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# The Porch Review

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## Good Night, Good Night!

### We bid Farewell to Craig Schmid!

by Craig Schmid

I am so fortunate to have been able to represent you, whether you voted for me or not. (Some of you did vote for me in the last election, and here I am leaving.) It has been a mission of mine to do public service. My background is one steeped in neighborhood building. I won't bore you with the facts, but truly I cherish what you as neighborhood are all about.

The Shakespearean quote from Romeo & Juliet is dripping with irony. Because -- as with me -- leave taking is always filled with dread. I do become quite caring, passionate and protective of the people and the community that I am charged with representing. The separation is painful.

ful. Yet, for Juliet, everything she does with Romeo is enjoyable. And, so for me has been my time with you -- even in parting.

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the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and

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## Events

**Sept 6: BPWNA Board Mtg**  
 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center

**Sept 8: Weed & Seed (6:30)** Five Star, 3rd District - summer break

**Sept 9: CARS in Gravois Park -**  
 Movie - 7:45p

**Sept 10-11: 10th Anniversary of**  
 9-11.

**Sept 11: Mexican Independence**  
 Day - 11a-11p on Cherokee

**Sept 15: BPWNA Neighborhood**  
 Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center **BOARD NOMINATIONS!**

**Oct 7, 8 and 9th: Oktoberfest**

**Oct 20: BPWNA Board Elections**

**Oct 30: Trunk or Treat**

## BPWNA "Fall"ing into 2012 Elections

Our President, Linda Hen-nigh, recently announced the 2011 board elections at the August 18<sup>th</sup> neighborhood meeting. Your board is a group of elected and nominated individuals who are

constantly working to make YOUR neighborhood better. In addition to organizing fundraisers and free events, this dedicated group of individuals are your eyes and ears of the City and the Alderman.

The Benton Park West Neighborhood Board consists of six elected positions and a variety of Committee Chairs. The six elected offices are: President, Vice-President,

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## The Presidents Corner...



Linda Hennigh

## Welcome to 2011 Elections and Membership

Summer 2011 is finally starting to cool off a bit. We were deluged with rain in the spring and now things are so dry we don't have to worry about mowing...the grass is brown in many areas. Thank you to everyone who has pulled a few weeds when passing the dog park and community garden at Wyoming and California. Weeds don't seem to need water!

Believe it or not, the Benton Park West Neighborhood Association elections for the 2012 year are coming up in October. I would so like YOU to join us in finding new ways of introducing BPW to new home buyers, renters and developers so that our empty building can be filled with families.

We need your help! The more individuals that are involved, the more wonderful ideas are presented. Nominations for board positions will take place at the September 15, 2011 meeting and will also be accepted by phone and email. In order to be eligible to vote at the October meeting, a person must be in Good Standing (i.e. dues have been paid) by the September 15, 2011 meeting.

Please consider the following:

1. If you have not paid your dues for this

year, please contact Martha Buckley and we can get that taken care of. A General Membership is \$10 and a Senior Membership is \$6.

2. Think about running for a position on the Board or at the very least think about who would make a good Board member and talk to them about running.

3. Calendar the September and October Neighborhood Association meetings (September 15 and October 20) and make every effort to attend.

4. Don't want to run in an election? Consider chairing a committee. We have lots to choose from and every committee makes a difference in our neighborhood!

Every vote counts! Your input is vitally important to the sustainability and the quality of life in BPW. Please contact:

Martha Buckley

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Thanks and have a WONDERFUL September!

*Linda Hennigh*, President

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## Governor Calls General Assembly Into Special Session

Gov. Jay Nixon on Aug. 29 issued a proclamation calling the General Assembly into a special legislative session to consider an omnibus economic development and tax credit reform bill and a handful of other proposals. The session will begin on Sept. 6 and is expected to last for less than two weeks.

The most controversial part of the economic development package involves \$360 million in tax incentives to develop an "Aerotropolis" – an international air cargo hub - at Lambert-St. Louis International airport. The Regional Commerce and Growth Association has produced an economic impact statement projecting that a St. Louis Aerotropolis could generate almost

\$34 billion of "combined output" over a twenty year period. However, some regional and national organizations ask why a venture calculated to be such a moneymaker would need taxpayer dollars to spur investment. Some note that congestion at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport will send freight forwarders looking for airports able to move goods more quickly and at a lower cost. Others claim that Lambert Airport is a long shot for selection due to key assets that are missing.

