

CARONDELETTER

S. Broadway Mural Honors Jazz Legend and Native Son

By: Fred Hessel

The 7th mural of the Murals on Broadway Public Art Program has been completed at 7714 S. Broadway. The mural is a montage tribute to Jazz Legend Mr. Clark Terry.

Clark Terry was born in Carondelet and grew to be a great jazz trumpet stylist during the postwar years. His musical talent took him around the world where he played with Count Bassie, Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie, Quincy Jones and others. He was also mentor to many jazz musicians including Miles Davis and Wynton Marsalis.

In 1960 he became the first black musician to be employed by a television network when he was hired by his friend Doc Severinsen to play in The Tonight Show Orchestra.

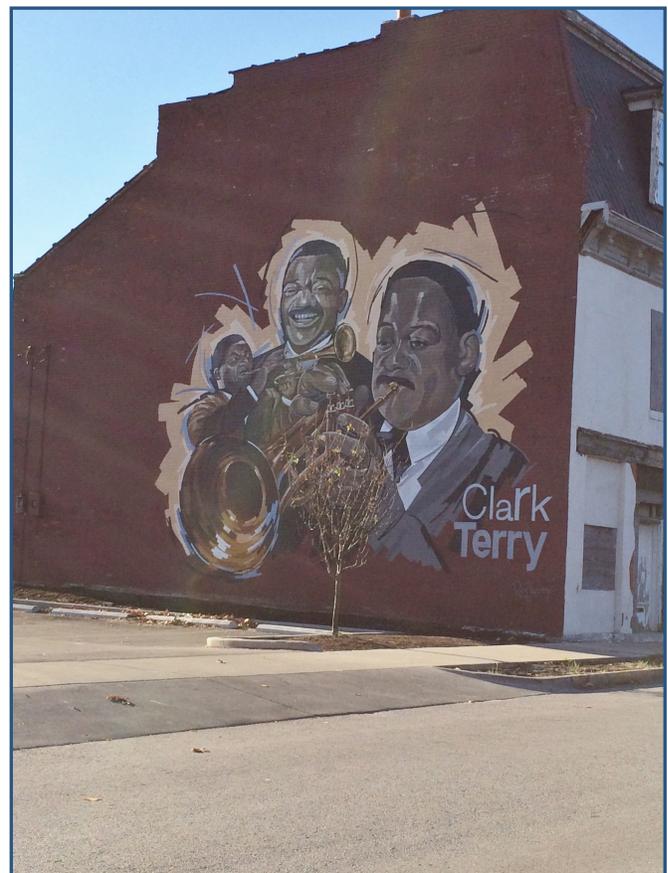
Mr. Terry was right handed but he taught himself to work the valves with his left hand too which enabled him to play flugelhorn in one hand and muted trumpet in the other.

Known as much for his warmth and grace as his musicianship he was devoted to mentoring others throughout his life and is memorialized in the 2014 documentary "Keep on Keepin' On."

He was named a Jazz Master by the National Endowment of the Arts in 1991 and was given the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. Known to have played on over one hundred jazz recordings incorporating various styles Mr. Clark Terry passed away this past February at the age of 94.

Working in cooperation with Mr. Terry's family and publicist a dedication of the mural is being planned for the Spring.

CCBF has set a goal of installing a total of 10 public murals along S. Broadway. To see more murals and to stay informed of the dedication date visit us at www.CarondeletLiving.com and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Clark Terry mural at 7714 S. Broadway

YouthBuild To Open Southside Location

"St. Louis YouthBuild is a pre-apprenticeship construction/ carpentry training center that helps young men and women (ages 18 - 24) achieve their HiSET (Missouri's version of the GED) with help from an instructor from the St. Louis Public Schools Adult Education & Literacy program.

St. Louis YouthBuild employs journeymen carpenters who teach our students PACT curriculum, train them up for the work site & then take them on-site to hone their skills before we help to find them a job in the field or enroll them in college/ university.

In January 2016, we will be opening a second St. Louis YouthBuild location in Dutchtown at the Thomas Dunn Learning Center – St. Louis YouthBuild: South. Beginning on Monday, November 30th, 2015, we will be giving basic assessments of math and reading every Monday and Wednesday at The Thomas Dunn Learning Center (3113 Gasconade Street, St. Louis, MO 63118).



