



**Neighborhood  
Meeting  
March 21**  
2832 Arsenal 7p

March 2013

# The Porch Review

BLENDING VIEWPOINTS, PROPOSING ADVANCEMENT, WORKABLE SOLUTIONS



## BPW Committees

by Linda Hennigh

**T**his month we continue looking beyond the elected board to additional work in Benton Park West.

Whether your talents and dreams lie in planting flowers and veggies, drawing flowers & veggies, spreading news, meeting neighbors, talking on the phone or anything in between, take a look at the possibilities or add some of your own. To use your talents in building our community while making friends, contact me at 771-2161, at the

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## FREE TAX SERVICES



Once again, Five Star Senior Center is offering FREE tax services. Call 314-664-1008 for information.

Saturdays in March - 8:30a-1p  
March 30 is last Saturday

## BPW Events

**Mar 5: BPWNA Board Mtg** 6:30p  
2832 Arsenals, Five Star Senior Ctr

**Mar 10: Bulk Trash**

**Mar 14: Weed & Seed** 6p, 3rd District Outreach 7p, 2832 Arsenal

**Mar 21 : BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting**, 7p, Five Star.

**Mar 30: Easter Eggstravaganza**, 10a-Noon, Gravois Park

**Mar 31: Happy Easter**

**Apr 2: BPWNA Board Mtg** 6:30p  
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

**Apr 18 : BPWNA Neighborhood**

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association  
presents the 8th Annual

## Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 30th  
10am to Noon

For Ages 1 - 10, Accompanied by Adult

## Gravois Park

3200 Potomac

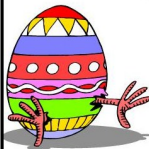
# Free

To volunteer or for questions  
Call Pamela @ 406-2026

Bring  
A  
BasketEaster Egg  
Hunt

Snacks

Tattoos

Photos  
With the  
Easter  
Bunny  
\$ 1.00Color  
your own  
Egg

## Peter and Paul Community Services Receive \$1.2 Million Gift

In the move for the \$ 3 million capital campaign project to renovate Garfield School, site for the new safe haven, \$ 1.2 million has been donated by Judy and Dennis Jones. The total \$ 10 million pro-

ject is schedule to began active renovations this spring.

For more info, visit [www.ppsinc.org](http://www.ppsinc.org) or call 314-588-7111 x 206.



**W&S and Community Outreach  
meetings change to quarterly meetings**  
**Next meeting - 6:30p (W&S), 7p (Outreach)**  
**Thursday, March 14, 2013**

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## The President's Corner...



Linda Hennigh

of spring! This year it feels more like winter with a day of spring every week or so....love St. Louis weather! The New Year is off to a good start. Mardi Gras came early and the neighborhood booth was busy. We will use the proceeds to fund our March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Eggstravaganza and Halloween Trunk or Treat as well as a couple of free movies this summer. We are looking for a location in the middle of the neighborhood with at

## Volunteer and be part of the Citizens on Patrol.

We focus on quality of life items:

- Suspicious behavior
- Nuisance properties
- Indicators of Crime or Emergencies

## SHOP and SEARCH to help BPW!

Join now at  
[www.iGive.com/](http://www.iGive.com/)

Help BPW do fund-raising. If you shop online or do searches on the computer.

## Welcome to 2013

## Spring, Summer and Help Wanted!

least 2 - 20amp electrical outlets available. Please call the office if you have the perfect spot, 314.771.0803.

If you haven't had a chance to visit one of our neighborhood meetings, please join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month (except December). Hear from your local officials and new businesses

opening in BPW and enjoy refreshments and a social hour! Look later in this issue for our HELP WANTED ad and consider joining your neighbors in making this the greatest place to live in the city of St. Louis!

*Linda Hennigh,*

President



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2800 Ohio Ave at Gravois  
St. Louis, MO 63118

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**PROPRIETORS**

Hours:  
3p to 1:30am  
Mon - Sat.

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## Tips to Improve Your Neighborhood And Increase Your Property Value

by RJ Johnson

There are very simple and easy things which can significantly impact your home's market value and make Benton Park West a desirable place to live!

In thinking of spring and beauty now is the time to plan:

### Neat and Tidy Yards -

Keep your grass cut *and* edged, leaves raked, weeds pulled, and trash picked up. Also keep the trees and bushes trimmed in the front yard and alley way. Vegetation should not extend beyond your fence in the alley or impede walkways (e.g. side-walks). This not only beautifies your property, but it allows for safer passage through the streets at night.