Other economic development proposals in the governor's call include:

- the Missouri Science Innovation Reinvestment Act to promote the location of technol-

ogy-based businesses in the state

- tax breaks for the development of data storage centers
- restructuring and upgrading the state's job training and recruitment programs
- providing up to \$10 million a year in tax breaks for amateur sporting events

To pay for all of these new tax breaks, lawmakers propose to eliminate or cap the cost of various existing tax credit programs. Of particular concern is the possible elimination of renters from eligibility for the Circuit Breaker program. The Circuit Breaker reduces property taxes for the poorest segment of elderly citizens and persons living with disabilities. In 2010, the Circuit Breaker program helped almost 100,000 renters who were seniors, disabled veterans, or others living with disabilities.

Gov. Nixon specifically precluded lawmakers from considering changes to an existing land-assemblage tax credit for St. Louis developer Paul McKee. McKee has already collected \$28 million



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from the state for a proposed redevelopment of north St. Louis that has yet to occur. McKee had been seeking changes to the law to extend the timeframe under which he can qualify for additional credits. The Missouri Constitution prohibits lawmakers from passing legislation not requested by the governor during a special session.

In addition to the job creation and tax credit reform bill, the governor also authorized lawmakers to consider legislation:

- 1) authorizing the Department of Revenue to establish a temporary tax amnesty program to encourage people to pay back taxes owed to the state without penalty;
- 2) ending 150 years of state control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and
- 3) moving Missouri's 2012 presidential primary, currently scheduled for Feb. 7, to March 6 in order to comply with new rules being imposed by the national Democratic and Republican parties.



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## Non-profit News - SSDN

You might have heard that SSDN (South Side Day Nursery), one of BPW's great resources, has purchased the American Eagle Credit Union site at Jefferson and Russell (Fox Park Neighborhood).

SSDN needs additional space to expand their programs and the cost of constructing on their present site was much higher than the cost of building a new structure on this property.

From the Executive Director, Anne Kessen Lowell -

"The parcel of land on the

west side of S. Jefferson Avenue between Russell and Ann was purchased. SSDN hopes to use the site for a future early childhood education building. In the immediate term, the credit union ATM will remain in operation, and the vacant buildings on the site will be demolished as City permits are granted. A construction timeline has not yet been established."

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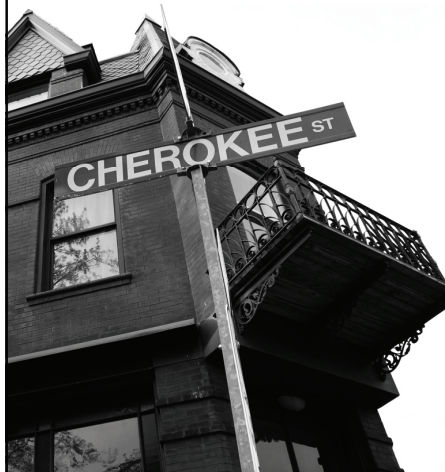
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## Good Night, Good Night!

Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) and Gabriel García Márquez, each a terrific author in his ownright: "No llores porque ya se terminó... sonrío, porque sucedió." "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."

I began this aldermanic voyage to make a difference in the 10th ward -- An area that was roughly from Cherokee to 4500 S. Broadway and the Mississippi River to Grand. It was, some said, troubled. But it was chock full of much po-

tential. It was the Gravois Park, Marine Villa, part of Dutchtown and a dash of the Mt. Pleasant neighborhoods.

I became accustomed to that area. Seven years later the 10th ward, through a highly contentious struggle that saw a northside 20th ward come to the southside and a southeast ward (10th ward) move southwest, morphed into what I call the fertile crescent (including The Hill, Southwest Garden, and part of Kings Oak & Tower Grove South). The pain was exaggerated by the lengthy time we expended fighting over the redistricting map, spending a hideous summer, autumn and bleak winter of 2001 with various maps that all chose to move the 20th ward south into another even num-

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bered ward (10), surrounded by odd numbered wards (9, 11, 13, 15 & 25) so that elections could be maintained in their staggered sequence and integrated neighborhoods could be carved in such a way as to put a fig leaf on the Voting Rights Act.

I came out of that process essentially responsible for two wards -- 10 & 20. I came to cherish the people whom I legally represented in the new 10th ward, yet remained committed to my political roots, fighting for the turf that had long been home and the newly added neighborhood of Benton Park West.

I can honestly say that I was upset, frustrated, angry and disillusioned by the pettiness and divisiveness of the whole re-

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## Movie and a Bite *The Help* and BPW's Finest Restaurants

by RJ Johnson, The Porch Reviewer

### Movie . . . *The Help*.

September was approaching quickly. I had to write my review. As I perused the movies listings, nothing seemed too appealing. *The Help*, however appeared to be the best choice of my limited options.

Well . . . I really enjoyed this film. *The Help* is a story about Skeeter, an idealist young woman who wants to become a writer. Motivated by a sense of injustice, she takes on the task of convincing southern domestic workers, employed in during the tumultuous 1960s, to chronicle their stories.

