



**Neighborhood
Meeting
March 20**
2832 Arsenal - 7p

March 2014

The Porch Review

BUILDING ON THE PAST, WELCOMING THE FUTURE



What is a Community Improvement District?

by Anne McCullough

The CSBA Board recently voted to move forward on establishing a Community Improvement District for Cherokee Street. In a January vote, the CSBA Board voted to implement a 1/2% increase in sales tax, maintain the current .6330% assessment on commercial properties, and begin to assess

residential at .16%. Included are exempt properties in the assessment, only assessing first floors of properties, and keeping the current assessment on business licenses. The scope is extended to all businesses within the boundaries of the CID (including bars and restaurants which are currently not paying into the district).

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Meet Your New Captain of the Third District Capt. Gwen Spicer



On January 27, 2014, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department went from nine to six police districts. On that date, I assumed command of the new Third District. I am a 35 year veteran of the police department. I was assigned to District Three upon graduation from the Police Academy and

returned to supervise one of the Third District Overlays. During my tenure I had the opportunity to work with many fine officers of this department. I also worked with many good citizens and community leaders in my previous commands of Districts Four, Five and Seven. My experi-

Dog Park Information!

Utah and Nebraska is the corner where you'll find dogs enjoying freedom in the BPW Dog Park.

Interested in having your furry pet be a member? NOW is the time to start collecting the information needed. The information needed: Current tags, Shots must be current, and paperwork showing that rabies shots are current.

Call 314-771-0803 with the info or contact us at dogpark@bentonparkwest.org.

**Check Pg 3 for
more info.**

We welcome Capt. Spicer to the Third District!

patrolled the Benton Park Neighborhood for the first five years of my career. I went on to other assignments and was promoted to sergeant and

ence also includes positions as Commander of the Juvenile Division and Mobile Reserve, SWAT, and Canine Division. I am

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BPW Events

Mar 1: BPWNA at Mardi Gras

Mar 4: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Mar 6: Newsletter Deadline

Mar 9: Bulk pickup week

**Mar 13: Third District Outreach
meeting** 7p 2832 Arsenal, Five Star
Senior Ctr

**Mar 20: BPWNA Neighborhood
Meeting** 7p, Five Star Senior Ctr

Apr 1: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Apr 5: Newsletter Deadline

Apr 17: BPWNA Meeting 7p, 2832
Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Make Your Neighborhood better!

Doesn't feel "right"?

Call 911 or 231-1212

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BPWNA 2014 Working Calendar

March

- Soulard Mardi Gras (3/01)
- Community Garden Opening (TBD)

April

- Easter Eggstravaganza (4/19) in GP
- Dog Park Opening (4/12)

May

- Cinco de Mayo (5/03) - Participate walking in the People's Joy Parade
- Movie in the Park (5/17) - Oz the Great and Powerful

June

Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale (6/07)

July

- Fair St. Louis (7/03-7/06)

August

- National Night Out (8/05)
- BPWNA Board Meeting moved to Mon, Aug. 11
- Nominations to Board (8/21)

September

- 2nd Annual Cherokee Station House & Business Tour (9/18)
- Call for and Acceptation of nominations to BPWNA Board (9/25)
- Taste of St. Louis (9/26-9/28)

October

- Possible Movie in the Park (10/11) with Halloween themed kids movies. BPWNA Board Elections (10/16)
- Trunk or Treat (10/26)

November

- Potluck at Membership Meeting (11/20)

December

- 2015 Planning Meeting (12/02)

**Have an idea?
Let any board member know.
Or bring to the
next neighborhood meeting
- March 20th!**

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Cherokee is Hoppin'

by Anne McCullough

Cherokee Nights

Thursday, March 13 and
Thursday April 10, 5 to
10pm.

Street wide event on Cherokee Street- Cherokee Businesses will be keeping their doors open past normal hours, providing specials, discounts, music, art and entertainment. Participating businesses include: Flowers & Weeds, Foam, Scarlett Garnet, Strange Overtones, Fortune Teller Bar, The Whiskey Ring, Yaqui's, Garduno's Blank Space, Firecracker Press, 2720 Cherokee, I Scream Cakes, Melt, Hydraulic Pictures, Red Chair Studios, Table, Velvet Elvis,

Button Makers, Midwest Guitar, Empire Hall, Cherokee Bikes, Craft Art Bar.

