aspects of life in Skinker-DeBaliviere. I am not seen as a person who has taken sides and I am open to all members of the community.

Paper: Do you see communication between diverse neighborhood groups and individuals as an issue?

AMF: I intend to spend a lot of time in one-on-one conversations with residents, personally inviting them to get involved. I have discovered that many people do not really believe they are welcome in neighborhood organizations and activities. We are planning to enlarge our cultural, educational and beautification projects which will utilize the energies and talents of many people.

I plan to operate this office with an open door policy.

As far as groups are concerned, I plan to continue the co-sponsoring of cooperative and non-controversial programs such as exhibits, films, home improvement seminars, adopt-a-lot programs, etc., letting groups put their collective energies into positive actions to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Paper: Tell me more about your "Open door policy."

AMF: I want this office to be a focal point of neighborhood activity. I am continuing to work on the Neighborhood Resource Guide, and I want one of the rooms here in the office to be a resource center. We will continue to collect information on properties available to both rent and buy. I want Skinker-DeBaliviere residents to call on me and use this office and its resources.

Paper: How will the office be managed?

AMF: I will be hiring a part-time secretary soon, and we will continue to use the telephone-answering service to take messages on which I will take action.

Paper: What about fund raising?

AMF: I will be starting on that immediately. While working with Arts Council, I made many contacts with foundations and businesses who supported our activities. I also made the following suggestions to the SDCC in my interview: cooperative neighborhood organization benefits, establishment of a business society, corporate donation program, grant writing for specific projects, and using the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.

Also we will be attempting to sublet some of our extra office space.

One of our early projects will be to repair and decorate the interior of the SDCC office building. We've already accomplished a major clean-up.

Paper: Good luck to you, Ann.

AMF: I am looking forward to working with the neighborhood residents to boost our area.

(This interview provided by Karen Bynum of The Paper staff.)

Christmas Reading Offers Family Fare

"A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas perfectly expresses the enchantment of Christmas. This humorous, sad, magical, irresistible account of Dylan Thomas' own childhood and of a Christmas day in a small Welsh town will be presented Monday, Dec. 13, 1982, 7:30 p.m., at Grace Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman Avenue.

The play, to be read by Rocco DiLorenzo, Arline Webb and Dan Shea, with musical accompaniment by Mary Magyar on flute, is being sponsored by the West End Neighborhood Arts Council and the Rosedale Neighborhood Association.

Dylan Thomas (1914-1953), a Welsh-born poet, is well known for his poetry, prose, selected letters and writings. "A Child's Christmas in Wales" has been hailed as a "finer work of art—more humorous, more perspicacious, more touching, more wise—than Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The Argus. "The language is enchanting and the poetry shines with an unearthly radiance." The New York Times. "It should become as much a tradition of Christmas as the wreath on the door and the tree in the window." The Argus.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this wonderful program. Refreshments provided by the Rosedale Neighborhood Association will be served immediately following the program. Special assistance for this performance has been provided by the Central West End Savings and Loan Association, the Cohen family, the Webb family, the Hamilton family and Grace Methodist Church.

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Jacob Wachsmuth shows off one of the posters announcing the Christmas reading to be offered this month for the enjoyment of the whole family.



Mrs. Annie Bridges of 5768 DeGiverville was a recent recipient of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Home Improvement Award, sponsored by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and the Central West

End Savings and Loan Association. The award is given to neighborhood residents in appreciation and recognition of improvement and maintenance to the exterior of their residences.

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Grace Church to Honor Betty Klinefelter



At the 11 o'clock Sunday morning worship service on Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 6, 1983, Grace United Methodist Church will honor Betty Klinefelter for her many years of service in the Girl Scout and Boy Scouts of America Programs in Grace Church and

the neighborhood. A reception for Betty Klinefelter and other Scout leaders will follow the service at 12:15 p.m. Friends and neighbors are invited to attend the morning worship service and the reception.

Following its usual schedule, The Paper will not publish a January issue. The deadline for the February '83 issue is Jan. 15, 1983.

