



# The Porch Review

## Benton Park West

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**Celebrating our Heros and Sheros - Be a HERO Today!**

### BPWNA Notes

**Apr 1 - BPWNA Board Mtg 7p,**  
2715 Cherokee, lower level

**Apr 10 - South Cluster W&S Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center.** Third District Public Affairs meeting follows at 7:30p.

**Apr 19 - BPWNA Membership Meeting 9a - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center.**

**May 6 - BPWNA Board Mtg 7pm - 2715 Cherokee Street, lower level**

**May 15 - BPWNA Membership Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center.**

**May 17 - Music in the Park - Blues Festival in Benton Park**

**June 14 - Trivia Night!**

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### Questions, Comments, Concerns?

Contact Neighborhood  
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### BPWNA Garden Workdays

Jon Meinz, Garden Chair,  
has announced Garden  
workdays.

#### Ohio/Crittenden Garden:

- June 17th - 9:30a
- June 19th - 10:30a  
(following the April  
meeting)

#### Wyoming/California Garden:

- May 10th - 9:30a
- Come out and work with  
your neighbors and make  
BPWNA look GREAT!

### What does your NSO Do?

NSOs are in the field a  
great percentage of their  
time. When in the field,  
they identify places in  
need of a city service or  
inspection. After making a  
request for a city service  
(such as debris removal  
from a vacant lot or a  
building inspection of a  
derelict property), they

track the progress, follow-  
ing up with the responsi-  
ble department to see the  
request to conclusion.  
Most requests are han-  
dled easily by a City oper-  
ating department. Others  
require special attention  
due to the size or nature  
of the problem. NSOs  
troubleshoot in these

(Continued on page 11)

### OPERATION BRIGHTSIDE BLITZ

#### APRIL 12th

Take an hour and pickup, sweep up, talk up with  
your neighbors. If your block only has a few pieces  
of trash, then get out the BIG broom and sweep the  
curbs and alleys.

Then have a BBQ for your block to celebrate!

**ANNOUNCING!**  
the **April** membership meeting will  
be on **Saturday, April 19th, 9a**  
**2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center**

### SAVE THE DATE

**Apr 10 - \*South Cluster Weed & Seed, 6:30p - 3rd District PA**  
meeting follows at 7:30p

**Apr 19 - \*BPWNA Membership meeting, 9ap**

**May 6 - BPWNA Board meeting, 7p - 2715 Cherokee St.**

**May 15 - \*BPWNA Membership meeting, 7p**

**May 17 - "Music in the Park" - Blues Festival, Benton Park**

**June 14 - First BPWNA Trivia Night, look for info on page 12**

\* Location is Five Star Senior Center - 2832 Arsenal.

## The Presidents Corner... "Word of the Byrd"



Bill Byrd

## It's your space too... (take back your neighborhood)

**W**ow! So many things for the neighborhood are already happening for 2008; the list just goes on and on.

- Easter Event – March 22
- NLA Tour – March 29  
(Neighborhood Leadership Academy - UMSL)
- Big Big House Tour – March 30
- Operation Brightside Blitz – April 12
- **April 19th Neighborhood meeting**, Saturday, 9a
- Trivia Night – June 14
- Dog Park Opening - May
- Blues Festival – May 17

These events only cover four months of 2008. There are so many more events and happenings planned for 2008. The "train" is chugging along. The conductors are getting organized, but the work is plentiful and more conductors are always needed.

Activity is alive from the neighborhood office to the streets with neighbors talking to neighbors and "eyes" watching out for each other.

Due to a change in my work process, I'm in the neighborhood every day, walking to and from home. I've noticed a lot of activity, both good and bad. It is important that each of US continue to notice who and who does not belong. It is equally important

that each of US continue calling 911, 231-1212 and of course our NSO's; Barb Potts and Dena Hibbard. Both Barb and Dena's contact numbers can be found on page 15 of the newsletter.

In this newsletter also you will find the list of items that will help you to identify nuisance properties. Looking out of the window from the train you can see all types of things happening. Maybe you'd like to raise your hand and say "Can I help?"

You can help by:

- Calling 911 and/or the NSO's when you feel that you should. If you question if you should call, then call.
- Talking to more of your neighbors and even organizing block BBQ's or a monthly clean up of your alley.
- Attending monthly neighborhood meetings

Or call the neighborhood office at 314-771-0803 and ask what you can do to help!

