

# The *TIMES* of... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

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DeGiverville Block Unit's ice cream fundraising booth at the National Night Out festivities at Four Corners was a big hit.

## Residents' Path Into Forest Park Dropped in Final Plan

by Lana Stein

When the new Master Plan for Forest Park was adopted in 1996, plans for the redesign of the golf course were incomplete. At that juncture, executive committee members and John Hoal, Director of Urban Design for the City of St. Louis, had drawn in a path running from DesPeres and Lindell to the new passive space area by the Grand Basin. There was also agreement on maintaining a buffer area that could be used by the public at the northern end of the golf course. The Plan called for the elimination of all golf holes from the area of the basin.

The final recommendations concerning the golf course have now been made. In order to accommodate the many retired people who golf in Forest Park, 9 holes suitable for their needs would be added to the original plan for a state of the art 18 hole course. One hole would be left at the edge of the Grand Basin. Because of these changes and because the private company operating the course fears liability, the pedestrian path would be eliminated. For many residents of Skinker DeBaliviere, this creates a hardship. It becomes much more difficult for residents, especially mothers with young children, to go to the park to enjoy the beauty of new passive space on foot. Instead, residents who live so close to the edge of the park would have to rely on automobiles to enjoy what is in truth their neighborhood park. In addition, the buffer area that had been promised would also be eliminated from the final plan.

The charge to those who created the Master Plan included the proviso of making the park more accessible to the neighborhoods bordering it. These final revisions do not accomplish this objective for Skinker DeBaliviere.

On August 28, the Forest Park Advisory Committee voted with only 2 objections that these revisions were

a major change to the Forest Park Master Plan and deserved a public hearing. The city's Community Development Commission will vote on these changes after the hearing. Those interested in these changes can contact the SDCC office at 862-5122 to check on the date and time of the hearing.

Those who favor the path and the buffer space do not object to golf nor to having a state-of-the-art golf course in Forest Park. Instead, proponents want to be able to enjoy a little bit of what is, after all, our neighborhood park and the tranquillity it can provide.

The Community Development Commission has scheduled its hearing for Tues., Sept. 30 at 6:30pm in Room 208 City Hall.

## DELMAR PLANNING UPDATE

by Jo Ann Vatcha

Several meetings have been held over the summer, as we near completion of the consulting study and work toward a final plan presentation to the community. These meetings have included: Business and Property Owners, St. Louis Development Corporation staff, Loop Merchants, Parkview Gardens (apartments), and Skinker-DeBaliviere residents. Feedback on preliminary planning has been voluminous and constructive.

Many participants have indicated a preference for having extra sidewalk space (west of the station area) instead of a median, because of the increased opportunity for its use by businesses and pedestrians. Another concern about having a median involves the need for turn lanes to access businesses. The so-called "linear park" concept received mixed reviews, including specific concerns about maintenance, business visibility, and consistency. Also, among the many

## Long-Term Alderman Becomes Parks Director

On September 15, Dan McGuire, who has served as alderman of the 28<sup>th</sup> ward for 16 years, becomes the city's Director of Parks. McGuire was appointed to the post by Mayor Clarence Harmon. As parks director, McGuire will supervise the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry divisions and will continue to have an active role in the implementation of the Forest Park Master Plan. McGuire accepts this new challenge but acknowledges that he will miss working closely with many ward residents on the projects that have brought stability to the area.

McGuire was elected alderman in a special election in 1981, filling the unexpired term of Vince Schoemehl, who had been selected mayor. During McGuire's tenure, he has attended countless meetings and has helped shepherd housing, commercial, and beautification projects to fruition. At the Board of Aldermen, he was known for his meticulous attention to detail and was considered the best bill drafter on Market St.

McGuire resides on 61xx Westminster, in Skinker DeBaliviere, with his wife, Jill, and sons, Danny and John. In the past 16 years, he has attended many Times activities and has written for the paper as well. On Saturday, October 18, he will be honored at the annual Times New Neighbors Party for his service to the Skinker DeBaliviere community. The party is open to all and will take place at 6117 Westminster, beginning at 7pm. There will be a cash bar, refreshments will be provided, and there is no entrance fee. Donations to the Times, however, will be most welcome. For information about this event, call 721-7532.



## NEW BANNERS LIGHT UP DELMAR

Portraits of MetroLink and bus customers at the Delmar Station, merchants, shoppers and area residents now brighten the streetscape of Delmar Boulevard. Funded by the Missouri Arts Council and produced by Arts in Transit a community partnership program of the Bi-State Development Agency, the banners emphasize the vibrant and diverse population that uses Delmar Station.

