



# NEWSLETTER

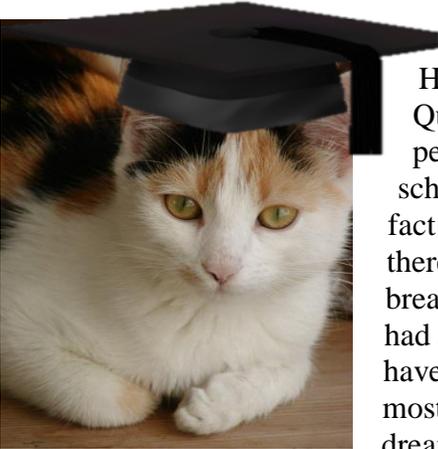
May 2017

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Every month there are a number of people who contribute news and other talents to make this newsletter possible. This month's contributors are Debra Rosenthal, Stacey and Repps Hudson, Jill Carnaghi, Ann Stephens, Donna Farmer, Kelli McKie, Alan Breckenridge, Theresa Fiala, David Kenyon, Jan Scott, Kelly Howard, Cindy Knight, Fran Lang, John and Valarie Jewell, Steve Wilmes, Susan Allen-Warren, Shane Devine, Judy Giraud, BJ Clutter, Kelly Botteron, Albert Webster and Kristina Stierholz. Thank you.

Fred Giraud, Editor

## THE ALLEY CAT



He came running toward me in a very excited state, almost out of breath. Quickly I asked him what was happening. "I know this is the time of year when people are graduating from many schools, from kindergarten, grade school, high school, and college. Some are receiving honorary degrees from universities. In fact you usually list these people in the May Newsletter." "That is true. This year there are 15 graduates" was my response "but that should not have you out of breath, should it?" The Alley Cat continued, "Well, let me tell you something. I had a dream the other night". "From the way you are so excited, the dream must have been something special. All of us dream every night, some we remember but most dreams we forget. Tell me about this dream that has you so wound up." "I dreamed I was getting an honorary award from a prestigious school." When he paused, "I said go ahead. Do you recollect any of the details?" "I was receiving an honorary recognition for being a very thoughtful, useful and entertaining feline." "Wow! That must have made you very proud." "Yes, it did. And in my dream I wore a cap and gown as a large group of us marched forward to the stage to receive our degrees while the *Triumphal March* from the opera *Aida* was played." "It must have been very moving," I declared. And I continued, "To help your dream come true, I want to do something special for you this month." "Are you going to give me a degree?" he asked. "Here is what I can do. I am giving you a graduation cap to wear for this edition of the Newsletter. How about that?" "Great! I can strut around the neighborhood wearing my special cap for the next month. In fact I could wear it to the summer picnic in June then I will retire it." I continued, "And in addition—here is a diploma especially for you." "Do you suppose I could post it on one of the alley dumpsters so that my alley friends may see the special recognition I received?" asked the Cat. My response was, "That would be great! Go strut your stuff."



## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

### John and Valerie Jewell



Valerie and John Jewell have resided at 6244 Pershing since 1987. They share their home with two cats: Lolli, a friendly and curious greeter, and the slightly shy MacTabbish, a mackerel tabby, a tri-colored beauty with striking markings. Both wound themselves around the kitchen chairs or hypnotically tapped the tips of their tails while Val chopped and added garlic to her simmering onions. She was making a red sauce for a pasta dish. Cooking for two for many years, she's learned to make a good sized amount, and then freeze it in portions. John was at work at the time of this interview.

"This is our third kitchen revision. This kitchen was three rooms when we moved in." They created an updated kitchen by removing the back staircase, a closet-type pantry, a washer

and drier, a breakfast nook, and half-bath. They expanded the back entry into a bright, window-enclosed sunroom, filled with potted plants and an inviting sitting area. They reconfigured the hall coat closet into a guest bathroom. Eventually they added new cabinetry, a chef's stove, a granite-topped peninsula, and incorporated two sinks, pot lighting, and a ceiling fan. "It took us about a year and many visits to a lot of different kitchen designers. We did have to hire an architect to do all this. We found the architect through a friend of ours. We had seen what he'd done for our friends and we really liked his work. It was a combination of his suggestions, and several suggestions from different kitchen people." John cooks as well, and the kitchen is just the right size for cooking and entertaining. "Nobody wants to go into the dining room. They just want to sit at the kitchen counter bar. Everything is at arms reach."