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Any pictures or illustrations submitted should be in black and white.
The editor retains the right to omit or alter any material.
Send all correspondence to 6124 Westminster. Deadline: 15th of the month.

Volunteers Needed for Ex-Offenders, Aged

Volunteers are being sought by two St. Louis programs offering much-needed help to special groups.

The Missouri Board of Probation and Parole needs volunteers to work at their downtown office assisting in an employment program which helps ex-offenders acquire jobs. Persons are also needed to assist in working with alcoholism education groups. Both of these tasks address widespread and critical issues for enabling ex-offenders to become self-sufficient, productive workers.

Training is provided for volunteers, who work closely with professional staff. For more information, call 647-3657.

Assertive volunteers with interest and concern for the aged are needed as ombudsman volunteers with the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program. Volunteers must be able to spend a half day during the week at a nearby nursing home, visiting with residents to determine their unresolved concerns or complaints. Expert training and on-going supervision and education enable volunteers to work with nursing home administration, staff and residents in finding solutions to problems.

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December Calendar

- 3 Delmar Senior Adults, Delmar Baptist Church. 10 a.m. Shopping spree at area shopping mall. Lunch out.
Bel Cato Chorus presents Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5300 Delmar. 8 p.m.
- 5 Herb Drury Duo. 3 p.m. Free concert. CASA, 560 Trinity at Delmar.
Bel Cato Chorus repeat performance. 3:30 p.m. Reception following.
Delmar Baptist Church Choral Advent Vespers. 5 p.m.
- 6 St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music. 8 p.m. Grace Methodist Church.
Henryk Szeryng, violinist. 8 p.m. recital. CASA, 560 Trinity. \$6 and up.
RAVEN offers Men's Choices: A men's Forum: Male Sexuality: Is the Wild Man Really There? 6665 Delmar, Suite 302. 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Jeffrey Siegel—Keyboard Conversation: Brahms. 8 p.m. CASA, 560 Trinity. \$9.
Feast Day. St. Rochs.
- 10 Delmar Senior Adults. Trip to Eugene Field House. 10 a.m. Lunch \$1.50.
St. Louis Art Museum. Precisionist Painting and American Photography thru Jan. 30. Special Exhibition Galleries.
- 12 Rosedale Neighborhood Association: CHRISTMAS WALK, 2-5 p.m.
- 13 West End Neighborhood Arts Council and Rosedale Neighbors present: A Child's Christmas in Wales. Grace Methodist Church. 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Washington Heights Neighborhood Association Board Meeting. Hamilton School. 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Delmar Senior Adults. Shopping and decorations in downtown St. Louis. 10 a.m. Lunch \$1.50.
- 19 Grace Methodist Church: Candle Light Christmas Carol Concert. 4 p.m.
Yoga Center Vegetarian Dinner. 6:30. \$4 or bring dish to feed 8.
- 20 SDCC Meeting. 7:30 p.m. St. Roch's School Cafeteria (west school building).
- 22 St. Roch's School: vacation begins.
- 24 Grace Methodist Church. Christmas Communion. 11 p.m.

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- 3 St. Roch's School: Classes resume.
- 8 Catholic High School Placement Test. St. Roch's.
- 10 SDCC Meeting. 7:30. Council Office.
- 11 Washington Heights Neighborhood Association Board Meeting. Hamilton School. 7:30 p.m.
- 14 St. Roch's School: semester break.
- 15 Yoga Center Vegetarian Dinner. 6:30. \$4 or bring dish to feed 8.



Among those participating in the Garden Club's latest project—planting trees around Four Corners Plaza—(Des Peres and Kingsbury)—were (from left) Bill FitzGibbons, Arlene Itzi, Shannon Itzi and Jacob Wachsmuth. The trees were contributed by the St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

St. Louis Division of Recreation Offers Winter Activities

The Fabulous Fall Fun Program presented by the St. Louis Division of Recreation has been launched at 11 recreation centers and numerous outposts, providing a wide spectrum of recreational and instructional activities for every member of the family during the winter months.