The Missouri Arts Council granted funds to create a series of banners in primary colors honoring the people who live, work, shop and play in the area of the Delmar MetroLink station. Patrick Schuchard and a team of artists photographed 30 people to represent the individuals who make up the fabric of the Delmar/Wabash area. Portraits were painted in Warhol-like style. The reverse sides of half of the banners have an exclamation point, and the other half read "Take a Look" in order to emphasize the changes that are taking place along Delmar.

Sixty four banners between Skinker and DeBaliviere on Delmar Boulevard will be installed by the end of September, 1997. They will remain in place for one year. At the end of the installation, the portraits will be given to the subjects.



From the prize-winning McPherson Community Garden. See page 4.

In Our 28th Year of Publication

# Editor's Notebook

by Lana Stein

It sometimes seems like yesterday that I arrived in St. Louis to take a job at UMSL. At the same time, it feels like I have been here forever. I have been most fortunate to really find a home here, in the city and in our neighborhood. In the late fall of 1987, I followed a colleague's advice and went to City Hall to interview Dan McGuire as part of a research project I was pursuing. Alderman McGuire provided considerable guidance to the subject at hand and a number of names of others I ought to speak with. Most important, he told me about the impending Nina Place development and said I should consider buying there. I brushed off the idea at the time, but when display models opened I was there. In the interim, I had learned a great deal about the neighborhood from other residents and from copies of the Times. In need of roots and growing increasing fond of the city, I purchased a unit and moved in a little over 8 years ago. It was a most fortuitous move for me. The friendships forged amidst community activity are very special ones. The opportunity to work with others to better a fine neighborhood is a blessing.

Getting involved allows us all to become part of this special community. We at the Times welcome any and all who would like to help with the newspaper. We need writers and deliverers particularly.

My own work in urban politics has shown me few neighborhoods as diverse or as stable as ours. We wish to celebrate that specialness at our upcoming party (Oct. 18) and also thank Dan for all his efforts. I want to thank him for first telling me about Skinker DeBaliviere and steering me to a home in this neighborhood.

## Crossroads Middle School Students Use Public Art to Promote Recycling

Thirty-seven Crossroads Middle School students created a multicolored, recycled glass sculpture for the newly re-opened Operation BrightSide Recycling Drop-off Center at Kingshighway and I-44. The sculpture takes the form of a tree and it was created from glass bottles.

### In Memoriam

Mr. William Bolden, a long-term resident of the 58XX block of DeGiverville, passed July 22, 1997. He was active as a Block Captain and also served as President of Washington Heights Neighbors. Our condolences to the family.

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# Calendar

## Neighborhood Events and Meetings

- 9/8 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury.
- 9/9 Tuesday Cine, "Girl With A Hatbox," outdoors at Four Corners Park, Kingsbury and DesPeres, 8:00 p.m.
- 9/9 7th District Public Affairs Meeting, St. Louis Metropolitan Police, 4014 North Union Boulevard, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/11 59XX McPherson Block Unit Meeting, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/15 MetroLink Advisory Committee, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 7:30 p.m.
- 9/17 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 12:00 noon.
- 9/17 Personal Safety Seminar sponsored by 7th District Police and Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, New Cote Brillante Church of God Fellowship Hall, lower level, 6195 Washington (use Washington Avenue side entrance), 7:00 p.m.
- 9/20 Rags to Riches neighborhood/wide yard sale, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration (\$10.00 in advance) sent to Mary Ann Rudloff, 6115 Kingsbury, St. Louis MO 63112.
- 9/22 Apartment Owners Association, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/1 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation Meeting, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 12:00 noon.
- 10/2 Social Services Committee, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/4 SDCC Food Drive to benefit four neighborhood food pantries, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Call 862-5122 for more information.
- 10/6 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board Meeting, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 7:00 p.m. Always open to the public.
- 10/7 Luncheon of Methodist Women at Grace Methodist at noon. Call 863-1992 for a reservation. Speaker at 1pm, Ray Hartmann of The Riverfront Times will speak on "What the Country Needs Are a Few Good Activists." All are welcome.
- 10/15 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation Meeting, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 12:00 noon.
- 10/18 **TIMES PARTY FOR NEW AND OLD NEIGHBORS**, St. Louis Ambassadors' Cabanne House, Lindell and Union in Forest Park, 7 p.m. More information in story on page 3.
- 10/25 St. Roch's Second Annual Trivia Night. St. Roch's Gymnasium, 7:30 p.m. Call Lisa Horner for reservations, 863-0947. more information in story on page 3.
- 10/29 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation Meeting, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 6008 Kingsbury, 12:00 noon.
- 10/31 Rosedale Neighborhood Halloween Party, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Details to be announced. Call 862-5122 for more information.
- 12/18 Holiday Open House. Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council offices, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now.

