



**Neighborhood
Meeting
October 17
November 21
2832 Arsenal - 7p**

October 2013

The Porch Review



Health Insurance Exchanges Now Open

Beginning October 1st, thousands of St. Louisans who are not eligible for Medicaid but do not earn enough to afford health care will have a new option. The Affordable

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Serve STL in Arsenal/Jefferson Area

Saturday, October 12th, will find over 100 volunteers working in Benton Park and the new community garden for Benton Park West at the corner of Arse-

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BPW Events

Oct 8: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Oct 12: ServeSTL and AB workday

Oct 17: BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting, 7p, Five Star.

Oct 27: Trunk or Treat

Nov 5: Newsletter Deadline for December

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2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Nov 21: BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting, 7p, Five Star.

Dec 5: Splendor in the Glass Looking Glass Designs on Park Avenue in Lafayette Square

Benton Park West's Annual



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 27th 4-6pm

Halloween Party for the Children

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

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

WHAT: Trunk or Treat

WHEN: Sunday, October 27th

TIME: *4-6 pm

WHERE: The Salvation Army Parking Lot (2720 Arsenal)

Join us for a great time!!!

Candy & Fun for All ~ Costume Judging ~ Chalk Art ~ Face Tattoos

*(setup for vehicles 3:00 p.m to 3:45 p.m.)

Children 14 and under, must be accompanied by an adult

For more information call Pamela at 314-406-2026

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WasabiNet will be recognized at the International Summit for Community Wireless Networks

Ben West, WasabiNet's co-founder, is off to Berlin for this year's *International Summit for Community Wireless Networks (IS4CWN)*, being hosted by the *Open Technology Institute of the New America Foundation*.

Exciting! Aufregend (in German)! Ben will be presenting a tech showcase about the solar-powered rooftop wireless network Sunflower Mesh, in conjunction with the COMMUNAL-cator Arduino-based

sensing platform being presented by Xavier Leonard. Ben has been attending these summits since it came to St. Louis in 2006.

Through these conferences, Ben has promoted the won-

ders of WasabiNet, the local hackerspace Arch Reactor, the Cherokee Street community, and St. Louis in general, in distant places like Vienna, Barcelona, and now mostly recently Berlin.

WasabiNet is a public "wireless Internet co-operative" WiFi network built by residents on Cherokee Street using grant money, ingenuity, and a stretched-out DSL signal from none other than AT&T.

It's powered by a series of inexpensive DSL routers that beam a WiFi signal around the neighborhood using nifty technology called a "mesh node network. Currently the system boasts download speeds of up to three megabytes per second.

Nominees for the 2014 Benton Park West Board

Voting will occur at the October Benton Park West neighborhood meeting, October 17th at 7p at 2832 Arsenal, for the 2014 elected board. In addition to the elected board, there are many committee chairs which function as the Board of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association.

The nominees for the 2014 elected board:

President: Linda Hennigh
Vice-President: Carrie Sleep
Secretary: Scott McIntosh
Treasurer: Suzanne Hennigh
Member At Large: Becky Martinez
Member At Large: Whitney Mathison

Tell your board what you want in BPW!

Call

314-771-0803

2013 Board

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Cherokee is Hoppin'

by Anne McCullough

Check out the New Openings:

Boheme Atelier

Boheme Atelier recently opened at 2308 Cherokee Street and is a lovely little furniture boutique, just like the ones you

wander into while on the streets of an old European city.

Owner
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hand

paints antique furniture and accessories to give a distinctly shabby look. Bohème also carries a variety of Parisian style vintage finds, romantic perfumes, bohemian art glass, designer paper goods and boho jewelry.



Hydraulic Pictures

Hydraulic Pictures is a new venture by co-founders Bill Streeter and Gretta Forrester. They offer a quick turnaround affordable video and film production. Hydraulic Pictures will be having an open house on October 10th from 6 to 10pm.

Events:

St. Louis Celebrates City Kitties

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2013 10-4
Cherokee Antique Row will be your place to learn about feral cats, TNR (trap, neuter, return) and how you can help the feral and stray cats in our City. The shops will have a plethora of kitty items for your shopping pleasure.

Live entertainment 1 -3 PM by SARAH JANE and THE BLUE NOTES. 2125 Cherokee.