Next month look for more tips to improve your neighborhood life!

## St Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner

Come Join Us After the Parade  
Saturday March 16th 1:00-7:00 P.M.

Five Star Senior Center

2832 Arsenal



Corned Beef Dinner &  
All the Trimmings \$8.00

Sandwich \$5.00

For More Information

314-664-1008



Project Blitz, Brightside's annual campaign to clean up city neighborhoods, is a great time to join your neighbors to clean up the streets, alleys and vacant lots in the city.

### Team up to clean up St. Louis!



### You supply the energy.

Brightside can supply the tools and trash bags.

The City will collect the trash.

Trash collection begins at 6:00 a.m. on Monday following your Blitz clean-up weekend.

Ensure your block gets the supplies it needs for a successful clean up. Sign up today to be Captain of your block.

Brightside also has flowers available for planting on public property. Flowers must be requested by the Brightside Captain on your block. Don't have a Captain on your block? Call Brightside at 772-4646 to learn how you can sign up or email:

[brightsidestlouis@gmail.com](mailto:brightsidestlouis@gmail.com)

Dear Neighbors:

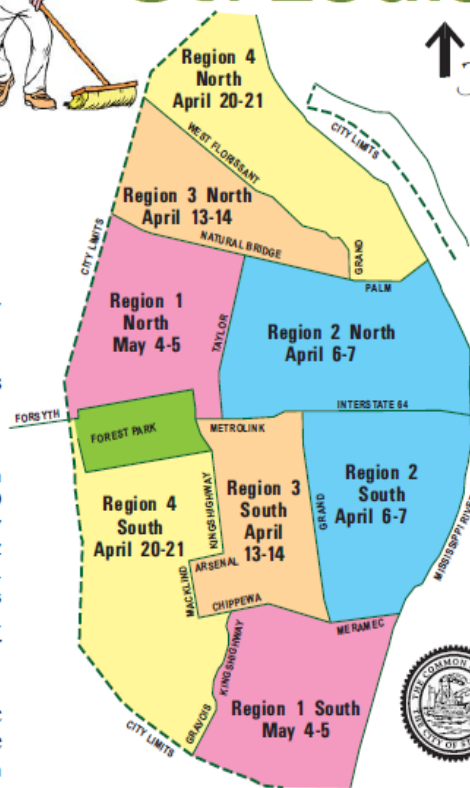
Thank you for all you do to make St. Louis a more attractive place to live, work, and play. Whether it is composting in your back yard, or helping pick up errant litter in the neighborhood, you are making a difference. This Spring, why not consider adding to the ways you beautify and enhance the City? You could install a rain barrel to prevent stormwater runoff, or create a butterfly garden of native flowers, or plant a shade tree that birds will appreciate as much as people. Activities such as these are great opportunities to get outside with your family or neighbors, and make a positive impact on our community. Working with a partner like Brightside St. Louis, together we can advance sustainability and make the City a cleaner, greener place.

Most of all, I hope you will take time to enjoy our beautiful City.

*Francis G. Slay*  
Francis G. Slay  
Mayor, City of St. Louis



## Clean up St. Louis!



### Region Boundaries

- 1 North-May 4-5 Boundaries:** Natural Bridge on the north; Taylor on the east; Metrolink & Lindell on the south, & the city limits on the west
- 2 North-April 6-7 Boundaries:** Palm & Natural Bridge on the north; Mississippi River on the east; I-64 & Metrolink on the south, & Taylor on the west
- 3 North-April 13-14 Boundaries:** W. Florissant on the north; Grand on the east; Natural Bridge on the south, & the city limits on the west
- 4 North-April 20-21 Boundaries:** City limits on the north; Mississippi River on the east; W. Florissant, Grand & Palm on the south, & the city limits on the west
- 1 South-May 4-5 Boundaries:** Meramec & Chippewa on the north; Mississippi River on the east; city limits on the south, & Gravois & Kingshighway on the west
- 2 South-April 6-7 Boundaries:** I-64 on the north; Mississippi River on the east; Meramec on the south, & Grand on the west
- 3 South-April 13-14 Boundaries:** I-64 & Metrolink on the north; Grand on the east; Meramec & Chippewa on the south, & Macklind, Arsenal & Kingshighway on the west
- 4 South-April 20-21 Boundaries:** Forest Park on the north; Gravois, Kingshighway, Chippewa, Macklind, Arsenal, Kingshighway on the east; the city limits on the south, & the city limits on the west