The program is not only free of charge to all of the students enrolled, but they are paid at each level of the training program (post-enrollment).

All St. Louis YouthBuild students are also half-time AmeriCorps members & upon completion of 675 hours of service, will receive over \$2,000 to use towards college costs (tuition/books), student loans or vocational training."

Senior Home Repair Program

If you are age 62 or older and a homeowner living in the CCBF service area, you qualify for our Senior Minor Home Repair Program.

With funding provided by the Daughters of Charity Foundation, St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, the Community Development Administration and HUD the program allows homeowners to receive minor home repairs at a fraction of what it would cost on the open market.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this program, please call George Kindler at 314-752-6339 for a consultation.



Projects are partially funded through a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Community Development Administration under the provision of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Pub L, 93-383 42 USC 5301 et seq.) and/or HOME Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (Public Law 101-625)"



2015 CHRISTMAS *concert*

DECEMBER 13th
SUNDAY 3 PM

Presented by:



Get your tickets now for CCBF's Annual Christmas Concert on December 13 at The Ivory Theatre. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased by phone at 314-752-6339 or online at www.CarondeletLiving.com. The St. Louis Big Band featuring Joe Scalzitti on vocals will be our headline act again this year. As a special feature Arlecia Stamps will sing Ave Maria.

Baked goods made by Sister Marion Renkens, CSJ will be available for sale in the lobby. Doors open at 2:00 with seating at 2:30pm.



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THE VOICE

Economic Development: The Engine of The Neighborhood

By James Dearing and Fred Hessel

CBA and the CCBF Economic Development Council recently had a visioning workshop at CCBF attended by over 15 community stakeholders and facilitated by the St. Louis Community Builders Network. Participants outlined various challenges, identified assets and opportunities for growth and developed a rough set of Strategies and Goals.

Homelessness, crime, and a general negative perception of S. Broadway were listed as challenges to attracting and retaining businesses. An affordable inventory of commercial real estate, proximity to rail, river and interstate and the walkability of the neighborhood were listed among Carondelet's assets. Other assets included destination businesses such as Stacked Burger Bar and Ferraro's Pizza, Perennial Artisan Ales located in the renovated Temtor Building, and defined commercial districts.

Everyone agreed that opportunities for growth exist and that a strategy for attracting a variety of businesses can be developed. The assets far outweigh the challenges and possibilities exist for attracting a variety of businesses including light manufacturing, call centers, mom and pop storefronts and corner cafés.

As an adjunct to the Visioning process the CBA long term business plan for 2016 – 2020, originally composed in 2008 has changed – the Mission statement now reads:

CBA will engage the community and advocate for the improvement of the business environment in Carondelet by supporting existing businesses and encouraging new business and development. The Motto for CBA is "The voice for Business in Carondelet."

Tom Villa: A Man for All Seasons

By Kathryn Woodard, NIS, 11th Ward

Alderman Tom Villa is truly a Man for All Seasons – a bigger than life persona who has lived his entire life in the 11th Ward and for the greater part of his life has served in various political offices. Among the positions Tom has held: Missouri House of Representatives: 1974 -1984, serving as Majority Whip from 1978 to 1980 and Majority Floor Leader from 1980 – 1984.

In 1987 Mr. Villa was elected to citywide office as the President of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, and re-elected to that position in 1991. He ran as a candidate for Mayor of St. Louis in 1993, but finished second in the Primary behind Freeman Bosley, Jr. He served out his term as President of the Board of Aldermen until 1995, and did not seek reelection. In 2000 he was again elected to the Missouri House and was re-elected four times, serving until 2008. *(Continued on page 6)*



Carondelet Character: Tim Cella

If you want to know anything about Heating and Cooling you should talk to Tim Cella at Degenhardt Heating and Cooling. Tim has been involved in the business since 1984. He and his brother in law Tony Degenhardt (hence Degenhardt Heating and Cooling) purchased the equipment from another Heating and Cooling business that they had actually worked at for a couple of years before the purchase.

The principles in the business are Tim Cella, Tony Degenhardt and their wives Chris and Mary. It is a family business and their sons also work in the business. They have 26 employees and they specialize in residential heating and cooling, but they also have been involved in many multi-family residential heating and cooling projects.