Too Hip Comedy Celebrates Its Second Year with Mary Mack and Tim Harmston

The next independent stand-up comedy showcase will be on October 24th, marking its second anniversary at Foam Coffee & Beer. The showcase will host comedians Mary Mack (*Sirius XM, Marc Maron's WTF Podcast and Bob & Tom*) and Tim Harmston (*Late Show with David Letterman, Comedy Central's Live at Gotham*).

Too Hip Comedy proudly plays host to comedians from all corners of the country including Chicago, New York and Denver.

For more information about the show, contact creator Kris Wernowsky at 309-255-1218 or at kwernowsky@gmail.com. Also, become a fan at www.facebook.com/toohipcomedy.



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E-MAIL: jgentile@rams.nfl.com
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SLACO Neighborhood Conference

SLACO will host the 18th Annual Regional Neighborhoods Conference on Saturday, November 2, 2013, at Harris-Stowe State University.

For nearly 35 years, SLACO has been working with neighborhood groups in the St. Louis metro area to bring high-quality learning and networking events to association leaders.

The conference consists of keynote speakers and many small topical workshops as well as refreshments and a box lunch. Cost is \$25 per participant.

Benton Park West had four representatives at the 2012 conference.

The St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) was established in the late 1970s as a not-for-profit with the following mission: To improve the quality of life for the residents of St. Louis neighborhoods through community based initiatives, including housing development, crime prevention, leadership training, citizen empowerment, and neighborhood organizing.

The organization has recently received funding to employ Nancy Thompson as its Executive Director and with her employment SLACO is seeking to become the relevant umbrella association it was 20 plus years ago.



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- Current tags
- Shots must be current
- Paperwork showing that rabies shots are current.

Once you have the information collected, call 314-771-0803 and leave your name, contact information and e-mail address. Or contact us at dogpark@bentonparkwest.org

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

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

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

2300 Lafayette Avenue
314-771-9214

Saint Louis, MO 63104
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Worship

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

Contemporary Music on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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

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

APPLICATION ON BACK PAGE!



Membership Needs YOU!

Call 771.0803 for more info.

See page 12 for an application

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

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BPW Dog Park

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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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McKinley Heights, and Tower Grove East**

Safety/Security Products Available

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

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- gun security boxes, \$20ea.
- license plate clear covers, \$5 per pair
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Tips to Get Your Home Ready for Fall

With summer wrapping up, now is the perfect time to prepare your home for the fall. These 10 simple tips will help you make quick fixes around the house to ensure your home is ready for the cooler season. Preparing both inside and outside will make your home feel clean and organized for the fall.



Inspect your roof

Check your roof for any damage that may have been caused by summer storms. Replace shingles to avoid leaking or further damage.

Wash all rugs and carpets

Give your home a clean feel by washing the carpeting and rugs. Take a look at drapes and other fabric items. Give everything a good shakeout & cleaning.

Check smoke detectors

Replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test to make sure they work properly.

Clean out the refrigerator and freezer

Go through the refrigerator and freezer to get rid of any expired food. Also, clean the shelves and reorganize the food.

Check your home's insulation

Inspect the insulation and replace any wet or damaged pieces.

Test your garage door

Ensure that your garage door opener reverses when it hits an obstruction or when its sensor beam is interrupted.

Clean out the dryer vent

Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct and space under the dryer. Remove all lint, dust and other debris.

Check electrical outlets

Check your electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose-fitting plugs.

Inspect the walls

Touch up the paint on the walls in your home for a fresh, clean look. By touching up the paint occasionally you can avoid having to repaint entire walls at once.

Test your sump pump

To avoid flooding in your home, test your sump pump to make sure it is draining properly.

By following these simple tips, you will be well on your way to having your house ready for the fall!

Looking Beyond the Elected Neighborhood Board

You can be an important part of Benton Park West whether you're on the elected board or a resident who wants to help make our neighborhood a comfortable place to live.

Whether your talents and dreams lie in planting flowers and veggies, drawing flowers & veggies, spreading news, meeting neighbors, talking on the phone or anything in between, take a look at the possibilities or add some of your own. If you'd like to become involved, contact Linda Hennigh at 771-2161, at the office at 771-0803 or email at president@bentonparkwest.org.

- Do you get a newsletter each month? If not, YOU can deliver to your block!
- Flowers your love? Corner planters need attention or find a close neighbor to adopt.
- Love making friends on the phone? We have events throughout the year and people just waiting for someone to invite them.
- Is safety your thing? Our Neighborhood Ownership Model needs court advocates to attend bail hearings and show the judges we care & want high bails.
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Health Care Exchanges Now Open

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Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace will provide significantly less-expensive coverage to those eligible.