## Five Star Senior Center

Ph.314-664-1008

Fax.314-865-2900

E-Mail [fcoac@swbell.net](mailto:fcoac@swbell.net)

Meals-Transportation

Social Activities

Mon.-Fri. 9:00-3:00

2832 Arsenal St. Louis, MO 63118-2317

Michael W. Howard

Executive Director

### Litter Pledge

I promise not to litter and to tell my family and friends not to litter. When I see litter I promise to pick it up and put it in a trash can. Keeping our city litter-free is an important way to protect our environment. I believe that it's everyone's responsibility to help keep St. Louis clean and I promise to do my part because

**'Litter Bugs Me! Stop it!  
Don't Drop it!'**

# Help Wanted!

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office at 771-0803 or email at [president@bentonparkwest.org](mailto:president@bentonparkwest.org).

- Do you get a newsletter each month? If not, we need YOU to deliver to your block!
- Do you get a newsletter but know someone who doesn't? We need a Block Link Recruiter!
- Flowers your love? We need someone to inventory the corner planters, plant them and find a close neighbor to adopt it and water.
- Like to plan parties? We have some great bars and restaurants. Wouldn't it be fun to help them out and have some meet and greets?
- Do you love making friends on the phone? We have several events during the year and lots of people just waiting for someone to invite them to help.
- Is safety your thing? Our Neighborhood Ownership Model needs court advocates to attend bail hearings and show the judges we care and want high bails.
- Safety is your thing but no time to spare during day hours? Occasionally victims need a support system and to understand the importance of testifying. A caring person to talk to can make a world of difference.

## Trivia Night III To Benefit EnergyCare

**March 23, 2013**

Doors open at 6:00pm

Play begins at 7:00pm

\$20/person, \$160/table of 8  
Enjoy free snacks, water & soda  
Please BYOB

*Free mulligan for every blanket donated at the door\**

Incarnate Word Multipurpose Room  
2788 Normandy Drive  
Bel Nor, MO 63121

Call Tom at (314) 773-5968 x23 or  
[tom@energycare.org](mailto:tom@energycare.org) to reserve your table today!

\* A mulligan is a credit for one correct answer. Max mulligans for blanket donations are five (5) per table.



2758 Wyoming St. Louis, MO 63118 314-773-5900  
[www.energycare.org](http://www.energycare.org)

***Calling ALL Benton Park WEST Residents and Neighbors!***

**IT'S TIME TO GET READY . . . for**

## **The BPWNA Neighborhood *WIDE* Garage Sale**

**\*\*\* When: Saturday, June 1, 2013 . . . RAIN or SHINE**

**\*\*\* Time: 7:00am -12:00pm.**

**\*\*\* Where: The starting point: 3136-38 Gravois (Parking Lot) for great deals  
AND a list of participating houses! ! !**

*Host your own garage sale and turn your unused items into cash!*

**If you want your address on the list email: [BPWBeautification@yahoo.com](mailto:BPWBeautification@yahoo.com) or call the BPWNA office at #314/771-0803.**

If you have any questions about City rules pertaining to yard sales -  
Visit: [www.stlouis-mo.gov](http://www.stlouis-mo.gov), or Contact the Citizen's Bureau #622-4800





### Non-Profits in our Area

Did you know our community is supported by various non-profits?

These organizations service our elderly, kids (after school programs, etc.), and other services.

**EnergyCare**, founded by Sister Patricia Ann Kelley, started in 1983 to provide protection from deadly cold and heat for the elderly, disabled and needy.

EnergyCare has a year-round helpline with services to counsel on surviving energy-related crisis, furnishing information concerning heating/cooling assistance and most importantly, identifying vul-

nerable people needing immediate relief.

EnergyCare, a private non-profit organization, serves approximately 12K households in the STL area, providing blankets in the winter, fans and small AC units in the summer time.

To donate or volunteer call - 314-773-5900.

**Temple Corps** - The Salvation Army is an integral part of the south side community; not only as a church, but also as community support.

