



**Neighborhood  
Meeting**  
Nov 17  
**Dec-No meeting**  
2832 Arsenal - 7p

Fall 2016

# The Porch Review

BLAZING FORWARD, PLANTING SEEDS, WIDENING PERSPECTIVE



## NOVEMBER MEETING

November 17th will find Benton Park West having the annual Holiday Potluck with the neighborhood providing drinks and paper goods.

In addition to the potluck, we'll have a brief neighborhood meeting.

- **Bring a dish**
- **Visit with friends and neighbors**
- **Hear about BPW in 2017**

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – 2832 Arsenal**

## Benton Park West Board for 2017

The board for BPW continues to be diverse and focus on ensuring safety and growth in the neighborhood.

A neighborhood board includes committees which are the "work horse" of the neighborhood. While the BPW Elected board is a "working board", it takes additional residents to plan and execute the work. It takes YOU to make the neighborhood - Benton Park West.

At the recent October neighborhood meeting, YOU the members elected officers for next year.

The officers for 2017 are as follows:

**President - Scott McIntosh**  
**Vice-President - Allison Hillman**  
**Secretary - Liz Gerard**  
**Treasurer - Jessica White**  
**Member-at-Large - Eddie Schmid**  
**Member-at-Large - Jason Hillman**

These six positions are the official elected board, however, many more individuals are needed to do the work of the association; these additional positions are committee chairs who organize and ensure work is completed.

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## Holiday Shopping is coming UP!

**Shop Locally and  
Support**

**Local Owners and  
Products**

## BPW Events

**Oct 20: BPWNA Meeting** 6:30p,  
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

**Cherokee Neighbor HH** - Blue Pearl

**Oct 29** - HOWL-O-WEEN

**Oct 30** - Trunk or Treat

**Nov 14:** Bulk Trash Pickup

**Nov 14: BPWNA Board Mtg** 6:30p  
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

**Nov 17: BPWNA Meeting - Holiday  
Potluck** 6:30p, 2832 Arsenal, Five  
Star Senior Ctr

**Dec 12:** Bulk Trash Pickup

**Dec 12: BPWNA Board Mtg** 6:30p  
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

**NO Dec BPWNA Meeting**

## Trunk or Treat 2016 - Oct 30th

The Annual Trunk or Treat is just a few days away.

Plan on coming to help or bring your kids!

The event starts at 4p this year. Line up is at 3:30p. This is not a come and go event, you must be at the event by 4p to participate.

This is the 10th annual event where we make a safe for kids to enjoy Halloween while getting candy, making crafts & having their picture taken with some SCARY creature.

Join your neighbors and friends  
in this FUN and  
exciting time for kids

Costumes & decorating, to games & fun.  
Pictures of costumed kids, \$ 1 each.

**WHEN: Sunday, October 30th**

**TIME:** Starts at 4p until candy runs out  
Line up is at 3:30p

**PLACE:** The Salvation Army  
Parking Lot (2720 Arsenal) \*Setup for vehicles 3-4p

For more info call  
Pamela at 314-406-2026

**The Board of Benton Park West Neighborhood  
Association wishes each of you happy holidays!**

**Take this joyous time to share with those who cannot give by  
donating to a food pantry**

**Contact The Salvation Army (314) 771-3460 to donate.**

## All residents and businesses are invited to the monthly Benton Park West Board meetings

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal (at Oregon)  
Generally the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm, with rare exception

Remember, these meetings are open to all residents, property owners and businesses! It is a way to hear the details of all committee activities and have input to board decisions concerning your neighborhood. Please join us and help brainstorm ways to help Benton Park West move forward in the new year.

**Board meeting dates for 2017: Jan 9th, Feb 13th, Mar 13, Apr 10th, May 8th, Jun 12th, Jul 10th, Aug 14th, Sept 11th, Oct 9th, Nov 13th and Dec 11th.**

## 2016 Board

**Linda Hennigh** - President  
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719-6507(c)  
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**Eddie Schmid** - Member at Large

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314.881.8048.

## Know of an alley that needs cleaning?

Our NSO provides a list, to Probation and Parole, of alley's needing to be cleaned.

WE can help by emailing alley locations needing attention!

Linda Hennigh,  
President, BPWNA  
[linda\\_hennigh@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_hennigh@yahoo.com)

## Fundraising for 2016

BPW ended the year on a good note in the area of fundraising.

We were fortunate to have the Murmuration event on Sept 23-25 to bolster our funds for 2016.