Even though the story presented as if Skeeter's exposé piece

about the south was a selfless deed, it cannot be overlooked that Skeeter needed a sensational article in order to have her piece published in a major news outlet. Nevertheless through their accounts, the viewer is provided with some insight into the drudgery and humiliation domestic workers endured daily. Moreover it revealed their oftentimes overlooked feelings. Imagine the indignity of being forced to use an outside toilet. The movie illustrated a very harsh irony. Workers who were entrusted to care for that which is most important, a family's children, were yet afforded less respect than that given to a mite.

The cast did a wonderful job of

capturing the delicate relationship between the domestic worker and the family of their employ, which always seemed to verge between submission and an underlying simmering, potentially explosive, anger. The main cast included Emma Stone as Skeeter, Viola Davis as Aibileen and Octavia Spencer as Minny. Stone did a wonderful job in her portrayal of a young progressive writer; Davis depicted the sympathetic long suffering domestic caretaker and Spencer played her feisty best friend. Set in Jackson, Mississippi, the film, as anticipated sent me through an emotional rollercoaster. At times the waterworks flowed but there were

definitely some lighter more humorous scenes, which were momentary diversions from the harshness of the period.

A little aside: If you read my reviews you know I love an English accent. However I really love a southern accent. The politics of the movie aside, the southern accents in this movie were fabulous.

The Verdict: *The Help* is absolutely worth buying a full price ticket and taking a date but have your hankies ready. It is definitely a tear jerker.

and after the movie . . . A Bite...

Don't forget to grab a bite at one of the many fine eateries located in Benton Park West.

## “Fall”ing into 2012 Elections

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Secretary, Treasurer and two Member-at-Large positions.

The duties as outlined on the by-laws and the list of committees who work in Benton Park West are listed below. For more detail descriptions of the committee work check the website or any board member.

There is a LOT of work going on; it takes more than a handful of people to do the work. The work may seem large and looming, but with many working together, the effort will seem small when sharing in responsibility.

Nominations have begun and will be taken until 10 days past the September 15<sup>th</sup> neighborhood meeting. If you would like to help make Benton Park West a great place, then step up. You can nominate yourself, or if there is someone you feel would do a great job, nominate them. To nominate yourself or anyone, wait until the September meeting or contact Linda Hennigh, President, at [linda\\_hennigh@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_hennigh@yahoo.com).

Be part of your neighborhood and have a voice in who is elected for the neighborhood board by attending the October neighborhood meeting.

### 2012 BPW Board Elections

**October 20, 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center**

Duties of the six elected Board members, as outlined in the by-laws, are as follows:

**President** - preside at all meetings of the Corporation (Neighborhood Association) and of the Board of Directors at which he/she may be present; will perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Corporation or by the Board of Directors. He/she will coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Corporation in order that the purposes may be promoted. As well, he/she

will keep and maintain all legal documents.

**Vice-President** - act as an aid to the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of that officer to act. He/she will also perform other duties assigned by the board; as well as submit a monthly report to the board of directors when necessary.

**Secretary** - record the minutes of all meetings of the Corporation and Board of Directors meetings. Also, this person will maintain all correspondence of the corporation.

**Treasurer** - custody of all the funds of the Corporation; will keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and will make disbursements as authorized by the Corporation's Board of Directors. The Treasurer will be responsible for the maintenance of the financial records of the Corporation as conforming to the bylaws of the Corporation. He/she will also submit a monthly accounting of the finances to the board of directors.

**Member-at-Large** - providing an additional voice for the members of the Corporation.

Additional Duties are outlined in the by-laws.

The committees are selected by nomination and also serve for one year terms. More detailed descriptions can be found on the BPWNA website ([www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org)) or by contacting any board member. The committees are:

**Beautification Committee** - works to improve the appearance of the neighborhood.

**Block Link** - a connection point between the residents and the neighborhood association.

**Communications** - Includes: **The newsletter**—*The Porch Review* giving information in

and around Benton Park West; **The website**—providing information about BPW on the web; **Public Relations/Marketing**—sharing with BPW and the world about the things that make BPW a wonderful place to live.

**Community Garden** - a variety of gardens are scattered throughout the neighborhood bringing beauty and product to residents. You are welcome to volunteer or relax in the garden!

**Dog Park** - providing a fenced, off-leash recreation space in which owners and dogs can safely interact and socialize.

**Facilities** - providing support by setting up meeting space, maintaining the neighborhood office and physical assets owned by BPWNA.

**Finance/Fundraising** - coordinates the budget, planning for income to support the work of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association.