We are in this together. Spring has Sprung and the train is chugging along. Won't you join your neighbors in making sure that Benton Park West is a destination for YOU!

*Bill Byrd,*  
**President**

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## We Need YOUR Help!

Help out your neighbors by taking a leadership role and work on a Committee. Contact any board member.

**Board meetings - 1st Tues, 7p - 2715 Cherokee, lower level**

**Membership meetings - 3rd Thurs, 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior**

## Legislators Take Up Budget Battle Following Spring Break Week

Ah, the glamorous life of being a state legislator! The average Missourian may picture us flying off to a tropical island on our Spring Break (just completed March 14-24), but that is not the norm for your state representatives and senators. Many state legislators spend spring break week working at the full- or part-time jobs that they maintain when not in Jefferson City. Most of us do celebrate having some extra time with our family and friends. Mostly my spring break was filled with answering mail that had piled up, getting my washer and car repaired, and completing a long overdue house-cleaning.

As we move into the final weeks of the Legislative Session, setting the budget for the next fiscal year will take up a significant portion of our time. This follows weeks of exhaustive appropriation committee hearings. Year after year these committees hear heart-wrenching testimonies from Missourians of every description. As a "low tax/low service" state, we frequently hear how underfunding of essential services contributes to pain and suffering. Legislators often reply: "I wish we could do something about that, but we don't have the money.

Who do you want us to cut in order to serve your group better?"

It is past time to address the inadequacy of Missouri's current revenue stream if we are going to build a vibrant economy, create healthy and educated communities, and offer a compassionate safety net for our elders and persons with disabilities. I have filed House Bill 2131 to create an income tax system that is modern, fair, adequate and sustainable to address this crisis. The proposed income tax system overhaul would lower taxes for the 60% of Missouri households that make less than \$47,000 annually. The wealthiest 20% of Missourians would be asked to assume a tax burden equal to the percentage currently being carried by the 80% below them in income, and this would produce much needed revenue for education, healthcare, roads, etc.

I am glad to see that an amendment that I offered in 2007 has been incorporated into the 2008 budget bills. In recent years, the Legislature has passed a three-percent pay increase for state employees. (Missouri's frontline workers are among the poorest paid in the nation.) My 2007 amendment asked that all the money avail-



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able for raises be divided by the number of state employees so the same size raise would be given to all. The net effect of this would be to give a higher percentage raise to the lowest paid employees (about five percent) and a lower percentage to our top paid employees (about one percent). During an extended debate, two colleagues from across the aisle stood up to support my amendment. When the amendment failed by two votes, they promised to ask the majority party to offer a flat raise proposal in 2008 and have apparently kept their word.

Among my other priorities for the 2008 budget debate are: adequately fund K-12 and higher education; restore healthcare to the 180,000 Missourians who have lost Medicaid coverage since 2005; furnish adequate staffing for veteran's homes so that they can operate at capacity level; reinstate supports for workers with disabilities; offer tobacco use prevention and cessation resources; and increase community-based mental health services. Hopefully when the budget becomes final in early May, it will contain all these improvements.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 5TH

Start thinking about what you can do on YOUR block for NNO!

Make your block come ALIVE and light up the NIGHT by giving an award for oldest person on block, BBQ, Bicycle Race, chalk drawing contest, volleyball, basketball, home improvement award, Straight A Student Award, Water-

melon or Cake Eating Contest, School Supply Give-A-Way, Child I.D.'s, Anti-Drug/Anti-Crime Rally, Recognize Neighborhood Police Officers, Water Play, Scavenger Hunt, Jail and Bail, karaoke, Crime Prevention Tips, Pot-Luck, sack races, Meet a new neighbor contest, Invite Police-Fire-EMT, Neighborhood Clean-Up, etc.

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## BPWNA Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2008

**Call to Order** – Welcome from President Bill Byrd. 26 people present.

**Review of Minutes** – Pam Welsh moved to approve minutes from January meeting, Connie Petty seconded. Motion passed. Carrie Sleep moved to approve treasurer's report for Feb. meeting, Chad Johnson seconded. Motion passed. We also voted on the budget for 2008, Chad Johnson, moved to accepted the 2008 Budget as printed Pam Welsh seconded motion, motion passed.