The people who live on either side of the Jewells have lived in Parkview close to 50 years, said Val with a laugh. "We're still considered newbies."

Val was a past president of the Parkview Horticultural Society. She was also co-chair of the Parkview century anniversary house tour. "John Forbis and I were responsible for getting the houses on the tour. We were the ones that had to go begging the neighbors, 'Please, can we put your house on the tour?' It was really funny because at first nobody wanted to do it, then people warmed up to the idea. The excitement about the tour started to build, and then we almost had too many. Oh my gosh! It took us easily a year to put it together. But it was so cool! Of course, John Forbis was the best. I could never have done it without him. He's very organized. It was a great way to meet people, to meet neighbors. It was fun to go into people's houses and see what they had done, what they hadn't done, what they could do. I thought, Wow, this is an HGTV neighborhood for sure! Parkview has such a rich history and is such a well-kept secret. People move in here and they love it. It really is an oasis."

Val is a real estate agent. She grew up in St. Louis.

John was born in Indiana, and grew up in Ohio. His older brother came to St. Louis for medical school at St. Louis University at the same time John was entering college. John had been accepted at Notre Dame, but he decided to follow his brother to St. Louis. "He went to SLU for undergrad and then just never left. He made a lot of friends in St. Louis, so he's been here most of his life, since he was 18."

"We did not meet in college," Val added, "but we met subsequently through friends of ours. So even though we were at the same school at the same time, we never knew each other till later." Val majored in English and secondary education. John majored in Journalism, and later completed his Master's degree in Communications.

"I thought I was going to teach school," Val said. She taught as a substitute for the Parkway school district. "It was difficult finding a permanent teaching job. It seemed like there were a million English majors looking for teaching jobs."

After college she tried working in several different fields before finding her passion in real estate. At first she worked as a secretary.

"We had the kind of typewriter with a ball. It was revolutionary. There was no ribbon. But we still had to take a typing test. I had several different secretarial jobs. I went into retail. I started at the bottom, writing out little pricing tickets. That was when we put a ticket on each piece of clothing by hand. I did work my way up to a buying position with Stix, Baer, and Fuller for about five years. Then I was a buyer for a blue jean specialty store called Colonial Days. Eventually I tired of traveling as a buyer. We would travel at least once a month to the garment district in New York. The jeans manufacturers all had offices in the garment district. Britannia was a big deal, and their home office was in Seattle. Their ad campaign was, 'My home is France, but I live in Britannia.' Back then we all lived in our jeans. I got to buy jeans when there were a lot of fun, up-coming labels."

"I don't like to fly," Val related. "Being a buyer was stressful, because I was getting on a plane once a month. One of my friends was a media buyer. She connected me with someone hiring salespeople in radio. I got that job. That was my first experience with direct sales."

"I always liked real estate. To get a real estate license you just have to pass a test, but to know real estate, you need to learn about neighborhoods, values, types of housing, legal documents, and more. Real estate contracts were simpler then, just one page. It was one step above a handshake...but things have changed, and now it's more complex."

"It takes a long time [to get good at it]," she explained. "No two deals are alike. You learn something new every single time you work either on a listing or a buyer's side. There is no such thing as a smooth real estate deal. Real estate is controlled chaos. Buyers today are a lot more demanding... what people want in West County is different from what they want here in Parkview. A lot of agents don't understand this neighborhood. They can't explain why there's no main floor bedroom, or why the basement isn't finished. Think about it. There are still houses in Parkview where there is no first floor bathroom. They didn't have that back then. Or there's only one bathroom on the second floor. If you want those features in this neighborhood you're either going to have to put them in yourself or pay a big premium to have it done. It increases the value of the house tremendously."

Val stated that in the real estate market Parkview is one of St. Louis' hot neighborhoods. "It's where people want to live, like Soulard, Benton Park, or Lafayette square. Fifteen to twenty years ago people were afraid to go to Benton Park. Now there are lots of great restaurants, places to walk, parks nearby. And it's near downtown. It starts with pioneers who come in and have vision."

The Jewells lived in the Shaw neighborhood by Tower Grove Park before moving here. Val explained it was before television shows featured home makeovers, and box stores made materials easily available. "We had to create our own vision."