Lo-Fi Cherokee

Saturday April 12 10am
to 10:30pm

Lo-Fi Cherokee is a completely unique event conceived in 2012 that is best described as a **hybrid event that brings music, video, social media and St. Louis city culture together. 14-18 local bands or solo acts** from new unknowns to veterans of the scene will convene in various shops along Cherokee Street for **live music video shoots over the course of a single day.**

2014 promises to be a big year for the event. We've confirmed the participation of several new bands, and we'll have sixteen when it's all said and done. We'll also be showcasing sixteen new venues on the street. We'll be inviting the public again and treating it like a mini-music festival.

CONFIRMED BANDS:

Neé, Ryan Spearman, Bruiser Queen, Middle Class Fashion, POPULAR MECHANICS, The Yowl, Kentucky Knife Fight, Syna So Pro, Ellen the Felon, SHEILA SHAHPARI, Hooten Hallers, Pokey LaFarge and more TBA.

New Businesses

Smalls Tea & Coffee- NOW OPEN

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Great News for 2014!!

Now, neighbors, block units and community organizations can select the date and location they want to clean up! Get your neighbors together to clean up the alleys on your block or get the entire neighborhood together to join in a massive Spring, Summer or Fall clean-up.

Brightside will lend tools (*brooms, rakes and shovels*) and trash bags to registered projects to assist with your clean-up project. In May, Brightside will also provide flower seedlings for planting on public property to groups with a registered clean-up project.

Register your Blitz community clean-up project at Brightside St. Louis www.brightsidestl.org or call Brightside at 314-772-4646.

For large, bulky items (*furniture, appliances, etc.*) please use the regularly-scheduled monthly bulk pick up. To find out when your monthly bulk pick up is please check the sticker on the container in your alley or on your roll-out, call the Citizens Service Bureau at 314-622-4800, check the City's website www.stlouis-mo.gov or call Brightside at 314-772-4646.



Consider selecting a date and time in conjunction with other neighborhood activities such as cleaning up before your bulk pick-up, the neighborhood house tour or other community event.

Clean-up projects are not limited to neighborhood groups. Businesses, schools, churches, scout troops and other civic organizations are encouraged to adopt an area to clean up.



Francis G. Slay
Mayor



brightside
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BPW Dog Park

3300 Nebraska

Join NOW - dogs 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 and send to:
BPWNA, PO Box 18671, St. Louis, MO 63118

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Want to clean out your garage or basement?

- If you have more than three large items consider taking them to the City's transfer station. For more details, contact the Citizens Service Bureau at 314-622-4800. Residential dumping only.
- Old electronics may be recycled at the Recycling Center at 1660 S. Kingshighway. Computers, televisions, gaming equipment – almost anything with a cord – may be recycled. Some items may have a minimal charge.
- Paint thinners, solvents, pesticides and many other household hazardous wastes are accepted for recycling at the Saint Louis Household Hazardous Waste collection site. Check out www.hhwstl.com to learn more about recycling your household hazardous waste. You must register and make an appointment to recycle HHW.

If you have put out items for the monthly bulk pick-up and they are not picked up be sure to call the Citizens Service Bureau at 314-622-4800 or report it through www.stlouis-mo.gov.

We all have to take responsibility for helping make St. Louis a cleaner, greener city.

St Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner



**Come Join Us After The Parade
Saturday March 15th 12:00-7:00 P.M.**

Five Star Senior Center

2832 Arsenal



**Corned Beef Dinner
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For More Information

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***The next Community Outreach meet-
ing will be held March 13 - 7p***

2832 Arsenal - Five Star Senior Center

Four Things to Never Say to Your Aging Parents

It is a subject seldom broached by an adult child or their parents. At some point, though, your elderly loved one is going to be unable to handle

Other approaches:

- If a contemporary has recently stopped driving, ask your parent his or her opinion on the development.

Each month we'll bring you one of the four things as well as suggestions in handling the situation.

Thanks to our friends at the Circuit Attorney's office for providing this great information.

everyday tasks. Whether it is driving, managing finances or housework, older adults may find it difficult to accept help. You must discuss these matters with great sensitivity. One careless remark, no matter how well-intentioned, can be extremely hurtful and result in stiffened resistance to your involvement. If that comment distances your parent from you, they may become more vulnerable to criminals who prey on the elderly. AARP recommends avoiding these four statements.

