

Pasadena Hills

JULY 2011 CITY HALL NEWSLETTER

THANKS A MILLION

First of all, Mayor Livingston and the new and current board members wish to express their gratitude for the amazing turnout we've had at the City Hall meetings since the April election. The democratic process is clearly alive and well in our community. We estimated about 100 of our neighbors crowded the library room for the last board meeting – unprecedented.

We used a robo-call service the evening before to inform everyone of the City Hall meeting, and we intend to continue using this valuable technology to keep everyone informed on other issues as well.

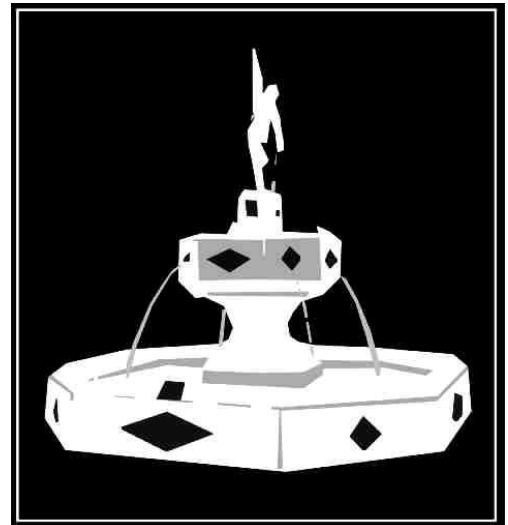
We're already looking for a larger venue to accommodate everyone comfortably at future City Hall meetings, but it looks like the **July 13th meeting at 7:00 p.m. will be at the library** as well. Fruit smoothies will be served at the end of the meeting.

Of the many neighborhood volunteers, we would especially like to acknowledge the boundless energy and generosity of time and talents of 'A Guy Named Mike' who has the tower lights back up and glowing and has painted the interior walls of City Hall, among other freebees he's done around the community. He can often be seen riding in his big white pick-up, so feel free to feed and compliment him.

CITY HALL HOURS

Our City Hall will now be open:

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
(Evening Hours)



CITY OF PASADENA HILLS

**City Hall
3915 Roland Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63121
314-382-4453**

Elected Officials

Scott Livingston – Mayor
Gerri Clifton – Alderman Ward 1a
Jeff Lindhorst – Alderman Ward 1b
Bob Bahan – Alderman Ward 2a
Susan Press – Alderman Ward 2b

City Office Manager

Kathy Runge

Appointed Officials

Ken Kelly – Bldg. Commissioner
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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

One of our goals is to develop a cadre of volunteers, to assist some of our struggling neighbors when they're in need of general repair and clean up help. We're especially interested in helping our senior citizens who find it increasingly more difficult to maintain their homes and yards.

The incomparable Mary Houston, Marie Penkake and others are nurturing this idea towards reality. If you attended the June City Hall meeting, you may recall two of our wonderful new neighbors discussing this idea – Joe and Stephanie Gutting.

We are working on an application form process by which residents can apply for volunteer help on specific projects. We eventually will be looking for

volunteers to fill the ranks, so to speak. Special talents will, of course, be embraced, but if all you have to offer is compassion and brawn and some time, we'll take you. A late summer or fall fundraiser is in the planning stage as well, to raise money for necessary supplies and equipment. This will be a project supported by the city, but not funded by it. To find out more, you can call Mary at 383-0575 or Marie at 382-4028.

We'll keep you informed as this idea takes shape and becomes a reality. And we welcome any and all suggestions as to how best to move this great idea forward.



KICK BACK, & CHILL DOWN

Volunteers are needed to help with an **Ice Cream Social** on July 9th, so please call Marie at 382-4028 or Mary at 383-0575.

WEBSITE OVERHAUL

The city website is being revitalized by another one of our generous volunteer neighbors, Geno Salvati who has contributed countless hours to make it sing. Geno lives with his wife and son on Ravinia and has a really great ponytail and wears shorts throughout the winter – a Webmaster prerequisite, we suspect.

Geno and his neighbor, Edward Tyler, are heading up the Neighborhood Watch Program as they work with the county police to keep us informed about local crime activity. **Please sign up for e-mail alerts** by sending Geno a note with **"Neighborhood Watch List"** in the subject line to geno.salvati@gmail.com. Temperate weather is a criminal's best friend, so we all need to be especially vigilant during the summer and autumn months.