As in past seasons, there will be scheduled classes, leagues, tournaments, aquatic programs, team sports for all ages, crafts, dance classes, pageants, variety entertainment, concerts, bus trips, boxing, tiny tot classes, tennis, skating, and special interest clubs. Exciting new basketball leagues will begin play this week. For details on boys or girls leagues, contact Carlus Kelley at 367-4141 or 652-6112.

The American Red Cross fully sanctions the Learn-to-Swim program and Lifesaving classes conducted presently at the West End Pool, 724 N. Union, and other pools.

Craft classes will be conducted at historic Cabanne House in Forest Park. A list of the classes can be obtained by calling 367-1500.

Youngsters 3 to 6 years old are invited to participate in the educational, fun Tiny Tot Classes at Dunn-Marquette Recreation Center and many other sites throughout town.

The West End Recreation Center is conducting aerobic dancing classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. and from 12 noon until 1:45 p.m. Classes are free. Contact Mrs. Mabel Lawrence or Mrs. Judy Moore.

Adult Arts and Crafts classes will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. These include classes in macrame, sewing, ceramics, crocheting, needlepoint, weaving, embroidery and other arts and crafts. Classes are free but participants must furnish their own materials. Contact Mrs. Mabel Lawrence or Mrs. Deborah Hill.

The West End Center is located at 5250 Enright and can be reached by calling 367-4141. Information can also be obtained by calling the St. Louis Division of Recreation at 535-0100.

DeBaliviere-Kingsbury Square Reporter Sought

A resident of the DeBaliviere-Kingsbury Square neighborhood is needed to gather news about residents of that area for The Paper. A Rona Barrett you don't need to be, just someone with a keen interest in your

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Holiday Festivities

Skinker-DeBaliviere Christmas Walk



The holidays have traditionally been a time for get-togethers and Skinker-DeBaliviere is no exception. Residents throughout the neighborhood will be opening their homes for all to enjoy during the Skinker-DeBaliviere Christmas Walk, Sunday, Dec. 12, from 2-5 p.m. This special event is being held in conjunction with the Neighborhood Marketing Services "House of the Month" selection, which is Cecily Barker's home at 6137 Westminster.

Members of the Skinker-DeBaliviere community have always had great pride in their neighborhood and the Skinker-DeBaliviere Christmas Walk provides everyone an opportunity to learn why.

Expanding on Neighborhood Marketing's featured home, the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and Rosedale Neighbors invited other homeowners to join in opening their homes for this free walk through the area. Stops at several homes will provide visitors a glimpse of the elegance and liveability of the homes here.

The first floors of these homes will be on view:

- 6137 Westminster (Cecily Barker)
- 6178 McPherson (Georgie Fox)
- 6106 Kingsbury (Karleen and Tom Hoerr)
- 6185 Kingsbury (Bill Keslar and Sandy Baker)
- 6037 Pershing (Karen Bynum)
- 6016 Washington (Katie and Paul Kurtz)
- 6157 Pershing (Arline and Richard Webb)

The walk begins at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office at 6008 Kingsbury, where maps to the homes, neighborhood information and light refreshments will be available.

Handsome "We're Close" SDCC posters will also be given away. (A limited number of posters signed by the artist are also available at a modest fee.)

Neighborhood Marketing Service, an organization underwritten by CDA and the Metropolitan Real Estate Board, will publicize their selection of House of the Month. They expect an influx of visitors to the area in excess of 300.

Dec. 12 should provide the entire neighborhood an opportunity to show off some of its finest homes while at the same time engaging in a bit of early holiday celebration. Additional homes are welcome—call Karleen Hoerr at 862-5071 for more information; or contact SDCC at 862-5122 or Dayle Kline at 241-9630.



The lovely restoration of this home at 6185 Kingsbury has utilized many original features, including a unique rose wallpaper. Bill Keslar and Sandy Baker are the owners of this home.