## Other Events of Interest

- 9/18 John C. Danforth, head of 2004, will speak on "St. Louis 2004: A Vision for a Vibrant Community," 1:10 p.m., Brown Hall Lounge, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University. Free and open to the public.
- 9/19-
- 10/6 "A Bridge to the Twentieth Century: James Eads and The Great St. Louis Bridge," performed by Historyonics at the Missouri Historical Society Library, 225 S. Skinker. For reservations, call 746-4445.
- 10/3/4 "Tango x 2" presented by Dance St. Louis at the Fox Theatre.
- 10/22 Ray Suarez of Talk of the Nation, National Public Radio, will speak at Graham Chapel, Washington University, 11a.m., on "The Exuberant Rebirth and Premature Death of the American City." Free.
- 11/7-9 "The Dual Muse: The Writer As Artist/The Artist As Writer," a symposium with exhibits at Washington University. For information call Lorin Cuoco, at 935-5576.
- 11/9 WinterSpice, a display of artistic pieces donated to benefit Food Outreach. Tickets are \$35. At the Caitlyn Gallery in Clayton. Call 367-4461 for information.



**TIMES TO HOLD A PARTY  
FOR NEW NEIGHBORS AND OLD**

Come and celebrate Skinker DeBaliviere,  
Come and learn more about St. Louis's oldest neighborhood newspaper,  
Come and recognize Dan McGulre's 16 years of service as our alderman.

Where: **St. Louis Ambassadors' Cabanne House  
in Forest Park at Lindell and Union.**  
When: **Saturday, October 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**  
Ambiance: **Informal**

Cash bar; refreshments provided; no admission charge (but donations accepted)  
For information call 721-7532.  
**ALL NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!**

**St. Roch Second Annual Trivia Night**

St. Roch will hold their Second Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, October 25. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and questions start promptly at 8 p.m. There will be a cash bar and food available for purchase. Call Lisa Horner, 863-0947, if you have any questions regarding this fun event. Reservations may be made by phone to Lisa or by sending your check of \$10 per per-

son of \$100 for a table of ten to St. Roch Church, Attn: Trivia Night Committee, 6052 Waterman, St. Louis, MO, 63112. Thank you to all who attended this fund-raiser last year and we hope to see you and new friends this year.

Please get your reservations in as early as possible as the event sold out in the prior year.

**Support Dogs Provide Assistance  
to Those with Disabilities**

In the photograph accompanying this story is a Labrador puppy named Inky. Since January, Inky has resided at the home of Georgi Fox, 61xx McPherson. Fox has enlisted in a program that trains support dogs that subsequently will live with and provide assistance to those with disabilities. Fox is helping to prepare Inky for that role. Inky herself is very lovable but also a very good pupil.

Support Dogs, Inc., is a nonprofit agency, founded in 1981. In 1995

this agency provided one-to-one services for over 30,000 people. Support Dogs, Inc. provides specially bred and trained Service Dogs to allow the disabled greater independence in accomplishing daily living tasks that previously were very difficult or impossible to perform. These dogs are now trained to open heavy mall and house doors, load wheelchairs into vehicles, pull wheelchairs long distances and up ramps, and retrieve distant or dropped objects such as a telephone.



At left is Inky, a support dog in training at the home of Georgi Fox.

**Skinker DeBaliviere Housing Corporation Hires Staffer**

The Skinker DeBaliviere Housing Corporation has hired Gary Boehnke to serve as their staff person. He will be located at the SDCC office. Housing Corporation board members feel particularly lucky to have found Boehnke. They were able to hire him thanks to an additional increment of Community Block Grant funding funneled through the SDCC.

Boehnke grew up in Arizona. He has spent a great deal of time working in the supply side of construction, i.e., furnishing materials. His specialty was hollow metal that is used in steel doors and frames. He spent over 10 years at this trade.

While he and his family lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Boehnke returned to school to work on a bachelors degree in construction management at Western Michigan University. He is now completing the last course needed for an applied professional degree from the business college at Western. While there, He worked with a construction, planning, and architectural firm performing work on the Western campus.

Boehnke and his family moved here in November 1996. His wife, Katherine Hawker, is a pastor at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Webster Groves. The couple have two children. Daughter Winona is 6 and son Micah is 3.

Boehnke has been on board with the Housing Corporation for two weeks. He is working on evaluations of the buildings the Housing Corporation owns regarding long and short-term plans. He will be involved in the marketing of products and mentioned that a building on the 60xx block of Washington is now under contract for an owner-occupied rehab. Boehnke will be supplying The Times information about Housing Corporation activities for future issues.

