



NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Each month a number of people make contributions to the Newsletter. Those helping with this edition were Judy Prange, Mary Wright, Mary Pat O’Gorman, Sandy Schenck, Michele Oesch, Rebecca Lobb, Susan Allen-Warren, Trisha Pflantz, Kelly Howard, John and Adia Wingfield, Brigitte Wopenka, Judith Giraud, and BJ Clutter. Thank you.

Fred Giraud, Editor

THE ALLEY CAT



My wife had suggested I look out our living room window quickly, else I would miss something. So I sprang up from my chair, laid aside my newspaper and put down my cup of coffee to see what had caught her eye. As I peered out all I saw were the regular two male residents who walk the streets at this early hour. Look on the sidewalk, she said. This time I saw what she was talking about. We had not seen the Alley Cat for several weeks and now he was coming up our sidewalk to the porch. “Good morning” shouted the Cat. “It is going to be a beautiful day.” The weather had changed. Now there was a wind from the northeast bringing in lower humidity. “I just heard the news”, said the Alley Cat. “There will be a Garden Tour on September 20 and some of the gardens on this tour will be in Parkview. So all residents are asked to make sure our neighborhood looks its best.” The Alley Cat seemed proud to make this proclamation. I couldn’t help but think of an earlier time in my life when we got our neighborhood looking its best. I told him that as a young boy growing up in New Orleans I remember my aunt getting a pail of soapy water and a scrubbing brush, then getting on her hands and knees to scrub her steps and her small porch before the beginning of the Mardi Gras parades. She would do this same cleansing ritual on other special holidays. Most of the French and the Germans in the Crescent City would do the same thing. Then I asked him, “Is this what you are asking the residents of Parkview to do?” “Of course not” he responded than went on to say, “What I am suggesting is that all residents of our community continue taking pride in our ‘Urban Oasis’ by making their property look first class for the people who will be coming to visit the gardens. This might be accomplished by picking up any discarded paper or tree branches that may have come down on the sidewalks or the street and by making their own front yards look as nice as possible....Do you realize 6 of the 11 private gardens, over half or 55% of them on this tour are in Parkview? The whole neighborhood will be on display.” The Alley Cat then offered to contact all the cats and ask them to make sure the alleys are decent. “If we see a yard that could use some tending, we will ring their door bells and remind them to do this. In addition maybe I could get all alley cats to make a parade float. Then we could march up and down all of the streets with a band along with signs announcing the Garden Tour.” “Sounds great to me” I said. “That would be greatly appreciated.”

IN MEMORIAM



Ernst K Zinner

Ernst K. Zinner, PhD, research professor emeritus of physics and earth and planetary sciences in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, died Thursday, July 30, of complications of the mantle cell lymphoma he had battled for more than 19 years. He was 78 years old and had been a Parkview resident since 1983.

Born in Austria in a small medieval town about 100 miles west of Vienna, Zinner obtained an undergraduate degree in physics from the Technical University in Vienna, moving to the United States in the mid-1960s to attend Washington University, from which he graduated with a Ph.D. in high-energy particle physics in 1972. Shortly thereafter he joined the university's McDonnell Center for the Space Sciences, continuing his research there until retiring early this year.

Zinner's scientific work was focused on the identification of material that predated the formation of the solar system 4.6 billion years ago. Along with his team, he found tiny amounts of stardust — made of graphite and silicon carbide — in meteorites on Earth. The discovery was a significant advance in the understanding of stars and their evolution. It also was a triumph for a measurement technique called secondary ion mass spectrometry, achieved with an instrument called the ion probe.

In 2007, to honor Zinner's "stellar" career completing 70 "orbits," his colleagues organized a symposium entitled "SIMS in the Space Sciences: The Zinner Impact," at Washington University, which was attended by scientists from all over the globe, and the talks were later published in a special issue of the journal *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* that was dedicated to Zinner.

