



**Neighborhood
Meeting**
January 16
February 20
2832 Arsenal - 7p

January and February 2014

The Porch Review

BUILDING ON THE PAST, WELCOMING THE FUTURE



Two Churches Under One Roof

by Anne McCullough

The congregations of St. Matthew United Church of Christ (UCC) and St. Catherine of Siena American National Catholic Church (ANCC) will share space in the Historic St. Matthew's church on the corner of South Jefferson and Potomac in St. Louis starting Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013.

"Two churches with two worship styles under one roof," is how Pastor Mary Ann Lawrence of St. Matthew UCC described it. The two congregations

will separately use the sanctuary for Sunday worship. St. Catherine of Siena ANCC is leasing and sharing space with St. Matthew UCC, which has maintained the church since its founding in 1875.

"It's perfect timing for us," comments Pastor Lawrence of St. Matthew's. As a congregation, they have been discussing the option of having to close the church due to significant decline in attendance. Built in 1875, St. Matthew's has been a significant part of the

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Cherokee Street 2013 and 2014

Cherokee Street is an exciting place with new business constantly opening and filling the storefronts. 2013 brought Cherokee

Street over 20 new businesses: including The Fortune Teller Bar expanded and hosted a dumpster pool party, construction began on the historic Cinderella Building, Lewis Reed opened a campaign office and meeting space at 2900 Cherokee. Changes for longer term businesses include: Nebula celebrating its third anniversary with the addition of Fiber Internet and a new event space, WasabiNet was re-

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BPW Events

Jan 7: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Jan 9: Newsletter Deadline

Jan 16: BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting 7p, Five Star Senior Ctr

Jan 20: MLK Day

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

Feb 7: Newsletter Deadline

Feb 9: Bulk Trash Pickup.

Feb 20: BPWNA Meeting 7p, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Mar 1: Mardi Gras Booth

Mar 4: BPWNA Board Mtg



**Saturday
March 1st**

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Progressive Dinner. What??

An idea has “bubbled” up to have a progressive dinner group, or even multiple dinner groups. Each dinner group would have an organizer. More information will be shared at the BPW meeting on January 16. Still have questions? Contact Linda Hennigh at (314) 771-2161.

From Wikipedia -

A **progressive dinner** (US) or **safari supper** (UK) is a dinner party with successive courses prepared and eaten at the residences of different hosts. Usually this involves the consumption of one course at each location. Involving travel, it is a variant on a potluck dinner and is sometimes known as a round-robin.

Participants go to each house for the various courses. Often there is a regional theme for each dinner, such as Italian, German, or French. Various wines to suit the courses are often served at each location. A challenge is keeping the food warm and ready at each location. An alternative is to have the courses at different restaurants.

This style of eating is a good way of meeting different neighbors in the community.

BPWNA Proposed 2014 Calendar

January	Finalize programming and budget for 2014
February	TBD Membership Event
March	Soulard Mardi Gras (3/01) Community Garden Opening (TBD) Date is dependent upon Gateway Greening and delivery of materials Possibly late March; may have a work day before hand
April	Easter Eggstravaganza (4/19) in Gravois Park 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, so will show
June	Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale (6/07) – Need organizer
July	Fair St. Louis (7/03-7/06)
August	National Night Out (8/05) BPWNA Board Meeting moved to Mon, Aug. 11 Call for nominations to BPWNA Board (8/21) Rummage Sale (8/30) – Need organizer
September	2 nd 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)

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Cherokee is Hoppin'

by Anne McCullough

Mary Jo Bang & Buzz Specter "Otherwise" @ Beverly January 18 - February 8, 2014
Opening reception Saturday, January 18, 7-10 PM

"Otherwise" is a two-person exhibit of assemblage-based works by Mary Jo Bang and Buzz Specter, which pieces together notions of the self and other.

