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President Kate Haher
Executive Director Jim Whyte

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings to all Central West End residents, business owners and visitors:

I am pleased to report that 2018 was another good year for the Central West End Neighborhood Security Initiative, full of progress and some changes. In July, we welcomed Maddy Oberman as our new Neighborhood Court Advocate. Over the course of the year we also welcomed several new Board members. We continue to build on our partnerships with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Washington University Medical Center, The City's Finest-LLC (our supplemental patrol service provider) and St. Patrick's Center Homeless Outreach. These partnerships will continue to have a lasting and positive impact on the CWE neighborhood.

The success we experience with the camera network in the CWE continues to increase. The taxpayer investment in cameras has returned great dividends by assisting police with over 70 arrests made during 2018. The video evidence also allows for successful prosecutions of these offenders. These successes help make our neighborhood and region safer.

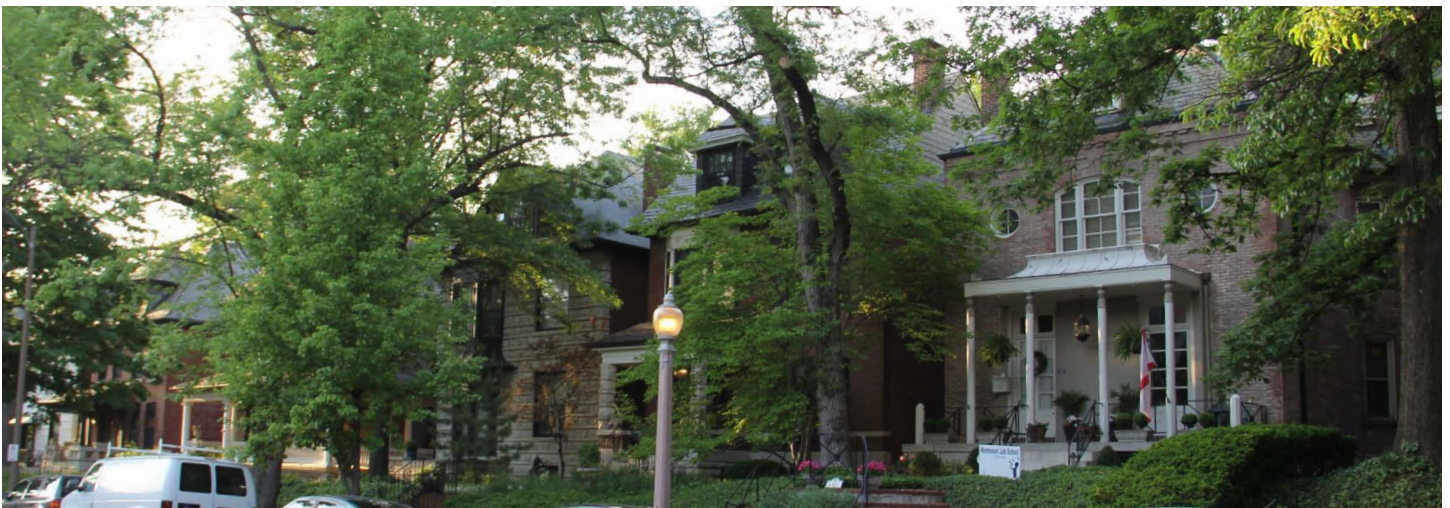
Success comes in many forms. I must recognize the efforts of the volunteers who serve on the Boards of the participating Special Business Districts which make up the NSI. Their investment of time and talent is what makes this all possible. They devote many hours of their valuable time to make sure we are good stewards of the public trust and taxpayer funds.

It is a privilege to serve the CWE community and to work with so many dedicated citizens. We understand the importance of working toward a safer and more secure neighborhood. The NSI team will continue its efforts to further enhance safety and security throughout the CWE and beyond in 2019.