Low-Cost Firewood Available

George M. Kinsey, director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, announced that firewood is once again available for sale. Wood may be purchased, until further notice, every Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Park Department's maintenance yard in Forest Park with the exception of city holidays. Prices are \$5 per car load, \$10 per station wagon, and \$20 per van or pickup truck.

For additional information contact the Forestry Division Office at 535-0075.



This home at 6016 Washington, once a duplex, was remodeled by Katie and Paul Kurtz into a single family home several years and featured on the House Tour at that time.



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Home of Rosedale's current president, Karleen Hoerr, and of Tom Hoerr, regular contributor features many unusual items—for example, a barber chair and genuine juke box.



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Karen Bynum's home was damaged by a major fire two years ago. Since then it has been completely renovated.

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Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council

New Executive Chosen, Washington Heights May Withdraw

by David L. Garin

The SDCC held its monthly meeting in its own office at 6008 Kingsbury on Nov. 8. Among those attending was the nominee for executive director, Ann M. FitzGibbons.

Karleen Hoerr, the chairperson of the Selection Committee, described at great length the process used to select Ms. FitzGibbons. Hoerr explained that the Selection Committee reduced the 20 applicants to three finalists. These three candidates had an opportunity to prepare comments on objectives and goals for SDCC prior to being interviewed. Reportedly, the finalists differed in style and experience "relevant to the work of SDCC." Ms. FitzGibbons emerged from this process as the choice of the majority of the committee members.

The task of the Board this evening was to vote either approval or disapproval of the Committee's choice. (In the latter case, the search for an executive director would be reopened city-wide.)

Ms. FitzGibbons, a resident who has already worked on civic issues in the neighborhood, and is currently director of the West End Arts Council, presented some introductory comments and responded to questions from the Board members.

Mr. Riley asked for an estimate of how much outside money could be raised. Ms. FitzGibbons hoped to raise \$10,000 based on related cases. Mr. Williams asked about maintaining better "communications" between neighborhood associations. Ms. FitzGibbons suggested co-sponsorship by the different associations of projects that served goals they had in common. In answer to additional questions, Ms. FitzGibbons responded that she is a self-initiator and, although she has mainly supervised youths, she has also organized adult volunteer workers. She admitted to limited housing experience but displayed strong credentials in education and an obvious self-confidence. Mr. Burke raised the fact that the husband of the candidate owns the building that houses the SDCC. Ms. FitzGibbons countered that SDCC rented its space prior to her husband's purchase and, regarding landlord-tenant conflicts, she said, "I know of no one who has more influence over the owner of the building (than I have)."

After the candidate departed, a motion was made to hire. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Williams, president of the Washington Heights Neighbors Association, expressed to the Board his feelings that the selection committee's choice did not represent Washington Heights' interests, and that another candidate (not named) was available for selection who would have better represented those interests. Because everyone, it seemed, sensed deeper, unspoken undercurrents at this point, the discussion continued, although there was no procedural basis for a minority report

from the Selection Committee. To this listener, the issue appeared to be rooted in past history and was not a discussion against the merits of the proposed candidate, Ms. FitzGibbons, per se.

Mr. Breun, with some emotion, referred to the historically distinct nature of the Washington Heights group in SDCC. Why not pick a candidate who could best ameliorate those problems, Breun asked, then countered his own suggestion with an argument regarding the need for a person to handle the overall tasks confronting a Community Council. We picked on "style" rather than "content," Breun stated, but we need some "glue" to keep SDCC together.

The vote, by secret written ballot, was 9-5 to hire. This was surprisingly close for a candidate selected by committee on a 5-1 vote. Jim McLeod suggested that decisions regarding starting date, salary, and staff be made by the Executive Committee through its president, Frank Burke. At this point, several Board members representing Washington Heights departed. I left the meeting to discuss the preceding issue with Mr. Williams.

In the cool night air, Harold Williams explained to me his concern that Washington Heights concentrate its efforts to put its own house in order. The problems of Washington Heights differ somewhat from that of the other neighborhoods comprising SDCC. In Williams' view, the continuation of Washington Heights in SDCC means that it will always be out-voted and thereby will be required to participate in issues that do not address its own problems. "We need to consolidate our efforts on local issues instead of diffusing our energies," he noted.

