

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Community Meeting

June 20, 2026

Most Holy Trinity Campus

3519 N. 14th Street, St. Louis, MO

Welcome and Introductions

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Community Meeting began with a welcome to residents, community partners, and guests.

As part of an icebreaker activity, participants were invited to introduce themselves and share what they love most about the Hyde Park neighborhood. Residents highlighted the neighborhood's rich history, strong sense of community, parks and green spaces, and the dedication of residents working to improve the area.

Alemnesh Jima, the new Community Development Consultant for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, introduced herself to attendees and shared her enthusiasm for working alongside residents to support neighborhood engagement, community development, and revitalization efforts.

Revenue and Assistance Programs Update

Greg Daley, Collector of Revenue, provided information about assistance programs available to residents.

Real Estate Tax Assistance Fund (RETAF)

- Approximately 360 properties have received assistance through the program.
- RETAF helps eligible homeowners address delinquent property taxes and avoid property loss.

Water Assistance Program

- Approximately 100 residents have benefited from the program.
- Financial assistance is available to qualifying residents experiencing difficulty paying water utility bills.

Residents were encouraged to explore available resources and share information with neighbors who may qualify.

North St. Louis Neighborhood Planning Investment

Regina Dennis provided an update on neighborhood planning initiatives and investments.

Key points included:

- \$31 million has been allocated to support neighborhood plans throughout North St. Louis.
- Funding will support revitalization efforts, infrastructure improvements, and community-driven development projects.
- Residents were encouraged to remain engaged in planning discussions to ensure community priorities are represented.

Windsor Park Improvement Proposal

Sharon Clark presented a proposal to improve recreational facilities at Windsor Park.

Highlights included:

- A potential \$100,000 grant opportunity for park improvements.
- Proposed upgrades to sports and recreational facilities.
- Expanded opportunities for youth programming, recreation, and community activities.

Residents expressed support for improvements that would enhance neighborhood quality of life and encourage greater use of community spaces.

Public Safety Update

Officer Hickman provided a public safety report and discussed recent crime trends in Hyde Park and the Fourth District.

Crime Statistics

During the previous 28 days:

- Reported crime increased by 100% compared to the prior reporting period.
- Two homicides were reported.
- Five aggravated assaults occurred within the neighborhood.

Fourth District Staffing Challenges

Officer Hickman explained that:

- The Fourth District remains the busiest district in St. Louis.
- A shortage of officers continues to impact response capacity.
- Officers are frequently occupied responding to radio calls, limiting proactive policing efforts.

Homicide Investigation Update

Residents were informed about a homicide that occurred on June 8, 2026, at approximately 11:45 a.m.

- The victim was a 56-year-old woman.
- The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is actively investigating the case and searching for the individuals responsible.

Community Safety Concerns

Residents raised concerns regarding:

- Drug activity and loitering at two gas stations located on Salisbury Street.
- Delayed police response times.
- The need for increased police visibility throughout the neighborhood.
- Ongoing public safety and quality-of-life concerns.

Reporting Criminal Activity

Residents were encouraged to report suspicious activity and criminal incidents using the following resources:

- **Non-Emergency Police Line:** (314) 231-1212
- **Central Patrol:** (314) 442-5000

Residents were also encouraged to notify the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association via email so concerns can be documented, monitored, and shared with appropriate agencies.

Community Recommendations

Meeting participants emphasized the importance of:

- Strengthening communication between residents and law enforcement.
- Increasing police visibility and responsiveness.
- Encouraging residents to promptly report criminal activity.
- Expanding community engagement and neighborhood watch efforts.

- Building stronger partnerships between the neighborhood association, residents, and public safety officials.

Action Items

1. Share information regarding RETAF and Water Assistance Program eligibility with residents.
2. Monitor progress related to the \$31 million North St. Louis neighborhood planning investment.
3. Explore next steps for Windsor Park grant funding and facility improvements.
4. Encourage residents to report through official police channels and use the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association email address.
5. Continue discussions with law enforcement regarding crime prevention, police visibility, and community engagement.

Next Steps

- Continue community engagement and resident outreach efforts.
- Provide updates on development projects, grant opportunities, and public safety initiatives at future community meetings.
- Strengthen collaboration among residents, community organizations, city agencies, and law enforcement to improve quality of life in Hyde Park. Invite law enforcement to the Hyde Park neighbourhood meetings.