A History of QUEER: Selections from the St. Louis LGBT History Project @ PHD Gallery January 25 - March 1, 2014
Opening Reception Saturday, January 25, 2014 7 to 10pm

A collection of St. Louis artifacts and images that tell the story of gay and lesbian activists, leather men, porn stars, and drag queens, many of whom lived secretly in the shadows. In 2007, Steven L. Brawley saw a need to assemble this random hoard of oddities and memorabilia so he founded

the St. Louis LGBT History Project. "I started the Project because I was sad to see our community elders dying off - their stories untold and personal artifacts thrown away. I knew as an LGBT community we had to do something to preserve our very own special queer history - a history that was largely unknown."

Under Steven L. Brawley's stewardship, the Project has grown into a comprehensive collection of historical treasures which provides a window into 50 years of St. Louis LGBT history. So significant is the Project's stockpile, that the Missouri History Museum has agreed to take over conservatorship of select items from the collection in Spring of 2014. Before the items go into archival storage, however, PHD Gallery hosts: A History of Queer: Selections from the St. Louis LGBT History Project, curated by Steven L. Brawley. The exhibition is on

view January 25 through March 1, 2014 and opens with a gala reception Saturday, January 25, from 7-10PM. Although the exhibit is free, your \$10 donation helps support the Project.

Forest Terrarium Workshop @ Flowers & Weeds

January 20
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 And January 25
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Create your own miniature forest in an enclosed terrarium. Perfect way to bring a little green indoors for the winter. These guys are so easy to care for and make a great gift for the holidays! The class fee of \$50.00 will give you a standard jar with all of the accouterments to make the most adorable forest ever. Feel free to bring your own container if you have a piece of glass you are itching to plant-up. There will also be other apothecary and glass containers for you to upgrade to if you choose. This class is too fun- so bring a friend, drink some wine and plant stuff!

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FEB 8-9

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FEB 14

MARDI GRAS WINE, BEER & WHISKEY TASTE

Where: Bud Light Party Centre in Soulard Market Park Price: \$35.00 in advance \$40.00 at the door The Wine, Beer, and Whiskey Taste is a big, fun-filled Mardi Gras happy hour.

FEB 15

THE LUMIERE CAJUN COOK-OFF AND TONY CHACHERE'S CRAWFISH BOIL

Where: Bud Light Party Centre in Soulard Market Park Price: \$35.00 in advance \$40.00 at the door Featuring ten professional and ten amateur chefs competing in their respective categories for the title of best Cajun/Creole dish!

FEB 22-23

SOUTHERN COMFORT TASTE OF SOULARD

Where: Participating Soulard Establishments Several of Soulard's fine establishments offer samples of their signature dishes. * Tickets are available for purchase in all of the Participating Establishments

FEB 23

PETSMART WIENER DOG DERBY

Where: Soulard Market Park AKA Banfield Pet Hospital Stadium. Registration in Rudy Commons (Soulard Market Plaza) opens at 10am; First heat is at 2:00pm

FEB 22

MARDI GRAS 5K Where: Starts/Finishes near Lynch and 12th Street. Price: \$25 in advance, \$30 day of event. A fun 5K run through the heart of Soulard

FEB 28

MAYOR'S MARDI GRAS BALL

Where: Saint Louis City Hall Rotunda. Price: Tickets range in price from \$100 - \$500

MAR 1

BUD LIGHT PARTY TENT

Where: Soulard Market Park Price: \$100.00. Located in the heart of the action in Soulard Market Park, the Bud Light Party Tent is a large climate-controlled tent that can hold as many as 2500 Mardi Gras Revelers.

MAR 1

BUD LIGHT GRAND PARADE

Where: Soulard! The Bud Light Grand Parade is the signature event of St. Louis' Mardi Gras celebration. Drawing hundreds of thousands each year the Grand parade is a fabulous parade and spectacular street-party!

MAR 1

BUD LIGHT CONCERTS

Post-parade the crowds gets rocking at the two Bud Light Concert stages!

MAR 4

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT FAT TUESDAY PARADE ON WASHINGTON AVENUE

Where: Downtown St. Louis Join in on the Fat Tuesday fun by arriving early to check out the food and drink specials at participating establishments on Washington Avenue. Then get ready to enjoy the *Light Up The Night Parade* rolls down Washington Avenue!!!!

Two Churches...