Williams confided that the Executive Committee of Washington Heights had voted on Nov. 9 to withdraw from SDCC if Ann FitzGibbons was appointed executive director. The final decision to withdraw must be made by the residents of Washington Heights. The issue is scheduled to be debated at the Dec. 14 meeting of the Washington Heights Association, 7:30 p.m., at the Hamilton School. Williams said the Board's recommendation to withdraw could be voted on that evening, but he does not anticipate that a decision will be made until the Jan. 11 meeting. Mr. Williams expects the resident vote "to be close."

The remainder of the SDCC meeting was expectedly anti-climactical. The latest draft revision of the Constitution and By-Laws is available for viewing at the SDCC office weekdays during business hours. Amendments to the By-Laws will be addressed at the December meeting with a final vote anticipated at the January meeting. However, the big question is—Will Washington Heights be voting on that Constitution?

Report from the Alderman

by Daniel McGuire

Seasons greetings! I sincerely hope we all have an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

Of major interest to our area is the recent announcement by the mayor's office of the establishment of the Neighborhood Liaison Office with Albert J. Nerviani (our neighbor on Kingsbury) as director. Recognizing that the needs of each neighborhood, and indeed different sections of the same neighborhood, are separate and distinct with varying needs, the city has been divided into several administrative subdistricts. The Skinker-DeBaliviere area is incorporated in District 11, generally bounded by the City Limits, Delmar, Union, Washington, Olive, Vandeventer and Oakland.

Mr. Angelo Sita has been named as the Neighborhood Liaison Officer (NLO) for our district. He has already started to survey our neighborhood to determine its general physical condition and immediate needs. He will be required to prioritize the services needed by our neighborhoods and to make sure the commitments to deliver these services are met once the city makes a commitment.

Mr. Sita will maintain a close relationship with me, the major neighborhood associations, and the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, and will undoubtedly be in attendance at many neighborhood meetings. He has already met with the Block Unit on 59xx DeGiverville, and plans to meet with Washington Heights in the very near future. The NLO will literally "be on the street" each day in the district. Together, we hope to establish a close working relationship with citizen groups and be in a position to respond to specific service requests.

In general, the NLO's will respond to specific complaints but initially will spend most of their time bringing concentrated services to smaller "target areas" around the city which can show "turn-around" results in a relatively short period. I successfully lobbied the mayor and CDA to designate that portion of Washington Heights bounded by Delmar, Laurel, Waterman, and Des Peres as a target area. As such, beginning in the spring, all vacant lots in this area

will be cleared and maintained throughout the year by Operation Brightside; top priority consideration will be given to public improvement projects; strict external code enforcement will be maintained along with the city's help to obtain low-interest loans and grants for home improvements and repairs. Most importantly, there is a firm commitment by the city to blight and offer for rehab all vacant housing structures in the target area. It is now time for speculators to improve their property or sell it so someone who will! Hopefully, this program will go a long way in improving the physical appearance of the neighborhood in general and the target area in particular.

Well, I guess you have noticed that the only visible action on the new library has been the erection of a sign promising a new library. But don't despair. I recently spoke with Mr. Jeff Krewson, the project architect (and neighbor in DeBaliviere Place), who assured me that all was well, just proceeding a bit slower than anticipated. There were a few "minor" adjustments to the plan at the request of the building commissioner . . . and there is a "small" problem with obtaining some parts by the manufacturer of the pre-fab library building . . . but (weather permitting) we will have a new library by February . . . or early spring at the latest.

Finally, I would like to offer my congratulations to Ms. Ann McKerrow FitzGibbons, the newly appointed executive director of SDCC. I know that her experience as a resident of Skinker-DeBaliviere, a teacher at Hamilton School, director of the West End Neighborhood Arts Council, and as a supervisor of this summer's SLATE youth program in the area, provide her with a firm background and understanding of the wants and needs of all of our neighborhoods and the Skinker-DeBaliviere community as a whole.