The website, by the way, has necessary emergency and non-emergency numbers. Geno will report on the website at the next City Hall meeting.

So stay informed — visit our website often at www.pasadenahills.com and let us know what you think. You can send us a note directly from the site or call our office.

THE TOWER, THE GREEN SPACE, THE RADIATOR SHOP, OH MY!

At this point the status of the radiator shop purchase is in legal limbo, and under wraps, so there's not much we can tell you at right now other than to say we're aggressively dealing with the issue, and can't wait for it to be resolved, one way or the other. Be patient. We have no choice.

As mentioned earlier, the lights in the tower are now back on. Another generous neighbor, and architect, Paul Doerner, has drawn up some landscaping ideas for the green space recently purchased by the city, on the right as you enter Roland at the tower. Lee LeBoeuf, who is also an architect and our former building commissioner, has also worked up some ideas. We will soon have these plans on display at City Hall for everyone to see.



We can't wish away that old big box store and the sea of asphalt that surrounds it, but we can dress up that green space and give it some character. Again, your input is critical.

In a perfect world, there would be a drive-thru Starbucks in that space and the coffee would always be free for Pasadena Hills' residents. Sadly, we do not live in a perfect world – but we're trying.

WANTED...PREFERABLY ALIVE

Flowers in the Hills is looking for a few good men and women to help maintain our neighborhood's award-winning garden beds. In particular, **volunteers are most needed at the Parkdale Island at lower Overbrook and the Ravinia Island at Cranford**. If you have a pulse, they'll take you and train you to help weed and water. Sound desperate? You bet. Please contact Marjorie at 314-389-5381 to volunteer.

Among the group of dedicated Flowers in the Hills volunteers who give their time and efforts to keep the neighborhood beautiful, we want to thank and bid farewell to Don Stolte, who will be moving to South County in July. Don was instrumental in establishing and working on the Ravinia/Cranford island and will be sorely missed! His island team partner, Alex Kirtland, will need your help.

BEAUTIFUL DEVELOPMENTS

The Pasadena Hills Garden Club - yes we have two amazing groups in our neighborhood – has done a lovely job around the fountain square and at the entrance on Roland. With lush perennials and thriving rose bushes, the beds have really come into their own this year. Well done!

GARDEN POETRY AND SMOOTH JAZZ

We're spotlighting two of our exceptional neighbors this month because their talents will be on display in July. David Hoffman, master gardener and Flowers in the Hills co-founder, has a nationally known lily garden that virtually surrounds his house, and this incredible display is in its full glory right now. We encourage everyone to visit David's garden at 7428 Woodland Way, and it's OK with him if you visit his backyard as well, as long as you're respectful and stay on the path -- do some deadheading along the way.

We also want to inform everyone that Readus Miller, who lives on Overbrook, has recently opened a new place with his investment partners called **The Signature Room – Smooth Jazz and Club**, at 9006 Overland Plaza, at the southwest corner of 170 and Page Blvd. Readus is an accomplished saxophonist, and will be playing on weekends from time to time. Call the club at 423-7666 for information. Readus assures us that this club will be safe, secure and fabulous. So get a group together and go support a talented neighbor.



2011 TRUSTEES OF PASADENA HILLS

The Trustees Board is in search of two new members, one in Section 1 and in Section 2. If you are in either of those sections and would like to join us, please give us a call. Current members are:

Section 1

Rich Eveld
385-4403
Herman Nebel
382-3355

Section 2

Erich Press
553-3479
Bill Knowles
385-4450

Section 3

Mike Britt
381-6285
Betty Thomas
385-6754
Steve Dieckmann
381-7201

AND NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS

The new reality is this: at current levels of income and spending, routine operations will deplete the city reserves in four years. And this is assuming we will not be suddenly confronted with significant capital projects.

Going broke in four years is not a plan; hard choices lie ahead.

Future newsletters will detail the numbers and present some new ideas. In the fall we will devote a town hall meeting to city finances. Please put this issue on your agenda. It's at the top of ours.

On a related note: Pasadena Hills is owed more than \$32,000.00 in delinquent trash fees. We need this money, and we are obligated to collect it. If you are behind, please catch up or contact city hall to discuss a payment plan.