Jim Whyte

Executive Director

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NSI HISTORY

With inspired leadership from the Central West End Association (CWEA), a group of community stakeholders created the Neighborhood Security Initiative (NSI) in 2008 to develop and manage a comprehensive, coordinated strategy for improving security in the Central West End. The NSI is funded through a partnership among six participating CWE Special Business Districts (SBD), participating Community Improvement Districts (CID), and Washington University Medical Center (WUMC). The NSI collaborates with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD), The City's Finest (TCF), and residents and businesses to unify prevention efforts and respond more efficiently to crime as a community. The NSI is led by an executive director, Jim Whyte, who reports to a board made up of representatives from each of the participating entities. Over the past eleven years the Neighborhood Security Initiative has coordinated and monitored supplemental police patrols, implemented and managed an extensive security camera network, compiled monthly crime statistics, created a neighborhood court advocate program to represent

community interests in matters that come before judges and juries, sponsored regular public forums to educate and inform area residents, and initiated an awards program to recognize officers who serve and protect us.

CRIME

While cause and effect are often difficult to quantify when it comes to crime prevention, it is clear that the Neighborhood Security Initiative has had a positive impact on crime reduction in our neighborhood.

Figures obtained from the SLMPD for the Central West End neighborhood show that since the creation of the NSI in 2008 the total crime index for the CWE has decreased by 28%.

The majority of reported crime in the CWE are larcenies. In 2018, 73% of all crime reported in the Central West End was a larceny. A larceny is a theft of personal property; for example, stealing a license

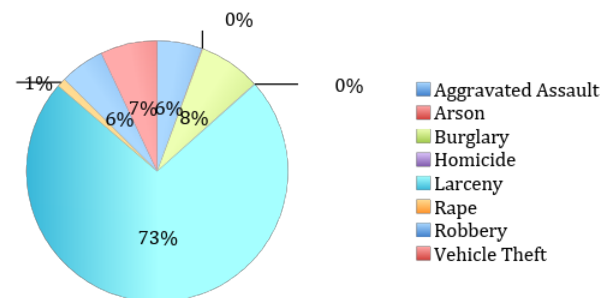
plate, parking meter change from a vehicle, and shoplifting.

**Figures are obtained from the SLMPD website. All figures are Part 1 crimes (arson, assault, burglary, homicide, larceny, rape, robbery, and vehicle theft) based on Uniform Crime Reporting from the FBI.*

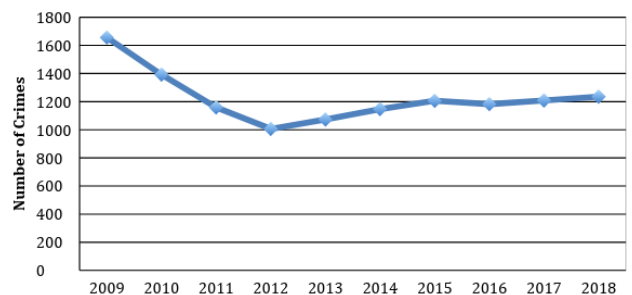
CAMERA EXPANSION

The NSI supplements and supports security patrols with cameras located at strategic locations throughout the Central West End, primarily in commercial areas. The camera project began in 2012 with

2018 Central West End Part 1 Crime



CWE Part 1 Crime Comparison 2008-2018



the deployment of 14 cameras. The cameras proved to be a successful tool, which led to the arrest of many suspects. Based on those successes, the NSI elected to expand the program to other districts.

Today the NSI manages 29 sites with a total of 130 cameras. An additional 67 existing cameras in the area have been integrated into the NSI system for a total of 197.

The NSI made a donation of four Automated License Plate Readers (APLR) to the SLMPD RTCC.

These cameras are used to locate stolen vehicles, vehicles wanted for committing crimes in the region, and vehicles of interest that may be involved in criminal activities. The NSI integrated these cameras into

the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's (SLMPD) Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). The RTCC is manned with Commissioned Police Officers 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

In 2017, The Neighborhood Security Initiative (NSI), sponsored by the Grove CID and Washington University Medical Center, worked to develop a security camera network for the Grove Entertainment District. The NSI identified properties along Manchester as an ideal location to install cameras. The project began in the October 2018 and will be completed March 2019. Upon completion of installation the area will benefit from over 40 cameras.

The Debaliviere Place SBD will join the NSI in 2019. They currently have five camera locations within the SBD. These cameras have been federated onto the NSI system and we look forward to our partnership and assisting them with their camera expansion plans.

In 2018 there have been 124 camera reviews resulting in 70 suspects being arrested based on video evidence. It is our belief that many of these crimes would go unsolved without the great investment this neighborhood has made into cameras and the Camera Project Manager position.