John is in construction. "When we moved in here he was in sales, and he really hates sales." He was between jobs when they moved into Parkview. He had done a lot of work on their last house and did a lot of work with his brothers growing up on a farm in Indiana.

"John walks into a house and sees what can be done," Val continued. "When John saw our current house he wanted it right away for a fix and flip. He thought he could do it in two years. Well, we've been here 30 years. Parkview worked its magic on us and we're still here."

"After that, people would call and ask him what he's up to, and he'd say I'm doing some contracting. So he started getting referrals. His friends started hiring him. He started the John Jewell Construction company, now called Folkstone." John built their kitchen and the sunroom, with the help of architects. He mostly works by himself, but has some favorite people he can call on if needed. He's putting in a bathroom for somebody right now, Val added.

What else does John do? He was always interested in Rugby from the time he was in high school, Val said. He is the youngest of six children and lived in Europe three different times, for a total of three years while his father was a purchasing agent for Firestone. He played rugby with European teams. Then he came here and played for SLU.

He was one of the founding members of a Rugby team when he came to St. Louis, called the Highlanders. They disbanded after a few years. Then he started the Hornets. The Hornets are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. "Now he's past the age of playing," said Val, "but he's passed on the baton. Rugby has been his passion. He's been coaching for years. If any rugby players in the neighborhood want advice from an old pro, ask John."

In addition to the real estate business, Val has also been a personal trainer from 1990 to 2017. She spends her early mornings meeting clients at Muscle Up Fitness on Wydown Boulevard in Clayton.

"I'm tired by the time night rolls around. Personal training and real estate are a nice mix because they're so different. One is physical-- the other is physical when I'm dragging buyers all over the place, but there's an artistic aspect to real estate. Both are wonderful because I'm helping people do what they want to do, taking them where they want to go. I did not feel that way when I was in direct sales. I felt like I was bothering people. Everyone needs a place to live, and you might as well have something that you love. It's complicated today, buying and selling, and you need somebody guiding you through that, helping you keep some semblance of sanity. With fitness you need to be strong... strong to the end. All my clients are over 60. I'm over 60. I focus on helping people get strong. What I love about working with people our age is they no longer want to look like the latest hot actress. They just want to be able to walk up and down the stairs, sit down without any help, and then get back up again. That's something we take for granted when we're young.... Don't get me started on fitness. That's a whole other interview!"

"I believe we are here for the first half of our lives to learn. And for the second half of our lives implementing what we have learned. It takes that long to get experience and to get inside people's heads and find out what they're crying out for."

Apparently some of us were crying out for a place like Parkview, where our neighbors are as interesting as the homes we live in.

(Written by Susan Allen-Warren)

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**Parkview's Summer Picnic**

**4-7 p.m. on Sunday, June 25**

**in Washington Park.**

## FROM A FORMER PARKVIEW POSTMAN—Steve Wilmes

(For newer residents—Steve Wilmes was a Parkview mail carrier until he retired September 3, 2011 after 30 years in Parkview. In honor of this milestone the residents placed a green park bench dedicated to him in Pershing Park. Steve and Marsha are pictured here at their daughter's wedding.)



Good morning Fred and Judy,

You don't know how this newsletter (April) made me miss Parkview so much and the families there. My life became part of their lives to me over the years. To read the articles brought back so many wonderful thoughts and memories.

Reading Repps and Stacy's article made me think of the many times Repps and I talked about his experiences, Viet Nam, their two children and his work at the St. Louis Post. Now to see how well his children have done and to see that they no longer are the little children I knew makes me feel old. Even though it may make me feel old there is the pleasure of experiencing their family. It gave me the wealth of knowledge and friendship which I very much enjoyed.

I have to laugh, Repps said there aren't so many trees in St. Charles County; he hates to rake leaves. Maybe he needs to come by my house. I hate to rake leaves and clean the gutters continuously. Ha! Pretty much of my yard is wooded.

