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CCBF Membership Application

Memberships are open to any member of the community. New memberships are valid for 12 months after activation, unless otherwise indicated.

Yes, I would like to become a member (select membership type below):

Individual Membership—\$10 Business Membership—\$50

Individual Name _____

Business Name _____

Business Contact _____

Full Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

Make checks payable to: CCBF, 6408 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services or to volunteer.

Carondelet Community Betterment Federation

(314) 752-6339

Visit us on the web at www.carondeletliving.com

Find us on Social Media!



Carondelet Concert Series: The Beat Goes On

Carondelet Community Betterment Federation (CCBF) is gearing up for its 27th Annual Carondelet Concert Series. Are you ready to get your groove on, get on up, boogie down, bust a move, or cut a rug? Whichever you prefer, make sure you come to one — or all — of the performances.

The concerts, presented by CCBF, along with the Regional Arts Commission and the City of St. Louis Parks Department, are free to the public.

The series kicks off on June 7. The line-up promises a little bit of funk, folk, rock and roll, rhythm and blues, Americana, and a whole lot of fun. There will be something for everyone, including story time for children and a craft fair on select dates.

So, don't miss out! Pack your cooler, pull up a lawn chair and get ready to show us your dance moves!

For more information, visit www.CarondeletLiving.com or call CCBF at (314) 752-6339.

Carondelet Park, Sundays @ 6 PM—8 PM

- June 7 Bob Kuban Band
- June 14 Power Play
- June 21 Fanfare
- June 28 Tommy Halloran Guerilla Swing
- July 5 United States Air Force Band
- July 12 Presentations
- July 19 Abbey Road Warriors
- July 26 Big Little Big Band
- *August 2 Memories of Elvis
- *August 9 Miss Jubilee
- *August 16 Mystic Voyage
- *August 23 Cornet Chop Suey
- * August concerts begin at 5:30 PM*

South St. Louis Square Park, Mondays @ 7 PM—9 PM

- June 8 Melissa Neels Band
- June 15 Steamrollers
- June 22 Patti and the Hitmen

Bellerive Park, Mondays @ 7 PM—9 PM

- July 6 Gateway Ramblers
- July 13 Pik'n Lik'n
- July 20 The Greer's
- July 27 Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole

Fanetti Park, Tuesdays @ 7 PM—9 PM

- June 30 Diesel Island
- July 7 Aching Hearts
- July 14 Old Capital Square Dance Club
- July 21 Big Shake Daddies
- July 28 Sarah Jane and the Blue Notes

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Mission Possible

Since 1971, CCBF has been on a mission to improve the social and economic condition of the Carondelet and Patch neighborhoods. Each year we have been able to continue providing services, but cannot take all of the credit. Our successes, especially those occurring in the year 2014, are a reflection of the passion and dedication of our friends who continue to support our programs. Here's a look back at what we accomplished: TOGETHER!

- 3,042** Families (8,056 individuals) received USDA commodities
- 27** Senior citizens received monthly CSFP food boxes
- 40** Families received utility assistance
- 67** Students enrolled in the Literacy Program
- 70** Families received Thanksgiving food baskets
- 21** Families received Christmas food baskets
- 158** Families (403 people) were adopted for Christmas
- 92** Families received aid through United Way's 100 Neediest Cases
- 26** Summer concerts were held by CCBF
- 98** People attended CCBF's Christmas Concert
- 2** Murals commissioned on South Broadway
- 1** Residential home was purchased for development

- 42** Repairs completed at 31 senior households with program partners SLAAA and CDA
- 172** Persons received property tax credit preparation assistance resulting in \$119,669 in claims



Volunteer Spotlight

By Erin Whitham



David Blucker has long been a supporter of CCBF. Over the years he has attended dedication ceremonies for the Murals on Broadway, the annual Christmas holiday concerts, and the Concerts in the Park series. But it was when he began volunteering at CCBF's food pantry that his involvement blossomed. Beginning in the fall of 2014 David has been a dedicated volunteer at the food pantry. Each week he helps unload, sort and bag the food items that are distributed. He appreciates the good that the pantry does for the community and the opportunity it gives him to be involved. Likewise, CCBF admires David's enthusiasm and commitment to helping others.