The federal government estimates that the approximately 20,000 residents in the City of St. Louis who do not have insurance will be able to get discounted coverage through the Missouri Health Insurance Marketplace. Information released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that in St. Louis, a family of four earning \$50,000 will pay \$32 a month for the lowest premium coverage plan.

“Unfortunately, a lot of people who are eligible to enroll in the Marketplace do not know about their op-

tions,” said Pam Walker, City Health Director. “That’s why the City and its partners are holding two enrollment sessions per week through the end of the year to help people understand their options and to get affordable coverage through the exchange.”

The times and locations for the scheduled enrollment assistance sessions are in the below chart.

“In addition to the opportunities offered through the Marketplace, we still need to expand and reform Medicaid in Missouri,” said Mayor Francis Slay. “We are at a crossroads in Missouri and in St. Louis. Going forward, if we choose wisely, we can

expand access to health care, focus more Medicaid dollars on preventing illness, and reform Medicaid so taxpayer money is better spent. That’s why we will continue to work to convince the Missouri General Assembly to expand and reform Medicaid.”

Information on the Marketplace is available online at healthcare.gov or covermissouri.org or by phoning the 24/7 call center at 1-800-318-2596 (TTY 1-855-889-4325), where help is available in 150 languages.

Consumers can apply and choose a plan from now until the end of March, with coverage beginning as early as January 1, 2014.

INSURANCE MARKETPLACE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE SITES

Day	Time	Date	Organization	Address
Wednesday	2:00 - 6:00 pm	October 9	Schlafley Branch / Public Library	225 N. Euclid
Saturday	10:00 - 2:00	October 12	Baden Branch	8448 Church
Tuesday	3:00 - 7:00 pm	October 15	Buder Branch / Public Library	4401 Hampton
Saturday	9:30 - Noon	October 19	Schlafley Branch / Public Library	225 N. Euclid
Tuesday	2:00 - 6:00 pm	October 22	Connect Care	5535 Delmar
Saturday	9:30 - noon	October 26	Buder Branch / Public Library	4401 Hampton
Saturday	9:30 - noon	November 2	Buder Branch / Public Library	4401 Hampton
Tuesday	3:00 - 7:00 pm	November 5	Buder Branch / Public Library	4401 Hampton
Saturday	9:30 - 1:00 pm	November 9	Julia Davis Branch	4415 Natural Bridge Road
Wednesday	2:00 - 6:00 pm	November 13	Schlafley Branch / Public Library	225 N. Euclid
Saturday	9:30 - 1:00 pm	November 16	Connect Care	5535 Delmar
Tuesday	2:00 - 6:00 pm	November 19	Baden Branch	8448 Church
Saturday	9:30 - 1:00 pm	November 23	Connect Care	5585 Pershing
Tuesday	2:00 - 6:00 pm	December 3	Julia Davis Branch	4415 Natural Bridge Road
Saturday	11:00 - 3:00	December 7	Baden Branch	8448 Church
Tuesday	2:00 - 6:00	December 10	Connect Care	5585 Pershing
Saturday	9:30 - noon	December 14	Schlafley Branch / Public Library	225 N. Euclid

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

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Obamacare Uncertainty Generates Scams

Fraud.org, a consumer protection group, reported recently that confusion over the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has created an opportunity for scammers and other criminals to take advantage of the public, particularly seniors. State and federal health exchanges will be online beginning Oct. 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014. The implementation could unleash additional attempts to defraud those entering the health care exchanges.

Obamacare scams are many and varied. Consumers have been contacted by mail, phone, fax, email and even in person as part of these scams. In a common version, con artists claim they are federal employees. They tell consumers they must purchase insurance cards to be eligible for ACA coverage. Criminals intimidate consumers into giving their bank account and Social Security numbers by saying that it is the law or the government now requires it. They then use this information to steal the identity of consumers.

Some consumers have reported being threatened with jail time under ACA rules unless they purchase insurance. In reality, the individual mandate portion of ACA does not take effect until 2014 and failure to comply will result in a fine, not jail time.

Under the ACA, thousands of workers

called navigators are being trained to assist the public in choosing insurance coverage through state and federal insurance exchanges. Some criminals claim to be navigators in order to try and sell fictitious insurance plans.

