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forest park southeast neighborhood ownership model

established 2012

Court Advocacy:

Citizen involvement is a powerful tool in the criminal justice system. Cooperation and court appearances can support better prosecution of criminals. Residents in partnership with the prosecutor on the case appear in court or give impact statements on a particular crime or type of crime has on Forest Park Southeast.

Citizens Patrol:

Neighbors are organized to patrol the streets. These members are trained to identify problems and engage law enforcement to intervene when they believe a crime is occurring. The members are also trained to understand the needs of Forest Park Southeast and to report back on problems identified during their patrol.

Block Captains:

Each block in Forest Park Southeast may want to have a point of contact that helps educate and mobilize the residences on that block.

Victims Support:

Trained neighbors help support victims of crimes to ensure they have the support they need to manage through the legal system, and have the emotional support of the community.



team leader...



Shannon A. Martinis, Esq. is a lawyer & owner of "Prime Cut Meat & Seafood, Inc." She moved into Forest Park Southeast in 2011, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, with her fiancé Trace. She currently resides on the 4400 block of Oakland, but purchased 4350 Gibson, and it is in the process of being rehabbed by Grove Properties. I volunteer because I care, and I like to be a part of devising and implementing solutions. It was obvious to me upon moving here that this neighborhood had some great people in it, and a real sense of community that I had not previously experienced, but also many problems, and not enough people getting involved to make real and lasting change.

I see big changes coming to FPSE over the next decade. New investment is bringing a broader tax base, less crime, and increased community improvements. Let's just make sure FPSE keeps its unique historic character and eclectic vibe by regulating type and placement of new development! When I first came here from out of state, I was completely unfamiliar with Saint Louis, but I knew I wanted to live in the city. I did some research on the historic neighborhoods and narrowed it down to three. I chose FPSE for many reasons: its proximity to many of the top attractions, including Forest Park, the nightlife in the Grove, The Hill, the Central West End, downtown, and Illinois. It was a great decision, and in 2013, we decided to make it permanent, and purchased a home here.

get involved...

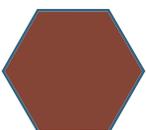
Interested in protecting the many investments and community that we all cherish? Court advocacy provides an opportunity to work alongside police officers, prosecutors and judges to let everyone know that FPSE will not tolerate illegal criminal acts that reduce the quality of life in this neighborhood. There are a lot of residents, organizations and businesses that have put in a lot of time and hard work to make this neighborhood a vibrant community. Judges want to hear from the community on how a particular crime has impacted a resident's livelihood and way of life. If you think this is where you might want to volunteer please contact Isabella at ilova@cwensi.com.

upcoming events...

- Court Advocacy/Neighborhood Impact Statement Training: July 17th, 6pm @ Park Central - 4512 Manchester

court advocacy

"The investment in a neighborhood court advocate sends a strong message to criminals that this neighborhood can and will stand up for their community." - Chief Prosecutor @ STL CAO



meet your court advocate...



In FPSE we had numerous stakeholders that were willing to attend court hearings and write impact statements, however we needed someone concentrating and heading it up on a full-time basis. Meet Isabella Lovadina, she is the neighborhoods full-time court advocate. Lovadina is a former SLMPD Officer, whose career was cut short in 2009, when 2 men attempted to rob her and the tragic incident resulted in her being shot 5 times. Although it was an extremely traumatic experience, she is thankful that she was there that night and was able to play a significant role in the capture and conviction of the offenders. Regarding the position Lovadina had this to say, "Many times after an individual or community is victimized, they suffer many unpleasant feelings and emotions. Many times victims feel that there is no one to turn to and to help guide them in the long process of keeping these criminals behind bars.

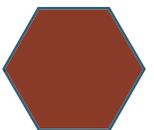
I will be there to encourage and guide them through a difficult and confusing process. I will notify the community of crimes that are happening in their neighborhoods and encourage them to play an active role by volunteering to help keep their neighborhoods safe." As a former Forest Park Southeast resident, Lovadina remembers the challenges that once faced the neighborhood. "Forest Park Southeast used to be considered a high-crime area, although there were many neighbors who cared about keeping our community safe. The good people definitely outweighed the bad. I experienced first-hand how neighbors who care can and will make a difference." Lovadina believes that the position is a perfect fit for her and a way to utilize her passion to help the community in making sure justice is served. She brings a unique understanding to the role. As a retired police officer she understands and appreciates how the justice system works and as a previous victim she can understand and relate to other victims.

Isabella Lovadina - 314.454.5808 - ilova@cwensi.com

community partner...

O'Shays Pub, located at the corner of Manchester and Newstead is an enthusiastic partner of the FPSE Neighborhood Ownership Model. O'Shays has volunteered to house the citizens patrol "toolbox". The "toolbox" includes all the elements that a trained citizens patrol participant might need on their shift.

For the month of July & August, the FPSE Neighborhood Ownership Model will be offering a complementary appetizer and non-alcoholic beverage immediately prior to the trained citizen patrol participants shift. You must have your patrol badge to participate.



meet your nom officer...



