

# NEWSLETTER

September 2013

## EDITOR'S NOTE

**Jan Scott, Jim Warren, Eleanor Withers, Chris Kirmaier, Dewey Holten, Claudia Horn, Garrett and Stephanie White, Rebecca Lobb, Judy Giraud, Jo Stern, BJ Clutter, Tiphonie Voegel, Christina Dougherty, Mary Pat O’Gorman, Trisha Pflantz, Lee Lawless, Chris Mutrux, and Karen Godar made contributions to the Newsletter this month. Thank you.**

**Fred Giraud, Editor**

## THE ALLEY CAT



The wind direction had changed. Previously it had been blowing from the south, bringing with it lots of humidity. Now it was coming from the northwest ushering in much cooler weather with less moisture. It was evident that the seasons were changing, going from the heat of summer to the cool breezes of fall. This meant that the Alley Cat would be exiting his shady abode, where he had been protecting himself from the recent heat wave, and would begin strolling around the neighborhood once again. As I was sitting in a chair on our front porch enjoying the fall air, the Alley Cat appeared. It was just as though he had caught a ride on the soft breezes from the north. He began our visit by commenting on the weather and then said, “I understand from the cats in the alleys that there will be something new in next month’s Newsletter, is that correct?” I never cease to be amazed how this cat picks up news of the neighborhood. “Yes, that is true,” I said. “What is coming?,” he asked. “Tid bits of history about Parkview will premier in October.” “What’s that?” “Trisha Pflantz (Westgate) will write about interesting historical facts of the neighborhood. Also she will write about some of Parkview’s former residents of historical importance.” “WOW, that sounds great!” exclaimed the Cat. “This will be an opportunity for newer residents to acquaint themselves with some of the interesting history of Parkview. These articles are not to take the place of an in depth reading of *PARKVIEW A ST. LOUIS Urban Oasis 1905-2005* by Mary Gass, Jean Eberle, and Judith Little which has more expansive articles. For residents who have lived here a number of years, it will be a chance for them to refresh their memories about our historical place. We have a long and interesting history.” “That’s a winner,” said the Alley Cat.” May I borrow your copy of *Urban Oasis* to refresh my memory. There is still much I can learn.” “Absolutely!” “Will it include a history of the alley cats and the dogs who are residents of the neighborhood?” he asked.” “We’ll see”, I said.

## **IN MEMORIAM**



**Stephan A. Laury**

**Stephan Laury passed away peacefully at home on August 20, 2013. He grew up in St. Louis with one brother and two sisters. Steve got his B.S. in accounting from St. Louis University and later, his Master's in Business from Fontbonne University. Steve, an avid biker, could be seen pedalling around Parkview with his friends. When not biking, he was walking his dog along the streets of the subdivision. For a number of years he was comptroller of City Lighting Products.**

**With his wife, Madeleine, and their three children, Steve had lived on the corner of Washington and Limits since 2003. During his residency here he served Parkview as an agent from 2010-2013 and as Treasurer.**

**Steve is survived by his father, Frank Laury, his wife, Madeleine, one daughter, Marianne, and two sons, Domenic and Steve Laury.**

**A memorial service was held at St. Roch's Catholic Church on Saturday, August 31.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

### Garrett, Addison, and Stephanie White



Our featured family this month is Garrett and Stephanie White of 6234 Washington Avenue. Their daughter, Addison, is age 3.

Before moving to St. Louis the family lived for three years in a town between Dallas and Austin called Temple, Texas, where Stephanie had been awarded a Cardiology Fellowship. She currently works at St. Mary's Hospital.

Garrett works as a High school geometry teacher for the Ladue School district, but that is not his first career.

Garrett grew up in the boot-heel of Missouri, first in Malden, then Dixon, where he graduated from high school. Garrett's mother was a speech pathologist in a nearby school, and his father was the principal at his school. With both his mom and dad entrenched in the school district, he deliberately chose a career that would lead him away from that system. He majored in business in college. "I tried six months of finance and found it was not for me. So I went back to Columbia and got my math degree."

Back in high school, Garrett's best friend's mother was Garrett's father's secretary. That best friend was the guy who later married a girl from Lebanon Missouri. That girl was Stephanie's sister.

