

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association  
October 19, 2017 Meeting Notes

There were 55 in attendance.

Gwen Murray, Acting Chair/Social Committee Report. The Neighbors Naturescaping grant application was approved and the new garden is already 100% complete.

Dave and Dustin Tallent busted their humps to get the bed tilled Friday night and crews of volunteers including two busloads of college students sent by Oasis International showed up the next day to newspaper, install a soaker hose, plant 143 flowers, mulch, install pavers and edge the entire garden in bricks which were donated by one of my coworkers. It was a lot of work, but the transformation is remarkable.

Special thanks to 7 - 11 at Bates for donating water and soda and to Mak's Pub and Grub for feeding our hard-working volunteers. Please be sure to frequent these business partners.

Thanks to everyone who supported us through this process and helped us make the dream of beautifying Sebilj Park a reality. This is true community.

Plans have been made and set in motion for the 2017 Bark N Boo Trunk or Treat.

The community partners who are helping us this year include Bevo neighbors, Church at Bevo, the Carondelet YMCA, St. John's Catholic Church, St. Francis Community Services Southside and Jubilee Church. This is very exciting as it's the first time, at least during my tenure, we've all come together to make something happen.

The event will be held in the front parking lot of St. John's. The lot has dusk to dawn lighting and access to indoor restrooms. In case of rain, we will set up in the gym/cafeteria.

We currently have 12 trunks signed up and Animal Control and Neighborhood Stabilization will have tables (NIS will also be handing out materials from Recycling).

The event will include: A s'mores station, which will double as an adult drinking station after the event. Games (giant jenga, guess how many candy corn in a jar, which hat ring toss, soccer and football). A slime-making station. Possibly a photo booth, if I can find a fujifilm Instamax camera. (anyone)? Voting on and prizes for the top 3 favorite trunks. YO DAWG! catering will be present with it's highly regarded hot dog truck. Gateway Garlic Farms will be present and serving fresh-pressed warm apple cider (all organic and fair trade). Face Painting, music, and possibly a dance party and /or parade.

Amanda Menke is donating straw bales for decorating, but we could use some mums and/or pumpkins/gourds. Contact Gwen (314-319-1840) if you have any of these items to donate or if you want to donate money and she will take care of getting them.

Kristin is coordinating with the block captains to distribute copies of the flyers to the houses on our streets which have a block captain. If you are not a block captain but you are willing to distribute flyers on your street, please contact Kristin (314-632-6508).

Anyone interested in helping in any way, please call me (Gwen 314-319-1840).

The Tuesday night Framer's Market at the Heavy Anchor grows each week. Vendors include Gateway Garlic Farms (potatoes, fennel, apples, plums, peaches, figs, tomatoes, nitrite-free bacon, garlic, artichokes and cauliflower), Mr. Meowski's hand-made sourdough bread, Green Door Farm (chard, tomatoes, greens, hand salve), a hot sauce guy, a bath bomb lady, forest and farm-raised meats (pork chops, breakfast sausage, Italian sausage, pork steaks). it's 5-8pm every Tuesday night, year-round. It's really turned into quite the community gathering spot. Join us.

The Saturday market also keeps growing. They found that no one was showing up before 10 am, so the hours have been shifted to 10am to 4pm. Two Saturdays ago, there was a jewelry lady who had WINDMILL everything.

HSHC meeting is Monday, 9/23 at 4:45pm at Oak Hill Elementary. We'll be discussing the 2018-2020 Action Plan. Light food is provided and kids are welcome. HSHC is hosting a Double Dutch Showcase on December 9 at the Wohl Rec Center. It is free and all ages are welcome. They are currently registering teams. Contact Gwen (314-319-1840) for forms.

The First District Business Partnership is hosting it's annual "A Night at the Races" fundraiser on Saturday, November 18 at St. John's. Tickets are \$20 or a table of 8 for \$160. The money raised is used for training, equipment and monetary gifts to exceptional District 1 Officers throughout the year and at the holidays. A crew of Bevonians is planning to attend. Join us!

Oak Hill School recently tested a "walking bus" program - kids, parents, and teachers walk to school together, picking up more as they go. It went well, but they want to try it again. When they do they'd like neighbors to join.

Oak Hill is also putting together an open-gym, community basketball program called "Open Court." To gauge interest, they are going to host one or two pick-up games in November. If you are interested in getting involved (playing, coaching, whatever) contact Gwen (314-319-1840) and she will put you in touch with the organizer, Lisa Nolan.

They are also going to be hosting a Resource/Job Fair in November. If you want to help-know of resources or are hiring, contact Gwen (314-319-1840)

At the November meeting we will be calling for nominations for the 2018 elections. Anyone can nominate anyone else (or themselves). Anyone interested in running for office is welcome to introduce yourself and explain why you would like to be on the Board. Per the BBN Organization Plan, the open seats include: Co-Chair, Treasurer, Victim Support Leader and Block Captain Leader. Because the current Chair and Secretary were installed to act in these positions only until the next election, those seats are also available. Please consider running.

November nominations  
December the ballot will be available for review  
January voting

The 2017 December neighborhood meeting will not be an official meeting but rather an end-of-year pot luck party and celebration. The board is planning some fun events including Beautiful Bevo Award Ceremony (10 winners).

As you know, we always have a sign-in sheet at the door when you come into these meetings. The board is going to be using those sheets to create a database of members and participants. The information you provide will not be sold or used for any purpose other than contacting you.. We just wanted to let you know.

That's a Wrap! Gift-wrapping fundraiser, planning. Let Gwen Know if you are good at wrapping gifts and want to help (314-319-1840).