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Gravois Park neighborhood. At its height, St. Matthew's numbered over 500 families. Currently, their average Sunday attendance has dropped to around 20 members. "By sharing space, we allow for St. Matthew's to continue to be an active parish well into the future," she commented. Founded in 2011, St. Catherine's has grown into an active Catholic community. "We started with only 8 people in a small rented chapel space," commented Rev. Phillip Lichtenwalter, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena ANCC. "Now we have over 40 registered families and growing!" Having thought the community found a permanent home at their current location at the Historic Danforth Chapel; they were forced to relocate the parish after discovering a multitude of structural and safety issues present in the chapel. "It's a beautiful chapel, but unfortunately we don't have the financial means to fully restore a chapel which suffers from decades of neglect," commented Lisa Pini, Council President of St. Catherine's. "We're really excited about the opportunities this partnership affords us," she said. St. Matthew UCC will begin Sunday morning worship in the Church at 9:15 a.m. and

conclude by 10:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall. St. Catherine of Siena ANCC will start with fellowship in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m., followed by mass at 11:00 a.m. St. Catherine's will also hold a Saturday Vigil mass at 4:00 p.m.

Both pastors agreed the space sharing is an opportunity God has given to multiply the mission of Jesus in the community. Leaders from both churches have met since early fall to negotiate an agreement for sharing the space, one that requires changes and adjustments for both congregations.

"We're trusting new life will come out of it," Rev. Lawrence added. "With a mostly more mature congregation, members at St. Matthew's look forward to the sound of youngsters once again in the church building," she explained.

"The parish councils from both churches will continue to meet to seek ways for the two congregations to collaborate and to gather together for special events, such as potluck meals or holiday worship services," Rev. Lichtenwalter said.

For more info, visit:
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Mardi Gras Tidbits...Did You Know...

THE GRAND PARADE MARCH 1, 2014

Soulard Mardi Gras: "250 CHEERS FOR ST. LOUIS" It was February 1764 when the city of St. Louis was founded. The 250th anniversary (known as the Sestercentennial) is the perfect time to create a theme about the city.

Recycle your Mardi Gras beads!

There were 150 lbs of beads collected for recycling since the 2013 Mardi Gras events came to a close. (Beads cannot go in regular recycling because of the metallic coating.)

They have been cleaned and sorted with these results: 9 gross of standard throw

beads, 14 gross of 18", 22", 24, and 26" stands, 5 doz AB/IB brand beads, 2 doz St. Pats, and 3 doz miscellaneous beads.

Drop off your beads in the marked 5 gallon buckets at these locations:

Historic Soulard Farmers Market

730 Carroll St.

www.soulardmarketSTL.com

American Carnival Mart

Lindbergh @ Bauer Blvd.

<http://www.funcarnival.com>

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1901 Withnell Ave.

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Basic Krewe Information

Ever wonder what being a Krewe is all about? The word

"Krewe" is a generic term used to describe any carnival organization or club. The word was coined by the oldest such organization in New Orleans, the Mystik Krewe of

Judges look for creativity, unique construction, and compliance to the theme.

Follow the construction guidelines for safety and reliability compliance and stock up on

Mardi Gras tradition in St. Louis began in 1980 when a man named Hilary Clemens and a few friends got together to blow off the mid-winter blues. They each threw some money into a pot, got some instruments, beads, and boas and marched up the street to a nearby pub which turned them away.

More than 25 years later, things have come and gone.

But Soulard is still the center of Mardi Gras in St. Louis.

Comus who believed in 1857 that the word gave the club's name an "olde-English" flavor. Here in St. Louis the Soulard Mardi Gras Grand Parade is made up of many Krewes. Each float or marching group represents the efforts of an individual Krewe. The purpose of the parade is to entertain the crowd. To encourage creativity, there are substantial prizes involved for the best floats.

beads.

KREWE PRICING

Walking Krewe \$200*

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Cherokee Street... (Continued from page 1)

ognized at the International Summit for Community Wireless Networks, Dia De Los Muertos brought students from Washington University to the street for an altar contest and parade.

Jack Dorsey returned to St. Louis to kick off Square's Let's Talk Event Series featuring Cherokee Street businesses at Casa Loma Ballroom. The CSBA created a standing offer for street performers to encourage and support busking in St. Louis. A tragic event brought community together and raised over \$4,000 for the victim's families.

