



WHISPERING HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FALL NEWS 2012

Meet Our New Neighbors

Names:

Esteban and
Dabonish López

Address:

#S(&&Tallow Hill Lane

Occupation and employer:

Husband: Engineer at
Emerson

Wife: Marketing Manager at
Energizer

Children: Camila and
Rebecca

Hobbies:

Husband: Soccer, running,
bicycles, swimming

Wife: Dance and spending
daughter and mommy time.

*How long have you lived in
Whispering Hills?*

2 months

Where did you go to school?
Venezuela

Message from the President and Trustee

Welcome to the Fall Edition of the Whispering Hills Homeowners Association Newsletter. I am happy to report that our first edition, "Summer News 2012," was well received and seemed to provide value to its readers. To hold down cost, we will continue to transmit the newsletter via e-mail. At the same time, we have reduced the list of those for whom we had no e-mail address to 9 homeowners. We will try to get hard copies to those few who still do not have e-mail.

This summer has been a long hot one and many of you have chosen to stay inside rather than brave the scorching heat. Remember that the indoor pool and fitness center is a great place to get some exercise and to beat the heat. Keep in mind that you are paying an annual assessment for use of these facilities, which are open every day. However, some of us are now of an age and physical condition that getting to the pool or fitness center is no longer possible. If you are aware of a neighbor who fits this description and may be less prone to use their air conditioners because of limited financial resources, I ask that you check on them from time to time to make sure that they are not overcome by the heat.

Finally, in response to recent concerns that have been raised about potential petty crime in the subdivision, we have initiated a neighborhood watch program in collaboration with the St. Louis County Police Dept. For more information on this program please see the article on page 2.

Semi-Annual Subdivision Meeting

When: Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Topics to be discussed: Annual membership fee increase, budget review, common grounds committee report, new neighborhood watch committee, and the subdivision website, among others.

Any suggestions?

Your feedback is still important to us. Please, feel free to e-mail us with your comments and ideas for the newsletter. Send your suggestions to marcherie_v@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood Watch Report

St. Louis County Police Officer Phil Accardi spoke at the Neighborhood Watch Program meeting at our clubhouse. The meeting, which took place in July, was well attended, informative and entertaining.

As a result, Bob Sudholt, Whispering Hills Lane/Section 1 resident, volunteered to be the subdivision's Watch Coordinator. He will be the liaison between the St. Louis County Police and Whispering Hills Block Captains. He will be in charge of gathering crime information and sending out e-alerts of criminal activity and how to prevent it.

A few residents volunteered to be our Block Captains:

- Bob Heck from Section 1 (Whispering Hills)
- Tink Sullivan from Section 2 (Cotton Tree), with Celia Mullikin (Northwinds) as a backup.

We would also like to have Block Captains from Sections 3, 4 and 5. Please consider helping with this program. If interested send an e-mail to Bob Sudholt, robertsudholt@yahoo.com.

During the meeting, Officer Accardi also offered the following tips to keep our neighborhood safe:

- Install motion detectors on your home's outdoor lighting fixtures
- Keep your house and vehicles locked at all times
- Place your mail and newspaper delivery on hold while on vacation

There are several ways in which you can keep abreast of any neighborhood issues. For instance:

- You can join the Central County Precinct "Neighborhood E-mail Warning System" or "NEWS" list. Anytime a criminal offense takes place in our neighborhood and surrounding area, you will be notified via e-mail.

- In addition, you will receive a quarterly newsletter with the activities that take place in our precinct, such as the citizen police academy, town hall meetings, and the neighborhood watch meeting locations.
- If interested send e-mail to offer Accardi, paccardi@stlouisco.com, with the following information:
 - Your e-mail address
 - Subdivision name
 - Your complete Name
 - An emergency contact number.
- Your name, e-mail address and subdivision name are essential to distributing this important information. Any information you provide will remain private.

We believe that this program will help us become proactive and help keep crime at bay. Please consider helping with this program. For more information, contact Bob Sudholt, robertsudholt@yahoo.com.

Common Grounds Committee Report

As you may have noticed, the 1st Phase of the common grounds cleanup process has been completed. The landscaper removed the old bushes from the north side of the front entrance, the islands, and from the hill leading up to Parkway North High School. The gravel from all the beds has been removed and the areas have been prepared to be seeded once the weather changes.

The landscaper filled the holes located across the clubhouse and at the base of the hill at Shady Grove and Whispering Hills. The stumps have been ground in all cleared areas.