**Membership** - maintains and grows the association membership, organizes various events and supports fundraising.

**Safety and Quality of Life** - concerned with trash/trashcans, drug sales, guns, burned out streetlights, overgrown grass, quality housing for residents, new developments, and making BPW safe and comfortable. The new COP (Citizen's on Patrol) team is organized under this committee.

**Youth Outreach** - develops projects that specifically target the neighborhood youth and coordinates ways to include youth in regular neighborhood activities.

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districting debacle of 2001. Yet, I am, in my opinion, a stronger advocate for the 20th ward, because of my experience in the new 10th ward. I was embraced by those who never voted for me. I worked just as hard for them as if I had chosen to be their elected representative. I spent every day driving the new 20th, going to meetings in the new 20th, returning constituent calls in the new 20th (if they figured out that I was available and willing to serve, even though they would be told that I was not their alderman), getting city services for the 20th ward, and simultaneously driving to the new 10th ward, returning constituent calls, attending meetings and getting city services for them too. What

I most regret is that during 2001 to 2003 I was not allowed to directly continue our housing development expenditure efforts in the new 20th ward, because I was not recognized as the "official" alderman. This harmed our area. Parting from these new constituents -- who were chosen for me -- in 2003 when I was rethan I could ever have imagined. Many positive bonds were formed in a short time of less than 2 years.

I was familiar with Benton Park West, even though it had not been part of the

old 10th ward, because I had attended the meetings of the former Benton Park West neighborhood association that preceded this one. Just like I had attended Marine Villa meetings years before I ever ended up moving there. And, one of the persons who encouraged me to enter politics -- even though I never really had a notion of doing so, because I wanted to serve people in the community, not run for office -- was Alderman Martie Aboussie (9th ward), who lived in Benton Park West.

I have come to know Benton Park West even better over the last 8 official years that I have worked with Alderman Ortmann to serve you. I can tell you that I believe the gerrymandered map was an exemplar of unaccountable government. How in the world could anyone know where the 9th ward ended and the 20th ward began. We were inextricably linked. And, had it not been for the working relationship that Alderman Ortmann and I have maintained, your good humor and excellent neighborhood leadership over the years, and a sense of teamwork that I wish permeated our entire city and region, we would have been in a heap of trouble. You are now a part of me forever.

"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear begin-

ning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it without knowing what's going to happen next." Gilda Radner (comedian and actress)

Like a fine stone or slab of marble, the old prickly, pointed wards have now been smoothed and reshaped into a work of art. It is as it should be, Benton Park west is consolidated with one alderman, Ken Ortmann, and Gravois Park is consolidated within the 20th ward. We have celebrated many wonderful things in Benton Park West during my term as alderman -- too numerous to recount. We have struggled together to defeat threats as well. Benton Park West has celebrations, fundraisers, events and meetings, all designed to maintain and improve the neighborhood. Neighborhood organizations now face a new threat -- the virtual world. Technology can be employed to communicate instantaneously with large numbers of neighbors, which is a good thing. But, the virtual world of social networking also seems to threaten to

keep attendance lower at neighborhood meetings. Part of a real community is getting together to get to know one another as people and neighbors.

My intent is to continue to attend Benton Park West meetings -- at least for awhile. But, it will be different, because now I have an emeritus role. As I leave I note that there is still capital improvement work that is occurring that we set in motion a while ago: alley paving for 32xx Ohio/Iowa and intersecting alley; numerous concrete sidewalks throughout the neighborhood.

Benton Park West has so much power collectively to improve the lots of others, to stand up for ideals of community service and improvement, to send forth those ripples of hope that will come crashing down in a current through the City. Benton Park West and other neighborhood groups are summoning a new spirit of service and responsibility that is almost counter-cultural, working to look after not only themselves but for each other. There is much work left to be done. I thank all of you for allowing me to be able to help you to be those ripples of hope. I know that you will continue to make a difference.

You may not realize or remember, but our Dog Park is a direct result of the investment Alderman Craig Schmid made in Benton Park West!



## \*BPW Dog Park

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

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

**Don't let your pooch miss out on the freedom of the park!**

\*BPWNA Dog Park is also available to Tower Grove East, Fox Park, McKinley Heights, Benton Park, Marine Villa and Gravois Park resi-

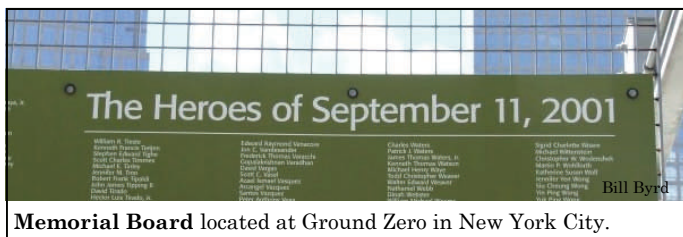
## 10 year anniversary of 9-11...