2014 brings new businesses and construction to Cherokee Street. A Cherokee Street website is in the works, as well as, a community Pavilion, a nonprofit dedicated to the Cherokee Community, and all the events that make Cherokee Street so exciting. Watch as excitement will be filling the streets and shops with live music, culture, community, art, beer and dancing.

Don't miss Cherokee Street in 2014 and see why the new and improved brought *Southern Living Magazine* to name Cherokee Street "Next Great Neighborhood."

Headed to Mardi Gras, but HOW to get to Mardi Gras???

There are many ways to get to Saint Louis Mardi Gras and many places to park. The best way to get to Mardi Gras is by leaving your car at home. There are plenty of ways to get here without it. The following are the best ways to do just that.

PARADE PARKING

HANDICAP PARKING

Handicap parking is located at 1919 S. Broadway (entrance off Broadway).

TAKE A COUNTY/

YELLOW CAB!

The safest way to get to and from the festival is via Taxi Cab. County/Yellow Cab has the official cab stand located at 10th and Marrión just across the foot bridge from Soulard market. Call them ahead of time to order your cab and get dropped off in the heart of the action. Head back to the cab stand in the evening for your safe ride home. See the map above for the location.

METROLINK!

MetroLink in Saint Louis is the most convenient way to get from your neighborhood to ours. MetroBus Mardi Gras Shuttles will operate every 15 minutes from the Civic Center MetroLink Station to Soulard from 9:00AM until 11:00PM. The cost of a round-trip shuttle ticket is \$5. The shuttle ticket will allow you to ride between the Civic

Center and Soulard only. The MetroBus Shuttle Service drops festivalgoers off at 10th and Marion in the heart of the action by Soulard Market. Check the Metro website for all of the stops on the MetroLink and make your way to Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras goers can also choose to take regular MetroBus routes that service the Soulard area. The #8 stop at 12th and Russell is 4 blocks away from the parade route and the #10 at Gravois and Tucker is also about 4 blocks away. The #30, #40, and #73 routes are along the parade route and will be rerouted but they will still get you close to the celebration.

THE LANDING!

Park in one of the many lots on Laclede's Landing or take the MetroLink to the Arch-Landing stop and catch the Mardi Gras shuttle at 2nd St. and Laclede's Landing Blvd on Saturday, February 9th. Shuttle drop off is located at, 3rd and Lafayette in Soulard. Shuttle will run all day from 8:00am until 10:30pm. For a listing of Laclede's Landing restaurants, clubs and bars or information on the Mardi Gras shuttle, check out their website, www.lacledeslanding.com or call, (314) 241-5875.



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Now you can have your own official Flag to mark Mardi Gras in your realm.

Mark your calendars for the annual fundraisers at Five Star Senior Center.

February 22nd Trivia Night this is our 4th Annual and it gets bigger and better each time. *We have opportunities for you or your company to sponsor a round or table or the event, contact Mike at the center for more information.* Get your table together and have a really fun night supporting the seniors of St. Louis.

March 15th St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner come on in after the parade and enjoy a plate, or sandwich, and some liquid refreshments. (Wearing Green is not required but it may get you an Irish Kiss). *We need workers and dessert donations to make this a success, let us know if you can help.*

April 18th Good Friday Fish Fry, this always a popular event we start serving at 11-7 and will deliver to your work place for free with 5 or more orders. *Some of you are off that day and if you could deliver an order or help at the center it would appreciate it. We will also need dessert donations for this event.*

Thank you for your continued support in assisting our seniors and those with disabilities to live independently in our community.

Michael Howard, Executive Director
Five Star Senior Center
2832 Arsenal

Contact Five Star Senior Center at 314-664-1008

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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:
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Steps for Reporting Identity Theft

The Circuit Attorney's Office frequently receives calls from the victims of identity theft. After turning from one place to another without receiving the help they need, many are in a panic. Fortunately, our Office's Fraud Prevention Task Force can readily provide useful information if you find yourself in a similar situation. There are six steps you can take if you become the victim of identity theft.

Step One: Report the incident to the police.

