

April 2010



OLD TOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

Greeting Everyone,

WELCOME SPRING!!!! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Your neighborhood association has had quite a productive year in 2009 and we appreciate your continued support. In this edition of the Old Town Newsletter we will showcase the variety of projects we have undertaken this past year.

Park benches have been installed long First Capitol and Fifth Streets. Our first Neighbor Helping Neighbor Project was at Ruby McDonald's house and it was a great job well done. In December of last year the Board donated \$500 to the St. Charles Salvation Army. We hope to help others in our community during this difficult time.

The Old Town Board has spoken at Council and Board of Adjustment Meetings about a variety of issues such as: allowing a RV parking variance, the new McDonald's on Fifth Street and a pending noise ordinance for South Main.

We have a host of new goals this year. Our focus, as always is to support our neighbors in Ward 2 and assist this community when they have concerns. We would like to increase membership and involvement. By July of 2011, we will have many board members who must resign from the board due to term limitations. We think this is a great organization and we need fresh ideas and new people to join us in representing our Ward. If you are thinking of getting involved in your community, the time is now!

We have enjoyed serving you and hope 2010 is a very productive year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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GOALS FOR 2010

1. Increase membership
2. Expand the Board and replace several current members in 2011
3. Participate in the Annual Clean up Project
4. Complete another Neighbor Helping Neighbor Project

NOISE ORDINANCE

Ward 2 Councilman Larry Muench has introduced a change to city ordinance 156.066. The current ordinance prohibits live music and dancing at restaurants in the South Main Historic District. The purpose of the long-standing provision established in the 70's was to curb the encouragement of drinking establishments on South Main.

A public hearing was held on March 2, 2010; several speakers spoke against the change and none spoke in favor. Council's vote on the issue has been delayed pending a demonstration of allowed noise levels. Muench's proposed change cites decibel limits on noise but no limits on the hours. It has been suggested that if live music is to be allowed, that it end at 9 or 10PM.

Arguments against the change include:

- live music encourages patrons to stay longer and drink more
- drinking patrons are often loud as they leave drinking establishments
- drinking increases disturbances and vandalism incidents
- increased drinking offers no benefits to residents and property owners on South Main and the surrounding residential neighborhood
- after the dinner hour, a restaurant serving liquor becomes a bar and live music will encourage more bars in the Historic District
- noise violations are low priority for the police department and are often over by the time the police arrive...leaving disturbed residents
- over time, bars lead to a degradation of the neighborhood

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

Check the Old Town website for a link to photos of the first Neighbor Helping Neighbor project at Ruby McDonald's.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Area residents may have noticed the recent changes to the landscape near Tompkins and 1st Capitol. Residences that housed Lindenwood's students for the last ten years are disappearing to make way for a retail center. We will eventually see a full-service grocery

along with other stores. Our councilman has indicated that federal tax credits might be used to move the Post Office to the north end of this development. St. Joseph Hospital has plans for the property where the Post Office now stands. In other hospital news, expect to see the ER entrance relocated to Madison Street in the coming months.

Sadly, the Robert E. Lee burned shortly before it was scheduled to become part of our historic riverfront area.

Prescription drug discount cards are available from the city's website, the security desk at City Hall, and the Parks Department office in Blanchette Park. They are intended to help people who have prescriptions that are not covered by insurance. The cards save the user an average of 20% at participating pharmacies. To find out more about the program, call Mathew Seeds at 636-949-3361.

OLD TOWN WEB SITE

See the Old Town web site for photos and details on issues and news events: <http://oldtownstcharles.org>

RENDEZVOUS IN ST. CHARLES

May is National Preservation Month. South Main Preservation Society is again sponsoring a photo competition in May. See details, upload your photos, view entries and vote at <http://rendezvousinstcharles.com>.

MARKET DAY

Market Day will be held on South Main, Saturday, May 22. Period performers will reenact a typical 19th century market day. Join us for the fun!

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Area 1 Mrs. Peria, 624 South 4th Street
Area 2 Brian & Karen Eufinger, 406 Thomas Ave.
Area 3 The Faerbers, 537 Jackson Street
Area 4 The Bettens 1109 Osage St.
Area 5 Mr. Fichtenmayer, 600 Boone Ave
Area 6 Steve & Stephanie Furlong, 831 Spring Ave.

Congratulations to our winners who will receive a one year free membership Old Town Neighborhood Association.

COMMITTEES

Membership

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OLD TOWN
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETING

Monday, May 10, 2010, 7PM

Old Town Neighborhood Association will meet Monday, May 10th, 2010 at 7PM, Lincoln School Gym. This is a very important meeting to nominate current and future board members. The meeting will include several guest speakers.