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the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Often referred to as 9/11, the attacks resulted in extensive death and destruction, triggering major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defining the presidency of George W. Bush. Over 3,000 people were killed during the attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. Those killed included 343 firefighters and 60 police officers from New York City and the Port Authority, and 8 private emergency medical technicians and paramedics. Another 184 people were killed in the attack on the Pentagon. The overwhelming majority of casualties were civilians, including nationals of over 70 countries.

This tenth anniversary of the tragedy which devastated not only New York City, but also all of the United States is this month. Let's make a point to remember the fallen employees who worked in the World Trade Center complex, all of those relief workers, police and fireman who lost their lives in the worst attack on American soil. The last major strike on American soil was Pearl Harbor in 1941.



Memorial Board located at Ground Zero in New York City.

Many activities occur every year such as families of those who were killed meet at the site to read the names of their loved ones. Many boroughs in New York City have blood drives to honor those who perished.

This time of remembrance aims to inspire residents to volunteer their time and talent to honor our local heroes - police, firefighters, EMT's and the military.

Think about how YOU might improve your block, entire street, neighborhood as a whole, and the entire south side community.

### Calendar of Events in New York and many Communities around the US

Sept 4: World Trade Center Run to Remember

Sept 8: Panel on Leading Change After Disaster

Sept 9: Tunnel to Towers concert for our Heroes

Sept 9-11: Where to Turn Presents 9/11 Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Sept 10: FDNY 10th Anniversary Memorial Service

Sept 10: Evening of Light 10th Anniversary Gala

Sept 11: Tunnel to Towers Runs Nation-

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Firefighter Memorial next to Ground Zero in New York City

wide

Sept 11: Staten Island 10th Anniversary 9-11 Commemoration

For more information about these and many other 9/11 activities visit:  
<http://www.tributewtc.org>

### In Our Own Community

An event, "9-11: A Day of Remembrance" will be at 4:00p, September 11th, at the Music Stand in Tower Grove Park. A free Erin Bode concert will precede a message given by Rev. Bill Wrede, a member of Messiah Church and on staff at Concordia Seminary in Admissions. Rev. Wrede served as a pastor in New York during the 9-11 attack. He was one of the first responders to the crisis. Thus he brings a first-hand experience to the suffering and sacrifice of that event in our nation's history.

**Please join your community to remember our heroes.**

### Park West Grille 2917 S. Jefferson

Happy Hour – 5-7p - \$1 off everything  
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Thurs - \$5 Long    Fri - \$1 Select  
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Sat - \$4 Bombs



### OKTOBERFEST BOOTH

RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER  
OCTOBER 7, 8, AND 9TH.

**Want to help out? Contact the neighborhood office at 771-0803 and be a part of the booth!**

# NIP Form

## Nuisance Identification Program form

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

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

### Problems:

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gangs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theft                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Assault      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abuse                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Loitering    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overcrowding                 |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash/illegal Dumping        |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Violations          |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsecured Abandoned Building |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overgrown Weeds/Grass/Shrubs |                                       |

Other problem areas or people:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

If Yes, please include your name and phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Return by any of the following:*

Bring to the Weed & Seed meeting each second Thursday at 6:30p to Weed & Seed - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

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



## COP – Citizen's On Patrol

by Bill Byrd, with contribution from Officer Joseph Calabro

**C**itizens on Patrol (COP) teams are composed of neighborhood residents interested in decreasing crime within their neighborhood. Nobody knows YOUR neighborhood better than you.

### **You are the key element in attempting to curb crime and resolve neighborhood problems.**

This program incorporates many tasks that a regular police officer does during a regular shift. The emphasis of COP is to be *ears and eyes of our community, while conducting non-confrontational tasks.*

Quality of Life is an extremely important aspect of our daily lives. COP strives to enhance the quality of life in a community by helping to fine-tune tools that residents already have. Benton Park West has gone through a revitalization in the last 6-8 years. Our streets might seem quiet, but that doesn't mean there is nothing else you can look for. Nuisance type problems such as over grown weeds and grass, non functioning street or alley lights, broken water lines during hot or extreme cold weather, graffiti and dilapidated houses effect the quality of life in your neighborhood and should be reported to the Citizens Service Bureau at 314-622-4800.

Many of your neighbors have already attended the one-time training. Those who have been trained will be a team as part of

the Quality of Life and Safety Committee for BPW (or respective neighborhood).

There is a process to ensure that everyone involved is safe, yet able to provide as much good information to our police to help in keeping our communities safe.