**Alderman and NSO Check-In's** – Alderman Ken Ortmann spoke about Operation Brightside on April 12. The weather is getting warm and we need to stay on top of the problems, need to let your alderman and your NSO's know where the problems are. Ken also mention about grass; when it gets 8 to 10 inches call him so he can get forestry to cut the grass which results in a charge to the owner of the building. The owners of Lemp Brewery and the owners are working out the details on an offer and a time line on the development.

Bill mentioned about Operation Brightside, please see Chad Johnson, Membership Chair.

Barb Potts Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, did announce that the reason that she was late, was due to the fact that she was driving the neighborhood checking on some nuisance properties. You don't have call on properties just on your block; you can call on any nuisance properties. She also suggested for everyone to take a different route on your way home from work. This gives more eyes on the overall neighborhood. She is also concerned about Nebraska and Utah. This corner is just one of a couple of pockets in BPW that needs to be watched. You also need to turn in graffiti. It is important to call on graffiti, but you can take pictures of the graffiti and e-mail to her. She spoke about the basic quality of life issues, she needs every ones help. A resident brought up graffiti on the 3100 Block of Ohio, Operation Brightside is VERY behind on taking graffiti off, please keep reporting. Barb want everyone in the neighborhood to realize that it is time to "COME OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE"

Resident live is the 3200 Michigan; made a comment about how great the police are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. Barb talked about how properties become nuisance properties.

Alderman Craig Schmid made the announcement

that the Penny Saver was closed due to remodeling, and he also mentioned about Operation Brightside.

### **Featured Speaker – Sgt Ron Hasty Refuse Division, STLMPD**

Sgt Hasty and Officer Steve Tucker were introduced. Sgt Hasty thanked President Bill Byrd for the invite to the meeting to talk about "TRASH". He had hand-outs on the back table. Hasty and Tucker work for the Trash Task Force (TTF). With the warm season approaching, it is a battle every year it seems that people want to clean out their basements. This creates an issue in overfilling the trash dumpsters and Bulk Pickup. Sgt Hasty spoke about bulk trash pickup. Also the topic of rehabbers were dumping in the trash cans was spoken about. One thing that the TTF is looking forward to is a new law that requires proof that you have a commercial dumpster already ordered/paid for before a building permit will be issued. The TTF was started in 1991. There is not an easy answer for trash and we have to be the ears and eyes. Trash is a low priority, unfortunately. If you call the police about trash, please follow up with a call the CSB. If there is illegal dumping in the city of St. Louis it is now at a state level, no longer just City. The TTF going for max fines.

### **Committee Updates**

*Report on Recycling Project* - Bill made the report. The Project Chair Laura Snell was unable to attend the meeting due to work. BPWNA has negotiated a discount rate for the first contract with Earth Circle. The discounted rate for the first year of curb side recycling will be 95.00 a year. BPWNA is hoping to have at least 50 people sign up. Bill did mention that the applications will be in the April newsletters. He did a show of hands at the meeting and there were about 15-20 people interested.

*Music in the Park* - "Blues Festival" will be in Benton Park on May 17, more details to come.

*Quality of Life* - Bill mentioned that we are looking for Quality of Life Committee Chair, if interested, please see Bill.

### **Announcements:**

Easter Eggstravaganza will be held this weekend. Help is still needed, please see Linda or Pam.

### **Adjournment 8:30**



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by Connie Petty, Re/Max Results

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This \$28 charge is insurance for the repair of the sewer line from your house. However, this only covers the repair of the sewer line after it leaves your property to the connection with the main line.

In other words, if the sewer line break is in your yard, it is YOUR SEWER Line and you pay for the repair. What will it cost???? Anywhere from \$2000 to \$7000 depending upon what they have to go through to replace it.. This is why most buyers have a sewer line camera'd to make sure it is healthy. If you have lots of trees

in your yard, you may need to treat your sewer line to prevent tree roots from growing through it.

### Many ways to prevent a foreclosure

1. Ask the lender to offer you a loan modification
2. File bankruptcy
3. Do a forbearance agreement
4. Refinance
5. Do a deed in lieu of
6. Sell the home prior to foreclosure.
7. Sell the home as a short sale. (lender does not require the balance from the seller)..
8. Bring the payments up to date.