Garrett and Stephanie met at the wedding. "Garret was an usher and he sat my mother." I was still in high school and Garrett was in college [at Mizzou] at the time" so they didn't connect at that point.

"After Stephanie was in college [also at Mizzou] for a semester we ended up in similar places." If Stephanie went out with her sister, the brother-in law was there, and so too was Garrett. "We all went to Mizzou basketball games."

They became engaged three years later.

Stephanie attended medical school in Kirksville and completed her residency at St. John's Hospital, before the couple moved to Texas.

When looking for their St. Louis home, it was important for Stephanie to have a coffee shop within walking distance. The restaurant district near Parkview is what pleased Garrett. Now when they talk about eating out, Addie chimes in with "are we going to walk?" "Her favorite places are Chipotle, where the menu is simple, and Kayaks where she loves the blueberry muffins", said Stephanie.

Stephanie also enjoys running, but at Addison's age and with her energy level it's sometimes hard to keep her in the jogging stroller, she said with a smile.

Garrett was excited to learn about Cicero's beer school. He has tried his hand at micro brewing. "I've been known to brew poorly. I guess I have a fifty-fifty success rate so far."

"Fifty percent drinkable?" said Stephanie as they both laughed.

How did he get started brewing?

"Near Austin there is this great brew supply store. So one year for my birthday I got supplies. There was a pod cast from the brewing network that I listened to."

They lived in Columbia, Missouri for the first part of their lives together, so when they reminisce it is often about that town.

"We should tell the story of how Addison got her name. We got engaged at a restaurant in Columbia, called Addison's. We were there when it first opened; it was so close to where we lived."

"It's nothing fancy, just a nice atmosphere," Garrett said. "A family restaurant. We got to know the people there."

"So when she was born we decided to name her Addison in honor of that place and our connection there," added Stephanie.

To talk brews or compare coffee shops, look for the Whites at the next Parkview neighborhood event.

# PARKVIEW STREET RESURFACING



**This year Washington, Westgate north of Center, and Center were swept only as they were sealed last year. Waterman, McPherson, and Westminster were swept and sealed this year. Next year Pershing and Westgate south of Center will be swept and sealed.**

**BJ Clutter and Jo Stern helped pick up the "No Parking" signs after the Phase 2 chip-seal street work.**

(Photo by Jim Warren)



## NEW RESIDENTS

**Carolina Diaz-Silva**, 6368 Washington 314-374-7468. Former resident: John Cunningham

**Mike Malewicz and Deanne Flatley and Mathis Malewicz (age 10) and Asher Flatley (age 8)**

6355 Washington. Mike: 626-532-3118 Deanne: 206-375-0139 Former resident: John Rindlaub, Jr.

## RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

**Eric Leuthardt** (Pershing) award winning neurosurgeon and prolific inventor, is a participant in the OASIS open forum series on Tuesday, November 19, 1:00-2:00 pm. at Clayton Oasis, 50 Gay Ave..

**Catherine Lehr and Manuel Ramos** (Washington) are the recipients of the annual Owen Miller Award, given by the Musician's Association of St. Louis AF of M, Local 2-197. This award is given to outstanding musicians in Local 2-197. The award will be made on Sunday, October 6th, at Maggie O'Briens, 2000 Market St. at a noon luncheon. Congratulations to Cathy and Manuel!

**Gerard Craft** (Pershing), four-time James Beard Award finalist, led food preparation for A Magnificent Missouri benefit dinner for the Nine Network.

**Ralph Kalish's** (McPherson) *Crushed Red - Urban Bake and Chop Shop* has been voted into round two in St. Louis Magazine's 2013 Best New Restaurants Showdown.

**Florian Kuplent** (Washington) stated in the *Post Dispatch* that the transformation of the Renard Paper building 4465 Manchester Ave. into an Urban Chestnut brewery will be completed and opened by next spring. It was in this building that former resident, Peggy Droege, worked for her uncle at Renard Paper for over three decades.