A passionate lover of classical music, Ernst was an accomplished pianist. For many years he met weekly with his friends to play the harpsichord in a baroque music ensemble. At the age of 55, he took up the cello so that he could play it with his son, Max, who was then learning it himself as a four-year-old.

Ernst is survived by his wife, Brigitte Wopenka, and his son, Max Giacobini Zinner, who lives in New York City, as well as by many relatives in Austria, including all four of his younger siblings.

There will be a Memorial Reception in the form of an open house at the Saint Louis Art Museum Sunday, Aug. 16, from 6-10 p.m.

The Zinner family will create an endowed "Ernst Zinner Memorial Cello Scholarship Fund" dedicated to advanced cello students at the Community Music School at Webster University St. Louis. Donations can be made at: www.crowdrise.com/ErnstZinner

(Source for article: Washington University/Diana Lutz and St. Louis Post Dispatch/Calvin Wilson)

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

John and Adia Wingfield and their two daughters, Jada and Johari



John Harvey Wingfield was happy living in Atlanta. He lived there with his beautiful and successful wife, Adia, and their two daughters, three-year-old Johari, and one-year-old Jada. He grew up 150 miles east of there in Augusta. He attended Albany State University in Augusta, worked for the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, and worked for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, headquartered in Atlanta. Atlanta had winning sports teams, including baseball's Atlanta Braves.

“My first introduction to baseball was a game against the Cardinals. In 1982 the Braves won 13 games in a row. I went to my first game, and they lost to the Cards.” The St. Louis Cardinals knocked the Braves out that year in the National League

Championship Series.

Adia Harvey Wingfield was an Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgia State University, specializing in understanding and describing the social processes that maintain inequalities at work for minority professionals. Last year she learned from a friend that Washington University was relaunching its sociology department. The friend suggested she look into it. Both Adia and John began to learn more about Washington University, and they eventually visited St. Louis for interviews. Wash-U made them both offers and this summer the two moved their family into their Parkview home.

Adia is Professor of Sociology, and John is Assistant Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and Advisor on Diversity. He is the Senior Scholar in the Health Communications Research Lab.

As individuals, both did their undergraduate work in Georgia: Adia Harvey at Spelman College, and John Wingfield at Albany State. But they didn't meet until years later while in Maryland for graduate school when John attended the University of Maryland, and Adia was at Johns Hopkins University.

"It was a mutual friend's birthday party," said Adia.

“The party was at an Indian restaurant. When I walked in I saw her. I knew I wanted to sit next to her.”

“We found we had so much in common,” said Adia.

“I knew she didn't know. But I knew right away. We connected.” They met in 2002 and married in 2007. Both changed their names to incorporate their two last names: Harvey and Wingfield.

They talked about where they would live after graduation.

"It's tricky with grad school," said Adia. "It's challenging for dual career couples to land in the same city." John knew he wanted to return to Atlanta since he had family commitments there.

So they chose Atlanta and made it their home for the next nine years.

John explained that with his current Wash-U position he gets the best of his past positions combined. “I had a lot of good options. The university is looking to expand diversity among student populations, including economic diversity.” He was connected to the Health Communications Research Lab through someone he knew from his work in Atlanta, Matthew Kreuter, who studied cancer prevention and how people of different cultures receive prevention messages. John explained that his research found there are disparity issues around which populations will participate in prevention measures. “So my work is on tailoring the message to reach those underrepresented populations.”

How are the kids adjusting to the move?

"Jada is into music and dancing, even more now," said Adia. "Johari loves water and water play. She's not afraid of the water. So we enrolled her in swimming classes."

What do they do when not working or corralling the tykes?

"Date night when our parents are in town," Adia offered.

Recently the couple enjoyed a Terrence Blanchard performance at Jazz at the Bistro.

Both enjoy foreign and independent movies.

Adia shared that she lived in Japan for a summer as a visiting professor. Her favorite city is Tokyo, mostly for people watching. "I was impressed with the culture, the visual style, their cleanliness and efficiency, transportation, the train. Also the ideas. I saw this one woman wearing contact lenses that made her eyes look like cats' eyes. I didn't know that was a thing... It's interesting that in a culture where conformity is important, people still find ways to make themselves stand out."

