



Safe Spot Blog

Spotlighting Safety in 2018, Vice-President Alison Hillman is championing the project "**Lights, Camera, Action**".

This edition we have information provided by Scott McIntosh who recently attended a meeting hosted by Rise and CivTech St. Louis to promote and educate residents about a new online tool that navigates the multiple courts in the county.

YourSTLCourts is a free service which provides information on your traffic ticket and court case in a simple online interface. It works on your desktop, laptop, tablet, or smart phone. A text message system can send you reminders on your court case.

Why use YourSTL Courts?

- Find your traffic ticket no matter where in St. Lou- is the citation was received.
- You can also learn if a warrant has been issued for your arrest.
- Clear up outstanding infractions or warrants you may have.
- Learn about your rights in court.

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The Porch Review

BLAZING FORWARD, PLANTING SEEDS, WIDENING PERSPECTIVES

April 21st Clean Up

By Scott McIntosh

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After the Party: Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday March 31st, Benton Park West in partnership with Gravois Park, hosted its 13th annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Despite the clouds and spot showers, a large crowd gathered to celebrate the holiday.

There were hundreds of kids, with adults, hunting eggs and enjoying the crafts and events.

A special 'thank you' to all the volunteers especially, the Police Explorers, the Mounted Police, the STL Fire Department, and The Salvation Army-Temple Corps. . A 'thank you' to Alison Hillman of *BTP* by *Alison* for the photos too!

Events such as the Easter Eggstravaganza reminds us of our mission:

"Enhance and strengthen the neighborhood and its residents by promoting beautification, commerce, communication, diversity, and safety. The neighborhood association makes efforts to support, renew, and sustain Benton Park West's unique human and physical resources, serving as a voice for the neighborhood, and helping to ensure quality living."

BPWNA Activities for 2018!

Don't miss all of the excitement and FUN things happening in Benton Park West this year.

The first big events are:

- Easter Eggstravaganza on March 31.
- Dog Park Opening on Saturday, April 14 at 1-3p, 3300 Nebraska
- Garden openings - Flower at Wyoming/California; Veggie at Arsenal/Jefferson has a few open plots - Email Linda Hennigh, for a garden plot - linda_hennigh@yahoo.com
- Beautification projects.
- One event You can be part of is the monthly *Litter Clean Up + Social Hour*, typically the Saturday after the neighborhood meeting, starting at 9a.

Watch for the start location each month!

- This month we have the privilege to have volunteers help on a large scale cleanup and canvassing blocks without a Block Link with neighborhood information.

If you've not been receiving the quarterly newsletter, maybe your block needs a Block Link!

- ⇒ Check with Chris Schmidt, Block Link Chair at a neighborhood meeting, or at 314-452-1931, to see how you can serve your neighbors. on your block.

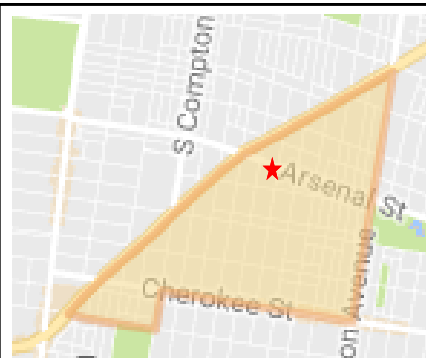
Neighborhood Meetings

May 17

June 21

July 19

2832 Arsenal - 7pm



BPWNA Meetings

Five Star Senior Center,
2832 Arsenal (at Oregon)

Join us and help Benton Park West move forward.

All residents and businesses are welcome! Hear details of committee activities and engage on decisions concerning **your neighborhood**.

Board Meetings, 6:30pm, 2nd Tuesday each month:
April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10

General Meetings, 7:00pm, 3rd Thursday each Month:
April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19

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Get to know your neighbors or catch up with old friends while we improve our neighborhood. If you're organizing a group, let us know and BPWNA will provide bottled water and donuts for the volunteers.

Contact Scott McIntosh at president@bentonparkwest.org or 314-719-6507. Groups may also register with Operation Brightside's Blitz projects to get free trash bags and other items.

Learn more about making Saint Louis a cleaner, greener better place to live and to register, go to brightsidedstl.org. Make a point to check out the Blitz Clean-up project, free flowers, volunteer opportunities and recycling information.

Take before and after photos of your work! Send them to us the next day and we'll include them in our After the Party post. Email photos to president@bentonparkwest.org.

For more info on St. Louis Earth Day, visit www.stlouiseearthday.org.



2018 ST. LOUIS EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

OUR COMMON HOME

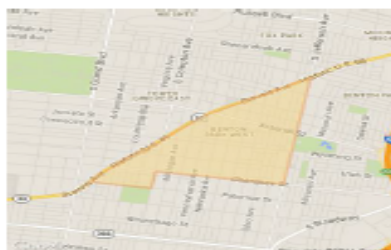
April 21-22, 2018 11:00am-5:00pm
Forest Park Muny Grounds
www.stlouiseearthday.org
Helping YOU make St. Louis greener!



What a great way to keep up with neighborhood news/safety issues. Need a sitter or report strange behavior, this is the place. **ONLY BPW members can see**, or send to surrounding neighborhoods as well.

TO JOIN VISIT:

nextdoor.com/join/NMEMMK



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- Obtain information you need about when/where to appear, operating hours, court procedures, and fines + fees.
- Get text message reminders of your court date.
- Learn more about community service opportunities as alternatives to paying fines + fees.

Approximately 75% of St. Louis lives within an area covered by YourSTLCourts. Some areas have courts that actively participate, so anyone who receives a ticket in those areas may access info and updates on their court case. Other areas are not yet participating; however, court users can find info on all courts in St. Louis County such as addresses, hours of operation, etc. .org.

