# KINGSHIGHWAY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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OUR NEXT MEETING is Thursday, January 21 at 7 pm. at Kennard Junior Classical Academy, 5031 Potomac. Park and enter the building from the Fairview side, upper playground/parking area.

#### **WE ALWAYS INVITE...**

10<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Joe Vollmer, whose ward includes most of Kingshighway Hills; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Joe Vaccaro, whose ward includes the blocks south of Pernod and west of Brannon; Neighborhood Improvement Specialist Annette Bridges (23<sup>rd</sup> Ward); Missouri State Rep. Mike Colona; Missouri State Senator Joe Keaveny; Community Affairs Police Officer Don Veile. Here is your opportunity to meet and ask questions of these public servants.

# NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST (NIS)

We used to call this city employee the Neighborhood Stabilization Officer (NSO), so if you hear someone still saying "NSO", it's the same person. We should be hearing soon about the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward replacement for **Mike Flood**, **who** has retired.

### **HAPPY HOUR**

We pulled together a Happy Hour right after the November meeting, and about 10 people were present at Milo's at 5201 Wilson. Alderman Joe Vollmer was glad to see us, and treated us to a snack to go with our beverages.

#### COPING...

The Vandeventer detour around the Kingshighway viaduct reconstruction is going smoothly enough; we may actually survive this.

#### NEW DATE FOR MARCH MEETING

We're trying to avoid both St. Patrick's Day and spring break at Kennard School, so our March meeting in 2016 will be on the 31st.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE FRC

About a dozen of us went to the Family Resource Center, Fyler and Kingshighway on Thursday, December 10, 6:00 pm. Since most of us gift wrapped steadily from 6 to 8 pm., we saved the FRC staff some 20 man hours of time they could spend in other ways at this busy season. Thanks to Tina Nelson of FRC for again arranging for us to help. Go to the KHNA Facebook page to see our cheerful faces. We hope we see you there next year.

# "I WANT TO TALK TO MY

**ALDERMAN!"** On **nextdoor.com** someone (from another neighborhood) complained about not being able to get an appointment to speak to the alderman. **Just come to your neighborhood meeting; our aldermen faithfully attend to touch base with constituents and answer questions.** 

#### AN UPCOMING ELECTION

There is a municipal election in early April, and an important issue on the ballot is whether or not we will continue to pay city earnings tax (1% of salary). Before you automatically vote "no", consider what that loss of income would do to St. Louis if the extension goes down to defeat. If you are new to St. Louis or have moved recently, you might go to Buder Library (on Hampton just south of Target) and register there. www.stlouis-mo.gov also has a form to send in. Don't wait long, there is a deadline to register before the next election.

## WHAT IS THAT GOING TO BE....

A building at Hampton Village has been torn down, and something else is going up. Hmmmm.... The St. Louis Post-Dispatch business section reported recently that a Raising Cane's will open on the 4300 block of Hampton. If you consider chicken fingers to be fine dining, this is the place for you! OK, we're glad to see econo-mic development in or near Kingshighway Hills. Lots of progress at Garcia Properties' new headquarters and the QuikTrip.

#### **DUES GOING UP**

The Executive Board has decided to raise dues for new members to \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 per family. Current members can still renew this spring for the old price of \$7.00/\$12.00.

#### MORE FROM NEXTDOOR.COM

Lewis Reed, President of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, posted a brief description of some bills introduced in the Missouri legislature's new session, which has already begun. Subjects include a raise in the minimum wage, tax credits for first time home buyers in some neighborhoods, state funding for neighborhood watch programs, tax exemptions to encourage small business owners, tax relief for bed and breakfasts, new requirements for voter ID, and a tax credit for certain veterans in low income housing. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/">www.senate.mo.gov/16info/</a>... or <a href="https://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills16">www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills16</a>...

#### A TRIVIAL PLUG

Our Southampton neighbors are having a Trivia Night...Saturday, January 30, 7:00 pm. at 4716 Macklind. \$20 per person.

#### A WALK IN 1875 ST. LOUIS

This excellent map driven exhibit at the Missouri History Museum on the north side of Forest Park will close February 14.

## THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of KHNA

still has room at the table for you.

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# REGULAR MEETINGS THE REST OF 2015-2016

January 21 2016 March 31 2016 All at Kennard School.

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