Thanks to Hanpo LLC for offering the opportunity, along with partnering with CHARIS and Marine Villa while our fundraising funds were less than budgeted, we had a decent fundraising year.

**Thanks to ALL THE VOLUNTEERS for your continued passion and effort in helping make BENTON PARK WEST the BEST!**

## Be part of the Court Watch Program!

To volunteer call the neighborhood office at 314-881-8048.

## Five Star Senior Center

Ph.314-664-1008

Fax.314-865-2900

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

2832 Arsenal St. Louis, MO 63118-2317

Michael W. Howard

Meals-Transportation

Social Activities

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

Executive Director

# Garfield Commons

## Our Community Neighbor

In September 2014, the Garfield Commons was opened in what had been an elementary school across from Benton Park.

A permanent supportive housing residence, the facility includes 25 one bedroom apartments for chronically homeless

Established in Soulard in 1981 by community members who saw a need for a winter shelter, Peter & Paul Community Services (PPCS) is an ecumenical 501(c)(3) non-profit providing a continuum of housing and support services for individuals who are homeless, especially those who experience



Find us November 12 in historic Tower Grove Park for our annual Race for Home 10k/5k.

Come and enjoy the race!

To learn more about the organization's work to end chronic homelessness in St. Louis: [ppcsinc.org](http://ppcsinc.org).

men and women, a day center for clients and alumni, a commercial kitchen, gym, dining hall, garden, admin offices, art studio, and soccer pitch.

The Garfield Commons have played host to a number of local groups, including summer camp students from the Cherokee Recreation Center. Residents of the building participate in a variety of classes, from sobriety support to financial and digital literacy.

mental illness or live with HIV/AIDS.

The organization's emergency and transitional housing programs have ended homelessness for over 4,000 individuals over the past 34 years.

Today, the agency runs eight programs that serve homeless and low-income men and women throughout the St. Louis region.



## BPW Board 2017 (Continued from page 1)

We must always remember the neighborhood mission:

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

The committees for Benton Park West are as follows:

Block Link

Communications - Newsletter, Website and PR Mktg

Finance

Membership

Beautification

Fundraising

Dog Park

Quality of Life - NOM

Community Gardens

Facilities

Youth Outreach

Many committee chairs will be open for 2017. If you have an interest in any of the work for YOUR neighborhood, ask any board member.

For information about any of the committee chairs or committee work, checkout the Benton Park West website at: [www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org).

If you would like to be involved, contact Linda Hennigh (314-378-2083) or Scott McIntosh (314-719-6507).



## BPW Dog Park

3300 Nebraska

Letting 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.

Application online at [www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org)

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

## Nader and Sons, Inc.

**Repairs American and Foreign Cars  
and Body Shop**

Maroun

Eddie

Monir

2863 S. Jefferson

Phone: 771-9141

St. Louis MO. 63118

Phone: 773-1776



## BPW Dog Park News!

### HOWL-O\_WEEEN - 29th 10a-Noon

The BPW Dog Park at the corner of Nebraska and Utah continues to be a social place for dogs and their owners. Membership has been growing, but we are always looking for more folks to use it. We've been hosting weekly social hours on Wednesday evenings, but as it gets dark earlier we need to find a week-end time that works for the group.

The next event coming up at the dog park is **Howl-O-Ween**. This is a party for dogs and their people and it will be held on Saturday October 29 from 10-12 noon. There will be a facebook contest for the dog with the cutest costume. Beverages and doughnuts will be available for humans and treats for dogs. You don't have to be a member to come. Join the fun!!

Membership information is available in the box near the dog park gate or at <http://www.bentonparkwest.org/dog-park>.

Follow us on facebook for the most up to date news about events. Our page name is *Benton Park West Dog Park*.



Five Star Senior Center is **VERY** good to Benton Park West by allowing us meeting space without charge.

**Let's "PAYBACK" by supporting them on November 13th!**

**1/2 Chicken, 2 Sides,  
Dessert, & Drink  
Adults \$9.00  
Children 5-12 \$4.50**

## Cherokee Street News

By Anne McCullough

Officers Devin Jackson ([djjackson@slmpd.org](mailto:djjackson@slmpd.org)) and Jazmin Garrett ([jdgarrrett@slmpd.org](mailto:jdgarrrett@slmpd.org)) are the new Beat Officers for Cherokee Street. Both can be also be reached at (314-682-9734).