It is often difficult to determine where the actual identity theft occurred. In Missouri and Illinois, your local police jurisdiction is required to prepare a report of identity theft, regardless of where the incident occurred. Immediately get the police report number from the officer, even if the report isn't available until later. Give the police **copies** of all the documents that support your claim and keep the originals. Contact the **Fraud Prevention Task Force at 314-612-1412**. When you obtain a copy of the police report, forward it to the police jurisdiction where the incident occurred. Get the name of an officer or detective in that police department who is investigating your case.

Contact the **Federal Trade Commission** at www.ftc.gov or **1-877-382-4357** to get a copy of the FTC's ID Theft Affidavit. Have this document notarized. This affidavit and the police report are the first links in the paper trail you need in order to make your case with creditors who have been falsely victimized under your name. Make numerous copies of both documents.

Step Two: Check your credit and bank accounts.

If someone is using your bank account or credit cards, close the accounts immediately and ask your bank to notify its check verification service.

This service can notify merchants to not accept checks from your account. Consider starting over at a new bank to avoid being targeted twice by the same criminals. These thieves may use "social engineering" skills to obtain information on your new account from the same bank.

If you believe someone has opened a new checking account in your name, you can ask for a free copy of your consumer report from **Chex Systems (800-428-9623)** or www.chexhelp.com. Chex Systems is the consumer reporting service used by most banks. If your bank does not use Chex Systems, ask for the name and number of the consumer reporting service it does use.

Step Three: Contact the credit reporting agencies.

As soon as you know your identity has been stolen and you have your police report number, call one of the credit reporting agencies: **TransUnion (800-680-7289)**, **Equifax (800-525-6285)** and **Experian (888-397-3742)**. The agency you call will report the identity theft to the other two agencies. If you are the victim of fraud or identity theft, a fraud alert can be placed on your account for seven years. This service alerts you whenever someone attempts to establish credit in your name.

For three years after your identity is stolen, regularly monitor your credit reports for any additional thefts or unauthorized charges.

Step Four: Monitor your creditors.

If you observe unauthorized charges on any billing report, immediately contact the fraud department of that creditor. You have 30 days from the date you receive a banking statement and 60 days from the date you receive a credit

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What's happening in Benton Park West

January

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

9 - Newsletter Deadline
12 - BULK TRASH. Must be out by 10p Sun.

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

20 MLK Day.

February

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14 - Valentines Day

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JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 BPWNA Board mtg	8	9 Newsletter Deadline	10	11
12 Bulk Trash week	13	14	15	16 BPW Neighborhood mtg	17	18
19	20 MLK Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
2	3	4 BPWNA Board mtg	5	6	7 Newsletter Deadline	8
9 Bulk Trash week	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines	15
16	17	18	19	20 BPW Neighborhood mtg	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2014 Events

March 1 - Mardi Gras!

March 4 - BPW Board Meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center

March 9 - Bulk Pick up Week

March 20 - BPW Neighborhood Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

End of March - Community Garden Opening

April 2014 Events

April 19 - Easter Eggstravaganza - Gravois Park

**Tell your
board what
you want in
BPW!**

**Call
314-771-0803**

Library News

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

9am - 6pm Monday 12n - 7pm Tuesday-Thursday
11am - 6pm Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday

January

Wednesday, Jan 22 4-5p,
Traditional Chinese Game
Night Gr K-5

Thursday, Jan 23 4-6p,
Family Movie: Spy Kids,
PG13 Families

Monday, Jan 27 4-5p, Manga
Mondays:. Gr 6-12

***Thursday, Jan 30 4-5p,**
DIY: Goldfish Kites Gr 6-12

ADULTS

Tuesday, Jan 21 12:15-
1:15p, ST. Louis Area Agency
on Aging,

Wednesday, Jan 22 1-3p,
Health Street. Learn about
services, medical care and
free classes.,

February

Monday, Feb 24 4-5p,
Manga Mondays:. Gr 6-12

Thursday, Feb 27 4-6p,
Family Movie: The Prin-
cess and the Frog, G Fami-
lies

ADULTS

Daily, Blind Date with a
Book. Books wrapped in
paper, find your book after
checkout.