CAMERA SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS

On March 6, 2018, there was a burglary at the newly renovated property located at Euclid and West Pine. The suspect unlawfully entered the rear of the building stealing (3) flat screen TV's and the internal recording equipment. The NSI had installed cameras on the exterior of the building which captured the suspect as he entered the building and exited with the stolen property. Based on the video evidence the police were able to identify the suspect. He was arrested and charges were issued for Burglary and Stealing.

Between June 12th and June 19th, 2018, there was

a suspect targeting the Central West End and DeBaliviere Place neighborhoods by committing street robberies. The NSI spent countless hours tracking the suspect responsible. Images were provided to the police at which time they were able to identify and arrest the suspect. The suspect was indicted in Federal Court on robbery charges. The suspect is believed to be responsible for 6 armed robberies in the CWE and Debaliviere Place neighborhoods.

On September 6, 2018, the NSI was advised of a Robbery 1st and Kidnapping that occurred in the 5100 block of Westminster.

The victim was approached by a suspect who was armed with a gun. The suspect entered the victim's vehicle where he ordered the victim to drive to an ATM and withdraw money. The suspect ordered the victim to drop him off at the intersection of Washington and Union. The NSI cameras were able to capture images of the suspect. These images were provided to the police. The suspect went on to rob a man the next day in Saint Louis County, fatally wounding the victim. Our images were passed on to CrimeStoppers, and the suspect was identified within an hour. The suspect is currently in custody awaiting trial.

NSI PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY'S FINEST

The City's Finest LLC is the provider of supplemental police patrols for the Neighborhood Security Initiative and it's participating Special Business Districts. The men and women of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department who work for The City's Finest staffed 3,600 supplemental patrols during the year. The supplemental patrols are funded by the five participating SBDs, each with a varying annual security

budget. Collectively, \$791,594.40 was spent on these security efforts in 2018. The officers utilize footbeats, bikes, ATV's and vehicles. These supplemental patrols provide a highly visible and effective police presence in our neighborhood.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

In 2016, the NSI expanded its footprint to include security efforts for the Grove Community District and the Washington University Medical Center, acting on behalf of the Forest Park Southeast

neighborhood. NSI manages the supplemental patrols, attends safety and security meetings, provides crime analysis, and coordinates all efforts with the SLMPD.

The NSI has expanded it's footprint once again. This time contracting with our neighbor, DeBaliviere Place SBD. This partnership will begin in 2019.

NSI is looking to expand its services to neighboring districts, which will help realize economies of scale while also providing even greater security for the CWE community.



COURT/NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Court Advocacy is built on two equally strong elements that are effective and essential to its success – Impact Letter Writing and Court Hearing Attendance. Court Advocacy is both highly supported and encouraged by our top law enforcement agencies in St. Louis — the Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) and the St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s Office (CAO).

Since 2014, NSI’s Neighborhood Court Advocate has encouraged people to attend criminal hearings, helped them write impact statements to judges explaining how crime impacts our neighborhood, and has sought favorable outcomes of criminal cases connected to the Central West End and Forest Park Southeast neighborhoods. Overall, the Court Advocate and volunteers have attended 320 court hearings, tracked over 366 criminal cases and submitted 170 Impact Statements.

This is an example of how the NSI is advocating on your behalf. We coordinate with police and the courts, assist victims of crime and engage the criminal courts to seek the best outcomes for victims and our community. We believe this sets the CWE neighborhood apart from any other neighborhood in the region. We know that this helps make the CWE a better place to live, work and visit.

COURT ADVOCATE SUCCESS STORY

On September 10, 2016, an assault that occurred when a man broke into a Central West End resident’s home through a window and assaulted her. The offender took the victim’s phone before fleeing, but was caught shortly thereafter. He was identified by DNA in the criminal justice system from a previous crime he had committed in addition to neighborhood camera footage of him fleeing the scene.