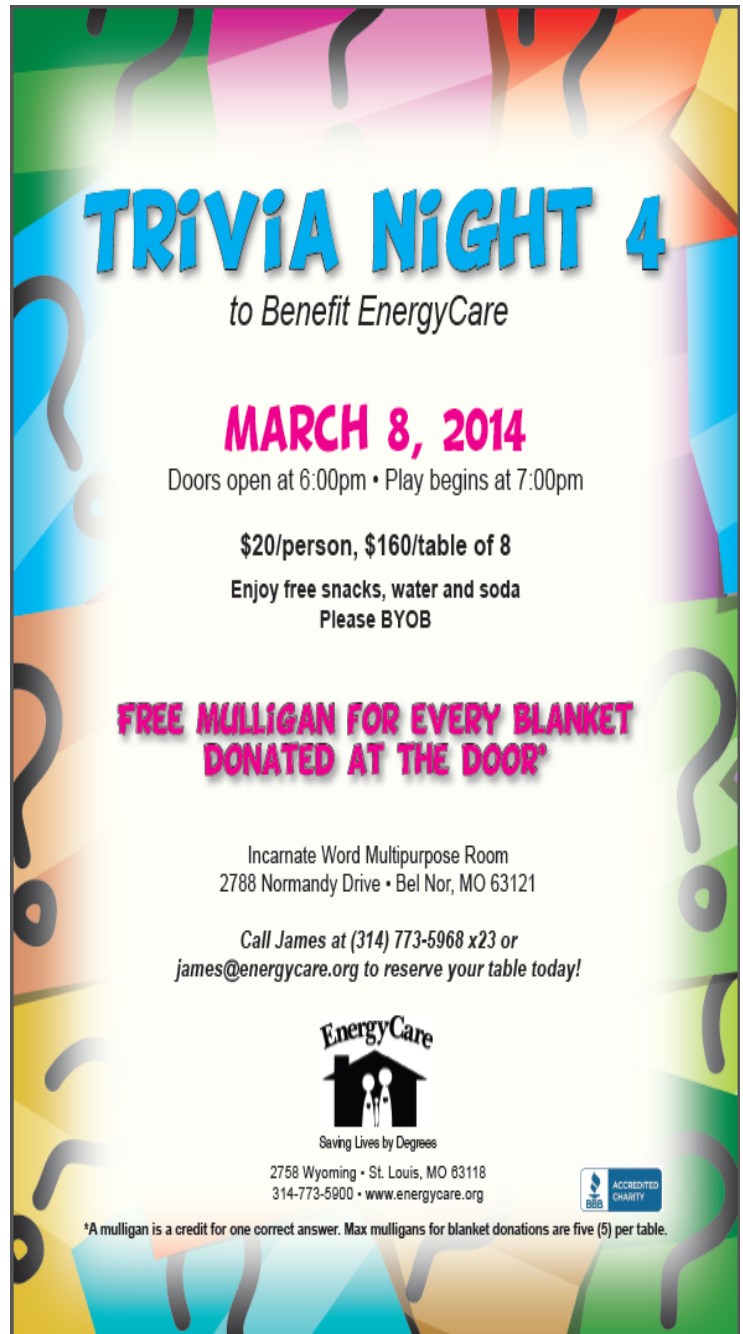
1. "You should not be driving at your age!"

There is no set age when driving becomes unsafe. However, if you are concerned because of recent accidents, degeneration of reflexes, vision, hearing or judgment, it is important to express your concern.

- Check out AARP's online seminar "We Need to Talk" for practical tips on when and why to have this discussion.

- Confer with family to determine who is available to drive your parents **whenever** they need transportation. Imagine your life without the ability to drive on a whim and realize the independence and freedom you are asking them to surrender.

With your parent's consent, determine if his or her insurance company offers electronic driving monitoring. This is usually a device which plugs into the vehicle's computer diagnostic port and provides daily, weekly or monthly reports regarding driving habits. Insurance companies promote these devices as a means to earn safe driver discounts. Just agreeing to use the device often triggers a discount.



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

APPLICATION ON BACK PAGE!
Don't wait another day!



Membership Needs YOU!

Call 771.0803 for more info.