The thing to always remember, whether you are part of the COP program are the **General Emergency Telephone Numbers:**

- Ambulance: 911
- Fire: 911
- Police: 911
- Police non-emergency: 314-231-1212

The training is thorough, but not lengthy. There are basic rules which the COP team follows, the rules are important for protection of the team member as well as the entire community.

If you'd like to be part of the Benton Park West Citizen's On Patrol program, contact Officer Joseph Calabro at 314-444-0100 or the neighborhood office at 314.771-0803. Leave your name and contact info and someone will get back with you.

### **Lets work together to become a safer and more self reliant community!**

\*For more information about the Saint Louis Police – 3<sup>rd</sup> District and the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Partnership checkout <http://www.slpd3d.org/>.

# 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, on the 2nd Thursday of every month - 6:30p.

Emergency help: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:  
314.231.1212

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397-1091 (c)  
pottsb@stlouiscity.com

**Dena Hibbard**- 613-3109 (w)  
hibbardd@stlouiscity.com

**Judy Lane**- 613-7143 (w)  
lanej@stlouiscity.com

**Citizen Service Bureau**  
622-4800

**Refuse Department**  
353-8877

**Alley Lights (AmUE)**  
342-1000

**Street Lights (CSB)**  
622-4800

## 13 Things your burglar won't tell you!

**Editors Note:** This is the first installment of a series to help you be aware of items that burglars or car thieves look to give them an idea of how easy it would be to take what is not theirs!

This first installment includes thoughts that the burglar or car thief might have based upon your perception of the situation:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house.. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front en-

trance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/>)

Join us again for the Include Speakers name  
**3rd District Outreach meetings start September 8, 2011**  
at 7p - 2832 Arsenal (Five Star Senior Center.  
Weed & Seed meetings continue at 6:30p.

- Happy Hour Fridays
- Dog Friendly Patio
- Sponsor - BPWNA Dog Park



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*From beauty to movies to festivals to, well you name it and an event is happening in and around Benton Park West.*

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proof to plan. Order your flowers today by calling 314-772-4646, or order online: <http://www.operationbrightside.org/flowers-orderonline.html>

## Community Information Corner

Orders placed now will be available for planting in October to ensure a beautiful spring and summer full of color. You can pick up your flower bulbs in Forest Park or have them shipped.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, "CARS"**, in Gravois Park (the park at Miami & Compton) on Friday, September 9 (activities -6:35p, movie-7:45 p) presented by Craig Schmid, 20th Ward Alderman. Rain date is the Sept 16. Free popcorn & soda while it lasts. Bring your own lawn chair and blanket.

**Mexican Independence Day Festival** is on Sunday, September 11th 11a-11p on Cherokee street from Iowa to Nebraska - 3 long blocks of food, drink, and entertainment and an excellent selection of Mexican and local bands. Don't miss the great margaritas, micheladas, and crazy entertainment.

**Benton Park Chalk Art Festival** Sept 25, 4-9p.

**Harvest & Art Festival/Taste of Benton Park.** Oct 1 - Concert: Blues Judge, 2-4p; Aaron Kamm and the One Drops, 4-6p, Jake's Leg, 6-9p

**Save the Date: Dutch-town Harvest Festival** is scheduled for Sunday, October 23 (11a-5p) in Marquette Park (Compton & Gasconade). Tentatively scheduled are food tents, live music, cooking demonstrations, kid zone, farmers market, cooking contests, nutritional education, hayride, and more

**Save the Date: Ben-**

**ton Park West Trunk or Treat** is coming up on October 30th from 4-6p. If you're bringing your vehicle and giving out candy, setup is from 3-4p. Join your community at 2720 Arsenal (Salvation Army parking lot) from 4-6p.

**Save the Date: The South Side "Pumpkin Patch"** is back. Don't miss getting your pumpkin from 2700 Lafayette, just east of Jefferson. This is a two-fold fundraiser; the pumpkins are purchased from the Navaho Indian tribe from New Mexico, then the sales benefit restoration of stained glass at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

### Five Star Senior Center

Ph.314-664-1008

Fax.314-865-2900

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

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Social Activities

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

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63118  
314-771-3987

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

The Salvation Army  
Temple Corps Wor-  
ship and Commu-  
nity Center  
2740 Arsenal St.  
St. Louis, MO  
63118

## BPWNA Membership!

Ever ask “*what do I get out of being a member of MY neighborhood association?*”

Great progress in revitalizing, supporting and promotion of BPW continues and **we need your help** to continue the work.

While parties, movies and street/alley cleanings won't in-

stantly change the feeling of our neighborhood, but these activities go a long way toward **making our neighborhood a place WE want to live.**

Your membership does the following: 1. Continued annual events for YOU, 2. Fun events for kids, 3. Promote

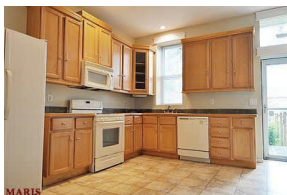
Benton Park West as a GREAT place to live, 4. Letting you, the resident, know of the great things that BPW has to offer and so many more things.