Paul Henkhaus has been introduced as the new Neighborhood Ownership Model (NOM) Officer for the 9th District and is no stranger to the Forest Park Southeast (FPSE) neighborhood. Officer Henkhaus' brings an extensive amount of experience in FPSE to his new role as a patrolman, detective, bike patrol officer and meeting with neighborhood security organizers. Henkhaus had this to say about his new role; "One of my roles as the 9th District Neighborhood Ownership Model officer is to get the people of the neighborhood excited about getting involved in the Neighborhood Ownership Model. Another is to provide feedback to the citizens who are on patrol when they advise me on potential issues they encounter during their patrols. The NOM means increased "ownership" of the FPSE neighborhood for those who live, work, and do business in the neighborhood. More eyes on the street, coupled with follow-up from the Police Department or The City's Finest bike patrols is likely to decrease crime in the FPSE."

team co-leader...



As a native of St Louis I have seen the city go through most of its transformations both positive and negative. I have volunteered a lot over the years in St Louis for various organizations/committees and have always been active in any community I've lived in especially Forest Park Southeast. I'm quite fond of our great community and want to see it blossom into a thriving, safe community and as a trained mobile/citizen on patrol I can help make that happen. I feel NOM is a valuable asset to our community.

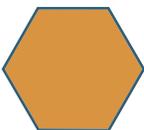
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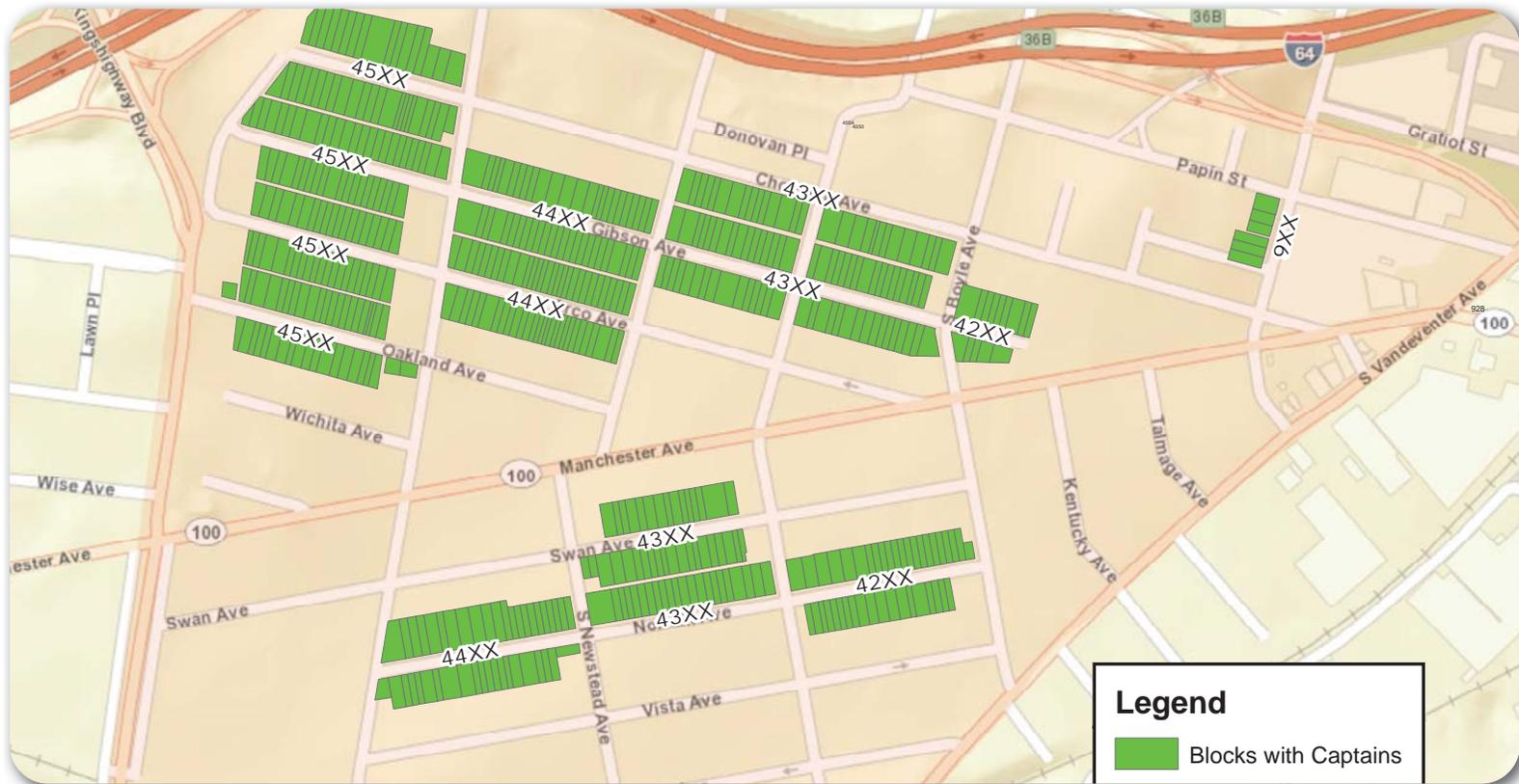
- Be on the lookout for upcoming emails regarding citizens patrol training and patrol schedules.

get involved...