This past April 6th I made it to my 45th anniversary of going to Viet Nam in the middle of the night as a Worldwide Mobility member of the Air Force. I left Marsha without any knowledge of where I went when she awoke on that morning. I always have that day in my memory, observe it, and now I have another memory of the 6th of April. That is the loss of Eli Shuter on this day. It just so happened that Eli Shuter was one of my doctors after I had my first aneurysm in 1982. I had continuing problems over the years and he examined me at Christian Hospital providing a report of my condition to my doctor at that time. Eli and Reni were so wonderful to talk with over the years. Eli always had a smile or something to say that would make us laugh. Reni, for much of my time as their carrier, was the leading resident in receiving catalogs. One day I counted just 37 catalogs. She opened the door the next day and said, "Do you know how many catalogs you delivered yesterday?" I said I do; she said 37 and I said yes, but today you have 41. The next day it was 43. I quit counting, but every day I had to stop first to leave bundles of catalogs and Eli's medical journals, medical mail, on their porch before I could walk the rest of the route of neighbors.

Another sad note was hearing of the loss of Marian Paxhia. We talked daily and much of the time with Manny too. She was one who spoke her mind and to your face. One can appreciate that because there were no bones about it. Marian was an excellent baker who quite often would open the door with freshly baked goods to give to me. One of my favorites was her strawberry rhubarb cakes. They were oh so good! When I would get to Blueberry Hill for lunch I enjoyed my dessert with coffee. The cold days were even more enjoyable dessert days. Many a day I would just sit on the porch talking with Marian and eating her delicacies during a break.

Marian Paxhia had me step in to see a portrait of her home on the wall along with many pictures of cats they loved. This artwork of her home was fantastic as she told me about it and the artist was Jerry Hanewinkel. Yes, Jerry. That is when I found out he was a teacher. What a talent he has.

To see the Easter Bunny sitting on my park bench with all the kids along with all the pictures of the kids enjoying Easter egg hunting was something I miss. To read of Jerry making an Easter Bunny costume, well that tops the cake. What a wonderful artist he is. Jerry and David's home was of great beauty as I got to see their entry when they opened the door to me. Jerry even made a walkway of bricks from the home next door to theirs for me to walk. That was artwork of the outside and much appreciated by me.

Repps best explained why he loved Parkview and his neighbors. They looked out for each other. That is often not the case today. I knew Gary Casper and in talking with him I found out I went to the base he was at in Thailand. I arrived just one month or less when he was leaving there to come back home. The Kleppers were so gracious and fun, they often had lunch for me of soup on a cold day and we talked of many different things. BJ and Bill Clutter were fun and sociable. BJ and Marsha would try to outdo each other in Halloween decorations. When I had my last 3 brain AVM's who was there when I came to at Barnes? Bill Clutter. I very distinctly remember being on the stretcher rolling down the hallway back to my room after my last unsuccessful surgery when I heard, "Steve how did it go?" There was Bill Clutter holding my arm, walking with me, and asking me how it went. All I could muster at the time while rolling and him walking was, "They couldn't do it, too dangerous" then I fell back to sleep. To this day I think Bill influenced the doctors' decisions to get me into Barnes to help me after they told me it was too early to do something. I was having trouble and Bill saw this. I can only assume he helped me to get treated. I'm very grateful. But to be there every time to see how I was and take a little time from his day to see me on his own, I can never explain what it meant to me.

These are the reasons I stayed working in Parkview. The people, the beauty of this neighborhood, the culture and history of it.

This was a most enjoyable Newsletter to me and at a special time, Easter. The reading of it has brought tears to my eyes of the many people and those whom we lost.

Thanks Fred and Judy, keep up the good work!

Love ya,  
Steve Wilmes

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## **THE MAY PARKVIEW PUZZLER** by Susan Allen Warren



The winner of last month's puzzle is Joe deBettencourt who correctly identified the house with the blue stripe, located at 6215 Washington. The Parkview Puzzle is taking a summer hiatus, but may return to the Newsletter in September. Thanks to Joe and all our neighbors for playing!

### **NEW RESIDENTS**

**Su Huang & Hong Chen**, 6338 Washington    Former Residents: Debbie and George Genung

**Bryan & Rachel Sanger**, 6240 McPherson    Former Owner: Eli Shuter

# SPRING GRADUATES



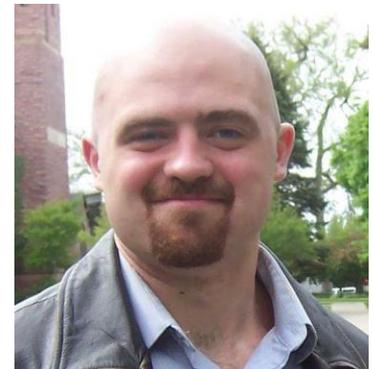
**Amy Rosenthal**, daughter of Robert and Debra Rosenthal, 6339 Pershing, will receive her MBA from McCombs School of Business at the U. of Texas. She just took a new job working for Texas Instruments.