See page 12 for an application

Business Members

Auto Bargain Center
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City, State and Federal officials, Friends of BPWNA

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

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

*Neighborhood Stabilization Officer



314-865-1211

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W&S & Community Outreach gathering March 13 - 7p

2832 Arsenal - Five Star Senior Center

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What is a CID?

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Organizing A CID

By request petition, signed by property owners owning at least 50% of the assessed value of the real property, and more than 50% per capita of all owners of real property within the proposed CID, presented for authorizing ordinance to the governing body of the local municipality in which the proposed CID would be located. Language contained in the petition narrative must include a five year plan, describing the purposes of the proposed district, the services it will provide, the

improvements it will make and an estimate of the costs of those services and improvements, and the maximum rates of property taxes and special assessments that may be imposed within the proposed district. Other information must state how the CID would be organized and governed, and whether the governing board would be elected or appointed.

Who has a CID in St. Louis?

The Grove
South Grand
Downtown St. Louis

Circuit Breaker or Property Tax Credit

Last year the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging helped hundreds of seniors and persons with disabilities apply for the Property Tax Credit (Circuit Breaker). As a result, those persons received rebates totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim (also known as Circuit Breaker) gives money back to persons 65 and older and persons 18-64 that receive SSI, SSD, or Veterans Disability for a portion of the rent or real estate tax they paid for that year. People living in tax exempt

single person must have an income of \$30,000 or less or for a married couple filing jointly, they can have an income of \$34,000 or less. The credit is for a maximum of \$750 for renters and \$1,100 for owners who owned and occupied their home. The amount the person receives is based on the amount of real estate taxes or rent paid and the total household income (taxable and nontaxable).. From January 1, 2010 until April 2011, persons can apply for 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007.

You may qualify if you meet the criteria listed below:

- *You are **65** years of age or older
- *Your or your spouse are any age and 100% disables {SSI or SSDI}
- *You are 60 years of age or older and receive Surviving Spouse Benefits from Social Security

AND if your income is:

	Single Income less than:	Household Income less than:
Rent/Own for part of the year:	27,500	29,500
Owned your home or entire year:	30,000	34,000

buildings are not eligible to apply for the Circuit Breaker.

To be eligible, if a person is renting, they must have an income of \$27,500 or less for a single person or \$29,500 or less for a married couple filing jointly. To be eligible, if a person owns and occupies their home for the full year, a

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New Captain of Third District

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also a graduate the F.B.I. National Academy, Class 175. Under my command, the officers of District Three will work very hard to make the streets safer for our citizens and those who visit. Our patrol focus will be based on beat integrity, for officers to take responsibility

for their individual beats. The beat officers will be augmented with additional manpower to address "Hotspots" and specific problem areas. We will utilize technology and crime prevention tactics. Most importantly, we will focus on building new and

strengthen existing partnerships with the neighborhood and business organizations, and community leaders. I believe working together is the key to our overall mission of reducing crime and making citizens feel safer.

Interested in helping with projects in the neighborhood? Contact the office at 314-771-0803 or Linda Hennigh at president @bentonparkwest.org

Fish Fry
Good Friday
April 18th 2014
Five Star Senior Center
2832 Arsenal
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Menu: Jack Salmon, Fillet of Fish,
 Catfish Fillet, or Baked Fish
 Choice of 2 Sides Spaghetti, Fries, or Slaw
\$8.00
\$4.00 Children 12 & Under

Dine -In or Carry-Outs Available
 Free Delivery of 5 Or More Dinners
 For Information 314-664-1008



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
 Thursdays 3-5pm

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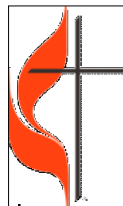
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Help our local schools

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 Check soup cans and soft packages
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Bring box tops to BPW
 neighborhood meetings.



Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

Worship

- 9:30a - Service - Children's Services also
- Fellowship at 10:30

⇒ Contemporary Music fourth Sunday

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"

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 in September.

Emergency help: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:
314.231.1212

**"PEOPLE AREN'T
SUSPICIOUS,
BEHAVIOR IS!"**



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397-1091 (c)

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Dena Hibbard- 613-3109 (w)
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Citizen Service Bureau
622-4800

Refuse Department
353-8877

Alley Lights (AmUE)
342-1000

Street Lights (CSB)
622-4800

Be part of Citizens on Patrol.