David cares a lot about the issue of reducing hunger. For several years he has been riding in St. Louis Bicycle Works' Cranksgiving food drive. He and his fellow riders bike to area grocery stores to buy food that is donated to the local organization Food Outreach. Now his volunteer work with CCBF provides a way for him to stay involved all year long. At CCBF

David sees himself as one member of the larger team that works to provide food to people each week. He especially admires the commitment of his fellow volunteers. He says it is gratifying to know that there are so many others willing to help out.

A long time South City resident and retired city worker, David is an active resident. In addition to biking, when he is not volunteering, he enjoys gardening and visiting the Botanical Garden.

Repurposing with Perennial

By Jenny Murphy, Founder and Executive Director of Perennial

At Perennial's workshop and store in South Carondelet, we provide educational programs all about repurposing. May is Creative Beginnings month, and we thought it'd be the perfect time to share with you a simple way to reuse a commonly tossed item: soda cans!

The tin from soda cans is very easy to cut, punch and emboss with basic office supplies. We make custom labels, plant markers, and more from the material. Here are the basic steps:

1. Use a box cutter to cut off the top and bottom of the can. You'll end up with a cylinder of tin.
2. Use scissors to cut down the cylinder to get a single flat sheet of metal.
3. Draw any shape you'd like your labels to be, and cut it out with scissors. You can use a paper hole-punch to create holes for ties.
4. Place your label shape on a surface with some give (such as a scrap of a cereal box.) Use a ballpoint pen to write out your label. Press down hard as you write. The pen will not write, but will emboss the metal!

For more reuse ideas stop by our shop at 7413-15 S. Broadway or visit Perennial online at www.perennialstl.org.



Spotlight on Safety

By Dee Brown

Most of you probably remember or at least have heard the term Neighborhood Watch. It's basically neighbors coming together and looking out for each other. It's realizing that what happens on one block affects the quality of life of the entire neighborhood, which in turn affects the city as a whole. Every block is an important part of the fabric of our city.

Neighborhood Watch consists of Block Units made up of Block Captains and Members who work together to identify needs, organize projects, and empower neighbors to improve their community. Block units create the foundation for a stronger, safer and more viable neighborhood.

Typically a Block Unit starts with one person feeling really passionate about making a difference. That one person contacts another person, and that person another... until most or all neighbors in the block are involved in working together. The Block Captain is the organizer, motivator and coordinator of activities and frequently is called upon to report issues to the Police and City Officials; there can also be Assistant Block Captains. The Block Captain, Assistant

Block Captains and all other neighbors on the block make up the Block Team or Block Unit. Block Units can also be several blocks working together.

Block organization is a powerful, effective tool for making positive changes where you live. By becoming organized you and your neighbors will have a unified voice that will be acknowledged. It only takes one person to get things started.

If you are interested in scheduling a Block Meeting that would include Block Unit Training, contact Kathryn Woodard, Ward 11 Neighborhood Improvement Specialist, at (314) 657-1355 or email woodardk@stlouis-mo.gov.

You are also invited to attend upcoming Southside Safety Group Meetings where neighbors come together for support, networking, continuing education and the safety and preservation of our neighborhoods. For more information, contact me, Dee Brown, at (314) 402-8681 or at deeanw@yahoo.com.



Grow Milkweed to Save the Monarch Butterfly

By Mark Brown

Monarch populations have been on a long term decline now for many years. The number of Monarch butterflies making it to their winter refuge in Mexico dropped 59 percent this year, falling to the lowest level since comparable record-keeping began 20 years ago. There are now only one-fifteenth as many Monarchs now as there were in 1997. Experts have called the recent numbers “ominous.”

Mexico has made an effort to preserve the few, and small, forest areas where the butterflies over-winter, but a problem has arisen with the lack of milkweed, a plant the butterfly depends on to complete its life cycle. Habitat loss due to development and the widespread use of chemicals on crops and roadsides has seriously reduced the numbers of these critical plants, with negative consequences for the butterflies.

You can help them out by planting a few Milkweed plants in your yard. They are a sustainable plant which requires almost no maintenance from you which makes it perfect for the sustainable pollinator garden.