**Jefferson Memorial  
Renovation and  
Expansion Begins**

The Missouri Historical Society has begun to renovate and expand its facility—the Jefferson Memorial—located on the northern boundary of Forest Park at DeBaliviere. The Memorial was built in 1913 with proceeds from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Its Beaux Arts structure is a legacy of the 1904 World's Fair and is also the first national monument to Thomas Jefferson, our 3rd president. In accordance with the Forest Park Master Plan, the Historical Society will upgrade adjacent park land. This building project will more than triple existing exhibit space, permitting the display of up to 10 percent of the two million books, archival papers, photographs, and artifacts in the Society's collections.

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# McPherson Garden Wins Prize

by Andy Cross

The McPherson Community Vegetable Garden is a colorful, thriving, breath of fresh air on the 59xx block of McPherson, thanks to the hard work of many neighbors.



The butterfly garden in the center of it all is constantly visited by a variety of colorful customers sampling the wares. The sunflowers surrounding the center display are now in the process of retiring for the season. The raised beds are still abundant, and many end of summer crops are ready to be harvested. Fall crops are already being planted in some of the beds. We are very proud of our community vegetable garden, and we are not the only ones.

On Friday, August 1, Gateway Greening—our main sponsor—awarded the McPherson Garden first prize for new community gardens. They sent a busload of 170 people to visit five gardens including ours. Then, at a luncheon at

l to r, Elena Victory, horticulture specialist, University outreach and Extension, Karen Davis, extension greenhouse tech, Lincoln University, and Andy Cross inspect a sunflower. (Photo by Roxanne T. Miller)



An urban garden with style. (Photo by Christine Fuerhoff)

the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Director Peter Raven spoke in detail about how pleased the Botanical Garden and Gateway Greening were of the McPherson Garden. Dr. Raven spoke about how this spring the area was a vacant lot with grass and weeds and now is a healthy garden where neighbors gather. He said that he has heard that neighbors are out walking in a spot where hardly anyone walked. Now there is even a waiting list to plant there.

The award we received from Gateway Greening was enormous (so large

in fact that they thought they should apologize for giving us another task). We were awarded a wildflower garden, two in fact, one for each side of the entrance to the raised beds. The prize consisted of 150 plants in four inch pots along with a truck load of mulch. Gateway Greening also provided a layout drawing and sent a tiller and a few volunteers to help us. We installed our prize on August 7 with at least two dozen winning McPherson gardeners.

Congratulations to all the McPherson Community Vegetable Gardeners. Your hard work and dedication shows.



Theresa King and Jane Bunten monitor progress in the garden. (Photo by Christine Fuerhoff)

## MetroLink's Forest Park Station to get Improvements Consultant Selection In Progress

Parking, convenient access to commuter services, and pedestrian safety continue to be major concerns of neighborhood residents, businesses and patrons of Bi-State's Forest Park MetroLink Station.

To begin the process of planning long-term solutions that will meet the needs of all these constituencies, Bi-State recently issued an R.F.Q. (Request for Qualifications) seeking consultant teams interested in helping to evaluate the feasibility of commercial and or residential development in conjunction with a permanent park and ride facility at the Forest Park MetroLink station. A five member committee will screen the initial batch of respondents, some of whom will be invited to submit more detailed proposals under an R.F.P. (Request for Proposals).

Neighborhood resident (57XX DeGiverville) and Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board Member Greg Freeman has agreed to serve on the five member consultant screening

committee. A community meeting, which will provide area residents and business owners with an opportunity to identify their needs, expectations and concerns, is tentatively scheduled for November.

For further information please call Sarah Smith at Arts in Transit, 982-1413 or Laure Porterfield at the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, 862-5122.



At the TileLink ceremony in August, from left Sarah Smith, director of Arts in Transit, Roy Roncal, co-chair of the West End Arts Council, Karen Isbell representing Mayor Harmon. (Photo by Lana Stein)



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**GRACE PRIME TIME  
ADULTS ORGANIZING  
FOR GROWTH**

Grace UMC at the corner of Skinker and Waterman is organizing neighborhood and congregational seniors in an effort to develop meaningful activities.

"After several weeks of internal discussions we are beginning to take action. On September 11, 1997 a group of about seventeen of us are



*l to r: Helen Goertz, Lillian Saunders, and Margaret Sonnenday at conference.*

attending a workshop on Designing a Ministry By, With and For Mature Adults.

We are hopeful that this working session will add to our momentum in developing community based activities with persons of all ages and Denominations both in Skinker-DeBaliviere and the St. Louis area," states Margaret Sonnenday long time Grace member.