The Temple Corps exists to *"Offer hope to the hopeless and help the hurting, provide a place of worship, education,*

*and recreation and introduce individuals to the saving and life-changing power of Jesus Christ through our caring ministries".*

Many things are happening at 2740 Arsenal. There is not one day on the Temple calendar which is empty; programs for after school, exercise, computers, budget classes and arts. There is also a gym for basketball, volleyball and other physical activities.

Call the Temple Corps and find out how you can become involved as a volunteer or recipient of services at 314-771-3460 or find them on facebook - [www.facebook.com/STtemple](http://www.facebook.com/STtemple)

## Food Pantries in 63118

Guardian Angel at Hosea House Social Services 2635 Gravois Ave. St. Louis, MO 63118 314-773-9027

Joint Neighborhood ministry, McNair 2911 McNair Ave. St. Louis, MO 63118 314-771-3987

Metro Christian Worship Center Brothers Keepers Benevolence 3452 Potomac St. St. Louis, MO 63118 314-772-8444

St. Wenceslaus Pantry 3014 Oregon Ave. St. Louis MO 63118 314-865-1020

The Salvation Army Temple Corps Worship & Community Center 2740 Arsenal St. St. Louis, MO 63118 314-771-3460

### Check out one of the *tiniest* new stores on Cherokee Tikal @ 2619 1/2 Cherokee

**T**ikal is a family owned and operated micro St. Louis' tiniest storefront is now home to Tikal. Located at 2619 and 1/2 Cherokee, Tikal is a family owned and operated micro coffee and gift shop featuring handmade Guatemalan jewelry textiles and gifts and house roasted organic fair trade coffee and espresso drinks. Tikal also offers home-made pastries,



Italian soda, vegan drinks and pastries- and is planning on adding boba teas this summer. Unique items brought directly from Guatemala include tapestries, clothing, jewelry, scarves, purses and notebooks.

Tikal had their grand opening in February. Come and meet the Medlock family!

## Make Your Neighborhood better!

Doesn't feel "right"?

Call 911 or 231-1212

### Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

2300 Lafayette Avenue  
314-771-9214

Saint Louis, MO 63118  
[www.lp-umc.org](http://www.lp-umc.org)

#### Worship

- 9:30a - Service; Fellowship 10:30  
Children's services

#### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday - March 24, 9:30a Good Friday - March 29, 7p  
Easter Sunday - March 31, 9:30a

**Vision** - "Lafayette Park United Methodist Church will be a church without walls, creating a visible sign of Christ's presence in our urban community and beyond"

**All residents, whether homeowners or renters, have a place in BPWNA.**

**APPLICATION ON BACK PAGE!**



**Membership Needs YOU!**

Call 771.0803 for more info.

See page 12 for an application

#### Business Members

Auto Bargain Center  
Dr. Darrell B. Carroll  
Five Star Senior Center  
Indigo Massage  
Jefferson Avenue Bistro  
Kakao Chocolate  
Lafayette Park UMC  
Luvy Duvy's  
Nader & Sons  
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Rich's Automotive and Truck

#### Repair

SLPD 3D Partnership  
The Salvation Army

#### Bronze

Tim Achee  
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Don't wait another day! Fill out the form, write a check, mail to: BPWNA, P.O. Box 18671, Saint Louis MO 63118

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Cindy Monti

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Erica Nuyen  
Amanda Oncken  
Christian Oncken  
Gwendolyn Robinson  
Eric Ryszkiewicz  
Carrie Sleep  
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Steven Veres  
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#### Platinum

Bill Byrd

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Craig Schmid - Alderman, 20th Ward  
Dena Hibbard - NSO\*

Ken Ortman - Alderman, 9th Ward  
Barb Potts - NSO\*

\*Neighborhood Stabilization Officer

## Happy 103rd Birthday 2635-37 Cherokee!!!

*Contributions by Ryan Reed*

On December 11, 1909, St. Louis was facing its sixth straight day of below freezing weather with a threat of snow that night. On the same day, Joseph Van Raalte, a jeweler and prominent member of the Jewish community in St. Louis, was issued a building permit for a one story Odeon at 2635 Cherokee Street.