For more information contact Connie at (314) 609-4152.

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *The Porch Review* about what is happening in the Real Estate Industry and specifically in Benton Park West!

## Needed: Office Supplies

Donations of office supplies are starting to be used up. We are in need of:

- Scissors
- Rolls of office tape
- Highlighters
- Permanent Markers
- Dry erase Markers
- Push Pins
- Miscellaneous other office supplies

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## Fun at YOUR Easter Eggstravaganza!

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Eggstravaganza!



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**What is Membership?** Membership is the act of being part of a group. In sociology, a **group** is usually defined as a collection of humans who share certain characteristics, interact with one another, accept expectations and obligations as members of the group. Characteristics the group may share include interests, values, ethnic background, and kinship ties.

## Membership Needs YOU!

To be a member or help out, call Chad Johnson at 776.4447.



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Barb Potts - NSO



## What's So Great About Recycling?

- **Recycling can save your tax dollars!** Every pound of material that is recycled is a pound that the City won't have to pay to dispose of in a landfill.
- **Recycling benefits the local economy!** Almost 16,000 people are employed in 1,500 local recycling businesses in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.
- **Recycling saves energy!** Placing 1 aluminum can in the recycling bin saves enough energy to power a television for 3 hours. Recycling 1 glass container saves enough energy to light a 100 watt bulb for 4 hours. Recycling one pound of steel will light a 60 watt bulb for 24 hours.
- **Recycling reduces pollution!** Making products from recycled materials results in a reduction of air and water pollutants. Recycling 4,800 16oz. soda bottles saves a cubic yard of landfill space.
- **Recycling conserves natural resources!** If every household recycled their newspapers, approximately 500,000 trees would be saved weekly. We save over 1 ton of resources from being mined for every ton of glass recycled.

### Benton Park West recognizes Recycling is needed for good Quality of Life!

Contact the neighborhood office at 771-0803 to be on board with Recycling! Earth-Circle Recycling is the designated vendor for this project.

Items that will be picked up if you are a customer:

- **Mixed Paper:** newspaper, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, junk mail, office paper
- **Bottles and Cans:** aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, and steel cans

You will receive a plastic 19 gallon recycling bin.

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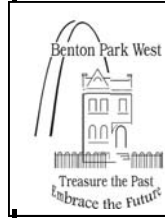


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Join the thousands of area residents and BPWNA neighbors who recycle with Earth Circle.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 95 for 12 months of weekly recycling service.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 45 for 6 months of weekly recycling service.

Mail this form and your check to:

**Earth Circle Recycling**  
**1660 So. Kingshighway**  
**St. Louis MO 63110**

## Yard Waste Dumpsters and TRASH

It's that time of year again when we will be using the yard waste containers/dumpsters in our alleys.

Remember so that we don't cause problems for our neighbors and to ensure that the City will empty the dumpsters, lets follow these simple rules:

### Yard Waste Dumpsters -

Cut the branches and debris into pieces no longer than 2 feet.

Having any dumpster be over loaded means that cars have problems navigating down the alley.

While we are talking about the yard waste dumpsters, the same thought pertains to our regular trash dumpsters:

Never put trash on the outside of the dumpster, in front, to the side, or behind.

The lid should always be able to be closed.

If the dumpster is full, walk a few feet to the next dumpster.

Bulk pickup items **MUST** be 3 feet away from any dumpster, just at **YOUR** property line in the alley.

If you see anyone illegally dumping, this means setting trash outside of a dumpster or overloading a dumpster,

call 231-1212 and file a report. Give the evaluators the time, date, and location. Then call the Citizen's Service Bureau (CSB) at 622-4800.

Remember, as Sgt Hasty said at the March neighborhood meeting, we are looking at a new law that will make illegal dumping a crime at the state level, not just at the City level. There is not an easy answer for trash and we have to be the ears and eyes.

If you see rehabbers dumping in the trash dumpsters, this is illegal dumping. A new law will be in effect soon that requires a rehabber to have proof they have a commercial dumpster already ordered/paid for before a building permit will be issued.

