



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



DeBaliviere Place District Security

While rising crime has continued to be an issue in the city of St. Louis, the DeBaliviere Place District has actually seen a decrease in crime numbers over the last 5 years. For the years 2017 through 2021, crimes against person decreased by over 25% compared to the 5-year period just prior, while overall crime, which includes property crime, also went down 25% in that same timeframe. These figures have been supplied by CWENSI (Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative), which manages private security contracts on behalf of 6 special business districts, including the DeBaliviere Place SBD. In point of fact, the CWENSI's success has made this neighborhood one of the city's safest and is partly why our quality of life here remains so high. This is even

more impressive when you consider that this neighborhood has some of the greatest population density in the city.

What is the CWENSI?

The CWENSI is a 501(c)(3) organization created in 2007 to respond more efficiently to crime in the CWE. Since then it has expanded to other neighborhoods and added the latest security tools and strategies to provide top-tier security to the districts it manages. It also has implemented effective communication with both the St. Louis Police Department and the Circuit Attorney's office so that reported crimes can be funneled from street to prosecution.

Computers and cameras are important components of the CWENSI's arsenal, and aid in the apprehension of suspects, but it is the street patrols that provide residents with a true sense of safety. In the DeBaliviere district, patrols are carried out primarily by off-duty St. Louis Police Department officers working secondary jobs for The City's Finest, LLC. Since patrols in the neighborhood by on-duty St. Louis Police officers are not curtailed, we have the benefit of double patrols here in DeBaliviere Place.

Jim Whyte, executive director of CWENSI, says that package theft is the most common property crime in the neighborhood. Thieves are able to access buildings fairly easily. He advises condo and apartment building owners to install special electromagnetic locks which are particularly effective in keeping intruders out. Catalytic converters are also common targets for thieves. Because they are so expensive to replace, residents are urged to purchase a "Cat Clamp" or similar protective device that makes stealing them much more difficult.

The CWENSI recently rolled out a homeless outreach program. Administered by local advocate Alvin Ferguson, the program aims to connect our unhoused citizens with appropriate social services. Mr. Ferguson engages these citizens with compassion and empathy, handing out much-needed supplies to help them in their journey. Residents may call the CWENSI office or email Ferguson if they are aware of somebody in need, or to contribute to the cause. The program is shaping up to be an important contributor to the overall security of the neighborhood.

Helpful Contacts

Emergencies 911

Police Non-Emergency
314-231-1212

NSI Office
314-454-5808

NSI Homeless Outreach
314-904-6879

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DeBaliviere Place Association Community Pool

The DeBaliviere Place Association, a Home Owner's Association distinct from the DeBaliviere Place SBD, is preparing to open the community pool at 5647 Waterman Blvd. for the 2022 season. The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend and run until Labor Day. Hours are from sunrise until 8:00 p.m.daily.

A household membership cost \$270 last season (an increase this year is likely) and includes one key fob for pool access, but due to Covid there are a limited number of memberships available. Food and drinks are allowed but no glass is permitted inside the gated pool area. Because there is no lifeguard on duty, parents are responsible for the safety of their children. **To fill out an application form, please email watermanpool@gmail.com**

About the Special Business District

The DeBaliviere Place Special Business District is a special taxation district within the DeBaliviere Place Neighborhood (47), and a sliver of the Skinker DeBaliviere Neighborhood (46).

Major services within the SBD include providing police patrols, monitoring security cameras, landscaping Lasater Plaza and maintaining Pet Waste Stations.

The meetings are open to the public. Residents and property owners are encouraged to express their concerns during Public Comments.

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info and to learn more about the SBD.