And John is a big sports fan.

Which begs the question: Does he root for the Cards or the Braves?

"Well, I root for the Cardinals... When they aren't playing the Braves."

Both chuckle.

"I was on the fence about moving to St. Louis; then we learned Jason Heyward transferred from the Braves to the Cardinals. I thought, if he can go to St. Louis, I can go to St. Louis."

(For amazing footage of Heyward as right fielder for the Braves search for Jason Heyward, gold glove, highlights 2014 on YouTube.)

"He played a big role in getting us out here," added Adia with a big smile.

"If I get a chance to meet him I'll tell him that," said John.

Please help us welcome John, Adia, Johari, and Jada to the neighborhood!

(Written by Susan Allen-Warren)

MOVIE NIGHT by Trisha Pflantz

Join your neighbors for an outdoor movie! Parkview is hosting movie night at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, in Pershing Park. What movie, you ask? It's your choice. Watch for the survey coming from the Parkview agents' email address in coming days.



The movie will start promptly at 8 p.m. with about 30 minutes of Pixar shorts, perfect for the younger crowd. Then we'll watch a family-friendly movie. The neighborhood is providing popcorn and beverages. Please bring blankets or chairs for seating. See you in the park!

PARKVIEW BOOK CLUB



**Back row: Nancy Ritzel, Rosalyn Schultz, Mary Ann Nielsen, Judith Giraud, Sheri Tollefson
Front row: Deanne Flatley, Trisha Pflantz, Christina Dougherty, Theresa Fiala (Photo by Kelly Howard)**

India Bridge has everything a 1930s housewife could want: a successful husband, three healthy children, a beautiful home in the suburbs, a Lincoln, a maid, and more. But this country club matron struggles to find any substance beneath the surface in Evan Connell’s “Mrs. Bridge,” which the Parkview Book Club discussed at its July meeting.

Each chapter in the book represents an anecdote or key episode in Mrs. Bridge’s life. Book club members were taken by the descriptions of Mrs. Bridge’s days, which were spent idly in entertaining friends or shopping at the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. Despite an excess of free time, Mrs. Bridge cannot manage to finish a new project, whether it is learning Spanish or waxing her car. She also fails to connect with her children, who seem increasingly annoyed by their mother’s fixation on appearances – everything from proper hair and clothing to acceptable wedding gifts - and eager to leave their parents’ household as soon as possible.

At one point, Mrs. Bridge flirts with the idea of psychoanalysis, to figure out why her immaculate life seems so empty. But her husband immediately nixes the idea, and it becomes just another empty chapter of Mrs. Bridge’s life.

Book club members wondered whether Mrs. Bridge was as vacuous as she seemed, or whether she was merely a product of her time. They also discussed the role of her often-absent husband, who reveled in presenting his spouse with expensive gifts but rarely gave her what she really wanted: his time. Mr. Bridge worked late so often that book club members questioned his loyalty to his wife and to his family.

The discussion also drifted to how many women like Mrs. Bridge may have lived in Parkview during the same time period. One member recalled finding a hole in her dining room floor and discovering later that it was the remnant of a foot-operated buzzer to call the maid – much as Mrs. Bridge had summoned her maid, Harriet, during dinner.

Book club members enjoyed “Mrs. Bridge” so much that they’ll peer into the mind of “Mr. Bridge” at the August meeting. Published a decade after “Mrs. Bridge,” Connell’s companion novel features the same family and circumstances but from Mr. Bridge’s point of view. The club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the home of Nancy Ritzel, 6320 McPherson Ave.