All residents, whether home-owners or renters, have a place in BPWNA.

**APPLICATION ON BACK PAGE!**

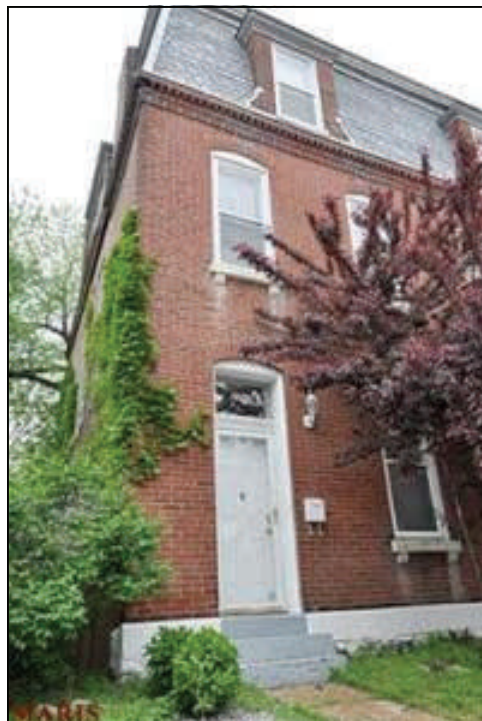
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# What's happening in Benton Park West

## SEPTEMBER 2011

### September

**5** - Newsletter Deadline  
bpwnapub@yahoo.com

**6** - BPWNA Board Meeting - 6:30p

**8** - W&S Advisory (6:30)  
Five Star 3rd District meeting

**9** - CARS - 7:45p in Gravois Park

**11** - Mexican Independence Day - 11a-11p on Cherokee.

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

**15** - BPWNA Annual Yard Sale 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center, 7a-1p. 2832 Arsenal

**Nominations for the 2012 Board!**

**25** - Chalk Art in Benton Park - 4-9p

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Newsletter Deadline	6 BPWNA Board mtg 6:30p.	7	8 W&S 6:30p, Five Star	9 CARS - 7:45p	10
Bulk Trash week →						
11 Mexican Independence Day - 11a-11p	12	13	14	15 BPWNA mtg 7p, Five Star Nominations!	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Chalk Art - 4-9p	26	27	28	29	30	

## October Events

**Oct 4:** Board Mtg, 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

**Oct 7, 8 and 9th - OktoberFest Booth**

**Oct 13:** Weed & Seed, 6:30p, Five Star, 3rd District Outreach, 7p

**Oct 20:** Neighborhood Mtg, - 7p, 2832 Arsenal, **Elections - 2012 Board!**

### Be involved in 2011

Be part of Benton Park West

Contact Linda Hennigh at 314.771-2161, neighborhood office at 314-771-0803 or any Board member.

### Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

2300 Lafayette Avenue  
Saint Louis, MO 63118  
314-771-9214 www.lp-umc.org

#### Worship

- 9:30a - Family and Friends on Sept 18th
- Children's services and childcare provided.

**Join for food fellowship at 10:45a each Sun**

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## Chocolate Lava Cake

*Great chocolate treat with the filling just oozing with sweetness.*

**Prep time:** 15 min **Makes:** 5-6 servings

**Cook Time:** 0 min **Start to Finish:** 15 min

### Ingredients:

- ½ lb butter
- 8 oz semi-sweet chocolate
- 4 oz sugar
- 5 oz CAKE flour (if using regular flour add ½ tsp baking powder)
- 4 egg yolks
- 4 whole eggs

### Prep:

1. Melt butter and chocolate in non-stick pan (being careful to not have the flame too high and not burn).
2. Let cool to room temperature.
3. Beat the egg yolks and whole eggs.
4. Sift flour and sugar into the beaten eggs. MIX WELL making sure there are no flour lumps.
5. Mix in the chocolate mixture.
6. Refrigerate for about 1 and ½ hour. The mixture should be firm.
7. With a spoon or 3 oz scoop, place mixture in 4 oz individual cake pans or cupcake tins.
8. Back at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes.

Let sit for at least 3 minutes.

Serve while warm to the pleasure of your family and friends breaking through the cooked outer to find the center to be warm and gooey.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Trunk or Treat on Oct 30th** - Bring your vehicle 3-4p with candy for the kids and watch the faces light up as the event is from 4-6p.

**Oktoberfest on Oct 7, 8 and 9th** - Join with your neighbors in this FUN filled FUNdraiser. Call 314.602.0392 to sign-up to help.