The previous month, Van Raalte purchased the vacant property where the future 2635 Cherokee and adjacent building would stand. Existing on the property was a large tent movie



theater. The craze of picture shows first began in 1896 in New York City and reached St. Louis ten years later when Fred Wehrenberg began showing silent films in his grocery store at the northeast corner of Cherokee and Jef-

erson. Van Raalte likely sought to expand his profits by constructing a permanent structure where films could be comfortably viewed year-round. Van Raalte called his new venture The Vandora Amusement Company. He hired local architect Otto J. Boehmer to design his new building. The Vandora Theater was in operation less than a dec-



ade. The advent of the feature length film brought the demise of the Odeon craze.

**If you find yourself at 2635-37 Cherokee, step into the Fortune Teller Bar and buy a beer and raise a glass to its storied history.**

# Cherokee is Hoppin'

by Anne McCullough

Throughout March you don't want to miss all of the happenings right in your own neighborhood.

- The Beggar's Carnivale @ Casa Loma- Saturday, March 9 7:30 to 1:30

- Fort Arrowhead: works by David Burnett, Opening reception/demonstration: Friday, March 15 @ Mushmaus 7pm to 1am Lee Fields & The Expressions @ 2720 Cherokee Performing Arts Center- Wednesday March 27, 2013 7:00 pm - 1:30 am

**Looking into the summer for 2013, don't miss these two annual events:**

Cinco de Mayo **St. Louis' seventh annual Cinco de Mayo festival** will be held on Cherokee St. between Nebraska St. and Iowa St. on Saturday, May 4 2013 from 11:00 AM till 9:00 PM. The event celebrates the rich Hispanic culture and

strong, eclectic community within the Cherokee neighborhood and surrounding south St. Louis area. Please visit us at [cincodemayostl.com](http://cincodemayostl.com) or call (314) 632-6498 for more information on the event or how to get involved.

On Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 12pm-5pm, the Grove and Cherokee Street will once again be uniting to bring you IndiHop. **IndiHop celebrates independent neighborhoods, local businesses, and breweries.** Independent businesses in both neighborhoods will offer different tastings of local craft brew, while encouraging attendees to travel up and down respective streets. If you would like to participate in this year's event, contact the folks putting on IndiHop at [indihop@gmail.com](mailto:indihop@gmail.com).

**Don't miss all of the new shops and restaurants which continually open on Cherokee Street!**

## Safety/Security Products Available

M-F 9-4p @ 2832 Arsenal - cash only.

- license plate fasteners, \$3 per set
- gun security boxes, \$20ea.
- license plate clear covers, \$5 per pair
- steering wheel locks (car clubs) \$13 ea.

## Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Events

*Now that Mardi Gras has come and gone, it's time to prepare for St. Patrick's Day!*

**Checkout these events:**

**Friday, March 15: Irish Dinner** - Annual dinner at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark. Register for the dinner at:

<http://www.irishparade.org/>

**Saturday, March 16, 9a open: Irish Village**

Irish food, beverages, and even live entertainment in Kiener Plaza.

**\*Saturday, March 16, 9a start: 35th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Run**

Largest five mile runs in the area. Register at:

<https://register.bazumedia.com/reg/form?eventID=1076>

*Use the promo code KSDK5 you will get \$5 off your registration fee if you sign up before Friday, March 15.*

**Saturday, March 16, Noon start: 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade** - Starts downtown at 18th/Market streets; moving east to end at Broadway/Market streets.

**Sunday, March 17, 2013, 12:30 start: Ancient Order of Hibernians' Dogtown St. Patrick's Day Parade** - Starts at Tam-m/Oakland, ending at Tam-m/Manchester.



## BPW Dog Park

3300 Nebraska

Join NOW - let your dog enjoy their own space!

1. Submit application.
2. Your pet must have been neutered or spayed
3. Your pet has all immunizations; rabies, distemper, and bordetella.

Find the application online at [www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org) and send to: BPWNA, PO Box 18671, St. Louis, MO 63118

REMEMBER - BPW Dog Park is open to furry friends from Benton Park, Fox Park, Gravois Park, Marine Villa, McKinley Heights, and