## BALLOON GLOW AND RACE IN FOREST PARK

**Friday, September 20, 7-9:15PM Balloon Glow in Forest Park**

**Saturday, September 21, noon-6:30 PM Balloon Event in Forest Park**  
(actual race begins at 4:30 in central field)

**Rain date: Sunday, September 22**



## BULK PICK-UP FOR U. CITY RESIDENTS

**The week of September 16-20** is bulky household items pick-up for Parkview's U. City residents. Place items curbside Sunday, September 15, or no earlier than three days before September 16. Be sure access to items is not blocked by parked vehicles. **Acceptable items** are: Furniture, bedding, cabinets, doors/windows (all glass must be wrapped in cardboard), rugs, washers and dryers, refrigerators, small air conditioners, televisions, and carpet. **Not acceptable:** Hazardous materials, commercial items or business equipment, yard waste, tree trunks, logs, building or construction type debris/materials, tires, auto batteries and motors, railroad ties, barrel drums, concrete, bricks, landscaping stones, boulders, rocks, dirt or household trash.

# **FIRST FRIDAY EVENT**



**A PANORAMA SHOT OF THE FIRST FRIDAY GROUP by Mary Pat O’Gorman**



**LAURA AND JIM FUCHS  
(hosts of the gathering)  
With two of their three children,  
Lucy and Jim**

**Lee Lawless is in the background  
directing traffic.**



**BILL BROUN  
pouring root beer  
for  
Henry Narkiewicz  
and  
Will Broun**

## FREE CONCERT IN FOREST PARK

The **St. Louis Symphony** will present a free concert to kick off their 2013-2014 season on Tuesday, September 17 at 7PM in Forest Park. Following the concert there will be a fireworks display in the Grand Basin at the bottom of Art Hill.

## A FIRST IN PARKVIEW

**Chris Kirmaier and Dewey Holten** (Westminster) are the first Parkview residents to have had their yard recognized by the St. Louis Audubon Society's "Bring Conservation Home" program.

The Bring Conservation Home program sends out trained volunteers to offer homeowners advice and assistance in planting environmentally healthy and sustainable landscapes, and gives recognition at silver, gold and platinum levels. Property is assessed against four criteria. One is that a percentage of the land must be planted in natives (5% for the lowest, silver level certification). The other three are 1) eradication of certain invasive weeds/species, 2) habitat for wildlife (e.g., birds) and 3) storm water management (giant pin oaks in your yard count!). By name and requirements, the program has comprehensive aims to "Bring Conservation Home" to properties throughout the St. Louis area. Chris and Dewey have achieved silver level certification.



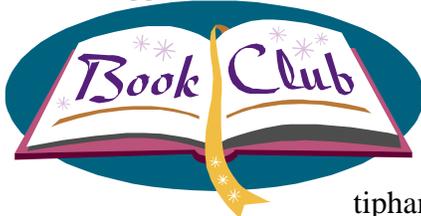
The BCH program is less than two years old and was developed locally by the St. Louis Audubon Society in consultation & partnership with the Missouri Conservation Department, St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District, Gateway Greening and several other local community organizations. The St. Louis Audubon webpage for the program is: <http://stlouisaudubon.org/BCH/>.

(Photo of Chris by Dewey Holten with BCH "silver" yard sign)

## PARKVIEW BOOK CLUB by Trisha Pflantz

The Parkview Book Club had a spirited discussion on Aug. 27 about "The Art of Racing in the Rain." The story is narrated by Enzo, an enlightened dog who uses race car driving to explain the lessons he has learned throughout his life. Some readers loved the premise, and the idea that living a successful life has a lot in common with racing. Others felt that having the book narrated by a dog was too much of a contrivance. Regardless of their differences, however, book club members always enjoy hearing each other's opinions and learning more about each other through their discussions.

The next book club selection is "After Visiting Friends: A Son's Story," by Michael Hainey. The book, chosen by hostess Maggie Hart-Mahon, is Hainey's memoir about his deceased father. The elder Hainey died when the author was only six years old. Decades later, Michael Hainey goes in search of the truth about the circumstances and secrets surrounding his father's death. The book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Maggie's house, at 6246 McPherson Ave.



Any resident of Parkview Place is welcome to join the book club. The club meets on the last Tuesday of every month at a different residence, and the host or hostess for each month also selects the book. If you would like to receive email invitations to the book club, contact Tiphany Vogel at [tiphanyvogel@aol.com](mailto:tiphanyvogel@aol.com).