### Library Corner - Erin Guss

## Back to School - Barr Branch

Summer is drawing to a close and families are gearing up for another school year. The St. Louis Public Library has many resources to make this year easy, exciting, and educational! Check it out:

Homework helpers are available to provide students with assistance every weekday afternoon at Barr Branch, as well as other St Louis Public Library locations.

We also (of course!) have many books and resources available @ your library, including:

How to Choose the Best Pre-

school for Your Child, by Jennifer Wana (2010)

Bring Out the Genius in Your Child, by Ken Adams (2006)

The Happiest Kid on Campus: A Parent's Guide to the Very Best College Experience (for You and Your Child), by Harlan Cohen (2010)

100 Amazing Make-it-Yourself Science Fair Projects, by Glen Vecchione (2005)

A Smart Girl's Guide to Starting Middle School, by Julie Williams (2004)

## Library Calendar September 2011

**\*Thursday, Sept 1 4:30-5:30p.** Hot Air Balloons. Design a balloon fit for Forest Park! Grd 2-5.

**Tuesday, Sept 6 4:30-5:30p** Self Portraits; Paint a picture of yourself. Grd 6-12.

**Wednesday, Sept 7 4-6p** Got Game? Play Nintendo Wii & Xbox 360. Grd 6-12.

**\*Thursday, Sep 8 4:30-5:30p** Pressed Tin Hangings; Make beautiful decorations from simple materials in the style of Mexican tin-smithing. Grd 2-5.

**\* Monday, Sept 12 11-11:30a** Storytime: Toddler/Preschool.

Thursday, Sept 15 4-5p (TEEN SERVICES) IMO—give us the 411 on wut U want @ yr lib. snacks 2. Grd 6-12.

**\*Thursday, Sept 22 4-5p** Back-to-school Bash: Pencil toppers, fancy folders, and games--get ready for a great school year with some help from the library. Grd K-12.

**\*Monday, Sept 26 11-11:30a** Storytime: Toddler/Preschool.

**Tuesday, Sept 27 4-6p** Family Movie: Rango

Thursday, Sept 29 4-6p Game Time :Play board & card games. Grd K-6.

### ADULTS

**Saturday, Sept 17 3-5p** Banned Books Into Movies: In Cold Blood; Starring Robert Blake, Scott Wilson, and John Forsythe (1967)

\*For groups larger than 5, please register in advance.

**Contact Numbers****Crime Prevention and Quality of Life**

Emergency/Drug Activity 911  
 Non-Emergency 231-1212  
 Drug/Gang Hotline 241-COPS  
 Joe Calabro -  
 3rd Dist PA Officer 444-0169  
 Dave Krapf -  
 3rd Dist Prob Prop 444-0185  
 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, 314-657-1370 (w)  
 314-397-1091 (c)  
 pottsb@stlouiscity.com

Dena Hibbard, 314-657-1359 (w)  
 hibbardd@stlouiscity.com

Judy Lane 314-657-1365 (w)  
 lanej@stlouiscity.com

**MISC:**

Pothole Department 768-2805  
 Refuse 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 800-367-3543

**2011 Membership Application  
Benton Park West - 2011**

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

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

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

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

Mail to: **BPWNA Membership**

**PO Box 18671  
 Saint Louis MO 63118**

**Level of Membership:**

\_\_\_ General - \$ 10 per person  
 \_\_\_ Senior - \$ 6 per person  
 \_\_\_ Supporter - \$ 25 per person  
 \_\_\_ Patron - \$ 50 per person  
 \_\_\_ Sponsor - \$ 100 per person  
 \_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_ PR/Marketing \_\_\_ Block Link \_\_\_ Membership

**LOOKING FOR STL AREA VENDORS!!****BPW HOLIDAY SHOPPING BAZAAR**

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

BPW is having a Holiday Shopping Bazaar. If you are interested in participating as a Vendor RSVP for more information!!

Seeking all Vendors (artists, crafters, jewelry, avon, soaps, clothes, hats/scarfs, knitting, handbags, fashion accessories, leather goods, silver jewelry and antique jewelry, stationery, personalized gifts, novelty items, gift baskets, table linens, etc.)

**Space is limited so reserve you table now!**

**When:** Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Time:** 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Location:** Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal Ave.

**Cost:** Only \$25.00 per table. \$35.00 if an outlet is needed.

If interested in participating as a vendor please contact BPW for an application.

**For More Information or to request an application:** Email: [bpwbeautification@yahoo.com](mailto:bpwbeautification@yahoo.com) or Call: #314 771 0803

Applications must be completed in full, received and approved. You must have received a confirmation notice from BPW that has approved your participation.

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