Butterfly adults like nectar plants such as the butterfly bush, purple coneflowers, sage, beauty bush, sunflowers, lilacs, snapdragons, and zinnias. With less pesticides, like Roundup, and more local flowers, you too can preserve a beautiful species for your grandchildren’s grandchildren!

Mark Brown is a community gardener and urban farmer in Carondelet Missouri. He can be found at Gateway Garlic Urban Farm on Facebook and at Celtichp@yahoo.com.

Around Town

Carondelet Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, May 7 @ 7 PM
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
6400 Minnesota

CCBF/CBA Business Luncheon

Friday, May 8 @ 11:45 AM
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
6400 Minnesota

Home Goods Swap

Proceeds benefit Perennial.
Sunday, May 17 @ 1 PM– 3 PM
General Ticket: \$15; Members: \$10
Perennial, 7413 S. Broadway
(314) 832-2288

Place your Bet with CCBF

A night at the (Horse) Track Fundraiser
Saturday, June 13
Tickets are \$20 each/\$160 per table
Includes a BBQ meal, beer and fun!
Meal time @ 6 PM, Races @ 7 PM
Call (314) 752-6339 to RSVP

St. Louis Shakespeare Troupe

@ The Ivory Theatre
Season starts July 31
Theatre Box Office: (314) 631-8330

Ice Cream in a Bag (Grades K-5)

Tuesday, August 4 @ 4 PM
Carondelet Branch Library

Karaoke (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, August 6 @ 4 PM
Carondelet Branch Library

Carondelet Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, August 6 @ 7 PM
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
6400 Minnesota

**Carondelet
is working with
the City of St. Louis
to increase recycling
in our neighborhood.**



**You can help!
Remember to recycle!**

Congratulations!

Happy anniversary to the
2015 Sisters of St. Joseph
Jubilarians, who recently
celebrated another year of
service as a Sister of
St. Joseph:

75 YEARS

March 19, 1940
S. Loretta Costa

70 YEARS

March 19, 1945
S. Roberta Houlihan
S. Anne Christine Looze
S. Mary Pauline Oetgen
S. Virginia Ross
S. Michael White
S. Helen Louise Williams

60 YEARS

March 19, 1955
S. Mary Christopher Brockman
S. Elizabeth Conrad
S. Mary Joan Dacey
S. Frances Dillman
S. Mary Sharon Jones
S. Jane Ellen Kelly
S. Joan Lacey
S. Marilyn Peot
S. Ann Schorfheide
S. Catherine Ann Schuermann
S. Ruth Stuckel
S. Joan Elizabeth Tolle

August 15, 1955

S. Mary Ellen Jones
S. Sarah Ann Mitra
S. Mary Annette Schorman

50 YEARS

August 6, 1965
S. Patricia Gloriod
S. Laura Ann Gruber
S. Joan Kaucher
S. Janet Kuciejczyk
S. Rita A. Moriarty
S. Rosemary Render
S. Linda Marie Straub
S. Maria Jeanne Tipton



Mural Photos Courtesy of Vesna Delevska

The Art of Transformation

By Kelly Wamhoff

Driving along South Broadway in historic Carondelet, you’ve undoubtedly seen the murals. Whether it’s the historic aspect, colors, their uniqueness or professional quality that you love, there’s a mural for everyone! Most recently, the sixth mural at 7518 South Broadway was completed by Vesna Delevska, who also created and installed Carondelet’s first Mural on S. Broadway.

Growing up in Skopje, Macedonia, Vesna started painting early in life as she watched her father paint. It became a hobby which allowed her to express herself, especially since she was shy. The first painting she remembers creating was for Mother’s Day while she was in kindergarten. It ended up being chosen for a 1st place award and put on display for a long time. Encouraged by teachers and friends, she studied at an applied arts school until coming to the United States at age 18, continuing on to the University of Central Oklahoma.

An artistic desire to make something more beautiful drew Vesna to apply to become a muralist on Broadway. As she researched the history of Carondelet, she was driven to embrace and communicate some of its rich history and uniqueness through her murals. The newest creation (captured in the photo above) celebrates the growth and transformation of Carondelet over the years with the guidance and leadership of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province.