From late 2016 through the beginning of 2019, the

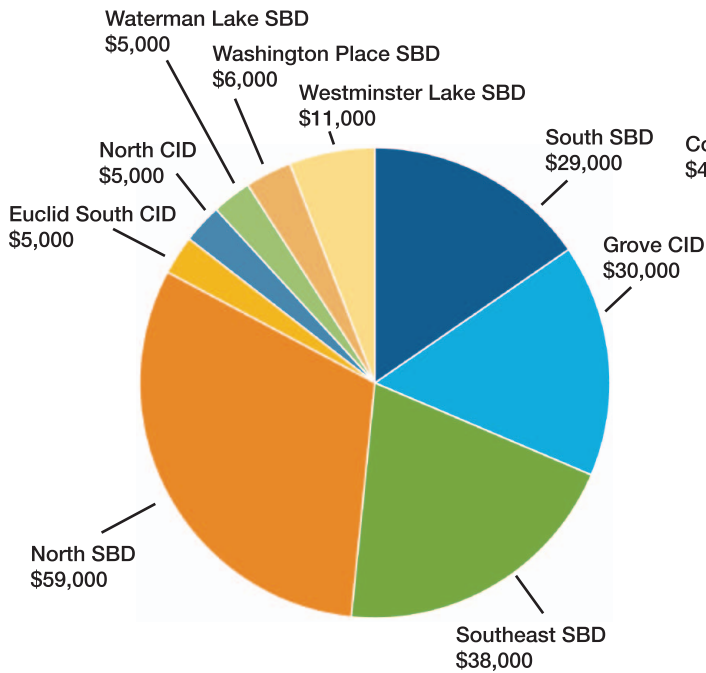
neighborhood advocacy team attended bond hearings, two trials spanning five months, and two sentencing hearings. The team wrote impact statements for the judge, prepared speeches for the final sentencing, and worked with the Circuit Attorney’s Office and Victims Services Unit to pack the courtroom in support of the victim.

When the judge gave his final statements, he included quotes from the advocacy team’s statements and the victim’s

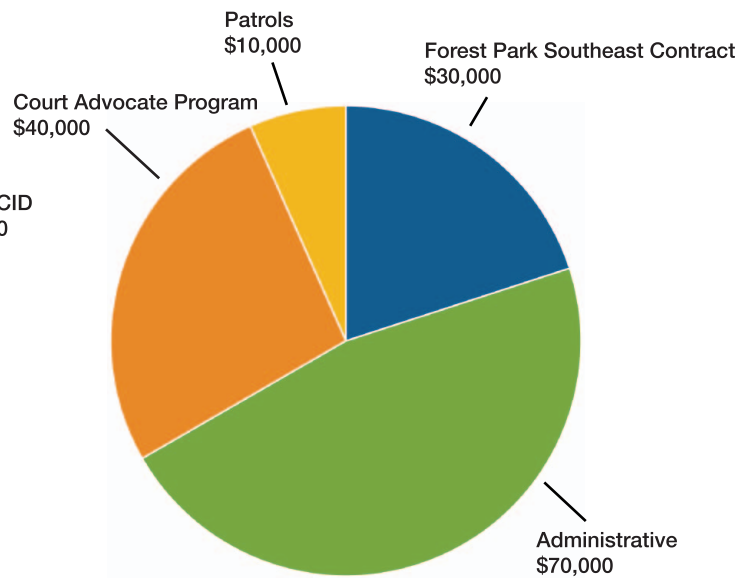
statement. We consider this a success story because the judge ultimately sentenced the criminal to 85 years in prison, which would have been unlikely without the help of the victim and the encouragement from the advocacy team. Nationally, offenders serve less than 10 years for similar charges. We are proud to have supported the victim and to have contributed to the sentencing process, ensuring that the offender cannot hurt anyone else in our community.

FINANCIALS

The NSI staff consists of four full-time personnel and is funded by seven participating Special Business Districts (SBD), three Community Improvement Districts (CID), and Washington University Medical Center (WUMC), for a total of \$338,000 in 2018.