Tim lived in Carondelet with his family for over 20 years and his father still lives here although Tim moved to the country about 28 years ago. He is a member of the Spanish Society on Michigan, his mother was Spanish, and his father is Italian. He decided to stay in Carondelet with his business because he had a feeling of belonging, there were many good neighbors and neighborhoods, and in addition, his parents had a lot of friends in the neighborhood.

Tim has been a Carondelet Business Association member for some time now and he is responsible for the annual car show sponsored by the CBA which is always held in September in South St. Louis Square Park. Owners of Classic cars can enter the show for a nominal fee, and are judged by category. There is usually food and a band for enjoyment, in addition to all of the beautiful old cars in one place that is free to the public.

The event raises money which is then given to various causes. This year's event was cosponsored by the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. So when you are in the neighborhood of Carondelet or if you need heating and cooling work completed at reasonable prices, call on Tim Cella at (314) 631-1554 or email him at tim@degenhardthc.com. Degenhardt Heating and Cooling is located at 7624 S Broadway.



Adam Cella TJ Degenhardt Tim Cella Ryan Cella



WANT TO HOST A FOOD DRIVE?

Food insecurity is a sad reality year round. Over 300 families per month rely on emergency food provisions right here in Carondelet and Patch. If your organization or group would like to host a food drive to ensure the shelves remain stocked at The St. Joseph's Food Pantry please contact Fred Hessel at 314.752.6339 or fhessel@ccbf6408.org.

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

The Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim gives credit to senior citizens and 100 percent disabled individuals for a portion of the real estate taxes or rent they have paid for the year.

Known as "Circuit Breaker " this credit is for a maximum of \$750 for renters and \$1,100 for homeowners. The refund amount is based on a calculation of real estate taxes or rent paid and total household income.

Beginning February 15 CCBF Staff will be available to help assist individuals with preparing rebate forms. To schedule your appointment call 314-752-6339 beginning February 1st.

In speaking with Alderman Villa about his accomplishments as the 11th Ward Alderman he has stated that his significant accomplishments in the 11th Ward thus far have been:

- The redevelopment of the old Carondelet Coke (coal) site into a 50 acre \$70 Million dollar business park which is being constructed by the GreenStreet Development Company at the River City Business Park. This 620,000 square foot project has the capability of creating over 400 new jobs.
- Obtaining matching federal funds to continue streetscape improvements along South Broadway.
- Working with Habitat for Humanity and their efforts to bring new housing to the 11th Ward
- Leveraging ward funds to attract funding from Great Rivers Greenway to redesign and connect Sr. Marie Charles Park and Bellerive Park, resulting in a renewed and safer place to view the Mississippi River.
- Working in concert with the MSD on Project CLEAR that directly affects a large part of the 11th Ward.



Meeting with Union Pacific Railroad which resulted in the removal of crude oil trains running through Carondelet and Holly Hills. Neighbors were a tremendous help in this process

Alderman Villa is very proud of the ongoing improvements in Carondelet Park (one of the many jewels in the City). The new bike path and the activities at the Rec Plex are great neighborhood anchors. Rehabbed tennis courts, improved walking paths, new restroom facilities and major renovation of the Boat House Lake building are just a few of the upcoming improvements.

As of this writing, there is an exciting proposal for the redevelopment of the site at the corner of Grand and Holly Hills. He is also working with an investor who has an option to purchase and rehab Lyon School.

Alderman Villa remains an independent voice in our city's legislature considering the city's best interest before casting each vote. Each week he speaks with constituents regarding requests for assistance related to the ward. These may include tree trimming, sidewalk repair, trash dumpster issues, reports of drug activity, barking dogs, street lighting, assistance with building and occupancy permits, and disputes between neighbors.

He works closely with the Carondelet Community Betterment Federation, the Holly Hills Improvement Association, the Patch Neighborhood group, and the WOODWARD NOW group and serves as an ex-officio member of many committees throughout the ward. "Speaking with constituents and attending the neighborhood meetings keeps me in touch with the great people I am elected to represent from the 11th Ward."

Alderman Villa was born and raised in the 11th Ward. He earned his Masters Degree in Education from the University of Missouri St. Louis.

He is truly a "Man for All Seasons!" Like his father, the late Albert "Red Villa" who served as the longest-serving member of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen.