AGENDA

Welcome

**Introduction of Board Members
& All in Attendance**

Speakers

City Report - Larry Muench

Election of Board Members

Neighbor Assisting Neighbor Project

Issues & Concerns

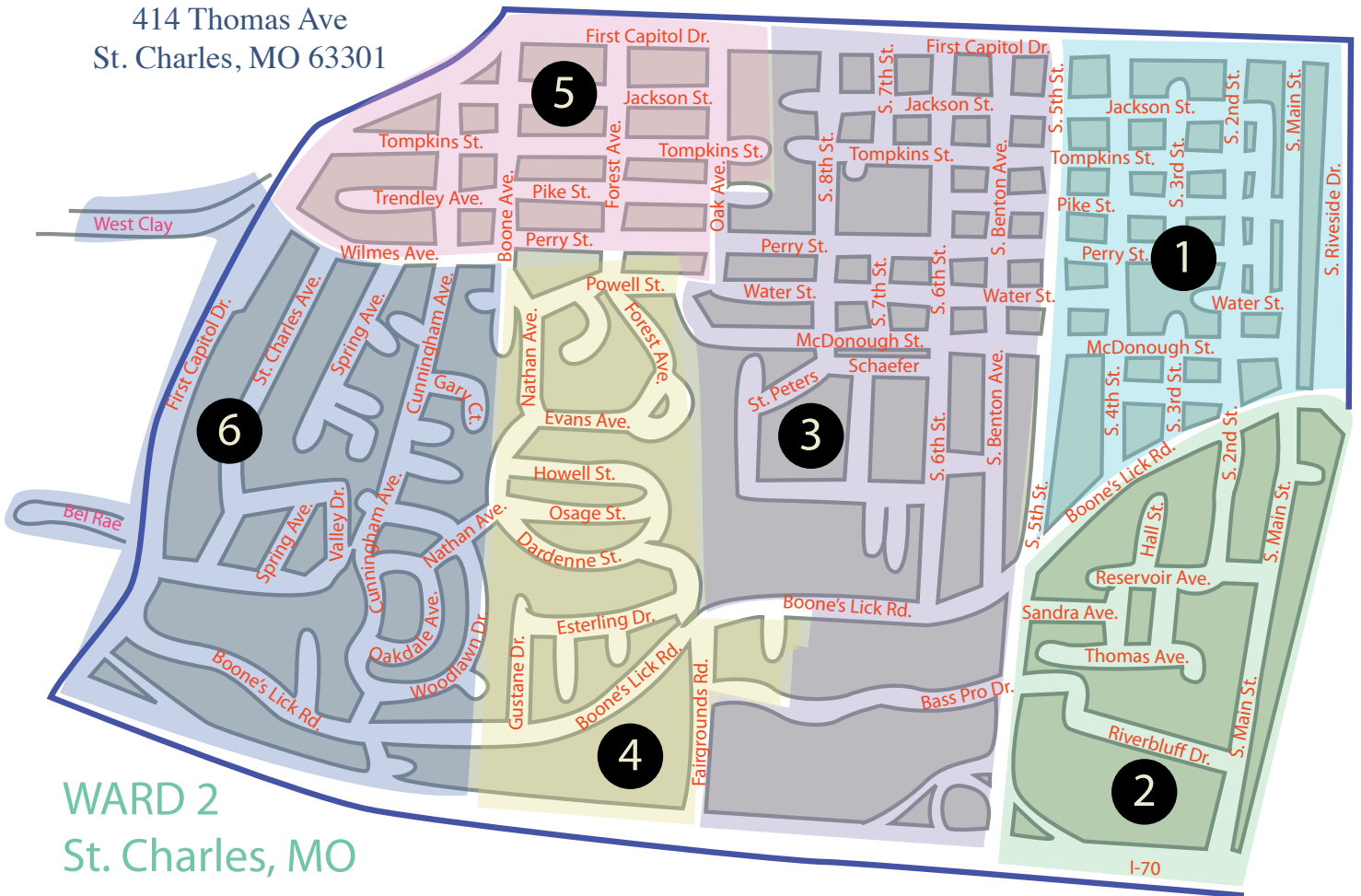
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MEMBERSHIP FORM - JOIN US & ADD YOUR VOICE!

Dues: \$10 per year for a two-person household or a business - due each May
 Please complete form and mail with check to:
 Old Town, 414 Thomas Ave, St. Charles, MO 63301 • Or contact a board member.

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Address _____ E-mail _____

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