**Fish Fry  
Good Friday  
March 29th 2013  
2832 Arsenal**

**11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**\$8.00**

**\$4.00 Children 12 & Under**

**Menu: Jack Salmon, Fillet of Fish, Catfish Fillet, or Baked Fish**

**Choice of 2 Sides Spaghetti, Fries, or Slaw**

**Carry-Outs Available**

**Free Delivery of 5 or More Dinners**

**For Information 314-664-1008**

**Proceeds Benefit Five Star Senior Center**



# NIP Form

## Nuisance Identification Program form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Problems:

- |                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ Drugs                        | _____ Prostitution |
| _____ Gangs                        | _____ Firearms     |
| _____ Theft                        | _____ Assault      |
| _____ Abuse                        | _____ Vandalism    |
| _____ Noise                        | _____ Loitering    |
| _____ Drinking                     | _____ Traffic      |
| _____ Graffiti                     | _____ Lighting     |
| _____ Overcrowding                 |                    |
| _____ Trash/illegal Dumping        |                    |
| _____ Building Violations          |                    |
| _____ Unsecured Abandoned Building |                    |
| _____ Overgrown Weeds/Grass/Shrubs |                    |

Other problem areas or people:

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Do you wish to have an officer contact you? YES NO

If Yes, please include your name and phone number:

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*Return by any of the following:*

Bring to the Weed & Seed meeting quarter - Next meeting is March 14th at 6:30p to Weed & Seed - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

Mail to: BPWNA, PO Box 18671, St. Louis MO 63118



Curried Chicken



Haitian Style Kreyol

## Caribbean Lunch

February 27, 2013 12 PM – 2 PM

**Plates  
\$10**

**Order Today by Phone (314) 771-3460**

pick up, dine in or delivery (delivery orders of 3 or more)

### Location:

Saint Louis Temple Corps  
2740 Arsenal Street  
Saint Louis, MO 63118

### Choose between:

Haitian style kreyol chicken  
Jamaican style curried chicken  
Vegetarian plate

Each plate comes with rice Fried Plantain and  
Pikliz (cabbage, carrots, chilies and other  
vegetables are soaked in vinegar to make a  
delicious relish.)

# ? Trivia Night ?

**"Saturday April 6th 2013"**

**Five Star Senior Center**

**2832 Arsenal St., St. Louis, MO**

**(Just 2 Blocks East of Arsenal & Gravois)**

**6:00 P.M. Doors & Silent Auction Open**

**7:00P.M. - Trivia Begins**

**Admission: \$20.00 Tables of 8 (Maximum) \$140.00**

**Tables Paid before March 16th -\$130.00**

**Price Includes Beer, Soda, Water, & Light Snacks**

**For More Information Contact Mike**

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**What do you want for BPW in 2013? Call 314-771-0803.**



# Weed & Seed

**Operation Weed & Seed** is a community based effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. BPWNA participates in the regular meetings with city and law enforcement officials at 2832 Arsenal. The next meeting is Thursday, March 14th - 6:30p.

Emergency help: 9-1-1

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## Sexual Assault: The Facts

**I**n 2010, a young woman in St. Louis found herself in the middle of a nightmare scenario. A 200-pound man drug her to an apartment building and kicked her down the stairs into the basement. After threatening to shoot her if she didn't comply with his demands, he sexually assaulted her. Thanks to DNA evidence and the victim's identification of the man in a line up, Keith Smith was charged and convicted of Forcible Rape and Forcible Sodomy.

Every two minutes, someone in the United States faces the horror of being sexually assaulted. In any given week in Missouri, an average of 469 victims of sexual violence will receive services. Many more go unreported. In 2012, there were 199 rapes and attempted rapes in St. Louis.

It's easy to imagine the perpetrator of a sexual assault as a stranger lurking in a dark alley. However, nearly 2/3 of all rapes are committed by someone the victim knows.<sup>[i]</sup> In fact, over 50% of sexual assault incidents reported by victims occurred within one mile of their home.<sup>[ii]</sup>

While some online lists purport that there are certain hairstyles or clothing that you should have to avoid being the victim of sexual assault, the truth is that there is no "typical profile" of a sexual assault victim. Sexual assault is a crime of opportunity and motive.

While no one can predict when and why an offender would strike, there are actions you can take to avoid potentially dangerous situations:

- Always trust your instincts. If a situation is making you uneasy, leave.

- Know your surroundings. Know where you are, who is around you, and where you could go for help.

- Never allow yourself to be isolated with someone you don't know or trust.

- Avoid wearing headphones or talking on the phone while walking alone. This can distract you and make you less aware of your surroundings.