Around Town

Kids Community Christmas Party

Games, Crafts and Prizes
Saturday Dec 12
St. Trinity Lutheran Church
7404 Vermont Ave
FREE

CCBF Christmas Concert

The St. Louis Big Band with featured
vocalist Joe Scalzitti
Sunday Dec 13, 3 PM
The Ivory Theatre, 7620 Michigan Ave
\$12

Carondelet Ecumenical Council

Membership meeting
Tue Dec 15, 7pm
Carondelet Historic Society
6303 Michigan Ave

Anheuser-Busch Brewery Light Tour

Complimentary samples, fire pit
Thur - Sun, 5p-10p
Ends Jan 3

Yoga Buzz at Perennial! - St. Louis

December 22, 2015 6:30 pm
Perennial Artisan Ales
8125 Michigan Ave

St. Louis Science Center

First Fridays at the Science Center
The science behind Sci-Fi movies
6pm with free classic Sci-Fi flick at 10pm
Jan 1 and Feb 5
5050 Oakland Ave

CCBF Neighborhood Meeting

March 3 7 pm
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse
7400 Minnesota

Spotlight on Safety By Dee Brown

History of the St. Louis Safety Group:

The first Safety Group Meeting was held on July 24, 2013 at the Carondelet "Y" RecPlex. Eighteen neighbors from Carondelet, Patch and the Woodward NOW Neighborhoods came together for a Citizens On Patrol (COP) Training presented by Sgt. Catherine Dennis, with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD).

Monthly Safety Group Meetings began in September 2013 with a Saturday Meeting at the Carondelet Library; twenty-three neighbors were present. We decided to call our group the Carondelet/Patch/Boulevard Heights (CPBH) Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM).

A lot has changed since those first meetings. The CPBH NOM evolved into the Southside NOM Group, then the Southside Safety Group and now the St. Louis Safety Group. Myself and other neighbors attended three meetings with the First District Captain the first year our safety group was forming. I regularly went to neighborhood association meetings in Holly Hills, Boulevard Heights, Princeton Heights, Bevo, Southampton, Dutchtown, Mt. Pleasant, Woodward NOW and of course, Carondelet. There are now neighbors in each neighborhood mentioned who have gone through NOM Trainings, attended Safety Meetings and now help spread the word. In July 2015, Rodney Edwards and his wife, Arneatrice Myers-Edwards attended the Southside Safety Group Meeting on Problem Properties. Rodney spoke out about all the abandoned buildings in his neighborhood and his efforts to unite neighbors on the Northside by forming the Tandy Neighborhood Improvement Association. After that meeting it just made sense to work together with all St. Louis City Residents towards diversity and inclusion with a focus on safety and the preservation of our neighborhoods. We've formed a partnership with the Tandy Neighborhood Improvement Association and now have a Safety Group Advisory Board that includes the Tandy Neighborhood Improvement Association, Clifton Heights, Princeton Heights, Carondelet, Woodward NOW and Holly Hills.

The St. Louis Safety Group Mission Statement is: To offer support, networking, continuing education and positive ways of dealing with city living issues. We have monthly themed based safety meetings focusing on timely topics that have included the Juvenile Justice System in St. Louis City, Domestic Violence Awareness and The Heroin Epidemic. We are presently recruiting more Board Members who are interested in working towards diversity and inclusion by outreach efforts to all St. Louis City Neighborhoods including positive relationships with Police Officers and City Officials.

For your next meeting or event consider the Carondelet Family YMCA in Carondelet Park. For more information call 768-9622.



If you are interested in learning more about the St. Louis Safety Group you can contact me, Dee Brown, at deeandtw@yahoo.com or cell phone: 314-402-8681. Watch for meeting notices and comments about the St. Louis Safety Group on Nextdoor.com. Lastly, when you get a chance check out the following:

St Louis Safety Group Blog - <http://stlsafetygroup.blogspot.com/>

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stllouissafetygroup/>

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- I want to volunteer at the Food Pantry
- I'd like to organize a Food Drive
- I want to help with Community Events
- I want to be a CCBF Member: ___ Individual —\$10 ___ Business —\$50
- I'd like to make a monetary donation: Amount Enclosed \$_____

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Business Name _____

Business Contact _____

Full Address _____

Phone and Email _____

Website _____

Please send your contact information, along with your donation/membership fee to:
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Contact Us

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

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