The officers will be patrolling all of Cherokee Street, as well as side streets and alleys, on foot, scooter, gater and bikes.

**New Businesses**  
**Melanated Rich Luxury Beauty Boutique Rich**, 3408 Ohio - The boutique started as a concept to redefine the meaning of black beauty. The owner, Avonda Anderson has created a unique distribution channel for black owned and manufactured beauty products.

**Dorothy's Furniture**, 2717 Cherokee Street, Home furnishings and appliances

**Kalbi Taco Shack**, 2301 Cherokee Street - Korean style tacos, burritos, rice bowls, quesadillas and banh mi sandwiches

**Mariscos El Gato**, 2818 Cherokee Street - Nayarit-Style Seafood Restaurant

**The B-Side**, 2709.. ..coming soon!

Congrats to **Saint Louis Hop Shop** for receiving Neighborhood Business of the Year Award from the Mayor! Also congrats to Nebula for winning the Innovation Award!

### Events

**Trick or Treat on Cherokee Street** - Mon Oct 31st 5-7p.

Families and kids will be able to pick up a treat bag at Love Bank Park, snap a photo in a photo booth, grab a Hot Chocolate and trick or treat at participating businesses. *Yaqui's* will have a movie screening, on projection, from 5 to 8pm, with S'mores for Trick or Treaters.

**Cherokee Street Jazz Crawl** - Sat, Nov 5th. Enjoy a delectable jazz glory with exceptional local music, tasty drinks, enjoy local eats and cheerful company; Community Dance Day returns.

**Print Bazaar on Cherokee Street** - Saturday, Dec 3rd, 10a-6p. This annual Holiday event celebrates the art of print-making, print, and the art of making things.

**Shop Cherokee for Small Business Saturday** - Sat Nov 26th

**Antique Row Cookie Spree** - Sat Dec 3rd & Sun Dec 4th 11a-4p Annual Holiday Cookie Spree includes a free trolley, traveling musicians, carollers, Santa & Krampus, on **both sides of Jefferson** and of course COOKIES!

For more info, contact Anne McCullough, @ 314.304.0932 or [anne@cherokeestreet.com](mailto:anne@cherokeestreet.com).

# 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  
Police Outreach  
meeting is  
March 12th.**

Emergency help: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:  
314.231.1212

"PEOPLE AREN'T  
SUS-



**Barb Potts-** 613-3083(w)  
397-1091 (c)

pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov

**Citizen Service Bureau**  
622-4800

**Refuse Department**  
353-8877

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

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

## Did you know about

**O**ur NOM program is on track. The first piece is **Court Watch**.

Our coordinator tracks court dates and notifies the BPW board and subsequently notifies residents when a bail hearing and sentencing is scheduled. This will allow residents to have an "ownership" in the legal process concerning individuals who commit crimes in our neighborhood.

The court program is only one of the three prongs of the NOM - Neighborhood Ownership Model.

With this initial piece of the program activated, we will be assigned a representative from the Circuit Attorney's office to regularly at-



tend our neighborhood meetings AND get an officer assigned to BPW for calls.

The second piece of the program is mobile patrol or COPs. An individual (or several) is needed to coordinate an already developed list of residents.

The third piece is the Victim Services Unit. This group helps victims and witnesses during the criminal justice process. BPW volunteers do not provide the answers, only direct individuals to the correct officials to seek the answers.

To become involved with BPW NOM program, contact Linda Hennigh at [president@bentonparkwest.org](mailto:president@bentonparkwest.org) or 314-881-8048.

**Take a walk and enjoy the weather, while checking out all the *Cherokee street businesses!***

**Don't miss all Cherokee!**  
**Checkout *cherokeestreetnews.org***

***If you see issues in the park - Benton Park - use the address 3100 South Jefferson when calling for service related to Benton Park, (THE PARK) not the neighborhood of Benton Park.***

***\*\*This helps when running calls for service related to the park.\*\****

## Did You Know??

**B**enton Park West has monthly meetings the third Thursday of each month (except for December).

Join to hear the neighborhood news and interact with your neighbors, 3rd District police, aldermen and NSO. We will review events and activities.

Hear about what is happening with the gardens, beautification, youth events, fundraising, collaborating with other neighborhoods and even how BPW supports other non-profits in the neighborhood.

The monthly meeting is an opportunity to bring your problem properties and nuisance issues with you. During the social hour we have a designated PARKING LOT so you can speak one on one with your alderman, police representative and NSO.