**Katherine (Katie) McKinstry**, daughter of Bob McKinstry and Kelly Botteron, 6314 Pershing, will graduate from Boston University with a bachelors degree in psychology. She will be going to graduate school to pursue a Masters of social work with a focus on mental health counseling.



**Elie Hudson**, daughter of Repps and Stacey Hudson, 6353 Washington, graduated summa cum laude a semester early from the University of Missouri at Kansas City where she was a creative writing major. Presently she is looking for work in non-profits and is particularly interested in improving wages and working conditions for workers in restaurants and fast-food places. Elie graduated from University City High School in 2013.

**Van Kenyon**, son of David Kenyon and Jane Quartel, 6364 Washington, is graduating from the State University of New York (SUNY) Medical School on May 21. He will be starting a residency in Emergency Medicine at Rutgers University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey at the end of June.



**Lilly Stierholz Webster**, daughter of Albert Webster and Kristina Stierholz, 6300 Waterman, will graduate with honors and a degree in Mathematics from Grinnell College, Iowa. She has been involved in theater and dance as stage manager, carpenter, and stage technician throughout her time there. Lilly now heads to the University of Minnesota to pursue her PhD in Math, her current field of study is Algebraic Combinatorics. Lilly is a graduate of Nerinx Hall and attended St. Roch School for 7th and 8th grades.



**Eric Stierholz Webster**, son of Albert Webster and Kristina Stierholz, 6300 Waterman, will graduate from Lutheran North High School. He has played soccer and tennis at North, is a member of their Concentus select choir, and has performed in all of their plays and musicals. He is a peer minister, small group leader, and a member of the National Honor Society. Eric will attend Valparaiso University to pursue a degree in Chemistry. He is one of two Lutheran Leadership Scholarship awardees, a program that will provide academic and practical training while paying his tuition. Eric attended St. Roch School starting in third grade.

**Dylan Sun**, the "host son" of Kris and Albert, has lived with them the entire school year and has attended Lutheran North since his sophomore year. He will graduate with Eric. Dylan is heading to the University of Washington, Seattle, to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Jim and Susan Warren of Washington Avenue are proud to announce the graduation of **Jamie (Valerie) Warren** from Stephens College this May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Creative Writing, minoring in Film. Jamie has several freelance options lined up, and while working online plans to keep St. Louis as home base this summer.

**Abigail Fiala**, daughter of Michael and Theresa Fiala, 6326 Waterman Ave, will graduate this May with a Masters in Landscape Architecture from Kansas State University. Abigail will be starting her new career with Smith Group JJR, an architecture firm in downtown Chicago.





**Will Jacobs**, son of Mark and Chanaya Jacobs, 6229 Washington, is graduating from MICDS this May. He will be attending Truman State where he plans to major in Chemistry. Also he will run track for the school.

**Carter Breckenridge**, son of Alan Breckenridge and Elaine Moss, 6377 Pershing, and long-time Parkview lawn mower, will graduate from Crossroads College Preparatory School on May 21. In the fall he will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, planning to major in Mechanical Engineering.



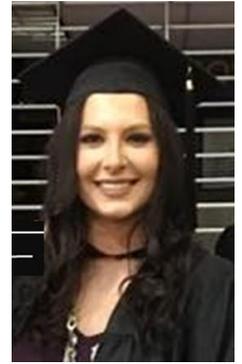
**Sarah J. Schimmele**, daughter of Jill Carnaghi and Paul Schimmele, 6350 Pershing, graduates this May from the University of Missouri, Columbia with a major in sociology and minors in architecture and psychology. She will be returning to St. Louis and will be looking for employment!

**Jake McKie**, son of Nate and Kelli McKie 6318 Pershing, will be graduating from Westminster Christian Academy on May 22. He plans to attend Hillsdale College in the fall and major in Mathematics.



**Mitchell Stephens**, son of Mike and Ann Stephens 6224 Waterman, is graduating from St. Louis University High School. He will attend Loyola University Chicago in the fall.