Tues and Thursdays,
People's Community Ac-
tion Corp. Counselors
available to assist process
for Affordable Care Act.

*Call for groups of 5 or more.

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

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

Monday, Feb 3, 9-9a, Afri-
can American Read-in
Chain. All ages.

Monday, Feb 3, 6-8p, BHM
Film Series - *Pride*. Gr 6-12.

***Wednesday, Feb 5 10-**
10:30a, Storytime. Pre-
school.

Thursday, Feb 6, 6-7p,
Masterpiece Mania: Free-
dom Mural Gr 3-5.

Monday, Feb 10, 6-8p,
BHM Film Series - *Ruby*
Bridges. Families.

***Wednesday, Feb 12, 26**
10-10:30a, Baby Bookworms
Babies and Toddler.

***Wednesday, Feb 12 5-7p,**
School Age Book Club
Gr 3-5.

***Wednesday, Feb 19 4-5p,**
Artist and Illustrator,
Shadra Stricklan.

***Thursday, Feb 20, 10-**
10:30a, Storytime. Preschool

Saturday, Feb 22 2:30-
4:30p, Got Game? Wii and
Xbox 360. Gr 6-12.

Monday, Feb 24, 6-8p,
BHM Film Series - *Akeelah*
and the Bee. Families.

ADULTS

Monday - Friday, Feb 3-28
Special BHM14, *In Rotation*
Art Exhibit - William Mur-
phy.

Saturday, Feb 22 1-2:30p,
Gitana Productions, Inc
present "Conversation on
Nonviolence& Compassion".

Monday, Feb 24 9a-Noon.
Community Health in Part-
nership Services (CHIPS):
Health Screening, education
and assessments.

Tuesdays and Thurs-
days, 7-8p, ESL Conversa-
tional English

Thursdays, 11a-1p, GED
Classes

*Call for groups of 5 or more.



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314 - 664 - 1720


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Great people**

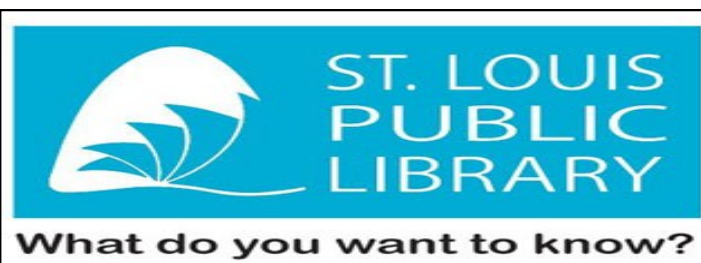
6a - 1:30a Mon-Fri
8a - 1:30a Sat
9a - 12:30p Sun

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Five Star Senior Center

Ph.314-664-1008

Fax.314-865-2900

E-Mail 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

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

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card statement to report errors or unauthorized charges on your account.

Step Five: Notify the FTC database of your case.

Call the FTC's toll free hotline to get your case in their database by calling **877-438-4338**.

Step Six: Notify the IRS if your Social Security number has been compromised.

There have been an increasing number of tax refund frauds. If you know your Social Security number has been stolen, download IRS Form 14309 from www.irs.gov. Fax the completed form to **1-855-807-5720**, along with a copy of your government issued ID and a copy of your police report of the identity theft. You may also notify the **IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490**.

They can be contacted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tips for Reporting Identity Theft:

- Immediately report the incident to author-

ities. Claims that you are not a victim because the bank or credit card company reimbursed your losses are untrue. Your credit is at risk, and you need to report the incident.

- Keep a log of all conversations resulting from the identity theft noting date, time, agency, name of the person you spoke to and phone number.
- Keep copies of all emails sent or received in regards to the identity theft. Never mail original documents.
- Use the FTC's ID Theft Affidavit and have it notarized.
- Always use certified mail with return receipt requested.
- Be persistent. Repairing the damage done by identity theft will take considerable time and effort, but only you can fix it.

FRAUD hotline - 314-612-1412.

Benton Park West

Neighborhood Association
 P.O. 18671
 Saint Louis, MO 63118



On the Web
www.bentonparkwest.org