



APRIL 2015

Calendar of Events - for more information, please see:

<http://www.belleville.net/calendar.aspx?show=all>

- April 22nd - Highland Neighborhood Association Meeting, Douglas School, 7 p.m.
- April 25th - Belleville Ale Fest, Sponsored by Belleville Chamber of Commerce, 233-2015
- April 25th - Fashion Promenade and Luncheon, St. Clair County Historical Society, 234-0600
- April 25th and 26th - St. Louis Antique Festival, Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 233-0052
- April 25th and 26th - Spring Fling, Eckert's, 233-0513
- April 26th - Musical Tapestry, Belleville Philharmonic, Lindenwood University, 235-5600
- May 2nd - St. Clair County Law Day 5K Run/Walk, Downtown Belleville, 800-677-9255
- May 9th - Walk This Way, Let Your Dog Play, Belleville Dog Park, 233-5720
- May 9th - Fishing Derby, Bellevue Park, 233-1416

Highland Neighborhood Association General Meeting

At this month's neighborhood association meeting we will have two speakers from Southwestern Illinois College's PSOP program. Cheryl Brunsmann and Carla Boswell will let us know more about the programs for area seniors. They have daily activities like: pingpong, chess, bridge, Wii, and pinochle. They also offer scheduled activities, including day trips, line dancing and dances. There are many outreach programs if you are interested in helping or if you are in need of services. Services offered include: advocacy and outreach to assist with insurance and government benefits, transportation, counseling for caregivers, employment and training, foster grandparent program, health and wellness screenings, housing coordination, computer training and volunteer coordination. As you can see they offer much to the community and we are excited to hear more about their programs.

Board elections will also take place. If you are interested in running for a spot, please make sure you attend. More information will be elsewhere in the newsletter.



Board Members

Jim Bryant 830-5527
PRESIDENT
Donna Young 235-2251
VICE PRESIDENT
Sue Brabenec 980-3410
SECRETARY
Mike Neff 234-8739
TREASURER

Brennan Hartin 416-0174
Walt Ortmann 233-5499
Tim Rule 277-0409
Tom Wade 530-2623
Erin Wittlich 910-9278

Yard of the Month

We are now accepting nominations for May's Yard of the Month. The contest runs from May through September and the winners receive a gift certificate to Sandy's Back Porch, bragging rights and the ever coveted, newly created, yard sign. Nominations will be accepted by phone or email, yard@highlandneighborhood.org



Jim's Jottings -

First, I want to say a huge thank you to Walt, Sandy and Kay Ortmann, the HNA Board of Directors, and everyone else who made donations of money and materials for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28. Over 60 kids participated and of course there were plenty of Easter Eggs to go around. One of my favorite images was of several kids with baskets so full that as they tried to put an additional egg in their basket, at least one egg they had previously picked up rolled out. And thanks to the children and parents who matched and returned the empty plastic eggs to be filled again for next year. A great time was held by all.

Spring has officially arrived in the neighborhood and the sound of lawnmowers and trimmers echo through the streets most evenings and weekends. Tulips, daffodils and flowering trees, plus the greening grass have added beautiful shades of color as spring and new life arrive. Remember that judging for the HNA Yard of the Month begins in May. Each month, May through September, the Board of Directors will be selecting a yard for special recognition. Monthly winners will receive a gift certificate to Sandy's Back Porch and recognition in the newsletter. If you see a yard that should be considered for recognition, please contact any of the officers or send an email to yard@highlandneighborhood.org.

Although I have not heard of any incidents within the neighborhood, I have noticed that the Belleville Police appear to have stepped up their patrols through the neighborhood. If you see anything or anyone who looks out of place or suspicious, please call the Belleville Police on their non-emergency number, 234-1212. Of course, if you see a crime in progress, call 911. And, remember don't tempt anyone by leaving your cars unlocked or valuables out in public view.

I hope you have the opportunity to get out, work in your yard, take a walk around the neighborhood, visit East End Park and just enjoy these beautiful spring days.