**Lisa Gropler**, daughter of Robert Gropler and Donna Farmer 345 Westgate, graduated from Gannon University (Erie PA) in December 2016 with a double major in Finance and Sports Management and Marketing, and a double minor in Spanish and Entrepreneurship. She was part of Gannon University's Women's Volleyball team where she played for 4 1/2 years. While there her team made five NCAA appearances including one Sweet Sixteen appearance and won two Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships.



## **RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS**

**Jan Scott** (Washington) is in the process of moving out of her Parkview home where she has lived for the past 47 years. She will be renting a small house in south St. Louis. Jan was featured in an article of the May 5 edition of *Ladue News* where she is cited for helping to expand opportunities for local women and girls through her work at the American Association of University Women Missouri.

**Roger Goldman** (Washington) was pictured in a recent edition of *Town and Style*. He attended the teen talent competition of the Fox Performing Arts Charitable Foundation.

**This coming Monday, May 15, 2017 is the Parkview Neighborhood  
Annual Meeting**

**7:30 – 9:30 PM**

**Grace United Methodist Church**

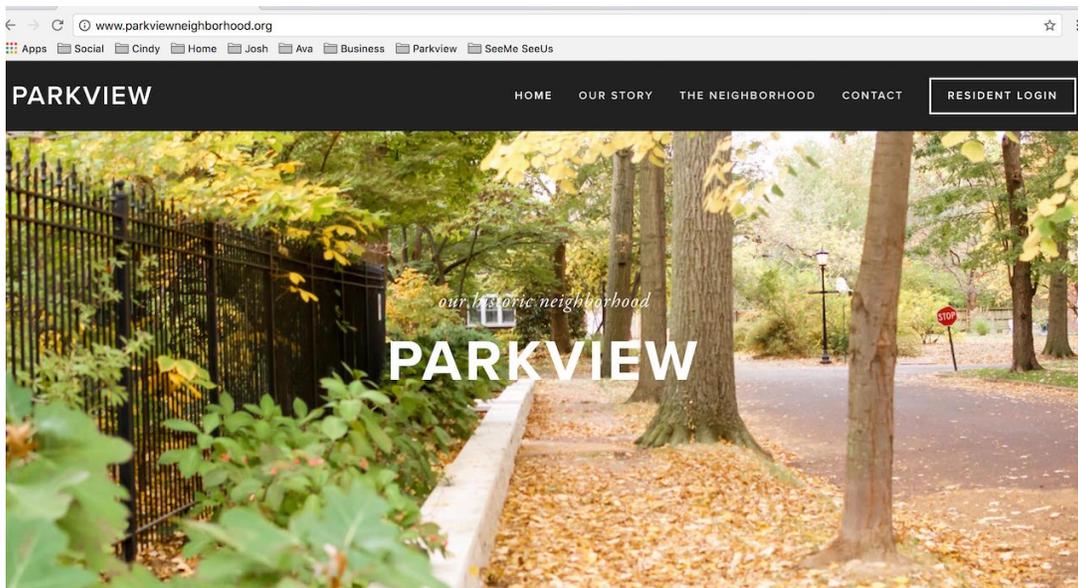
**The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall. Please use the  
church entrance from the parking lot on Waterman.**

## Our redesigned Website has launched! by Cindy Knight

The URL is the same [www.parkviewneighborhood.org](http://www.parkviewneighborhood.org) but the look and feel has been upgraded. Under “Our Story” you can digest the history of Parkview and browse the Photo Archive of the Early Years. The section titled “The Neighborhood” is where you will find general information for New Residents, A to Z information from Alleys to Waste Collection, information on Security and Trees & Parks, as well as a section for Parkview’s Horticultural Society and section on our surrounding “Local” area.

On the main navigation you can click on RESIDENT LOGIN to access secure information regarding gates, past newsletters, Agent’s contact information, our telephone directory and calendar of events.

When you click on RESIDENT LOGIN a lock screen will appear. The password for the resident area is 1905oasis (case sensitive).



Parkview is located in Saint Louis City and University City, Missouri.

### *An 'Urban Oasis'*

A lively social and architectural history of notable subdivision nestled up to Washington University and a short walk to Forest Park. Parkview has a rich heritage of Arts and Crafts architecture, and that, as well as its graceful and elegant design, were significant factors in its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

If you need any assistance with our new website, have feedback or questions, please contact Cindy Knight at 314-283-4288 or [cynthia.knight@me.com](mailto:cynthia.knight@me.com).