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Real Work From Home Jobs

Most everyone who sees or hears a pitch on television or the Internet for "work from home" opportunities expects the offer to be a scam. Even those who are very inexperienced or naïve understand that it is not possible to make hundreds or thousands per week while "working from home—no previous experience necessary."

Every "work from home" scam has several things in common:

- The offer comes from an unknown source, usually via email. These offers could also be from a handout or flyer advertisement.
- No previous related experience or education is required for the position.
- Usually you will be asked not to share this information with family or friends.
- You are instructed to make a decision about your participation quickly and the pressure to participate will increase rapidly.
- You must invest personal funds in this project to pay for sales inventory, training costs or living expenses until the project is up and running.

Jean Chatzky, financial ambassador for AARP, issued a report in the November 2013 issue of AARP The Magazine regarding legitimate work-from-home options. The main difference in these options compared to the above scams is that is that the companies seeking these part-time employees are looking for individuals with particular skills. By taking an online test to determine your skill lev-

el, you can be hired, set your rate of pay and determine how much work you want to do.

Some examples of legitimate work from home opportunities are:

Rev.com: If you are a whiz with a word processor, consider applying at Rev.com, a transcription service. To be accepted, you must take a test, transcribing an audio file. Only about half who take the test make the cut. Pay rates are based on file length in minutes, so the faster you can type, the more money you can make. A good typist could earn up \$100 per day.

JustAsk.com or Pearl.com: Experts in a particular field (lawyers, doctors, car mechanics) might want to try these two websites, whose customers want timely answers from recognized experts. Applicants must take a subject matter test and submit to a background check. Only the top five percent make the cut.

Virtual Teaching: Some 6.7 million college students take at least one online course per semester, and the market has barely been tapped. This has translated into an uptick in opportunities for online teachers in places such as Johns Hopkins and University of Phoenix, says Sara Sutton Fell, CEO of job search site, FlexJobs.com. You can also find non-university based teaching jobs at education and technology companies. Be sure to update your LinkedIn profile to discover positions like this. You may also apply directly to an online school

What's happening in Benton Park West

March

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MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 BPWNA at MARDI GRAS
2	3	4 BPWNA Board mtg	5	6 Newsletter Deadline	7	8
9 Bulk Trash week	10	11	12	13 3rd Distict Outreach Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 BPW Neighborhood mtg	21	22
23 Community Garden Opening Week	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**Tell us what
you want in
BPW!**

**Call
314-771-0803**

April 2014 Events

April 8 - BPW Board Meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center

April 14 - Bulk Pick up Week

April 17 - BPW Neighborhood Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

April 19 - Easter Eggstravaganza - Gravois Park

Casa Loma March Schedule

FRI.	MAR 7	Ballroom & Swing Dancing with 18 piece orchestra THE AMBASSADORS OF SWING Doors open 7p Dance Lessons 7:15-8:00 Music 8:00-11:00p Adm. \$10 / \$12 if under 21
SAT.	MAR 8	Treat yourselves to a night of classic music with Southern Skies-Eagles Tribute Band AND Ticket to the Beatles. 2 Bands with great dancing. Doors open 7:30p. Music at 8:00p. Adm. \$15 Res seating avail w/ pre-purchases Call 314-664-8000
FRI.	MAR 14	Ballroom & Swing Dancing w/ 18 piece orchestra SECOND GENERATION SWING Doors open 7p Dance Lessons 7:15-8:00 Music 8:00-11:00p Adm. \$10 / \$12 under 21
SAT.	MAR 15	Jump, Jive and Swing w/ MISS JUBILEE AND THE HUMDINGERS Doors open 7:30p. Swing Dance Lesson 8-8:30 Music til 12am. Adm. \$10 / \$12 if under 21
SUN.	MAR 16	MEXICAN DANCE Bands to be announced
FRI.	MAR 21	Special Ballroom Dancing w/ 24 piece orchestra SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY DANCE BAND Doors open 7p Dance Lessons 7:15-8 Music til 11:00p. Adm. \$10 / \$12 under 21
SAT.	MAR 22	Band to be announced
SUN.	MAR 23	MEXICAN DANCE Bands TBA Listen to Radio Station 1510AM for details.

...work from home

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by going to its website.