I look forward to working with her, with Angelo Sita, our new NLO, and with everyone else committed to improving our neighborhoods and the lives of our neighbors in the coming year.

Again, I wish you all a happy, prosperous and productive New Year!

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Halloween Party Marks 15th Year



Winners of the best costume awards at the 15th annual Rosedale Halloween Party took their bows before an audience of over 150 children at St. Roch's gymnasium.

About 150 costumed children converged on St. Roch's Gymnasium at 5 p.m. Halloween evening for the 15th annual Rosedale Halloween Party.

Entertainment for the trick-or-treaters this year was provided by Presto the Magician (Jeff Lefton), who managed to keep the attention of the excited children while judges Bill and Mary Christman chose the 10 best costumes.

Winners of the most imaginative costume competition were:

- Sara Barker (PacMan)
- Matt Bailey (clown)
- Ben Brammeier (Dracula)
- Jeggen Farwell (clown)
- Katie Holt (Annie)
- Dan McGuire (mummy)
- Kate Onuska (geisha girl)

- Sandra Rock (Raggedy Ann)
- Amber Vaughn (fallen angel)
- Kelly Woodard (Sylvester the Cat)

The event was co-sponsored by the Rosedale, Washington Heights and Parkview Associations, as well as by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, with the cooperation of St. Roch's parish. Rick Bender served as crossing guard.

Art Santen again coordinated the event, as he has done since the annual party began in 1967. Art remembers how the event started as an idea Sharon McPherron shared with him. "That first party was held in the yard next to the school," Art said. Since then it has developed into a favorite event for neighborhood children and a welcome way of organizing trick-or-treating for everyone's benefit and safety.

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

November is the month of brilliant color in Parkview. Scarlet, orange and brown leaves obscure front steps, hide under the ivy and mass against the curbs. They form mounds so that children can scuff through them, scattering the leaves in their wake.

From Washington to Pershing the residents rake and pile and sweep. But the leaves never cease. The limbs of trees seem bare against the sky; yet the leaves continue to accumulate. Years ago this rite of raking in the fall was accompanied by the sharp scent of burning leaves. Bonfires would be built in the ash pits or along the curbs and the fall's harvest would go up in smoke. Every bonfire was a magnet for Parkview kids. They would huddle around the fire just far enough away to be safe and close enough to be warm. Weekends were particularly appropriate for these fireside gatherings and the crisp smell and crackling flames told everyone that fall was really over.

City ordinances have forbidden such autumn rituals long since, but the multi-colored leaves are still the harbingers of hibernation. All through October, and especially this year with its Indian Summer, into November Parkview is populated with neighbors chatting on porches, visiting over



Tina Marie O'Connor, 6200 Waterman, tends her share of autumn leaves in Parkview.

rakes, riding bikes, walking dogs and strolling in the parks. With the last leaf and the first wave of true cold weather, the population dwindles to the ubiquitous jogger and the hardy resident willing to give Rover a romp.

Almost overnight, the people retreat into the warmth of their homes and the comfort of their fires. Neighbors no longer have casual visits and no one chats in the parks or sits on porches. It's not unlikely for next door neighbors not to see each other for five months. The children seem to disappear with the leaves; the streets and lawns are deserted.

There will be one more glimpse of outdoor activity, when the snows come. Children will build snowmen and neighbors will rediscover each other. But Parkview will not really come alive again until spring.

Rosedale Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

We welcome to the neighborhood Helen Carter and her daughter, Angela, who recently moved into the 6100 block of Westminster. Helen is a nurse at City Hospital and Angela attends Wilson School. In saying welcome to the Carters, we sadly say goodbye to Rita and Nikki Sweets, who have left Westminster for apartment living.

Several neighbors have been fortunate enough to take fall vacations this year. Steve and Marjie Brammeier and their two boys, along with Steve's parents, vacationed in sunny Florida, spending time in Clearwater and also visiting Disneyworld.