Any Parkview resident who loves to read is welcome to join the book club, which meets on the final Tuesday of each month. To receive emails about future book club meetings, contact Tiphonie Vogel at tiphonievogel@aol.com. (Written by Trisha Pflantz)

PARKVIEW PUZZLER by Susan Allen-Warren



Frog Band

How well do you know our neighborhood? This month's photo was submitted by **Christine Knoten** and was taken in Parkview. The photographer was standing in the street or on the sidewalk within our neighborhood. Can you identify the address? Send your answer to parkviewpuzzler@gmail.com to win bragging rights. The answer and names of the first people to send in the correct answer will be published in the next newsletter. By the way, the resident of this house is not eligible!

Christine Knoten is the winner of bragging rights for last month's puzzler. She sent in the correct address of the balcony at 6377 Pershing Avenue, home of Alan Breckenridge and Elaine Moss. Here's a photo to prove it.

Christine thanks for playing and submitting your photo for the next Puzzler. I have found the address, but we'll have to wait until next month to see if you've stumped our neighbors!



PARKVIEW PRODUCE COLLECTIVE by Judith Giraud

From 9 to 10 on most Saturday mornings this summer some Parkview residents have been meeting in Washington Park to swap and share vegetables and herbs from their gardens. While the veggies have been slow to ripen this year, we have had lots of herbs and greens (plenty of Kale especially); now the tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers are finally starting. It has been a lot of fun to see what is being grown and spread the abundance around. Everyone is welcome to participate, including those who are not gardeners or growing anything. An email is sent on Fridays when we will be meeting. If you get an email, come on by; no email means we are not meeting that Saturday. (Photo by Michele Oesch)



Pictured: Deanne Flatley, Judith Giraud, Mary Wright, MaryK Cullen, and Rebecca Lobb

U-City in Bloom Garden Tour
Sunday, September 20
1-5 p.m. (rain or shine)



The U-City in Bloom Garden Tour is featuring Parkview as one of four historic neighborhoods on tour in September. Six of the eleven private gardens on tour are located in Parkview.

The Parkview Horticulture Society is helping to support the U-City in Bloom Garden Tour. We are all proud of our great neighborhood and want the tour participants to have a favorable impression while they walk from house to house. The PHS committee asks that all residents help to make our “Urban Oasis” look its best by sprucing up yards, removing street debris, and planting fall flowers. Let's make all of Parkview be a welcoming, beautiful garden.

Anyone needing tickets for the tour may contact <http://www.ucityinbloom.org/> for further information. (Written by Mary Wright)

NEW RESIDENTS

Judd and Cindy Knight, Ava (age 5), Josh (age 18), and Michael (age 24) 6323 Westminster
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Former owner: Sally Barker

Anthony and Kathryn Scarato and Sam (20 mos.) 6370 Pershing Anthony: 494-1148
Kathryn: 221-8833 Former owners: Albert Barton and Annette Harrison

A GOOD RESOURCE FOR RESIDENTS by Sandy Schenck

Parkview is now using a private online network called Nextdoor. On our [Nextdoor site](#), neighbors can share contractor recommendations, post items for sale, make new connections, discuss Parkview events and more. Over 130 Parkview residents have already joined and if you haven't yet, I hope you will consider it. If so, **BE SURE TO JOIN THE PRIVATE PARKVIEW GROUP** under Skinker DeBaliviere, where only verified Parkview neighbors can post/view messages. Click here for more information:
<https://nextdoor.com/invite/dgnzvzrcpzabxjmjapvx>

RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

Florian Kuplet (Washington), Brewmaster and Co-Founder of Urban Chestnut Brewing Company, will teach an informative class for the Missouri Botanical Garden in which he will describe the sustainable and environmentally friendly brewing process at their LEED-Certified Grove Brewery and Bierhall. The class will be taught Tuesday, September 1 from 7-8:30 pm at Urban Chestnut Brewing, 4465 Manchester Ave. in the Grove neighborhood.