Using your social skills: If you enjoy talking, look into call-center positions. FlexJobs' Sara Sutton Fell notes that such jobs are often needed 24 hours per day, good news for early risers and insomniacs. Do not limit your search to your own state. Many call centers are located in Utah

and Georgia. Travel and hospitality fields tend to have more open positions. When searching, use terms like "call center," "customer service" and "customer support." Having a dedicated phone line and high speed Internet access will allow you to work for call centers across the country without leaving your home.



Tidbits of information:

Check out a company called "Rx Outreach." This company is designed to provide highly discounted medicine IF the following annual requirements are met:

- (a) \$35,010 or less for a single person
- (b) \$47,190 or less for a family of two
- (c) \$59,370 or less for a family of three
- (d) \$71,550 or less for a family of four
- (e) add \$12,180 for each additional person.

This company is a non-profit spin off of Express Scripts. Call 1-888-796-1234 or go to www.rxoutreach.org and see if meds you need are offered.

Community Information Corner

IndiHop is a unique event showcasing two of St. Louis'

most eclectic neighborhoods:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - POSTER DESIGN

Checkout: <http://cherokeestreetnews.org/indihop-request-for-proposal-rfp-poster-design/> for info on how to submit your poster design!

Cherokee Street and The Grove have participating businesses providing samples of 50 different types of locally made brews. From venue to venue, entertainment by many entertainers. Shuttles are provided. The 2014 IndiHop will take place on Saturday, May 17th from 1pm to 6pm.



BPW 1st Annual Fundraising Adoption Event

Saturday March 29th, 2014 10am-?

3000 Wyoming St. (K-9 Paradise)

There will be several items raffled off! Tickets are only \$5.⁰⁰ ea.

Prizes include: 20min Wedding Ceremony, Large PetCot, Training Leads, Bags of Dog Food, Gift Certificates to Dominos, El Tapatio, Luvy Duvy, and Several other Prizes.

Bring your pet to have them photographed by professional photographer Alex Paz

Meet K-9 Paradise Professional Dog Trainer: Leona

Rescue Groups that are planning to attend include SLSDP, Saint Louis County Animal Shelter, and Franklin County Animal Shelter

Any rescue group that would like to attend please call Sam @ 314-330-7431 for more information and to reserve your spot.

We are also taking donations prior to the event to help cover expenses, if you would like to make a donation or purchase tickets please call 314-330-7431.

All remaining proceeds will be donated to the rescue groups at the event and BPW Clowder House Low Cost Vet Clinic.

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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

Alderman:

Ken Ortmann 776-0161 (h)

Neighborhood Stabilization**Officers:**

Barb Potts, 314-657-1370 (w)
 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
 or (314) 421-4636

2014 Membership Application**Benton Park West**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail to: BPWNA Membership

PO Box 18671

Saint Louis MO 63118

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:

___ Beautification ___ Dog Park ___ Youth ___ Garden

Facilities ___ Publications ___ Safety/Quality of Life

Board ___ PR/Marketing ___ Block Link ___ Membership

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Redistricting: What you need to know

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department officially consolidated the city's current nine districts into six. The redistricting is an effort to better balance patrols against crime statistics and calls for service. A study of calls for police service has been done to create new district boundaries. This was a data-driven analysis that scientifically apportion police resources throughout the city. Officers will be strategically sent to the places where they are most needed.

What does the redistricting mean for BPW and Cherokee Street?

Cherokee Street and surrounding neighborhoods will stay in the third district. The new boundaries for the third district have been extended to Chouteau on the North, Meremac on the South, end at Grand on the West and will stay the same on the East- at the Mississippi River. District 3 will now be located

within the Central Patrol Division; Central Patrol is located at 919 North Jefferson St. Louis, Mo 63106.

Why the redistricting?

Chief Sam Dotson said two factors drove how his staff drew the boundaries: calls for service and crime statistics. Under this new plan, each new district will be similar in size and contain the same number of officers and commanders. Chief Sam Dotson promised shorter response times, more balanced workloads for officers and better policing overall.

The city has been divided into nine districts since 1962. Boundaries among them have shifted at times, but state law mandated nine. Now that the city assumed control of the 1,325-officer department from a state commission on Sept. 1, Chief Dotson said he has the flexibility to make the adjustments.

Benton Park West

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