Jane Geer and daughter Sarah, 6100 Kingsbury, flew to Massachusetts to visit Jane's mom in Long Meadow, a suburb of Springfield. Jane's husband, Jim, drove up to meet them there, and the Geer family enjoyed a New England vacation visiting New York City, Boston and Connecticut, as well as a stop to visit Jim's family in

New York state.

Mary Powell, 6100 Westminster, caught the gambling fever and spent a short vacation in Las Vegas with the folks from her office.

Congratulations to Sophie McCarthy and Suzie Botz, both of 6100 Kingsbury, who are members of the Incarnate Word volleyball team. The team won the state tournament in Kansas City on Nov. 13 by defeating Hillsboro.

Jan and John Pitts have announced that they are expecting an additional member of the family to arrive in early summer. The Pittses live on 6100 McPherson.

A belated congratulations to Betty and Bob Newsham, 6100 Kingsbury, on the birth of their first grandchild. Kathleen Mahoney was born on Aug. 26 to Mimi (Newsham) and Brian Mahoney. The couple and their new baby reside in South St. Louis.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of George Greene who passed away recently, but especially to his wife Miriam and their two children who live in the 6000 block of Kingsbury.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 7, a group of neighbors were treated to a simply delightful concert by the St. Louis Brass Quintet at Delmar Baptist Church. The performance was sponsored by the Neighborhood Arts Council and the Rosedale Neighborhood Association. This group is comprised not only of fine musicians, but also terrific showmen who made the performance entertaining to all, regardless of musical background or expertise. A small reception for the performers and audience was held afterwards by the Rosedale Neighborhood Association. It was a super evening and we certainly hope to see more like it!

Wishing all of you very happy, hopeful and peaceful holidays.

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Judge William C. Carr (1783-1851)

He Left His Mark Early on This River City

by Ray Breun

Most people think of all the steamboats along the St. Louis levee when they dream of arriving by boat at the Gateway to the West. Arriving three weeks to the day after the transfer of Upper Louisiana, William C. Carr came in on a keelboat pulled by ropes upstream from Louisville, Kentucky. He was originally from Virginia, but he moved west after getting his law degree.

It was the last day in March, 1803, when he landed on the spring mud of the rising Mississippi. Lewis and Clark were camped here, putting the final touches on their plans for heading up the Missouri to the Pacific Coast. They left on May 14 that year, returning in September of 1806.

Carr stayed in St. Louis barely a month that first time off the keelboat. He decided Ste. Genevieve was a much more promising city so he headed south and opened a law office in the oldest city in Upper Louisiana. A year later, however, he realized his mistake and came back to St. Louis to settle in for the duration.

As the historian Billon puts it, Carr "was very successful in the management of his pecuniary affairs having acquired a handsome competency." He became wealthy quickly, acting as an advocate in numerous land trials and other legal matters. In 1815 he built the fifth brick house in St. Louis and the first one exclusively as a dwelling. It was at the southeast corner of Main and Spruce Streets, not far from where he got off the keelboat just eleven years earlier.

In 1809 the district Court of Common Pleas approved a petition from the citizens of St. Louis to incorporate as a town. On Nov. 27 of that year an election was held to name the Board of Trustees. William C. Carr was among the five elected to the Board, the others including Auguste Chouteau, Jean Cabanne, Edward Hempstead and William Christy. In 1817, when the first school board of St. Louis was named, William C. Carr was among them also. Neither group was illustrious for what they did collectively; the individuals in each case led singularly exciting and aggrandizing lives.

Carr was among the larger benefactors who assisted in the construction of the first stone cathedral at St. Louis. The old log church was torn down in 1818—it would have fallen down shortly anyhow. Just a couple years before, Carr, Clement B. Penrose, Charles Gratiot and Stephen Hempstead had organized the first Presbyterian Bible society in St. Louis, and in 1817 helped establish the first Missouri Presbytery. Nearly all the early Americans to St. Louis were Calvinists by inclination. They supported the construction of the new stone cathedral because it was essential to the character of the town and their own positions.