Attendance prizes, 50/50 and snacks are always a part of the meetings. We make an attempt to keep the meeting at one hour. The social hour afterward includes refreshments (beer/wine, soda, snacks) and a great time to talk with neighbors.



314-865-1211

**AUTO BARGAIN CENTER  
USED CARS AND TRUCKS**

**BOB QUINN**  
Owner

2700 Gravois  
St. Louis MO 63118

# Weekly Porch

We are sure you've noticed this printed version of the newsletter has been less than regular.

Last year we starting the "Weekly Porch", however it is only via email, on the website, on Nextdoor and from our Facebook Page.

To stay in touch with what is going on in the neighborhood, signup for at least one of the options to receive the electronic version of the newsletter.

We hope to be on a more regular schedule in 2017 with the printed version.

**For now! Here are the latest happenings from the WEEKLY PORCH!**

**Happy Thyme: A Garden Club for Seniors - Fridays from 10:00-12:00 pm, Salvation Army, 2747 Arsenal**

The Happy Thyme Garden Club is open to all seniors interested in gardening, whether you're a certified green thumb or looking for a place to learn something new. They meet across from The Salvation Army on Fris 10a. Questions? Call Sara Johnson at 314.606.7794

**Gravois Park Trash Pickup and Social Hour - Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am, Gravois Park, 3200 Potomac**

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

**Zumba Classes - Mondays, Curby Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2621 Utah**

Curby Church will host Zumba classes on Mondays at 6:00 pm for \$3-5.00 a session. For more info 314-771-0242.

## SAVE-THE-DATES

**21st Annual SLACO Regional Neighborhood Conference, Sat, Oct 29 from 7:45a-5:30p Harris-Stowe State University**

**HOWL-O-Ween, Sat, Oct 29th, 10a-Noon 3300 Nebraska**

**Trunk or Treat, Sun, Oct 30 at 4:00 pm, 2720 Arsenal**

**Tell Others about**

**Benton Park *West***

What better way of telling others about how great of a place we live, than promoting our homes for sale.

Check on the website for the NEWEST BLAST at [www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org).

*Just click on the link for the weekly BLAST!*

## "The Porch Review"

### Editor Position Available

The position of Editor for The Porch Review is still available. Our long-time Editor, Bill Byrd, wishes to focus on other areas.

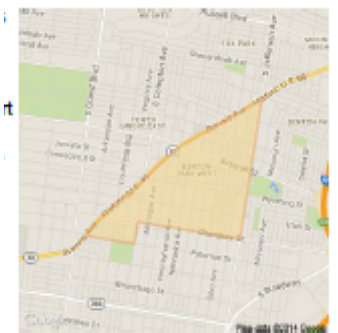
The Editor is responsible for the creation and coordination of distribution of a newsletter keeping residents of BPW informed of activities, issues and happenings. The Editor always mindful of the Mission of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association, as well as Association Bylaws.

Contact Linda Hennigh if interested in being the newsletter

 **Nextdoor**

**Benton Park *West***

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



TO JOIN VISIT:

[nextdoor.com/join/NMEMMK](http://nextdoor.com/join/NMEMMK)



## The CITY is here for YOU!

Citizen's Service Bureau is for issues or concerns.

Request City services: 314-622-4800 or online:

<http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/csb-request-submit.cfm>

Our NSO (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer) are always there for YOU!

## Curby Memorial

### Presbyterian Church

2621 Utah Street Saint Louis, MO 63118

We invite you to come and worship with us as we grow together in Jesus Christ and realize a change in our lives.

Children & Adult Bible Study Worship service

9:00 – 10:00 AM 10:30 AM Fellowship every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday



**Benton Park WEST Neighborhood Association**

PO Box 18671 • St. Louis, Missouri 63118 • 314-771-0803

Email: [membership@bentonparkwest.org](mailto:membership@bentonparkwest.org)**Membership Application Resident or Property Owner 2017**

Effective for 12 Months from date of payment

ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD

**Please print CLEARLY**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (under 18 yrs. in the Household): \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Include me** on the BPWNA list serve ☐ **Do not include me** on BPWNA list serve☐ **New Membership** ☐ **Renewal**☐ **Platinum** = \$100.00 per person x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5 EXTRA tickets for Attendance Prize

☐ **Gold** = \$50.00 per person x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4 EXTRA tickets for the Attendance Prize