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## What does your NSO Do?

cases to ensure problems with unusual circumstances do not fall through the cracks. Field work also includes some very tangible assignments:

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- Post public notices of Redevelopment Hearings by the Board of Alderman for blighted properties.
- Post notices of Housing Court Action, alerting residents of upcoming court dates for chronic offenders.
- Assist neighborhood Housing Corporations with inventories of vacant property.
- Besides conducting field surveys, NSOs spend time researching city records and other potential resources for the citizens. This includes but is not limited to:
- Research property ownership records
- Obtain, compile and interpret neighborhood crime statistics

- Check on tax delinquency status as needed
- Track code violations
- Track Housing Court cases
- Compile information on problem properties
- Explain ordinances
- Disseminate city service information

### Community Organizers/ Problem Solvers

- NSOs help direct and focus city services by identifying problems and working on resolutions through operating departments.
- NSOs assist neighborhood associations and organize community improvement projects.
- NSOs also work with the police, elected officials, governmental agencies, social service organizations, community groups and individuals to identify permanent solutions to ongoing problems.

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- NSOs work with neighborhood groups and individuals to develop and implement NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLANS. These plans include project-based goals that reflect the priorities of the neighborhood.

### NSOs can show you how to:

- Create cleaner, more visually appealing neighborhoods
- Obtain home improvement resources for qualifying individuals
- Increase citizen participation in your community
- Identify resources to enhance housing and commercial development initiatives
- Address problem properties and nuisance issues on your block
- Access city services

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**Gardeners - Calling all Green Thumbs!** Contact the neighborhood office at 771-0803.

**Like to walk? Love your block?** - To help, call the neighborhood office at 771-0803

**It's easy to get involved in any of the activities of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association. No matter what, your help is always wanted, needed and appreciated. Call the Neighborhood Office at 314.771.0803 to see how you can help.**

### Current Committees

- Beautification
- Block Link
- Board of Director
- Communications
- Community Gardens
- Dog Park
- Facilities
- Finance/Fundraising
- Membership
- PR/Marketing
- Safety and Quality of Life
- Youth Outreach

## What's happening in Benton Park West

### Apr

**10** - Weed & Seed monthly meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center.

3rd District Public Affairs meeting follows at 7:30p.

**13** - PUT OUT YOUR BULK TRASH. Must be out by 10p Sun.

**19 - SATURDAY** BPWNA monthly meeting - 9a, Five Star Senior Center.

19 & 26 - Garden Kickoff and cleanup at Ohio & Crittenden

### May

**6** - BPWNA Board meeting - 6:30p, 2715 Cherokee.

### 2008 Events

- May - Music in the Park
- June 14 - Trivia Night
- June/July - Dog Park Opening
- Summer BBQ
- Aug 5 - National Night Out!
- Aug - Yard Sale





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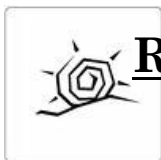
**PROPRIETORS**

Hours:

12:00 Noon to 1:30am

Mon - Sat.

**Don't miss the next Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 19, 9a - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center**



## Reward Your Self....

By Anne L. Childers, LMT

### Tasty and Good for You!!

A new and exciting retail establishment is opening along the Gravois corridor. The Juice Box will focus on delicious healthy snacks, sports nutrition, and vitamins/supplements. The proprietor, Shawn McKie has almost 20 years of experience in the health food/supplement industry. He comes to us from Augusta, GA where his personal and professional experiences with the benefits of healthful living prompted him to take it to the public via the healthy vending machine. This later transformed into the original Juice Box offering healthy snacks as well as vitamins and information for people interested in healthy choices. Since moving to St. Louis to be with his children, Shawn has already approached our very own Roosevelt High School and is looking forward to working with the youth in our neighborhood. With juvenile diabetes on the rise, he is interested in changing the perception of what healthy foods taste like especially for our



### Positive Affirmations:

- I enjoy trying new things.
- My body is a healthy happy vessel.
- I reward myself daily.

youth. Look for all your favorite healthy brands at The Juice Box or you can try something new and delicious. This is comfort food the nutritional way by giving your body what it actually wants and needs. This new addition to our community promises something for everyone in a welcoming and convenient location.

Visit the Juice Box at 3003 Arsenal opening in mid April 2008!

