**We had ~31 attendees at the January NHNA General meeting. Chief Jenkersen of the St. Louis Fire Department was the guest speaker. We heard updates on the Board of Alderman proposals for spending the Rams settlement money. We heard reports from the SLMPD 2nd District Community Outreach Officer**, **the Neighborhood Improvement Specialist and St. Louis Public Library Community Engagement Librarian. The next NHNA General meeting will be held on February 24th at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.**

**Please email the NHNA admin at** **admin@northamptonneighbors.com** **with any questions.**

**1/27/25 North Hampton Neighbors Association meeting:**

* Jane Rain, President NHNA opens the meeting at 6:03 pm. She announced that a candidate forum for mayor and comptroller is being hosted by the Southwest Garden Neighborhood Assoc. that will start at 7:45. We will keep our meeting on schedule for those who want to attend.
* Annette Nowakowski, Vice-President and Chair of Policy Cmte reviewed Board Bills 153, 131 and the hybrid TRANSFOR ACT all proposing investment plans for the $277M Rams settlement money.

- BB153: (Sonnier)

 1. $40M for water infrastructure

 2. $60M for mobility infrastructure (sidewalks/streets)

 3. $37M for children and families (affordable childcare for city workers)

 4. $20M for post-secondary education for city youth

 5. $20M for city workforce fund

 6. $70M for housing support (residential property development and 1st time homebuyer)

- BB131: (Boyd)

 1. $52M (downtown) and $55M (N and SE regions) for infrastructure (lighting, pedestrian safety, beautification

 2. $30M (downtown) and $55M (N and SE) to eliminate building blight

 3. $10M (downtown) and $15M (N and SE) for new construction and housing rehabilitation

 4. $10M (downtown and riverfront) and $5M (N and SE) for retail development

- Hybrid bill (TRANSFORM ACT): retains some of the emphasis on N and SE regions of city

 1. $40M city-wide water infrastructure

 2. $40M mobility infrastructure

 3. $30M city workforce fund (childcare support for city workers)

 4. $10M post-secondary education for youth of city workers

 5. $10M city workforce training

 6. $35M housing with emphasis in N and SE regions of city

For those interested in the upcoming Board of Aldermen meetings to discuss these bills sign up at BOAmeetings@STLOUIS-MO.gov; find meeting schedule @ <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/aldermen/aldermanic-legislative-session.cfm>. After Feb. 7th the BOA will recess until after the election.

* Jane Rain announced that the newly elected MO state representatives, Nick Kimble (District 82) and Elizabeth Fuchs (District 80) will regularly update the NHNA in person or through regular newsletters. Sign up through <https://house.mo.gov/> portal.
* Gus Karagiannis, SLMPD South Patrol Station, 2nd District Community Outreach Officer (Contact: 314-444-0161, gkaragiannis@slmpd.org)

 -Announced “Coffee with a cop” event Tues, Jan 28th at Hampton Target

 -SLMPD has made progress on the string of gas station car thefts/break-ins making multiple arrests and continuing to investigate associates of the arrested individuals. Incidents at gas stations have gone down since the arrests.

 -Crime details for last month were provided (see complete transcript for details). To sign up for weekly crime report sent request to Officer Karagiannis via email.

 -Q/A details—see transcript

* Shanieka Jackson, Neighborhood Improvement Specialist for Northampton, Southampton, Old North St. Louis, Hyde Park. Contact: (314) 901-3065, jacksonshan@stlouis-mo.gov

 - She acknowledged the city failure in snow and ice removal during the Jan snowstorm

- Issues with street and alley access due to the snow created a backlog for refuse removal and

 crews are working overtime to resolve it. If you still have a bad alley submit a CSB request.

- The CSB service report for the month consisted of mostly snow removal and trash pickup

 requests.

- Send requests to CSB using the online portal or directly to Shanieka via email:

 **(https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-**

 **safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/)**.

* Marissa Owen, Community Engagement Librarian, gave the SLPL community activities update.

- Jan. 28th @ 9am Buder will host Mimi Harris to discuss St. Louis Hills history.

- Register for the upcoming “Paint and Sip” art workshop

- SLPL will host a number of events for Black History months

- Buder renovations continue with updates to HVAC on 2nd and 3rd floors. Some facilities

 will be unavailable on these floors until work is completed.

- Libraries will host early voting and will be announced on the website.
- For additional information about your local library and upcoming events email Marissa (mowen@slpl.org) or visit <https://www.slpl.org/> for a detailed online calendar.

* Chief Dennis Jenkerson, Chief Jenkerson was appointed the 10th Fire Commissioner of the St. Louis Fire Department in 2007. He is a third-generation firefighter with 39 years of experience, including roles as fire captain and battalion chief.

- Chief Jenkerson updated the group on staffing, firefighter and EMT training, SLFD budgeting and capital equipment purchases (pumpers, trucks and ambulances).

- The winter and home safety portion of the talk emphasized the following areas:

 1. Space heaters should be plugged into dedicated socket on when in room.

 2. Smoke detectors can be replaced for free upon request at SLFD.org. New units come with 10yr battery.

 3. Snow/ice increase incidence of heart attacks and breaks due to falls. Use caution when shoveling or hire someone to remove snow and ice. In practice, residential properties have limited liability for incidents due to snow/ice covered sidewalks.

 4. Fire extinguishers using dry powder should be shaken routinely to redistribute powder. SLFD has training classes for the public, including fire extinguisher training.

 -Q/A touched on topics of keywords to use when calling 911 in an emergency, dispatcher

 recruitment and the new 911 central facility being built that will centralize all public safety

 operations. In addition questions were raised about alternate communication available to SLFD

 and to the public if cell towers fail or get overloaded.

 **A transcript of the full speech is available upon request.**

* Jane Rain – Reports from committees:

 **Development** (Anne Roche) – nothing to report

 **Treasurer** (Teresa Heilich)

 **Public Safety committee** (Rob Meckfessel)

 **Policy –** report given Annette Nowakowski

 **Social**

 **Beautification**

 **Tilles Park**  Tina Wong thanked participants of the holiday cookie project

 **Fundraising** discussion of fundraising efforts including plans for NHNA yard signs

Volunteer opportunities are available to serve on all committees for those with free time.

* Additional announcement—Gethsemane Lutheran Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Feb. 10th from 1-5pm.
* Jane Rain – adjourned meeting

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