## **PARKVIEW BOOK CLUB** by Kelly Howard



L to R: Trisha Pflantz, Fred Giraud, Judith Giraud, Ann Getz, Theresa Fiala, Susan Stang, Kelly Howard

“Hidden Figures” has dominated the news since the release of the award-winning film in January 2017. It is based on the 2016 nonfiction book by Margot Lee Shetterly, which the Parkview Book Club read for discussion at its April meeting, hosted by Theresa Fiala. The book traces the work and lives of “Human Computers,” and in particular three African-American women who worked as computers for NASA during the Space Race.

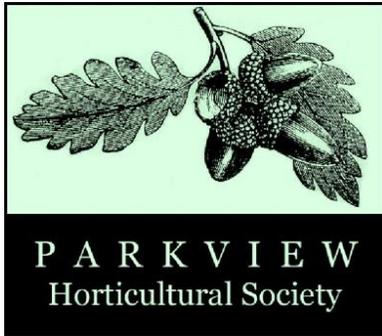
Book club members were impressed with Shetterly’s research. She used a wealth of data, historical context, and scientific details to back up the story of NASA’s female mathematicians who solved complex mathematical problems for engineers and others at NASA. These women ultimately helped the United States put humans in space, but the women’s story and significant contributions went largely unrecognized in the annals of American history before Shetterly’s book was published. At the same time, however, members agreed that the multitude of information often made the book difficult to read. The story often meandered, making it hard to keep track of the people and facts. In addition, the detailed content related to engineering and math was cumbersome and tedious, often distracting from the novel’s central message.

Nevertheless, readers were in awe of these women and their accomplishments. Many of the computers did not have advanced mathematical education prior to being hired by NASA, even though the mathematical problems they were tasked with solving were extremely advanced. Book club members were amazed to think about what these women had accomplished without the assistance of modern-day computers, which are now central in aerospace engineering.

Book club members also discussed the politics and civil rights aspects of the novel – first, that the African-American and white computers were initially housed in segregated work spaces; and second, that NASA concealed the fact that so many of their employees were women, and especially women of color. Both instances demonstrate how social and economic progress comes in starts and stops; and how change often occurs during moments in history that are the most stressful and wrought with catastrophe. Shetterly’s book is set in Virginia, a state whose politicians were most vocal in resisting desegregation. Yet the NASA campus served as a place where whites and blacks not only worked but also socialized together at company picnics and club events.

In May, Parkview Book Club members are reading another nonfiction book, “Bold Spirit: Helga Estby’s Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America,” by Linda Lawrence Hunt. The meeting will be held at the home of Fred and Judith Giraud (6306 Washington) on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the Parkview Book Club, please send an email to [parkviewbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewbookclub@gmail.com). Any resident who loves to read is welcome to join! The Parkview Book Club generally meets on the last Tuesday of every month. (Written by Kelly Howard)



***Parkview Horticultural Society***  
***Wednesday, May 17th***  
***7 pm-Update 7:30 pm-Program***

*Hosted by Kathy Garcia*  
*6359 Pershing*  
*RSVP [kgarcia3.9@att.net](mailto:kgarcia3.9@att.net)*  
*314 725 3634*



***Jesse Gilbertson***  
***Director of Horticulture for U City in Bloom***  
***Vice President of the Bonsai Society of Greater Saint Louis***

Both his love for public green space and bonsai were first cultivated at the University of Missouri where he obtained a degree in Plant Science and Horticulture in 2000. He grew into his role as an advocate for beautiful urban green spaces at the Missouri Botanical Garden and Forest Park Forever. Bonsai is a driving passion that he likes to share and promote.



The presentation will include:

- Basic bonsai care
- Info for beginners and beyond
- Opportunity to see some of Jesse's trees and hear him talk about them.

## LIGHT POLE PAINTING



The Parkview Agents contracted with Kennedy Painting to repaint the light posts throughout Parkview the week of April 17. Each pole had the loose paint removed before a primer coat was placed on the pole. This was followed by a coat of black paint. The painter in the picture was placing the primer coat on a post on Washington.