"Now that we have more time, we want to make a difference. We here at Grace want to be a catalyst for bringing seniors together to do things that are fun, meaningful, and helpful to other seniors, to people of all ages including youth, to our community and metropolitan area. This is not a Grace Church thing. This is a people and service thing," Sonnenday states. "I must emphasize this is a work with initiative. What we decide to do we will do. As envisioned this will be a senior designed, organized and run operation. We encourage any and all interested to feel free to come to our planning sessions."

You can get involved by contacting John Thomas Breitmayer Community Coordinator at Grace Church 6199 Waterman St. Louis, MO 63112 863-1992, or better yet attend one of Grace UMC Sunday Services or study groups. Sunday service is held at 8:30 A.M. in the Chapel and 11:00 A.M. in the sanctuary. Sunday School for all age groups are held at 9:30 with a fellowship for college students.

**FREE BREAKFAST!**

Grace United Methodist Church at the corner of Skinker and Waterman is going all out to make students feel WELCOME. Sundays at 9:30 a.m. the Congregation is inviting all students and their friends for FREE donuts, coffee and fellowship on the church plaza out doors for as long as the weather permits.

This College Student Fellowship time is offered to allow students to get to know each other, learn more about the community and get involved in wholesome church related activities. Hosted by several new Grace members who are students, the Student Fellowship hour precedes the regular Sunday service. "We hope that this format will be attractive to students. If successful social, spiritual and volunteer activities will be an outgrowth of this initial outreach effort," states Amy Murphy hostess, computer sciences major and recent Grace member. "Religion and fellowship are important in all our lives. "As students

we sometimes loose touch with this away from home and under some pretty serious academic pressures. This effort by our congregation is a great way to visibly remind us of the importance of faith in our lives. I am very happy to be a part of this," states Jaime Boero a host, medical resident and Grace member.

Grace United Methodist holds two services on Sundays. Early Service is at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel with regular service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Additionally, there are small groups, opportunities for volunteerism and a great facility available for creative students to use for a variety of activities. "At Grace All Are Welcome," states Pastor Roger Wreath.

For more information contact John Thomas of Grace Church 863-1992.

**DELMAR PLAN UPDATE**  
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Aside from the public meetings, the consultants have been busy working on analyzing the traffic count information from the City, meeting with the Traffic Division to discuss the findings, in particular the idea of reducing the number of lanes of traffic on Delmar to cut down on the vast width that inhibits development and the comfort level of pedestrians trying to cross the street. In addition, another part of the consulting team has been at work analyzing financial projections and economic development ideas, and the Delmar Team will be meeting soon to digest all the data and make final recommendations.

Arts in Transit received some unexpected funding from the Missouri Arts Council for a temporary public art project on Delmar, and Patrick Schuchard, the artist member of the Delmar Team, and his crew have been working on unique banners for Delmar that feature hand painted portraits of community residents and a few other familiar faces. The very colorful banners were designed to pique interest in Delmar east from Skinker to the station and on to DeBaliviere.

All in all, lots of work has been going on this summer to move towards a better Delmar. Look for notice of the final plan presentation coming very soon.

**SDCC Social Services Committee  
Issues Challenge**

by Maggie Hart-Mahon

The Skinker DeBaliviere community has a long history of service and volunteerism. Members of the SDCC Social Services Committee are anxious to continue that experience of service and concern. Members of the committee have decided that many of our residents are getting older and finding it more difficult each year to take on the challenge of snow.

Members of the committee have decided to put their shovels where their mouths are and are volunteering to shovel snow for seniors this winter. Members of the committee, Jane Geiler, Mary Schmit, Shirley Polk, Bob Mahon and myself, are asking others to join them in the task of making sure our seniors have clean walks, stairways, and cars after a snow.

The committee challenges others to assist them in this project and they especially challenge teenagers and college students to get in the Skinker DeBaliviere spirit. What an opportunity to meet your neighbors and perform a valuable service!

Many volunteers are needed by the committee for the following:

MANY happy shovelers. Call Laure at the SDCC at 862-5122 and put your name on the list if you are available to shovel. We'll call you after a snow to let you know where and when the brigade will meet or you can assign yourself to a friend and neighbor. If you can make it when we call that's great. If you're not available for that snow, maybe you can make it for the next one.

A FEW happy shoveler feeders. For those who want to help, but can't/don't want to shovel, you can be available to open your house for an "after shovel" cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

ONE or TWO happy snow callers to alert the happy shovelers and happy shovel feeders that a shovel is on.