There are many local resources available to victims of sexual assault. "Anyone who is sexually assaulted should call 911 right away," explained Lt. Harper, Commander of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit. "The sooner you contact us, the sooner we can connect you to a sexual assault advocate who will stay with you throughout the process and get you immediate access to resources and services."

The St. Louis SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) provides specially trained advocates to assist victims 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They also have a 24-hour Crisis Hotline at 314-531-7273.

When a sexual assault case reaches our office, we have a team of specially trained prosecutors who handle sex crimes cases. Victims will also receive support and guidance from our Victim Support Unit throughout the

<sup>[i]</sup> <http://www.rainn.org/get-information/statistics/sexual-assault-offenders>

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**March**

**2** - Flea Market - St. Wenceslaus 8a-2p - 3022 Oregon, Parish Hall

**5** - BPWNA Board Meeting - 6:30p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

**6** - Newsletter Deadline for March

**10** - BULK TRASH. Must be out by 10p Sun.

**14** - Weed & Seed 6p, 3rd District Outreach 7p, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

**16** - St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner - 1-7p, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

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

**23** - Trivia Night - EnergyCare 6p, call 773-5968 x23 for details.

**29** - Fish Fry - Five Star Senior Center 11a-7p.

**30** - Easter Eggstravaganza, 10a-Noon, Gravois Park.

**What's happening in Benton Park West****MARCH 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Flea Market St. Wenceslaus
3	4	5 BPWNA Board mtg 6:30p, Five Star	6 Newsletter Deadline	7	8	9
Bulk Trash week →						
10	11	12	13	14 Weed&Seed 6p 3rd Dist 7p	15	16 Corned Beef Dinner 1-7p
17	18	19	20	21 BPW Neigh- borhood mtg 7p, Five Star	22	23 EnergyCare Trivia - 6p
24	25	26	27	28	29 Fish Fry - Five Star Senior Cen- ter 11a-7p	30 Easter Eggstravaganza 10a-Noon
31						

**April Events**

**April 2** Board Mtg, 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

**April 18** BPW Neighborhood Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

**BLAST our neighbors about Benton Park West Properties!**

What better way of telling others about how great of a place we find Benton Park West, than promoting our homes for sale. Past months found one highlighted property here in The Porch Review. In 2013, weekly emails are being sent out promoting different properties. Check on Mondays for the NEWEST BLAST at [www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org). Just click on the link for the BLAST!

**Remember - The CITY is here for YOU!**

Citizen's Service Bureau is your contact for issues/concerns to request City services: 314-622-4800 or online: <http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/csb-request-submit.cfm>

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# Library Calendar March 2013

## Barr - 1701 South Jefferson Avenue (314) 771-7040

9am - 6pm Monday  
11am - 6pm Friday

12n - 7pm Tuesday-Thursday  
9am - 6pm Saturday

**\*Tuesday**, Mar 5 4-5:30p, Creative Kids: Library Art Petals. Gr K-5.

**Wednesday**, Mar 6 4-6p, Got Game? Wii & Xbox 360. Gr 6-12.

**\*Monday**, Mar 11 11-11:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

**\*Wednesday**, Mar 13 4-5p, Teen Lounge. Gr 6-12.

**\*Tuesday**, Mar 19 4:30-5:30p, Creative Kids: Library Art Petals. Gr K-5.

**Thursday**, Mar 21 4-6p, DIY: Library Art; Create Chihuly-inspired art. Gr 6-12

**\*Monday**, Mar 25 11-11:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

**Thursday**, Mar 28 4-6p, Family Movie: "The Pirates Band of Misfits". Families

\*Please call for groups of 5 or more.

### ADULTS

**Saturday**, Mar 2 3-5p, Saturday Matinee: "Uptown Saturday Night" (1974).

**Thursday**, Mar 7 6:30-8p, Arts Council of Lafayette Square: Novel Neighbors: Hunger Games

**Friday**, Mar 8, 15, 22, 29 11a-4p, Income Tax Assistance.

**Saturday**, Mar 26 3-5p, Saturday Matinee: "Let's Do it Again" (1975).

## Carpenter - 3309 South Grand Blvd. (314) 772-6586

9am - 9pm Monday-Thursday

9am - 6pm Friday and Saturday 1 - 5pm Sunday

**Monday**, Mar 4 6-7p, Poetry Circle. Gr 6-12.

**\*Wednesday**, Mar 6 10-10:30a and 10:30-11a. Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

**Tuesday**, Mar 12 5:30-7p, Teen Urban Lit Book Club. Gr 9-12.

**\*Wednesday**, Mar 13 10-10:30a Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

**Saturday**, Mar 16 2:30-4:30p, Got Game? Wii and Xbox 360. Gr 6-12.

**Tuesday**, Mar 19 3:30-5p, DIY: Decorate your Ear Buds Gr 6-12.

**Thursday**, Mar 21 3:30-4:30p, Piggy Pocket Banks, Gr K-5.

**\*Wednesday**, Mar 27 10-10:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

\*Please call for groups of 5 or more.