In 1826 Governor John Miller, the fourth governor of the state of Missouri, appointed William C. Carr Circuit Judge of the St. Louis Circuit. He served in that position for eight years. His year of appointment was also the year of the establishment of Jefferson Barracks, replacing Fort Bellefontaine, and the year the permanent capital of Missouri was established at Jefferson City. When Judge Carr resigned from the bench in 1834, he was succeeded by the famous Luke E. Lawless.

Like his close friend Wilson Hunt, William C. Carr bought land west of the town of St. Louis, i.e., west of what is now Third Street. Hunt and Judge Lucas eventually put in a special residential area just west of what is now Tucker Boulevard, called Lucas Place. Just north of that, Carr Square was formed by Judge Carr, and he also established a rather elite residential enclave. In 1842 he gave the park, Carr Square, to the city. By that time the Bents, Frosts and numerous other significant citizens lived in the area. Carr's second wife (his first died rather young) was Miss Dorcas Bent, daughter of Silas Bent, Sr., and thus a great-aunt of Charles M. Russell.

Carr Street and Carr Square on the near north side memorialize William C. Carr. Successful, wealthy, influential and abrupt, Carr left a mark on early St. Louis. When he died at the age of 68 years in 1851, St. Louis had grown from a river outpost of less than 1000 to a city of over 70,000. He had accumulated wealth before the first steamboat arrived in 1817, thirteen years after he arrived by keelboat pulled by ropes. He participated in some of the most significant changes St. Louis went through in its earliest years after the Purchase.

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In keeping with the holiday spirit, Tom Hoerr's column, In Your Ear, will not be published this month. After a much-deserved vacation, Tom's readers will return with the February issue.

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Scholarship Fund Sends Students to Art Museum

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Michael Mason and Adrian Jones (left foreground) are two of the neighborhood youngsters attending the Saturday Art Museum classes by arrangement with the West End Arts Council.

The West End Neighborhood Arts Council has provided eight area students with an opportunity to receive professional art instruction through a scholarship fund for the St. Louis Art Museum Saturday Classes. Students gain studio experience working directly with the Museum's collection under the supervision of professional art instructors.

Art in education is beneficial to a child's overall growth. Art increases problem-solving techniques, creativity, eye-hand coordi-

nation and increases a child's awareness.

Students participating in the scholarship program are: Michael Mason, Adrian Long, Shannan Craft and Angela Morgan, from Hamilton School; Troy Petty, and Bea Stout from St. Roch's School; Anna Price and Michael Castelli from Crossroads.

The Saturday classes are offered to Preschoolers (with their parents) through the senior high school level. Sessions are held each fall and spring for six weeks at a time.

RE-ELECT
DAN MCGUIRE
ALDERMAN 28TH WARD
DEMOCRAT

Dan McGuire was elected 28th Ward Alderman last July to fill the unexpired term of Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr., our Mayor. Since taking office, Dan has been our full-time Alderman at City Hall representing the interests of our residents, and in the neighborhoods where he regularly attends community meetings. He has been accessible and effective in dealing with constituents' problems.

Dan is 35 years old and lives at 6185 Westminster Place with his wife Jill and sons Danny (11 years old) and John (5 years old). They have lived in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area since 1971. He was educated at Beaumont High School, Florissant Valley Community College (A.A., 1967), University of Missouri-Columbia (B.A., 1969), and served as a Teaching Assistant and Research Fellow at the University of Missouri-St. Louis from 1975 to 1977. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society.

He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 and was decorated for meritorious service in Korea.

Dan is a member of the St. Roch's School Association, Rosedale Neighbors, Franz Park Community Organization, Washington Heights Neighbors, and the Central West End Association.

He is a life-long Democrat, past president of the 28th Ward Regular Democratic Club, former member of the 3rd District Young Democrats, member of the Leonor K. Sullivan Group and the Democrats of Tomorrow. He has served as a proxy on the St. Louis Democratic City Central Committee and as alternate delegate to the 1st Congressional District Caucus, 1978.

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