SBD/CID CONTRIBUTIONS



WUMC CONTRIBUTION

GLOSSARY AND MAP OF PARTICIPATING SBDs

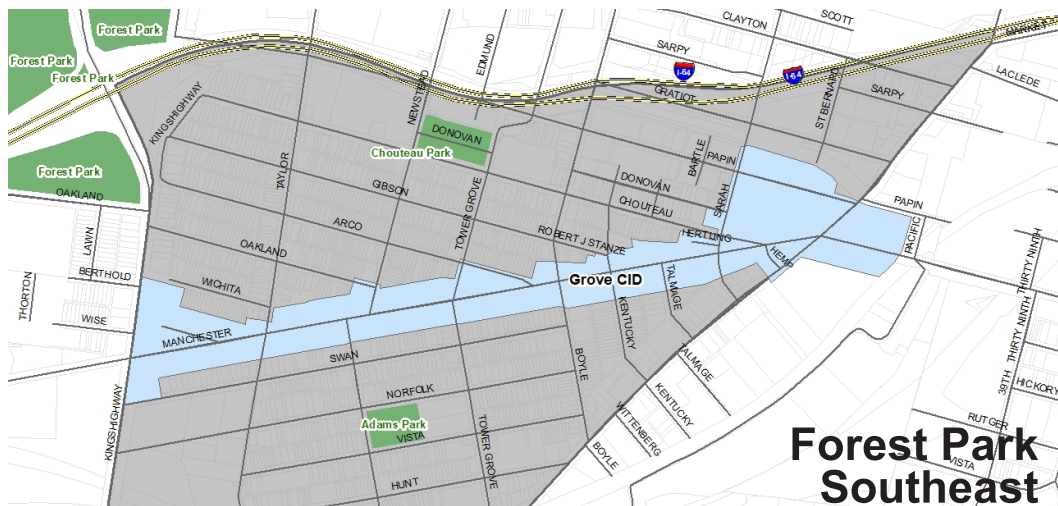
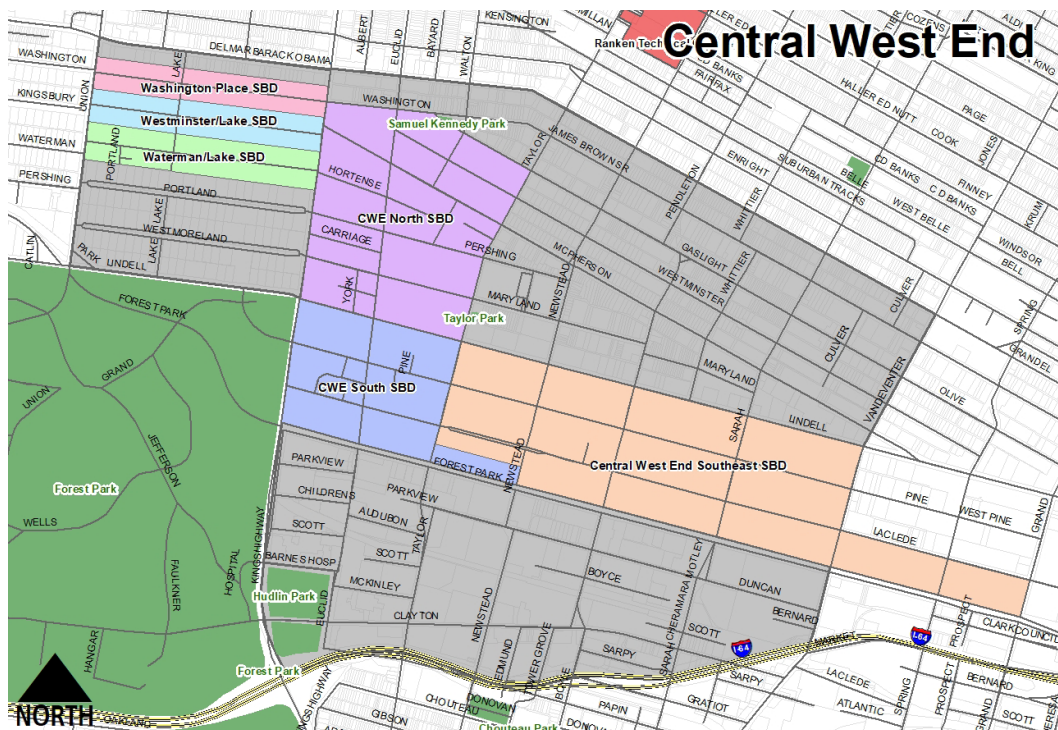
CID - Community Improvement District

TCF - The City's Finest

SBD - Special Business District

WUMC - Washington University Medical Center

SLMPD - St. Louis Police Department





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