Call the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council office to volunteer. The weather outside may become "frightful" but we can add a bit of safety and good cheer for our senior or disabled neighbors. Teenagers and college students get involved in your neighborhood. Call Laure at 862-5122.

*This space would be perfect for your ad.*

*See page 2, lower left for more information.*

**Apartment Owners  
Association Plans  
Directory of Contractors**

The Apartment Owners Association needs your help. Currently the Association is compiling a directory of contractors which will be made available to members of the Association and neighborhood residents. We need the names of firms with whom you have had good experience. Categories for which we seek referrals include:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
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| Electricians             | General Maintenance/Handyman |
| Heating/Air Conditioning | Lawn and Garden              |
| Masonry                  | Painting /Exterior           |
| Painting/Wallpaper       | Plumber                      |
| Sidewalks/Steps          | Roofs and Gutters            |
| Windows                  |                              |

Please share your referrals by either using the form below or including the information requested below on a plain piece of paper. Return to:

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## Minutes of Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board of Directors Meetings of May, June and July, 1997

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In the absence of Board President Gary Hayes, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice President Sara Johnson.

## Welcome and Introductions

Det. Thomas Rund was recognized. He gave a brief description of his duties.

## Review and approval of minutes.

Lana Stein moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Ruth Johnson seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

## Security

Officer Terry Kowalczyk reported that calls for service are up. Compared to last year's dramatic decrease, this year shows an average increase, which makes the percentages look high. There were only one or two more incidents in most categories than last year. Robberies are down and assaults are down. Most of the incidents occurred east of DeBaliviere, and most were automobile related. Officer Kowalczyk advised against leaving items in cars. He requested that this information be passed on to other neighbors. Det. Rund asked for the cooperation of neighborhood residents. He advised residents to call the police department whenever suspicious activity is noticed. It was reported by a resident that the rapist who was involved in the incident in the north alley behind the 61XX block of Washington Avenue was tried and convicted by a jury last week. He received a five year sentence. Also, a problem tenant in the 61XX block of Washington Avenue is moving. The neighborhood flower thief was discussed. A suspected has been sighted in University City. The police are asking people not to buy flowers from people on the street. A problem was reported regarding illegal parking in the cul-de-sac on Nina Place.

Executive Directors Report

It is hoped for a big turn out at the TileLink Dedication and celebration Saturday June 14. The next board meeting will be July 28, 1997. Committees will continue to meet and work will be done between how and then. Our next major activity is National Night Out.

Metro Link Advisory Committee

Paul Hohmann reported that the next committee meeting will be Monday June 16, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Council office. He attended the Transit Oriented Development conference per invitation from our executive director, along with JoAnn Vatcha, Dennis Townsend and Laure Porterfield. Thank to Arts in Transit for making this happen.

Neighborhood Committee Reports

Apartment Owners

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Community Fund

A \$500.00 check has been sent in support of St. Roch's Athletic Program.

Commercial Development

The Executive Director reported that they are trying to schedule a meeting of the Delmar Business Owners this month. The purpose of the meeting is two fold. (1) To make sure that all property owners are brought up to

speed on redevelopment, and existing properties. (2) To make them aware of what can and cannot happen in terms of dollars in the new phase of redevelopment. That basically involves a \$750,000.00 grant that was awarded jointly to the city of St. Louis and University City. That award is totally earmarked for street enhancement. There is a consultant team trying to identify businesses that are interested in coming to Delmar in the area between the station and city limits.

Security

The big news is the preparation for National Night Out. The Executive Director is seeking help from block captains. Rosedale has taken the lead in the past; they will not do so this year. National Night Out will be August 5, 1997.

Neighborhood Services Arts Council

The TileLink Grand Opening Celebration will be Saturday, June 14, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. Nearly 2,000 tiles will be in place. Complementary posters will be given to the first 100 visitors at the celebration. There will be a Moonlight Matinee Film Series at Four Corners Park June 20 and June 27, and July 11 and July 18. Neighbors are asked to bring chairs.

There will also be a music series August 5, 15, 22 and 29. The first night will be National Night Out.

Beautification

On Operation Blitz Day, two truck loads of flowers were donated by the Great Perennial Divide. There were planted at various locations in the neighborhood. There was lots of help from neighbors in this project.

There are fifty-two beds in the community garden at this time. There is a butterfly garden in the center of the garden that has plants from Gateway Greening and the Great Perennial Divide. There is also a sunflower garden. Last week flowers were planted in front of the garden, next to the tree lawn. These were from Gateway Greening. A message board has been erected. There have been no reports of theft.

Andy Cross announced the new addition to his family, a bouncing baby girl named Sarah Jane. Congratulations were extended.