Because the scope of what the association is doing has broadened this year, including fundraising and selling merchandise, we are concerned about the legal and tax status of BBN. The board has contacted the SLU Law School Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic to determine if we need to consider registering the association and/or applying for tax exempt status. We want to be sure that this board and all future boards, are protected from personal liability issues. We are scheduled for a conference call next week.

Last Friday: Das Bevo was named St. Louis Development of the Year by the Mayor  
The Haven Pub was named Neighborhood Business of the Year by the Mayor  
Lemmons was named St. Louis Magazine Best New Restaurant of 2017.

This neighborhood is on fire. Let's stay the course. Frequent our businesses. Get involved. Attend events. Help spread the word.

Mary Hackett, Treasurer - We are selling Tee Shirts for \$15.

Kristin Hoffmann, Block Captains/Court Advocacy - There was a good turnout for the 4300 Ellenwood Block Party

Bevo Block Captain Orientation on Tuesday, 11/07/17 @ 6:30pm  
J's Pitaria  
5003 Gravois Ave, St. Louis, MO 63116

The next Block Captain Meeting is on Monday, 11/06/17 @ 6:30pm  
Oakhill Elementary School  
4300 Morgan Ford in the Cafeteria

Regarding the Loren Copp case from Dojo Pizza:

- I will have bring an impact statement to the next 2-3 meetings for initials.
- He is scheduled for jury trial on 2/5/18, 9am, 111 S. 10th St., Courtroom 12 South before Judge

Audrey G. Fleissig.

- His court date was originally scheduled for 11/06/17, but Loren waived his right to a speedy trial.
- Loren Copp's motion to suppress statements and evidence and motion to disclose confidential source were denied.

Regarding the Robert Mitchell/Travis Kidd Case: The judge still has NOT ruled on the 9/11 hearings.

- Robert Mitchell is a witness who was charged with murder. His attorney requested a bond reduction. Robert is a witness who has been held without trial at the Justice Center now for 3 years. He has a \$750K cash only bond. The person who confessed to the crime has a \$300K cash bond.

- The attorney for Travis Kidd (the person who confessed to the crime); brought in an expert witness and requested the confession be suppressed.

Officer Steve Wilson - Presented the Summary of Crime Coded Data for the month. A photocopy is below.

Christy Boyd, Neighborhood Improvement Specialist, 14th Ward -Reminded us that the City Seniors Center is behind the Burlington store on Kingshighway and provides services for Seniors. Also that we can submit photos of our Butterfly Gardens for a competition. Submit photos to [werner@stlouismo.gov](mailto:werner@stlouismo.gov).

We had two speakers presenting information about Proposition P which will be on the November 7th ballot.

Demetrius Alfred spoke in favor of Prop P the 1/2 cent sales tax increase for public safety. He said it would help us to retain our police officers by making their pay rate closer to that of St. Louis County. The breakdown of how the money will be spent is:

\$12.8 million to raise salaries for police officers and fill in the 100 vacancies in the department.

\$5.4 million to raise salaries for firefighters.

\$1.5 million for the prosecutor's office.

\$3.6 million for after school and summer job programs for our kids, dangerous building demolition, and social services for victims, officers, and offenders.

Mr Alfred, being a firefighter, spoke about the increased danger to firefighters when called to put out fires in buildings that need to be torn down. More information can be found on the Yes on P STL Facebook page.

Jen Nahlik spoke against Prop P. She said that we need a City Audit to see if we cannot find the money for Police and Firefighter raises in another way. Darlene Green's audit of the department of Public Safety spent \$5 million for overtime with no time sheets for backup. Sales taxes are regressive meaning that low income people pay a greater proportion of their income in sales taxes. The money collected in the sales tax increase is only guaranteed to go to Public Safety for the first year and we need a long term solution. More information is available on the Audit St. Louis Facebook page. I have included a copy of their handout below.

Madeline Buthod 14th Ward Committeewoman reminded us of the 14th Ward Democrats meeting this Thursday at the Fireman's Hall at 6pm. There will be more discussion of Proposition P at this meeting.

Report Number: CR00016-0  
 St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department  
**SUMMARY OF CRIME CODED DATA**  
 Bevo Mill  
 Run on: 10-19-2017 14:30

For Data Coded to Month:  
 Starting Month/Year: 09 - 2017  
 Ending Month/Year: 10 - 2017 #  
 Custom: District/Neighborhood/Beat

Crime Code	Crime Description	NET CRIME RECORD COUNTS			Net Total
		Crimes	Misdemeanors	Aggravated	
03	Robbery	7	0	0	7
04	Aggravated Assault	7	0	0	7
05	Burglary	16	0	0	16
06	Larceny	23	0	0	23
07	Vehicle Theft	7	-1	0	6
08	Simple Assault	7	0	0	7
10	Forgery	3	0	0	3
11	Fraud	5	0	0	5
12	Enticement	1	0	0	1
14	Destruction of Property	21	0	0	21
17	Sex Offense	1	0	0	1
18	VNCS	3	0	0	3
21	DWI/DUI	1	0	0	1
24	Domestic Contact	2	0	0	2
26	Other Crimes	16	0	0	16
	<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121</b>

*mostly unwaged homes*

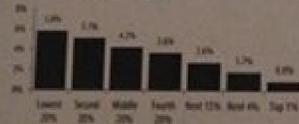
\* Data for Month: "10-2017" has not been processed and may change before this month is finalized.

# Sales taxes are **REGRESSIVE**

(meaning the **less** income someone makes, the **MORE** this tax increase will affect them)

Share of MO family income going to sales & excise tax

Source: Center for Budget & Policy Priorities, 2010



Prop P would put St. Louis City at the **third highest sales tax**