Click on "BLOG" in the menu at www.bentonparkwest.org for more information such as this to help all of us.



Gravois Park Trash Pickup and Social Hour

Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am, Gravois Park, 3200 Potomac

Each Sunday, get to know your neighbors and help make YOUR neighborhood park a better place to play! We'll pick up litter in and around the park while talking and getting to know each other.

Laughter Club

Tuesdays from 6-7 pm, Thomas Dunn Learning Center, 3113 Gasconade

This is a meet up practicing laughter as a tool to reduce stress. It is without charge and lasts from 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. Visit www.tdunn.org for more info or contact Sonia at sonia@tdunn.org

Coffee & Connections

Friday, April 20 from 9-11 am, DK Annex, 2727 S. Jefferson

5 Proven Ways to Increase Your Profits by business coach Matt Barbey of Billionaire Thoughts. If you are a new entrepreneur that wants to get plugged into a support network, we want to meet you! Looking for new ideas to reach a new market, we want to meet you too! Join in on the meet up for coffee and continental breakfast at Social Synergy Coffee and Connections. [Facebook Invite](#)

Monthly Cycle Donut Ride

Saturday, April 21 from 9-11 am, Sump Coffee, 3700 S. Jefferson

We're bringing back The Donut Ride! Join us for 5 great stops of coffee and donuts over 15 miles of our great city. This event is free and open to all women and gender non-binary riders.

ers. We will ride at an easy, conversational pace so you can talk about your favorite donuts more readily. [Facebook Invite](#)

Spring Alley Clean Up and Our Neighborhood Garden Work Day

Saturday, April 21 from 10 am-???, 2800 Wyoming and Neighborhood-Wide

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Wurstmarkt Sausage Dinner

Sunday, April 22 from 12-5 pm, German Cultural Society Of St. Louis, 3652 S. Jefferson

Join us for authentic German food, dance performances, and live music!! Free Admission and Food is for purchase!

SAVE-THE-DATES

Marine Villa Neighborhood Meeting, Monday April 23 at 7 pm, Irish Corner Pub, 1900 Cherokee

Beer and South St. Louis: A Talk, Tour, and Taste Event, Thursday, April 26 at 6 pm, 3405 S. Jefferson

Golden Gems Grand Opening Party, Friday, April 27 from 6-11 pm, 3156 Cherokee

Cinco de Mayo 2018: A Cherokee Street Festival, Saturday, May 5 from 11 am-10 pm, Cherokee

For more event info, please visit the **Events** page on Bentonparkwest.org

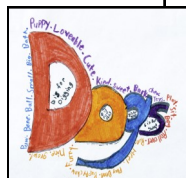
To include an area activity in an upcoming Weekly Porch, send details to scottwmcintosh@yahoo.com

BPW Dog Park 3300 Nebraska

Join Now!

1. Submit application — available at BPWNA meetings & www.bentonparkwest.org
2. Your pet must be neutered or spayed
3. Your pet must be immunized against rabies, distemper, and Bordetella.

REMEMBER - BPW Dog Park is open to Benton Park, Fox Park, Gravois Park, Marine Villa, McKinley Heights and Tower Grove East



Join the Court Watch Program!

Check out the program or any program in NOM or volunteer call the neighborhood office at **314-881-8048**

Contact Numbers

Crime Prevention and Quality of Life

Emergency/Drug Activity **911**

Non-Emergency 231-1212

Drug/Gang Hotline 241-COPS

Chief John Hayden 444-5624

Major Caruso 444-2585

Shawn Dace, 3rd Dist Captain

444-2597 dsdace@slmpd.org

Patrick Clancy, 3rd Dist Public Affairs 444-2564 pmclancy@slmpd.org

3rd District Nuisance Officers:

PO Daphne Allen 444-2563

PO Erin Hine 444-2564

PO Samantha Edwards 444-2572

Cherokee Beat Officers:

PO Devin Jackson 682-9734

PO Jazmin Garrett 682-9734

Citizen Service Bureau 622-4800

Alderman: Dan Guenther 304-6797

Neighborhood Stabilization Officer:

Barb Potts, pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov

657-1370 (w) 397-1091 (c)

MISC:

Pothole Department 768-2805

Refuse/Recycle Dept. 353-8877

Illegal Dumping 911
Then call CSB 622-4800

Lights:

Alley Lights (AmUE) 342-1000

Street Lights (CSB) 622-4800

Water:

Open Hydrant 771-4880

Animal Abuse Hotline 647-4400

Child Abuse Hotline 800-392-3738

EnergyCare 773-5900

Five Star Senior Center 664-1008

Operation Brightside 772-4646

Parents Anonymous

647-HELP or 866-492-0843

Parental Stress 800-367-3543

Free 2-1-1 Service 800-427-4626
or (314) 421-4636



Know an alley that needs cleaning?

We share alley locations needing attention, and Probation & Parole sends cleanup crews.

Report issues or request service in Benton Park (THE PARK) using the address **3100 S Jefferson**



Benton Park West is a graduate neighborhood of Operation Weed & Seed. This project is U.S. Department of Justice sponsored is a community based effort to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity. Regular meetings with city and law enforcement officials are held at 2832 Arsenal.

The next Police Outreach meeting is June 14th, 7pm.

What do you love about Benton Park West?

Community events?

Beautiful buildings?

Great food?

Share neighborhood photos on social media with the hashtag **#BentonParkWest**

Your photo could appear in the newsletter or on

BentonParkWest.org

Show off BPW Get a T-shirt!

S, M, L, XL, XXL shirts

Men and Women's styles

Sold at **STLyle House**

on Cherokee at Compton

Proceeds benefit Benton Park West



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