Recreation

The Executive Director, reporting for Arthelda Busch, said that the baseball team is in need of funds to buy uniforms and equipment. Persons with ideas were asked to call the council office.

Social Services

September was suggested as a tentative month for the food drive. A toy drive was suggested where toys could be donated and sold to deserving families at a low price, with the proceeds from the sales returned to the council. It was suggested that the social service committee be reactivated. A volunteer list was passed around.

Dr. Martin Luther King Committee

Jack Wright is home from a recent hospitalization. The concept has been kicked around about conducting work shops in lieu of a one day program. Ruth Johnson requested that children remain involved in the commemoration. A list for committee volunteers was passed around.

Financial Report

It was reported by Ann Smith Carr that changes were made in the format of the financial report. An explanation of the report, including the

Director reported that \$12,500.00 was received from Washington University earlier today. Gregory Freeman moved to approve the financial report and Ruth Johnson seconded the motion, however the treasurer questioned the figures in the revenue column. A motion was made by Ann Smith Carr to reconsider approval of the financial report, and that a final corrected copy be submitted to the board for approval. The final form will be presented at the next meeting. An update of the Housing Corporation's search for a new employee was given.

Washington Heights

Restricted parking signs have been put up in the 5700 block of DeGiverville. Parking stickers for residents of the block have been obtained. There is a problem with graffiti in back of the DeBaliviere Shopping Mall. NSO Vivi Wolf was instrumental in having it removed. A report was made by the Washington Heights representative regarding loud music in the 5700 block of DeGiverville.

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Other Business

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Welcome and Introductions

Guests: Rick Rosen, who has worked with housing and urban transportation, and Christine Ting of the 5900 block of McPherson were introduced. While waiting for a quorum, the Executive Director shared the following information:

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end of August, the debt attached to two of the properties will be forgiven by MHDC. This will allow structures on the property to be demolished or rehabbed. An environmental assessment is also being done on the largest structure on Kingsbury. The City (CDA) is preparing to release on R.F.P. for developers of either the individual properties or for the remainder of the project. Alderman McGuire has also advised us that the City Treasury Department has reached an agreement with owners of the former Wabash Triangle Cafe. The property will be turned into a parking lot. It is hoped that this will attract other people to come in and develop other retail locations. Parking is a main issue. There is no parking in the rear on the south side of the street and limited parking in the rear on the north side.

The Executive Director attended the hearing for the Sinclair lot. This was part of the process to take the property by Eminent Domain. It is not known at this time if the judges have made a decision.

Parkview:

No report other than the problem with the homeless sleeping in pocket parks which has been addressed by both private security and the U-City police.

Kingsbury Square:

Ruth Johnson addressed the emission problem with Bi-State buses. The council will write letter to Bi-State Transit regarding this problem and the upkeep of their building.

Nina Place:

Lana Stein reported that the good news is there is only one crime listed on crime stats. There are three(3) buildings left to be done. They may possibly be replaced with townhouses or infill housing. It was requested that the council send a letter to CDA regarding the slow process of this project. Ruth Johnson made a motion for the council to write a letter to CDA requesting time tables. The motion was seconded by Julie Schoemehl.

St. Roch:

Maggie Hart-Mahon announced that the girl's basketball team won the City-County Championship. Maggie will continue to work with Msgr. Polizzi regarding on-going support for the council.

Grace Methodist:

Gary Hayes said that there was nothing new to report. Air conditioner is working again.

New Cote Brillante:

Miki Merritt noted that the choir will be in concert August 3, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. and all are invited.

Other Business:

The north alley in the 58XX block of Waterman is not kept clean. Vivi Wolf was asked to follow up.

There being no further business, Ruth Johnson moved for adjournment. Sara Johnson seconded.

Submitted by Gwendolyn Lazard.

Neighborhood Committees

Beautification:

It was reported by the Executive Director that the 59XX McPherson Community Garden was awarded the Best New Garden Award from Gateway Greening. The 58XX block of DeGiverville has identified land for a community garden. A grant will be written for a second garden for next year. Ronie Haliburton and Andy Cross are working on this.

Social Service:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 1997 at the council office.

Rosedale:

Julie Schoemehl announced that Rags to Riches is scheduled for the 3rd weekend in September and that she would again chair the event.

Washington Heights:

The 58XX block of DeGiverville is planning to have their own National Night Out. Mrs. Haliburton agreed to visit Four Corners as well.

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# In Your Ear

by Hawkeye Q. Hoerr

Oh sure, there's a lot of talk about educational standards and poor schools, but what about what's really important? What about lunch? With computers and microchips, what difference does it make whether kids learn to read and write? And spelling isn't worthwhile either. Isn't that what those itty-bitsy buttons on the computer are for, anyway, to hit spell-check? We should quit fretting about academic achievement and focus on what we know and understand: lunch. An endomorph for life, I've always been in favor of lunch.

