

MVNA General Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2008

Imagine School 3740 Marine Avenue

Social Time

Meet and mingle with your neighbors. NSOs, Aldermen, and Police Officers will be present.

Pledge of allegiance

Introduction of Members

- 29 people at meeting

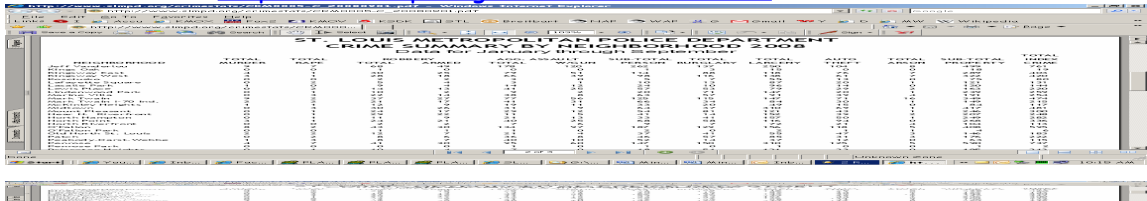
Police Reports

Officer Joseph Calabro from the 3rd District

- Homicides zero percent
- Crime down 11% down over all
- Vehicle theft up
- 400 clubs sold in one hour at Schnucks on October 11th.
- Nov 13th Neighborhood Advisory Board Third District Police meeting 2832 Arsenal Five Star Senior Center. Presentation: The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Communications Division.
- Neighborhood Advisory Board Third District Police meeting always 2nd Thursday of every month December topic gangs, January topic aviation.

<http://www.incitynews.com/>

- Police web sites <http://www.slmpd.org/>
- Crime Statistics <http://www.slmpd.org/crimestats/index.htm>



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS BY DISTRICT 2008' page. The page contains a large table with multiple columns, likely representing different crime categories and districts. The table is partially obscured by a horizontal scrollbar, indicating it is very wide. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.slmpd.org/crimestats/index.htm>.

NSO Report

Dena Hibbard

- no news

Alderman Reports

Ken Ortmann

- New Playground in Benton Park
- Car Clubs available at Cat's Meow
- Dome home at Marine and Osage has foundation poured.
- A member asked if there was in any architecture restrictions for the dome home and answer is no.
- Please vote next Tuesday.
- Can we vote early? Absentee voting if you are not out of town is illegal.

- Disabled voting discussed.
- Progressive dinner in Soulard. \$25 ride from location to location trolley

Craig Schmid

- Reviewed election card that was received in the mail.
- Nov 2nd 3-7pm Cherokee street day of the dead.
- Trunk or treat be held at BPW Salvation Army and St. Anthony Church at 6pm.
- National MV historic district Cultural Resources Office wants to review the boundaries.
- Hollywood Video has sold sign.

Guest Speaker Stray Rescue

- **Connie Davie**
- Stray Rescue officially was born in 1998 as a full-fledged non-profit organization and shelter.
- Zootoo.com they won million dollar make over
- Stray Rescue believes that any animal, which can endure the horrors of living on the mean city streets, deserves to medically rehabilitated and found a loving home regardless of cost.
- They operate two no-kill shelters and save approximately 800-1000 dogs annually.
- 100% of their adoptable animals will go to their forever home regardless of how long it takes to find it.
- Stray Rescue pays for behavioral training when necessary to ensure every dog finds a good home.
- Over 200 volunteers donate time to Stray Rescue so that funds received can be used directly for the dogs. Volunteers do the following: walk the dogs 4 times daily, feed, medicate and play with the dogs, foster them in their home, take them to adoption events or home for the weekend, clean the shelters, donate supplies, pay for veterinarian bills for their foster dogs, manage the website, takes dogs to the vet, manage the adoption and local fundraising events and more!!!
- Randy and his team of rescue assistants frequently go into abandoned or burned out buildings, junkyards, very dangerous neighborhoods and the woods to save a dog or a litter of puppies.
- They try to rescue as many pregnant females and puppies as possible to help end the overpopulation problem.
- Stray Rescue has cleared out entire dog packs in many St. Louis and East St. Louis neighborhoods.
- The street dogs are fed daily to help them survive until they are rescued.
- Whenever possible, shelter from the winter cold is created using bales of hay.

- Volunteers spend hours working with the feral dogs to help socialize them so they can find their forever home.
- Randy Grim has worked tirelessly with the Mayor of St. Louis to change the city ordinances to reflect the verbiage animal guardian instead of animal owner. Consequently, Mayor Slay declared St. Louis a Guardian City and December 3 has been declared Guardian Day in St. Louis.
- Stray Rescue donated the funding to the St. Louis city pound so that lethal injection would be used for euthanasia instead of the barbaric gas chamber.
- Randy donates much of his time to help the St. Louis city pound doing committee work and to raise the funds for the new city pound that will be built with private donations.
- Stray Rescue works collaboratively with other animal welfare organizations as well.
- Randy Grim and Quentin, the Miracle Dog who survived the St. Louis City gas chamber, travel around the country speaking at animal events promoting the concept of animal guardianship, the need for no kill shelters, adopting from shelters, etc.
- Randy and Stray Rescue have received numerous awards and national recognition
- Rent a pet program.
- TLC program
- Guardian program
- Seniors for seniors program
- Works with Best Friends in Utah.
- Volunteers always needed
- www.helpstrayrescue.org
- <http://www.strayrescue.org/>
- Searches will result in a charity donate to Stray Rescue when using the below links.
- <http://www.goodsearch.com/>
- <http://www.igive.com/>
- Operation SPOT (Stop Pet Overpopulation Today)
- Operation spot provides straw to people who keep dogs outside.
- <http://www.opspot.org/>
- MaryAnn Rose makes dog and cat feeders. 773-8101

President's Report

Eddie Brauer

- No report he has been out of town for hurricane relief

Treasury Report

Amanda Penick

- No charge in balance.
- Thinking about having a mini fund raiser same day as Cherokee Cookie Spree cookie bake sale, December 6th.
- See Amanda if you are interested.

Approve Minutes Susan Sheppard motion, Marty Dames 2nd.

- Lorraine Ura stated the date for the 20th ward 7pm Baker Union Hall was September 25th, not October 25th. Minutes were updated.

Committee Reports

- **Beautification -Pam Wucher**
- Thanks to those that helped with Imagine school project.
- Mulch on the parking free for your taking
- **Quality of Life Committee Mark Magas**
- Will have a meeting in the near future.
- Can contact Mark Magas at 772-home.
- **Marketing - Marty Dames**
- Janice R. dropped off logo that was on a big poster board from days gone by.
- Nov 15th 1905 Arsenal 10-11:30 AM Marketing meeting.
- Meeting will be round table discussion regarding branding and logo.
- T-shirts, signs, banners, etc.
- Hope to vote in January on new branding.
- Contact Marty Dames if you have any questions.

Old Business

- No meeting in November and December.
- Dec 5th Ortmann chili cook off

New Business

- Holiday party Stephanie Pondrom still interested in working on this.
- Amanda and John O. will help.
- Pam Lanning had information about StepUp! St. Louis.
- The mission of StepUp! St. Louis is to support St. Louis City neighborhoods and regional communities by providing volunteers to make a positive impact and improve the quality of life.
- Mike F. asked about triangle being maintained.

Open discussion

Adjourn 8:30 PM