Blessings and Peace,

Anne L. Childers, LMT  
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Stop in to say hi to Shawn and Reward Your Self at....



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**Next month.....**

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**Contact Numbers****Crime Prevention/Police:**

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 Non-Emergency 231-1212  
 Drug/Gang Hotline 241-COPS  
 3rd District Police 444-0619  
 Prob Prty Officer 622-3600  
 3rd Dist Problem  
 Properties 444-1085  
 Citizen Ser Bureau 622-4800

**Alderpersons:**

Ken Ortmann 622-3287 (w)  
 776-0161 (h)

Craig Schmid 589-6816 (w)

Jennifer Florida 776-2890(w)

**Neighborhood Stabilization Officers:**

Barb Potts, 314-613-3083 (w)  
 314-397-1091 (cell)  
 potts@stlouiscity.com

Dena Hibbard, 314-613-3109 (w)  
 hibbard@stlouiscity.com

**MISC:**

Pothole Department 768-2805  
 Refuse Department 353-8877  
 Five Star Center 664-1008  
 Illegal Dumping 911  
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**Lights:**

Alley Lights (AmUE) 342-1000  
 Street Lights (CSB) 622-4800

**Additional Numbers**

**Operation Brightside**  
 772-4646

**Operation Safestreet** 622-3444

**Child Abuse Hotline**  
 (Division of Family Services)  
 1-800-392-3738

**St. Louis Crisis Nursery**  
**Hotline** 768-3201

**Parental Stress Help line**  
 1-800-367-3543

**United Way Information & Referral** 421-4636

**Parents Anonymous (Info. On Mutual Support Groups)**  
 647-HELP or 866-492-0843

**Foster Parenting Inquiry Line** (314) 340-7536

**Animal Abuse Hotline**  
 (314) 647-4400

# Call for ALL to be Members - 2008

**Dear Resident, Friend and Supporter:**

The start of the year is here, and it's time to think about YOUR membership in 2008. Fill out your membership for 2008 TODAY!

Becoming a member of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association lets us know you want your voice heard in the community. Membership grants you voting privileges at Benton Park West Neighborhood Association meetings. Your dues contribute to BPWNA support costs, as well as for projects BPWNA takes part in throughout our neighborhood.

Thank you for your interest, and we hope you will join the rest of your neighbors in making our community a better place to live and work in 2008 by becoming a member.

Chad Johnson, Membership Chair  
 314.771.0803

## Membership Application Benton Park West - 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: BPWNA Membership**

**PO Box 18671  
 Saint Louis MO 63118**

**Level of Membership:**

\_\_\_ General Membership -  
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\_\_\_ Senior - \$ 6 per person

\_\_\_ Supporter - \$ 25 per person

\_\_\_ Patron - \$ 50 per person

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\_\_\_ Friend - \$ 20 per person

\_\_\_ General Membership -  
 Scholarship

**I would like to be involved with:**

\_\_\_ Beautification

\_\_\_ Dog Park

\_\_\_ Youth

\_\_\_ Garden

\_\_\_ Facilities

\_\_\_ Publications

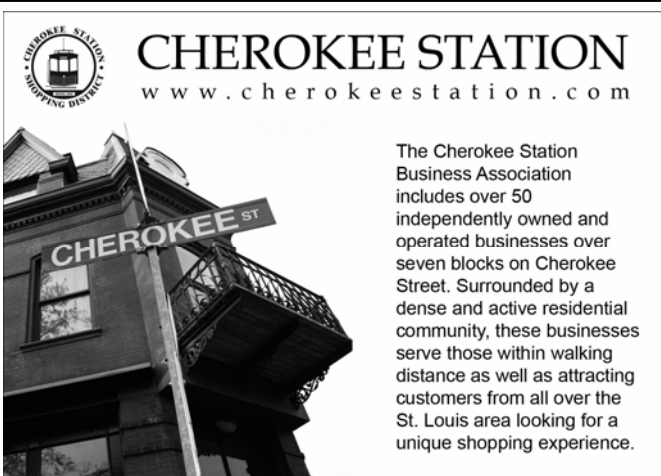
\_\_\_ Quality of Life/Safety

\_\_\_ Board

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\_\_\_ Block Link

\_\_\_ Membership



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