## THE PARKVIEW ALLEYS by Lee Lawless

The Parkview Agents have been requested to provide information concerning the reconstruction of alleys in Parkview. Alleys have a unique and clearly defined status under the Parkview Indenture. The Indenture is available online in the Resident's portion of the Parkview website <http://parkviewneighborhood.org/parkview> Resident's Password: 1905oasis, click on "General Information" for the page with the indenture link.

Two portions of Clause E of the Indenture refer to alleys. The first, at page 5, states ..."no alley shall be constructed or reconstructed in any block without the written consent of those owning the majority of lots in such block". The second, in Clause E, at page 11, provides ..."it is hereby expressly agreed that the cost of constructing and reconstructing any Alley or Alleys in said sub-division including the cost of grading, re-grading, preparing the roadway for all of the superstructure, placing foundation and roadway, and the paving of such Alley or Alleys, shall not be included in the annual amount required or permitted to be assessed against the whole sub-division as aforesaid, but whenever said trustees shall decide to construct or reconstruct any private Alley in any Block in the said sub-division, they shall estimate or cause to be estimated the total cost of such construction or reconstruction in such Block, and the owner or owners of each lot in such Block shall be required to pay in advance on account of such lot, such proportional said total cost as the frontage of such lot above stated or assumed bears to the total frontage of all of the lots in said Block"...

Essentially, the Indenture provides that no major repair of an alley in any block can take place without first obtaining the written consent of a majority of property owners whose homes back onto an alley. For example, repair of the alley in the 6200 block between McPherson and Westminster would require a majority of the total number of owners of the 6200 blocks of both McPherson and Westminster. It also provides that the cost of any repairs to an alley are to be borne solely by the property owners whose lots back up to the alley of that block.

Any property owner(s) wishing to investigate the repair of any alley should contact the Agents, who can help you plan any polling or meeting of residents of those lots adjoining the alley in question. Residents will have to agree on making repairs, and agree on the type of repairs before more advanced planning can take place.

## PARKVIEW PUZZLER by Susan Allen-Warren



How well do you know our neighborhood? This photo 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](mailto:parkviewpuzzler@gmail.com) to win bragging rights. The answer and name of the first person to send in the correct answer will be published in the next newsletter. By the way, the resident of this house is not eligible!

Two Parkview residents correctly identified the address of the lion statue pictured in last month's puzzler, which is 6300 Waterman. The winner is Matthew P. McCauley who submitted his answer on August 16<sup>th</sup>, followed by Bruce Levin two days later. Congrats to you both!





Wednesday, September 18, 2013

7:00 PHS Update

7:30 Program

*\* with discussion and refreshments to follow!*



### ***City River Arch 2015: Investing in our Urban Core***

In our kickoff program of the 2013-2014 year, our neighbor and the Executive Director of the *City River Arch 2015*, Maggie Hales, will give us an understanding of the impending aesthetic changes and vital renewal of the downtown area, stemming from the Arch and the Mississippi River, and flowing into the downtown urban environment. This extraordinary public and private undertaking will continue to refresh, replenish and restore the flow of the city as well as attract and revitalize its businesses and points of interest. Creating this gracious green space, friendly to pedestrian as well as motor traffic, will add to and renew the sense of joy, wonder and excitement that once made St. Louis the obvious site of the World's Fair!

Come, bring a friend, and do let our hostess know you are joining to glimpse the future now.

***Please join us at the home  
of our host:***

**Eleanor Withers  
6237 McPherson**

***PLEASE RSVP:***

**(314) 725-1852**

**Or**

**[elphe@aol.com](mailto:elphe@aol.com)**



You can help our neighbors in need.

**Saturday October 12, 2013**

*\*Place items in a bag on your front porch by 10am.\*  
Attach this flyer to identify your donation.*

*Early contributions accepted at SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury*

Donations of non-perishable foods (canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice, soups, etc.), toiletries, diapers, and personal hygiene items are requested. All donations should be unopened and unexpired, please. Your kindness will help replenish food pantries at Grace and Peace Fellowship, Grace United Methodist Church, New Cote Brilliante Church of God, and St. Roch Church.