Murals are but one aspect of Vesna’s artistic passion. She creates beautiful paintings to live music at area events. Vesna is also quite talented at painting ceramics and furniture. Examples of all of these and more can be found at www.vesnawork.com.

The Murals on Broadway Public Art Program plans to install a total of 8-10 works of art from local muralists. If you are interested in becoming the next muralist, please contact Kelly at 314-752-6339 or via www.CarondeletLiving.com for further details.



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THE VOICE

The River City Business Park

By Kathryn Woodard, NIS, 11th Ward

"The cornerstone for our East of Broadway development/Business and Industrial Park"
- Jaymes Dearing, CBA President

Mr. Phil Hulse, Managing Principal of GreenStreet St. Louis recently gave a presentation at the CCBF Business Luncheon to provide an update on the development of River City Business Park, located at 8700 S. Broadway. GreenStreet plans to break ground on a 125,000 square foot spec building in the business park this year. According to Hulse, this will be the first part of 725,000 square feet of projected construction on the site.



GreenStreet was selected as the developer of the 54 acre site which has been vacant since 1987 due to environmental hazards associated with the former coal plant that operated at that location. The City chose GreenStreet as the developer because of the company's excellent reputation in this type of development.

In 2009, Brownfield tax credits were awarded to GreenStreet for site cleanup. The total amount of the tax credits amounted to \$12.3 million from the State of Missouri. As part of his presentation, Mr. Hulse thanked Tom Villa, Aldermen of the 11th Ward, and past Alderman Matt Villa. He stated that the development would not have been possible without the Villas' efforts on behalf of the City in preparing the site for this development.

2015 CBA Membership

Support CBA in its mission to enhance Carondelet's business community by joining or renewing your membership. Membership is \$50 for the year or \$150 which includes the Car Show sponsorship. Send your check, payable to Carondelet Business Association, to 6410 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111. You may also pay on CBA's website www.CBAstlouis.com. For more information, contact CBA Board President Jaymes Dearing at (314) 351-4099 or at jdearing@charter.net.



Carondelet Bakery Incubator

By Kathryn Woodard, NIS, 11th Ward

Linda Smith has been in the business of baking since 1975 at the Carondelet Bakery, located at 7726 Virginia. Recently, she decided to close the bakery and reopen the locale as a Food/Bakery Incubator for businesses just starting out, but do not have the cash flow to rent an entire building. The Carondelet Bakery Incubator is over 152 feet long, with seven different spaces where food businesses can operate.



Carondelet Bakery

The business is fully licensed and inspected by the City of St. Louis for operating as a food business incubator. Thus far, there have been 10 businesses interested in the start up idea, and these have included making fudge, candy apples, and dipping strawberries. There is also an ice cream maker interested in a spot.

This is an innovative idea and one which is operating in several cities around the country. Start up dates for businesses interested in operating out of the historic Carondelet Bakery may be as soon as late Spring of this year. Persons interested in acquiring space should call Linda Smith at (314) 638-3519 to set up a time to speak with her about your business.

House of Montessori: Quality Day Care for Children

By Kathryn Woodard, NIS, 11th Ward



House of Montessori Daycare

Ms. Janet Scarim, founder and owner of House of Montessori has been in the business of teaching the Montessori Method to children for over 40 years. Originally housed at St. Boniface, then in a Presbyterian Church and now at 7814 S. Broadway, the House of Montessori can serve 99 children three times a day.

Janet explained, "The Montessori method is focused on order, concentration, coordination, and independence in working on your own with guidelines. The guiding tenets of the Montessori Method are: teaching one-on-one in thirteen different areas including language, math, health, practical life, geography, science, music, nutrition, art and literature."

The House of Montessori is licensed by the State of Missouri and the City of St. Louis in caring for children. The day care has an excellent ratio of staff to children, and is licensed to care for infants and school age children. Although Janet has transportation for the children, she encourages parents to pick their children up so that they can find out about the day's activities.

If you or anyone you know needs quality day care and teaching for a child contact Janet by phone at (314) 351-6450 or (314) 397-3484, or email her at scarim@att.net. You may also stop by the facility at 7814 S. Broadway for a tour (please call ahead to schedule).