Jim Bryant, President
Highland Neighborhood Association Highland Neighborhood Association

**Neighborhood Association Meeting
Douglas School Gymnasium,
April 22nd, 7 p.m.
General Elections**

At this neighborhood meeting, we will be holding elections for five open board positions. We will be accepting nominations up until the vote, so if you are interested in serving please attend. Board members serve for two year terms. Currently, we will be electing our President, Secretary and three Board Members. For more information, please call any of the current board.

Thank You!

A big thank you to the Ortmann family for organizing and helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. Also many thanks for all who donated money and supplies, gave their time, assisted with the bunny and painted faces.

This is a great event hosted by our neighborhood and it is so much fun to watch the children find the eggs. Thank you again to all who help make this event possible year after year.

Emerald Ash Borer Testing

You may have noticed purple triangular boxes in trees at several area parks, in fact we have one at East End Park near the playground. It is very important that we do not touch these structures. They are testing for a parasitic insect called the Emerald Ash Borer to see if it has migrated to our area. This insect is very problematic. It has very few natural predators in the US and will kill ash trees.

This pest spreads by moving contaminated wood from one area to another, especially firewood. The best way to prevent infestation is to use local firewood when camping and not to move wood from state to state.

If an infestation is found, a decision will need to be made on whether or not to remove the trees and replant.

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Here is my \$10.00 to make me an active member of the Highland Neighborhood Association for 2015.

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL _____

Place an X in the box if you would like a membership card

CLIP AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:

HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
C/O MIKE NEFF
815 FOREST AVENUE
BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

The Highland Neighborhood Association will be hosting its annual yard sale on June 6th and 7th.

Additionally, the Boys Scouts will be having a rummage sale at UMC and the Cub Scouts will have a toy sale at Douglas School, both will occur on June 7th only.

Please email ewittlich@gmail.com to be included in online advertising.

Art on the Square May 15th - 17th, 2015

Art on the Square is a juried fine art show located in beautiful downtown Belleville, Illinois. Now in our 14th year, Art on the Square has been ranked #1 and #2 in the nation for the past eight years by Greg Lawler's Art Fair Source Book. Art on the Square is held annually the weekend after Mother's Day. Featuring the original works of over 100 accomplished artists from around the world, fantastic musical and stage performances as well as delicious local food and drink, Art on the Square is a three-day sensation for the eyes, ears and palate! Children will enjoy Art on the Square's extensive and interactive children's art section where they will create their own take-away art projects. There's something for everyone to love at Art on the Square. Be a part of it! (description taken from artonthesquare.com) The event will run from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Entertainment:

Main Stage:

Saturday, May 16th, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Dixie All Stars, 1 to 1:45 p.m. Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra, 2:15 to 3 p.m. Metro East Community Chorale, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Anita Rosamond Band, 6 to 8 p.m. Power Play

Sunday, May 17th, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Triple Play, 1 to 2 p.m. St. Louis Sirens, 2 to 3 p.m. High School Art Exhibition Awards, 3 to 5 p.m. Soul Shake

Wine Court Entertainment:

Friday, May 15th, 5 to 9 p.m. Louis Michael Trio

Saturday, May 16th, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mark Biehl, 2 to 4:45 p.m. John Farrar Trio, 5:15 to 8 p.m. Beabout Jazz

Sunday, May 17th, 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Don James Quartet, 2:15 to 5 p.m. The Convertibles

Living with Art: Interior Design Stage:

Saturday, May 16th, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Framing and Matting, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. I Loved It! I Bought It! Now What Do I Do With It?, 12:30 to 1 p.m. The "Art" of Lighting Art, 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. Inside/Outside Show, 2 to 2:30 p.m. Green Design, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Traditional Contemporary, 4 to 4:30 p.m. Kara Osthoff

Sunday, May 17th, 12 to 1 p.m. Tiffany Brooks (HGTV), 1:15 to 2 p.m. Kara Osthoff, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Tiffany Brooks, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Tiffany Brooks

The Children's Art Garden will be open Saturday, May 16th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 17th, Noon to 4 p.m. and will feature "Make it and Take it" projects as well as a group project sponsored by the STL Zoo.