

## Clifton Heights Neighborhood Association

**February 2, 2026** (rescheduled from Jan 26<sup>th</sup> due to snow)

President Jeff Fister called the meeting to order. Officers at the meeting: Jeff Fister President, Doug Burge Vice President & Acting Secretary and Debbie Layne Treasurer.

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<https://cliftonheights-stl.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CliftonHeightsNeighborhoodAssociation>

**Treasurer's Report** – Current balance \$4,638.61 (previous balance \$4,628.61)

### **Public Officials**

**NIS Brian Kolde** [koldeb@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:koldeb@stlouis-mo.gov)

- Alley recycling remains discontinued; an additional centralized collection area is now in Ellendale on Odell.
- Laundromat near Columbia and Hampton which experienced a fire is working on repairing, upgrading and returning to service possibly as soon as April. Local ownership, have permits in place and communicating with city officials .
- Currently unoccupied home at corner of Clifton and Marmaduke is being addressed. Owner inherited home but is elderly and lives in NJ, communicating with city and working to keep it secure/boarded and eventually selling. Experiencing continued problems with break-ins and police have been called on several occasions.

**SLMPD Liaison J. Amesquita** [jwamesquita@slmpd.org](mailto:jwamesquita@slmpd.org) Unable to attend

**Ald Bret Naryan** [narayamb@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:narayamb@stlouis-mo.gov) Assistant Daniel Hill attended in his place

- Bill 126 to work towards fees for funding short-term rental regulation.
- Bill 100 to put city earnings tax on April ballot – was noted that the earnings tax accounts for 1/3 of city budget.
- Monthly meetings with Mayor's office ongoing, most recently discussed leaf and bulk trash pickup and improving.

**State Rep Nick Kimble** [nick.kimble@house.mo.gov](mailto:nick.kimble@house.mo.gov) Unable to attend but provided some written updates

- Legislature working on how to equitably replace tax income if MO income tax is discontinued.
- Legislature considering bill to make STL Sheriff an appointed position (by 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court judges) rather than being an elected position which it is currently.
- Concerned about abrupt closure of South City Catholic Academy and intends to discuss with archdiocese.

**Comptroller Donna Baringer** [baringerd@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:baringerd@stlouis-mo.gov) Assistant Mackenzie Looney attended in her place

- Has moved contracting online which has shortened review and turnaround time to days rather than months.

**Urban Forester Jerry Overmann** – STL Forestry Dept (314) 613-7200

- Permits are required in advance for any planting in city parks or right of ways.
- Public can report any suspected unpermitted planting to the Forestry Dept for follow up.

### **For the Good of the Neighborhood**

- Molly from Machacek Library reminded us about services available and upcoming events at the library.  
[Machacek Library | St. Louis Public Library](https://www.stlouispubliclibrary.org/machacek)
- President Fister let attendees know that he has been working diligently with the Parks Dept to try to get movement on the promised fix of the park electrical to get the lake fountains working again. Communication from the dept has been spotty and not very detailed.

### **Upcoming Events**

**AmVets** – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>; 9 a.m. to noon

**Easter Egg Hunt in Clifton Park** – Oldest hunt in the city & a very fun event! Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>; 1 p.m.

**Informal Mardi Gras Celebration** – Los Arcos, Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>; 5 to 7 p.m.

**Next CHNA Meeting – Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ SEIU Hall 6:30 p.m.**