**Questions?** Interested in volunteering to help sort or pick up donations? Contact us at (314) 862-5122 or [sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com](mailto:sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com)



**Skinker  
DeBaliviere**  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*The Food Drive is sponsored by the Neighborhood Services  
Committee of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council.*

The Skinker Debaliviere Community Council is hosting a food drive to support neighborhood food pantries, including those at New Cote Brilliante Church of God, St. Roch Church, Grace and Peace Fellowship and Grace United Methodist Church. Please place items in bags on your front porch by 10:00 am on Saturday, October 12 and attach the blue Food Drive flyer that will be inserted in the upcoming Times of Skinker DeBaliviere. Volunteers will then collect donations and deliver them to the SDCC office. On a related note, we are seeking volunteers from Parkview to collect food starting at 10:00 on October 12. The more volunteers we have, the quicker we will get it done! Thank you. Mary Pat O’Gorman



*Hats Off*  
TO  
**SKINKER DEBALIVIERE**  
**5TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING**

Don your favorite hat and join your neighbors at the 5th Annual Skinker DeBaliviere Homecoming. This year's theme is simple - Hats Off to Skinker DeBaliviere. All you need is a hat - any type will do - and an appetite for fun. The most creative hats will win great prizes.

Buy your tickets at the SDCC office or online at [www.skinker-debaliviere.com](http://www.skinker-debaliviere.com). Call the office for more information at 314-862-5122 or email [sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com](mailto:sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com).

**October 19th**

**@ 7 pm**

**Regional Arts Commission**

**6128 Delmar Blvd.**

✦ **TICKETS** ✦

*In advance*  
**\$35 single or \$65 pair** | *At the door*  
**\$40 single**

Includes food by Mission Taco and Piccione Pastry, music, dancing, silent auction and loads of fun. Dress code - wear a fun lid, hat that is! All proceeds benefit SDCC, a group of neighbors and staff devoted entirely to working to keep us all connected, safe, and living together in a diverse, vibrant community.

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# PARKVIEW CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, October 27, 2013

4:00 pm

Pershing Park

Join us for chili, hot dogs and s'mores. Bring some chili for the cook-off and get the chance to win a prize for best chili!

Please RSVP to Mary Abkemeier by October 21 if you are able to bring chili:  
[Mary.Abkemeier@Fontbonne.edu](mailto:Mary.Abkemeier@Fontbonne.edu).

**BE SURE TO CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE NEWS ABOUT THE SKINKER DeBALIVIERE BBQ CONCERT ON SEPT 21 AND ALL THE OTHER NEWS OF SKINKER DeBALIVIERE.**

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**CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE NEWSLETTER**

This section is open to all Parkview residents. You may list items you wish to sell, give away, or want. **ADS FOR REAL ESTATE ARE PROHIBITED.** There is a 35 word limit including the resident's name and telephone number (or e-mail). The ad must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to Rebecca Lobb at [lobbrebecca@gmail.com](mailto:lobbrebecca@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Newsletter for that month. It is distributed around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Items listed may be repeated only once in the next edition. The Newsletter editor reserves the right to edit or deny material submitted, and neither the editor nor the Parkview Agents take any responsibility for the accuracy of ads.

**Services Wanted**

Need a wonderful person (with recommendations!) to stay in our house and care for our sweet dog Bowser over Thanksgiving vacation.  
Call Jane and Glenn Conroy 314-863-2481

**Items Available**

Free! 27" (diagonal) Sony Trinitron color TV to anyone who wants to take it away (it's heavy!). Call Glenn or Jane at 314-863-2491 or email [conroyg@pcg.wustl.edu](mailto:conroyg@pcg.wustl.edu).

**CENTER GATE CAR RE-PROGRAMMING** by Chris Mutrux, the Gate Keeper

For those interested in having your cars programmed to open the Center Gate, you may bring your vehicle to the gate **Saturday morning, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> between and 8:00-10:00.**

There will be a \$50 charge for each vehicle. Should you already have a clicker and wish to return it, the charge will be waived. Please contract Chris Mutrux by phone (706-4020) or e-mail [jacmutrux@charter.net](mailto:jacmutrux@charter.net) if you are interested.

Those not wishing to partake in this endeavor are encouraged to refrain from using the Center Gate during this time period to prevent a traffic jam. Thank you. Chris

**NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Send Parkview news to [giraudstl@gmail.com](mailto:giraudstl@gmail.com) of by the 10<sup>th</sup> month for inclusion in the Newsletter which is distributed around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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

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**Officer Pettis Cell: 314-378-3490**

**Emergency: 911**

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