☐ **Silver** = \$25.00 per person x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 EXTRA tickets for the Attendance prize

☐ **Bronze** = \$10.00 per person x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 EXTRA tickets for the Attendance prize

☐ **Bronze Senior** (65+) = \$5.00 per person x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 EXTRA tickets for the Attendance prize

☐ **Friend of the Neighborhood** (Non-Resident of BPWest) = \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 EXTRA tickets for the Attendance prize

☐ **Gift/Donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1 EXTRA ticket for every \$5.00 Donated

**Please check any committees in which you would like to become involved**☐ Beautification ☐ Block Link ☐ Communications ☐ Dog Park ☐ Facilities☐ Garden ☐ Membership ☐ Publications ☐ Quality of Life/Safety ☐ Youth

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

↓ FOR OFFICE USE ONLY ↓

<input type="checkbox"/> CASH \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK # _____ or MONEY ORDER (Payable to BPWNA) <input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT CARD (In Person Only)	Rec'd By: _____ Date: _____ Total Pmt: \$ _____
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**It's that TIME of YEAR again for MEMBERSHIP!**



## Contact Numbers

### Crime Prevention and Quality of Life

Emergency/Drug Activity	911
Non-Emergency	231-1212
Drug/Gang Hotline	241-COPS
Chief Dotson	444-5624
Major Caruso	444-2585
3rd Dist Capt Shawn Dace	444-2597
Patrick Clancy - 3rd Dist PA Officer	444-2564
pmclancy@slmpd.org	

### 3rd Dist Nuisance Officers:

PO Daphne Allen	444-2563
PO Erin Hine	444-2564
PO Samantha Edwards	444-2572

### Cherokee Beat Officers:

PO Devin Jackson	682-9734
PO Jazmin Garrett	682-9734

### Citizen Ser Bureau

622-4800

### Alderman: Ken Ortman

776-0161 (h)

### Neighborhood Stabilization Officer:

Barb Potts, pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov  
657-1370 (w) 397-1091 (c)

### MISC:

Pothole Department	768-2805
Refuse/Recycle Dept.	353-8877
Illegal Dumping	911
Then call CSB	622-4800

### Lights:

Alley Lights (AmUE)	342-1000
Street Lights (CSB)	622-4800

### Water:

## 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	

# Benton Park West

## Show off BPW by wearing a T-shirt.

- Shirts are \$ 20, Sizes - S, M, L, XL, XXL.  
Men's and Women's Styles

Purchase online or at BPW meetings, 3rd Thurs of the month, 7p, Five Star, 2832 Arsenal.

To purchase online, [www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org), click the picture of the shirt after clicking on **"SHOP and CART"** on the first page of the website and order via PayPal.



## Gardens are about COMMUNITY!

By Linda Hennigh

Our community garden located at the intersection of Arsenal and S. Jefferson has just completed its THIRD year in its new location. We were previously located at Ohio and Crittenden which now is the home of the Urban Sprout Farm. Due to the generosity of Gateway Greening, we were able, with their help, to move to the new location and finally have our sign installed. In 2014 we started with 20 gardeners, each had a plot and plots were free. However several plots were abandoned during the year.

In 2015, this time with the help of Operation Brightside, we added a monarch garden planted around the BPW Community Garden sign. We also added two Hugelkultur beds along the Arsenal side so we could share some crops with passersby. As advised by Gateway Greening, we started charging a nominal fee, \$10/plot which helped solidify our membership.

In 2016, the neighborhood association contributed enough money to expand and we added 8 plots and 8 new gardeners. We just applied for an expansion grant from Gateway Greening and this month received a compost bin, garden soil and compost to add to our beds for the winter. The gardeners share the responsibilities of mowing and watering (from a water hydrant, key

supplied by water company at Alderman Ken Ortman's request. We have two workday's a month, one during the week and one on a Saturday which gives gardeners time to work together and share tips and tricks.

Spring of 2017 we will have applications for plots on the back of the corner sign and if needed, add a few more beds. Gateway Greening has gardens throughout the city and county and they can be found on their website. Before we are eligible, we must put in volunteer hours in other neighborhood gardens or at GG Bell Garden just north of the Fox Theatre. The garden brightens one of the main entrances to Benton Park West and when working on our beds, we get to meet and chat with lots of new neighbors. Hopefully, you too will join us in 2017!

**Erin and Dean from Gateway Greening** delivered the compost bin on Wednesday Oct 12th.



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[www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org)