## RECYCLING ARTICLE

**Fran Lang**, (Waterman) sent the following link to the *Post Dispatch* article on Recycling. It is well worth your time to read it. Reading it will help us be more informed recyclers.

[http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/st-louis-you-may-be-recycling-wrong-here-s-what/article\\_74894439-d825-581b-b893-89d008d2a7d4.html](http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/st-louis-you-may-be-recycling-wrong-here-s-what/article_74894439-d825-581b-b893-89d008d2a7d4.html)

## PARKVIEW FILM SOCIETY by Deanne Flatley



From left, Cheri Hoffman, Christina Dougherty, Susan Stang, Deanne Flatley

In May, Parkview Film Society members discussed the Romanian masterpiece, *Graduation* (<http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/graduation-2017>), which explored the compromises and justifications of a former idealist, surviving in a society deeply mired in corruption.

In June, our members will attend *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, a play currently running at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London. This new production, directed by James Macdonald, will be filmed live on May 18th and broadcast at 7.00 pm, Tuesday June 20th, at The Tivoli Theatre.

(<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2017/mar/09/whos-afraid-of-virginia-woolf-review-imelda-staunton-albee-conleth-hill-harold-pinter-theatre>).

At 7.00 pm on July 11th, we will view the Academy Award-winning *Citizen Four* (<https://citizenfourfilm.com>) at the home of Christina Dougherty. Susan Stang will facilitate our post-film discussion.

Interested in film?

Email [deanneflatley@mac.com](mailto:deanneflatley@mac.com) to join our email list.

# Skinker DeBaliviere News

## Porchest

*Saturday, May 13*

*1-4pm*

*Maps available at SDCC Office or online*

The premise is simple, on May 13, from 1-4pm musicians will play 30 min sets at various homes throughout Skinker DeBaliviere. You'll be able to pick up a map or download a route from Google Maps, and visit all the bands, getting to know neighbors along the way!

To register your band or volunteer your porch or front yard to host, visit:

[www.porchfeststl.tumblr.com](http://www.porchfeststl.tumblr.com)



## Free Tickets!

*June 8, 2017, 7:30pm*

*Grandel Theater,*

*3610 Grandel Square*

## First Come, First Serve

*Tickets Available for Pick-Up Starting*

*May 1 - June 5, 2017. No Ticket Limit!*

*SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury Ave. - [\(314\) 862-5122](tel:3148625122)*

Residents & Wash U Students of Skinker DeBaliviere

## May 13 : SDCC Green Day Events

### 1) E-cycling Day

*Sat, May 13, 9am - Noon*

*Corner of Kingsbury and Des Peres*

Collect your old electronics, appliances and spent batteries for Skinker DeBaliviere's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Electronics Recycling Fair.

Anything with a plug will be disposed of for free, except TV and computer monitors, which come with a \$20 service fee. [Check it out!](#)

### 2) Planting Day

*Sat, May 13, 10am - Noon*

*Greg Freeman Park*

Neighborhood plant sharing day! Drop off your extra plants and/or pick up free plants (**no trading necessary!**). Flowers from Operation Brightside will be available for block leaders and for planting in tree lawns.

Also available: wood chips, plant divides, and grass seed packets for small bare spots in lawns.

## Crossroads Art Festival

*Wednesday May 17,*

*5:00-7:00pm*

*Greg Freeman Park, 6000 Kingsbury Ave.*

Crossroads College Preparatory School will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Festival.

Come and enjoy the live music, improv, dance, visual art, face-painting, Shakespeare, musical theatre and more! Bring a picnic and a lawn chair and enjoy the show!

## Breakfast Garden Tour

*Saturday, June 3,*

*8:30am-Noon*

*McPherson Community Garden*

Enjoy a fine breakfast in the McPherson Community Garden, take a morning stroll to tour gardens in your fair neighborhood, meet your neighbors, and discover hidden treasures. A perfect way to spend your Saturday morning! Tickets available soon!

## Dog Show!

*Tuesday, June 13, 7pm*

*Greg Freeman Park*



You & your pup are invited to a Dog Show! Folks who don't have a dog are also encouraged to attend! Come enjoy your neighbors and watch their pooches show off their stuff! Free refreshments, too!

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**The signatures of two agents are required for building/fence plan approvals.**

**You may e-mail any of the agents directly or the agents, as a group, may be reached by e-mailing**

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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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