The hectic pace of the 90's means that lunch is even more important than it was a decade ago when times were simpler and the pace slower. Simple? It wasn't that long ago, after all, when we viewed the Bee Gees as a top-rated musical group. Patient? Remember when we waited in lines at the gas station to buy high-priced gasoline? Today, though, everything needs to be done yesterday and leisure time is something that other people have. That's why lunch is so important.

It's no better for young people. For many, lunch is the only substantial meal of the day. Most kids don't eat a real breakfast, instead gulping a Slim-Fast, chewing a nurture bar, or wolfing down a donut as they rush out in the morning, saying, "Seeyalatermom, sorrybutI'm inahurry, gasp, anddon'thavetimetoeat. Gasp. Ihaveabookreport, see, that's due at noon, so I need to get there in time, gasp, to work on it. Byyyyyyyyyyye!" If the kids are lucky maybe they sit down with a bowl of toasty oats and some chocolate milk. But breakfast can best be described by its speed, not content.

Dinner's a bit better, but not much. There's homework waiting and then probably hopping in the car to be shuttled to karate, piano, or dance class. Maybe it's just out in the backyard to play with matches or up to the room to get on-line or do Nintendo. In any case, the result is the same. Dinner becomes something that is primarily a break in the action.

Yes, you know that lunch is important, dear reader. Just think back to the lunches you ate when you were growing up and out. Fond memories; right? As a kid, you probably took your lunch through most of grade school. Then when you got to high school, there was HOT LUNCH! In retrospect, it's easy to see why everyone was a bit of a porker. The school's hot lunches reflected the food groups known to man at the time: starch, chocolate, and more starch.

Ah, those were the days, my friend, 30 minutes of lunch in the cafeteria. At my school, almost every day we had pizza with fries and mashed potatoes. Some days it was a tiny, square Salisbury steak (from Salisbury cows, no doubt), fries, and macaroni. Or hamburgers with potato chips and cheese bread. On Fridays, even though Roosevelt wasn't a "Saint school," we had fish patties, fries, and macaroni. And every day we had little squares of vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce for dessert. The desserts were cheap, 8 cents, one-half the cost of a plate lunch. "More is better" definitely applied to desserts!

But today kids brown-bag it. Like an astronaut, they eat what they carry. So whether it's pizza, a tiny tuna sandwich and chips, yogurt and an apple, or an all-American baloney sandwich with Cheez-Its, it must fit in a bag.

Dessert can be a can of pudding, a few Oreos, or a Hershey bar. Weight and space become a factor; taste is secondary. It's as if they are preparing to go into outer space.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Sure, volume and bulk are important and so is lack of refrigeration, but as in every other arena, creativity overcomes any obstacle. So moms and dads, let's put a little panache in the brown bag. Here are some simple and inexpensive tips to cause those hearts to beat a bit faster at lunch time and get the amino acids to kick in.

*Put pepper on everything.* Yes, everything. Sure, people know that a spice helps meat, fish, and vegetables, but a little pepper does wonders on chocolate too. And it will surely get those little hearts racing. For that matter, a little tabasco sauce on marshmallows never hurt either.

*Put chips inside the sandwich, next to the meat.* What wrong-headed person said that chips have to be separate? It's economic, after all, to be able to chew the bread, baloney, and chips in the same mouthful.

And adding fiber to the sandwich has to be healthy.

*Cut the slices of pizza into familiar shapes.* I mean, how boring is a triangular slice of pizza? With a tad of an artistic flair, the pieces of cold pizza that kids pack can resemble Richard Nixon's ski slope profile, a Cheshire cat smile, or Madonna. OK, maybe not Madonna.

*Slip a small ceegar in the bag.* No, I'm not encouraging that kids smoke, besides most schools are smoke-free buildings. But think of the glee at the lunchtable when your child pulls out the ceegar! It will make for a memorable lunch. Trust me on this one.

*White, powered donuts are one of the basic food groups.* It's a little known fact that the white powered sugar, dough, and circular shape come together, rather synergistically, to create a protein-based, vitamin C, high energy substance. If you go to a Rams' game, for example, and peer at the sidelines with binoculars, you'll see the players coming to the bench and popping down a white donut or two be-

tween plays to get a jolt of energy. At least I think that's where the white powder comes from.

Following these tips will help your child's lunch be a memorable one. And remember, you are what you eat. That's why vegetarians seems to be planted so firmly in reality.

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