**We had a well-attended (~55 residents) North Hampton Neighbors Network (NNN) meeting on 3/27 at the Police Officers Association Hall. We hosted 3 speakers: Lisa Russell (Brightside StL), Kathy Savage (Neighborhood stabilization officer), and John McLaughlin (Public Safety Dept) who provided information and contacts for the residents on various matters of interest (see summary below). Our next meeting is 4/24 at 6 pm at Police Officers Association Hall. If you have any questions, please email the NNN admin at** **admin@northamptonneighbors.com****.**

**3/27 Northampton Neighbors Network meeting:**

* Tina opened meeting and introduced NNN organizers and their interim titles (until elections held): Tina Wong (president), Ann Rolf (vice president?), Alex Kaloyeros (treasurer), Ann Rolf (vice president?), Jake Heilich, Jan Huss (secretary), Jane Rain (FB admin, liaison partner NAs), Rob Meckfessel (Alderman liaison), Grant Codak (tech officer)
* Joe Vollmer (contact vollmerj@att.net; 314-609-5924) – alderman report:

-Ward 10 capital projects—

1. Bus right of way at CVPA.

2. Columbia/Southwest bridge and drainage 1.5 year project. Travel lup SW will be impeded. with drainage

3. Fyler and Kingshighway Heavy Rift Brewery and distribution

Funds for park projects are available. Requests and project descriptions are submitted through the alderman. Funds from BJC🡪Forest Park Forever provide a 25% match. Request for tree removal, sidewalk repair (cost 50:50 split with city if caused by city tree), street cleaning submit to CSB, then alderman if no progress.

 Annie Rice (alderwoman for Ward 8) spoke on Proposition C to create structure and regular schedule to review the St. Louis City charter (orig. 1914) which was last reviewed in 1943. Every 10 years a 9 member commission comprised of residents (application process) and members appointed by the mayor’s office and board of aldermen will meet monthly for 10 months. Any amendments proposed will then go to the voters—amendments require 60% approval to pass. The vote to approve/reject Prop C will be held on April 4th.

* Ann Rolf gave crime report:

She listed 15 stolen cars, 10 larcenies, 7 burglaries. If wish to receive weekly updates from Gus Karagiannis, community outreach officer/2nd district, his contact info: Ph.314-444-0161; email: GKARAGIANNIS@SLMPD.ORG.

* Tina reviewed the following items:

Donna Barringer had a sponsored table for 25th annual public service awards. Award went to Lauren Sieberg from the 2nd District South Patrol for officer of the year.

* Reni Gaska proposed new project:

Cookie drive for SLFD House 35 (Arsenal/Sublette). Cookie drop off at Reni’s on Sun 4/10.

* Jan Huss spoke on March 18th Tilles Park clean-up:

We had 18 people show up for the clean up and tree/invasive clearing in March. We will have a walk-through with Joe Vollmer about new projects for potential funding by alderman fund (date TBD). Attend in person and/or submit ideas for projects on website. We will have another spring cleanup in April (date TBD).

* Teresa Heilich on bylaws and picnic:

June meeting may be an outdoor event to be held at Tilles Park with food trucks and DJ.

She is working on 501c3 articles of incorporation and needs names/addresses for board members. Until organization is established interim board are as follows:

President: Tina Wong

Vice-president: Ann Rolf

Treasurer: Alex Kaloyeros

Secretary: Janice Huss

Alderman liaison: Rob Meckfessel

NA partners liaison and fb page admin: Jane Rain

Technical officer: Grant Codak

Park beautification and Forestry/Parks Dept liaison: Elizabeth Dasenbrock

* Carla Rose spoke to highlight issue of business, 3Fifteen Primo Cannabis (Regal and Chippewa). Business operations are causing parking problems and dangerous traffic in the neighborhood and clients are smoking in the parking lot. There will be public hearing to review/revoke their conditional use permit for business on 4/11 at City Hall Rm 325 at 1:45pm.
* Jane Rain encouraged residents to visit the facebook and follow the NoHa site. Visit the website (<https://northamptonneighbors.com/>) and navigate to the bottom to find link to facebook page.

Speakers – introduced by Tina Wong

* Elysia Musumeci, Sustainability Outreach and Education Coordinator for Brightside St. Louis.
	+ Sign up for Neighborhood Leader Packet -- Guidelines for planning garden spring cleanup in your local park. If plan a cleanup you can go online and reserve tools, request roll-off containers. Register cleanup with Brightside StL to get free plants (e.g. dianthus, vinca seedlings in 200 count trays).
	+ Native Nature Scaping grants for $1500 in native plant shrubs/trees for beautification of public greenspace. Application will be available in May with June 10th kickoff August due date.
	+ Urban Garden Symposium June 10th 9-12 at Brightside StL. Speakers include Dave Tolka and Jean Ponzi Green Resources Manager for EarthWays Center (Missouri Botanical Gardens). Workshops will be held on native plant scaping and urban fishing.
	+ Recycling drop-offs are located Sutherland/Donovan and next to fire stations. StLCityrecycles.com has a searchable database for location and hours of drop off.
	+ Hazardous waste centers at E. Hoffmeister. ≤50lb is free
	+ Graffiti removal services provided for free for business, properties. Contact is through the Citizens Service Bureau (CSB)🡪CSB report🡪Brightside🡪letter to resident sent service pending🡪removal Contact CSB @ 314-622-4800.
* Kathy Savage, Neighborhood Stabilization Officer for SW Gardens, The Hill, Northampton. She summarized her activities as NSO
	+ Works with alderpersons Vollmer, Vaccaro, Rice and with problem property officers in response to resident complaints. Problem Property Task Force meets monthly to open new cases and to review monitor and update open cases.
	+ Problem properties may include nuisance activity or issues with structure.
	+ She drives the neighborhoods herself but encourages residents to contact her with issues, such as potholes, graffiti, etc and to file service requests with her. Contact Kathy: savagek@stlouis-mo.gov or 314-657-1362.
* John McLaughlin, Public Safety Department, SLMPD’s Coordinator for Problem Properties Contact: jlmclaughlin@slmpd.org
	+ Reporting nuisance properties or businesses, including the upcoming public hearing on 3Fifteen Primo, requires evidence of issues.
	+ Nuisance property can be defined as either Behavioral (e.g. continuous criminal activity) or Code (building structure, derelict cars, trash in yard)
	+ South Patrol police officers working on nuisance properties: Louis Naes 444-0177, lnaes@slmpd.org and Dave Krapf (314) 444-0185, dekrapf@slmpd.org
	+ To report abandoned vehicles report to CSB 314-622-4800 or call non- emergency police # 314-231-1212
	+ Several residents reported specific problems on their streets and they were able to file reports with John’s help at the meeting.

**If you would like to be on the April meeting agenda, please contact Tina Wong at****tinaawong@gmail.com**