### ADULTS

**Monday**, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 9a-2p, AARP Tax Assistance. Call 314-525-1660 for appointment.

**Tuesday**, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 7-8p, ELS Practice

**Thursday**, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 7-8p, ELS Practice

**Thursday**, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 11a-1p, GED Connection Video Study Group.

**Thursday**, Mar 14 7-8p, Read, Reflect, Relate; book discussion.

**Wednesday**, Mar 20 7-8p, Urban Book Discussion - "Father's First: How My Life Became bigger Than Basketball" by Dwayne Wade.

**Monday**, Mar 25 9a-Noon, Community Health in Partnership Services. Health screenings, education and assessments.



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 3rd Dist PA Officer 444-0169  
 Dave Krapf -  
 3rd Dist Prob Prop 444-0185  
 Citizen Ser Bureau 622-4800

**Alderman:**

Ken Ortmann 776-0161 (h)

**Neighborhood Stabilization****Officers:**

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 314-397-1091 (c)

pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov

Dena Hibbard, 314-657-1359 (w)  
 hibbardd@stlouis-mo.gov

**MISC:**

Pothole Department 768-2805

Refuse/Recycle Department  
 353-8877

Five Star Center 664-1008

Illegal Dumping 911  
 Then call CSB 622-4800

**Lights:**

Alley Lights (AmUE) 342-1000

Street Lights (CSB) 622-4800

**Water:**

Open Hydrant 771-4880

**Additional Numbers**

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 b800-367-3543

Free 2-1-1 Service 800-427-4626  
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**2013 Membership Application**  
**Benton Park West**

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

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

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

**Mail to: BPWNA Membership**

**PO Box 18671**

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**Level of Membership:**

\_\_\_ Bronze - \$ 10 per person

\_\_\_ Senior - \$ 5 per person

\_\_\_ Silver - \$ 25 per person

\_\_\_ Gold - \$ 50 per person

\_\_\_ Platinum - \$ 100 per person

\_\_\_ General Membership (Scholarship)

\_\_\_ Friend (non-BPW) - \$ 20 per person

\_\_\_ Gift/Donation \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_ Facilities \_\_\_ Publications \_\_\_ Safety/Quality of Life

\_\_\_ Board \_\_\_ PR/Marketing \_\_\_ Block Link \_\_\_ Membership

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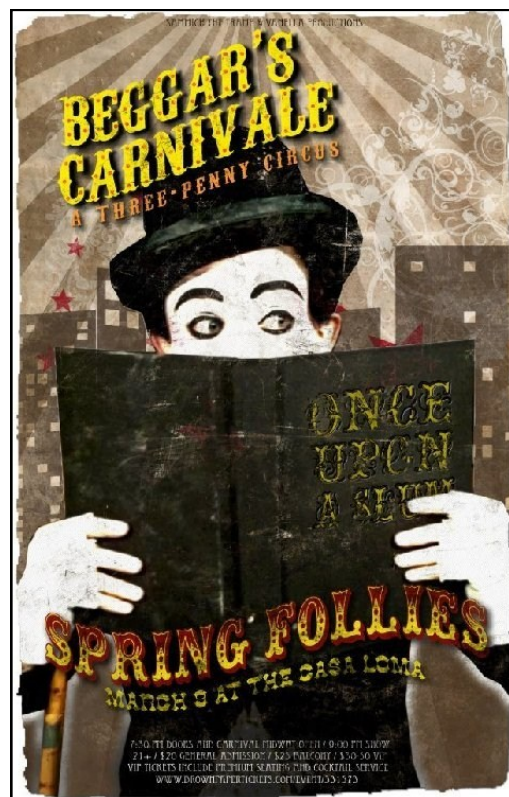
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