Interested in assisting FPSE in crime prevention? With the support of SLMPD, citizens patrols are trained resident volunteers who canvas the neighborhood in pairs, either by car or on foot and focus on suspicious activity. With a time commitment of only 2 hours a month, this is non-combative & non-confrontational initiative to put more eyes on our streets. If you are interested in making FPSE a safe and attractive place to live, work and play you can contact team co-leader Mark Barnett at mark.f.barnett@gmail.com.

citizens patrol





most wanted...

The FPSE Neighborhood Ownership Model is looking for a block captain team leader to assist in directing block captain meetings quarterly and the sharing of ideas. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer position, please contact fpseom@gmail.com.

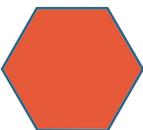
National Night Out...



National Night Out is August 6th and this year everyone is invited to participate in events at the newly established Chouteau Park. This year there will be a kickball game between the residents and the Grove businesses and also a BBQ. You will surely not want to miss this neighborhood event!



block captains



2013 brightside blitz...



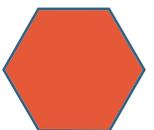
Residents on Gibson Avenue got together for this years Project Blitz, a yearly citywide clean-up effort on April 13th. Gibson residents joined their neighbors in making Forest Park Southeast a better place. They took this fantastic opportunity to help clean up the area streets, alleys and vacant lots. All the residents had to do was supply the energy as Brightside supplied the tools and trash bags and the city collected the trash. Following the Blitz event, Larbi & Richelle - Gibson Block Captains organized a pot-luck event and invited fellow Gibson blocks to participate. This successful event was well attended, even the local bike patrols stopped by to say hello!

upcoming events...

- Next Block Captain Meeting will be at 6pm, October 9th at Park Central Development - 4512 Manchester

get involved...

Interested in getting to know your neighbors better? How about organizing a block party, b-b-q, alley clean-up or distribute important information to your neighbors in a timely fashion? If your block on the block captain map is not represented, than your block needs you. Being a block captain in FPSE is about organizing your block in a group effort to improve quality of life, assist in beautification efforts and establish safety initiatives. Current block captains get together quarterly to share new ideas, opportunities and challenges. Neighborhood organizations are available for administrative support. If you are interested in becoming a block captain or want to get connected, but don't know who your block captain is, please contact fpsenom@gmail.com.



team leader...

Debbie has lived in the city of St. Louis since 2001. Formerly a resident of 63116 and 63108 she finally settled down and purchased a home in FPSE in August 2011. A property owner and city advocate, Debbie has always worked hard to improve her immediate surroundings. She has a long list of St. Louis volunteer work from the adopt a highway program, volunteering for the Regional Arts Commission, forming a neighborhood committee to combat crime and Operation Brightside block captain to name a few. "As a trained Victim Support volunteer, I can assist residents of FPSE if they are the victim of a crime. It's my goal to insure that we inform our neighbors as quickly as possible about all the resources available to help them. I love this community and I want to see it continue to flourish. The NOM is an incredible asset to our neighborhood".



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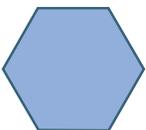
- Victims Support Volunteer Program:
Saturday, July 20 - 9am-12:30pm
St. Louis Circuit Attorneys Office

get involved...

Have you appreciated when someone was there for you in a time of need? Maybe you have been a victim yourself and would like to pass on the knowledge you gained, an ear to listen, or encouragement. The victim support team is a group of trained resident volunteers that their sole purpose is to assist fellow neighborhood residents and let them know they have the support of the community that we have all come to love and enjoy. Maybe you have a special skill set such as carpentry, painting, cooking or would like to give to these efforts financially. The victim support team can help arrange repair of damage from a crime, personal counseling resources, or information about the "next steps" in the court system. They know that every person or situation is special. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer member please contact Debbie Swain at gbgrl98@me.com.



victims support



welcome to fpse...



When new residents move into the neighborhood the block captains will be delivering one of these great welcome bags as well as neighborhood information to get them involved, such as the welcome packet which can be found here: wumcrc.com/welcome-to-the-neighborhood-2



fpse police substation...



The police substation application request is currently being put together for SLMPD to have our own neighborhood substation at Tower Grove and Manchester. This will provide the opportunity to have a larger police presence and easy access for citizens to interact and report crime.

nom contacts...

- fpsenom@gmail.com
- Isabella Lovadina - ilova@cwensi.com
- Paul Henkhaus - pkhenkhaus@slmpd.org

free...

Washington University Medical Center has graciously donated steering wheel locks and can be picked up for FREE at Park Central Development Corporation or the bi-monthly FPSE Safety & Security Forum.



neighborhood ownership model