SDCC Update by Mary Pat O'Gorman

It's been a full summer with a Breakfast Garden Tour, Dog Show, Ice Cream Social for Seniors (very popular), BBQ Concert with Barefoot Jones, youth art workshop, two open houses about changes to the historic district, and four educational workshops for seniors on topics like finances and nutrition.. The end of summer and fall will have just as many opportunities for entertainment, fellowship and to get involved as a volunteer to support our corner of the city. If you have any questions about the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, please don't hesitate to contact me at holtgreivemp@hotmail.com. Mary Pat O'Gorman

SCCD Update – Cont'd

Upcoming Events:

Rags to Riches

Sat Aug 22, 8am - 2pm

Parking lot at Skinker and McPherson and throughout the SD Neighborhood

Shop 'til you drop at the biggest yard sale in the St. Louis area! This much anticipated community event is just around the corner. Purchase treasures from merchants and neighbors or register to sell your own stuff in your yard or at the vendor sale lot. Still time to get the Early Bird pricing and get on the map! Just download the registration form from the website and slip through the mail slot this weekend with your payment. More Info and Forms Here: <https://skinkerdebaliviere.wordpress.com/2015/06/09/august-22-rags-to-riches-yard-sale/>

Final BBQ Concert

Sat Sept 12th, 6 - 9pm

Greg Freeman Park, Des Peres and Kingsbury Ave

Sad but true - our last BBQ concert of the summer is upon us. The National Night Out concert was a huge success, but you won't want to miss The Outliers at the final event. Come out and hear your Skinker DeBaliviere neighbors play "Blues at the Edge of the Spectrum." Kids activities from 6 - 7, will be led by Hamilton Elementary School volunteers.

Movie Night! Night at the Museum

Fri Sept 25th, 6 - 10pm

Lucier Park, at Westminster and Hamilton

In partnership with Hamilton Elementary School, we are hosting a movie night in Lucier Park! Music and Kids Activities from 6 - 7:30. Bring picnic gear and any family-friendly lawn games, etc. The movie will start at 7:30pm. It's sure to be a fun night out in the park for all ages. Everyone welcome! Don't miss this new neighborhood event!

Stepping out for Skinker DeBaliviere

Sat Nov 7th, 7 - 10pm

Joe's Cafe, 6014 Kingsbury Ave

Save the Date for our 7th annual neighborhood fundraiser! Chaired by Parkview's own Mary Broun and Karen Godar, it is traditionally the "funniest" event of the year! Come out wearing your favorite footwear. We invite you to join us for a special night of food, music, and mega-fun - including a great silent auction. More details to come.

Seven Gardens in Parkview on the U City in Bloom Garden Tour

U City in Bloom invites you to its fourth biennial Garden Tour on Sunday, September 20, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. The 2015 Tour will include 12 spacious private gardens, an extensive community garden that serves neighborhood residents. The featured gardens brim with water features, stately trees, perennials, and brilliant annual flowers. Some have fun sculptures tucked in to the landscape or emphasize native plantings that attract butterflies and bees. Plant experts and how-to information will be available to encourage you to incorporate native plants in your own garden.

For more information or to purchase tickets: www.ucityinbloom.org, or call 314-973-6062

Bringing the past into the present, the Tour will highlight the rich history of some of the oldest University City neighborhoods, University Heights I, II, & III, Ames Place, Parkview, and Parkview Gardens.

The Tour will conclude in the ornate lobby of City Hall at 5 PM with a reception with food from Salt & Smoke and silent auction. Also in the lobby, the Municipal Arts and Letters Photo Show will be on display and include the thirteen photos chosen for the 2017 U City Calendar.

Funds raised by the Tour will contribute to U City in Bloom's ambitious long-term project to beautify the Olive Boulevard corridor from I-170 to Skinker Boulevard and to add new, high impact gardens at major entrances to our city. (Written by Judy Prange, Executive Director, U City in Bloom. The garden picture is Mary Wright's.)



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Parkview Information

SECURITY:

Emergencies: 911

Non-emergency security concerns:

University City Police 725-2211

Saint Louis 5th District Patrol 231-1212

To leave a non-urgent message for A1 (i.e. requesting extra patrol while you are on vacation) call 726-1717

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