The 2nd Phase will start this fall and will include removing two (2) dead trees located by the lake, trimming the bushes in the common ground and at the circle by the high school, and replanting trees/bushes in the islands.

The 3rd phase may start in the spring season, depending on the funds available at that time, and will include redesigning the front entrance landscape.



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Emergency and Non-Emergency Numbers

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency	314-889-2341
Central County 2nd Precinct	314-567-9926
TTY Hearing Impaired	911 or 314-889-2345
Missouri Poison Center	314-772-5200 or 1-800-222-1222
Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-392-3738
Safe Schools Hotline	314-889-SAFE
Municipal Services Unit	314-615-0184
Crime stoppers	1-866-371-TIPS
Drug Hotline	314-863-DOPE
Government Center Info	314-615-5000
Crime Statistics	314-615-4294

Upcoming Website

The WHHOA is developing a website where you can keep track of what is going on in our neighborhood. From Whispering Hills Subdivision's official documents and forms, to a description of our amenities, neighborhood watch and important contact information, you will find what you need in one central location. Launch date: tentatively late 2012.

Back to School Safety

The St. Louis County Police Department provides the following tips in an effort to maintain a safe environment for your children during the school year.

Suspicious Activities: Instruct children to report suspicious criminal activities to school authority. If you and or children see any suspicious activities while it is occurring, please call 911. After calling 911, also inform school authorities so that they are aware of the situation.

Home alone: Determine a specific plan for your children to follow if they get home from school and no adult is home. Display a list of emergency numbers – people they know and can call either for advice or during an emergency. List what they can do and cannot do while alone, for instance:

- Are they allowed to leave the house? If so, where are they allowed to go?
- Are they allowed to have anyone come to the house? If so, whom?
- What cooking appliances or electrical equipment can they use?
- What should they say when someone calls the house and ask to speak to a parent that is not at home?
- Safety at School - Support school efforts to enforce safety rules by doing the following:
 - Familiarize yourselves with the school's policies.
 - Instruct children not to leave with anyone unless they check with the office first.
 - Inform the school in writing if you are making any changes to your child's schedule (such as leaving early or when having someone else pick her up).

- Develop a secret password to be used with your children in case of emergency.
- Know your children's friends – This is an ongoing process because children make new friends continuously. But this will also help parents know where to look for their children if they do not come home on time. Insist that your children tell you their whereabouts at all times.
- Walking to and from school - Parents should discuss and know the following about their children:
 - The routes they take to and from school.
 - Instruct them to travel with others.
 - Tell them to stay away from strangers and strange/unknown vehicles.
- Periodically review general pedestrian safety rules:
 - Walk on sidewalks.
 - When there are no sidewalks, walk in single file on the side of the road.
 - Cross the street at intersections only.
 - Follow school crossing guards' instructions.
 - Riding the bus - Children must follow these rules:
 - Remain seated while the bus is moving.
 - Keep hands, arms and head inside at all times.
 - Talk quietly to avoid distracting the driver.
 - Keep the aisles clear.



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Babysitters/Petsitters

We would like to help babysitters find babysitting jobs in our subdivision and help families find great babysitters to care for their children. We can also help you identify pet sitters/dog walkers in the subdivision. Just contact Gloria De Zamacona via e-mail at gloriac1502@aol.com to help you connect with a babysitter/pet sitter in our subdivision.

Pump Yoga Class

Mondays and Wednesdays

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Come and bring some friends and make some new ones at this fun and energizing fitness class. The class, which takes place at the Whispering Hills Clubhouse Lobby, starts with light weights then Pilates, and finishes with Yoga. It is a great way to get a full body workout in one hour!

Classes are \$7.00 if you prepay for the whole session and \$10.00 for walk-ins. Buy two (2) personal training sessions and get one (1) free. For more information, contact Wendi at (636) 699-9228.

Pool Fall / Winter Hours

The outdoor pools will close around September 15 -20, depending on the weather. Soon you will receive more information about this as well as on the Dog Pool Party, which will take place at the outdoor pools on the last day the pools are open. The indoor pool hours during the fall/winter season will be as follow:

Day	Time
Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Friday	6:00 am – 8:30 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 8:30 pm
Sunday	12 noon to 8:30 pm

Newsletter Mission Statement

The mission of this newsletter is to inform members of what is currently happening in their community.

The purpose of this newsletter is to create a bond among the community and its leaders.

Its goal is to instill pride and a desire for united improvement.

Your comments and story ideas are welcome. Contact Marcherie Vazquez at 314-239-3463 and Marcherie_v@hotmail.com