Examples of fraud are already appearing. One company in Arizona convinced a senior to divulge her bank account by claiming she was eligible for Obamacare. They told her that she must enroll immediately, though, as there were only twenty spaces left. Other criminals have convinced consumers they must wire transfer money or send funds via prepaid debit card in order to be eligible.

Protect yourself from Affordable Care Act scams by using the following information:

- Official registration begins Oct. 1, 2013 and lasts through March 31, 2014. Anyone trying to register you before or after those dates is attempting a scam. Be informed how the ACA affects you. Go to www.HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 to learn about changes affecting you.

- Anyone asking you to wire transfer funds, send a prepaid debit card, or release social security, bank or credit card numbers is operating a scam. Actual "navigators" are

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Be part of Citizens on Patrol.

To volunteer call
the neighbourhood office at
314-771-0308.

What's happening in Benton Park West August

6 - Newsletter Deadline for November

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

12 - ServeSTL Workday, Missouri/Arsenal - 9a-1p

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

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

27 - Trunk or Treat. 2720 Arsenal (Salvation Army parking lot), 4-6p

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Newsletter Deadline	7	8 BPWNA Board mtg 6:30p,	9	10 Newsletter Deadline	11	12 Serve STL Workday 9a-1p
13 Bulk Trash week	14	15	16	17 BPW Neigh- borhood mtg 7p, Five Star	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Trunk or Treat	28	29	30	31		

November Events

November 5 - BPW Board Meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center

November 21 - BPW Neighborhood Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving

Serve STL

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nal/Jefferson. Additionally, a project of cleaning up Jefferson from Gravois to Cherokee is also planned. Groups from various sources are coming together in an "organic" perspective to work on the multiple projects. At 8:45a volunteers will meet at Missouri and Arsenal for registration.

WHAT IS SERVE ST. LOUIS?

It's a movement started by faith based organizations throughout the region uniting in a single weekend of practical acts of service, making the metro area a better place to live, and bringing honor to the name of Jesus.

Obamacare Generates Scams

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paid by the federal government. You should never have to pay a fee for guidance in selecting insurance. If you receive an unsolicited communication of any type stating you must purchase or update Medicare or Social Security cards, this is a scam. Report such incidents to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov.

- Some websites are made to look like official insurance ex-

change websites, even displaying the actual seal. These "phishing" sites exist to load malware onto your system or to collect your personal information. Make certain you are on an official website.

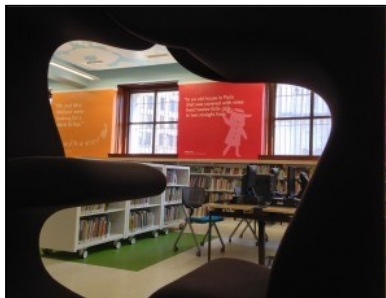
- If you believe you have inadvertently divulged personal information to an ACA scammer, contact the Fraud Prevention Hotline at 314-612-1412 for assistance to preserve your identity.

Do you know your Central Library?

While there are branches of the St. Louis Public Library all over the city and county, the original city library is still active in the original building.

The library is housed in the 1912 Beaux Arts building, which takes a full city block, was originally designed by Cass Gilbert, who also designed the U.S. Supreme Court. Andrew Carnegie provided the seed money — part of his campaign to build 1,600 libraries in America — and taxpayers provided the rest. The Great Hall is decorated with alabaster and marble lamps and a hand-sculpted ceiling. Visitors enter through a marble Grand Foyer and move into the Great Hall with its

alabaster and marble lamps and its hand-sculpted ceiling. Walking through the other rooms, one discovers a perfect blend of reverence and whimsy, from the super-quiet genealogy center to the Children's Library (kids only, please) guarded by



three giant Jelly Baby sculptures by Mauro Perucchetti. Breathtaking stained glass windows by Gorham have been gleamingly restored, while a new stain-

less steel and glass atrium offers space for book clubs, computers and a cafe. A basement originally used for the furnace and coal storage has been transformed into a 244-seat auditorium for author events and concerts.

The Children's Library sports furniture to climb into with a favorite book. The remodeling, which also doubled the available public space, was timed to commemorate the building's centennial. It was funded by \$20 million in donations and \$50 million in bonds. Make sure you stop by and take in this literary palace, which is FREE to you. Central Library is located at 1301 Olive Street. The voice number is 314-241-2288, TDD is 314-539-0364.



The library hours are:

- 10am - 9pm
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Ken Ortmann 776-0161 (h)

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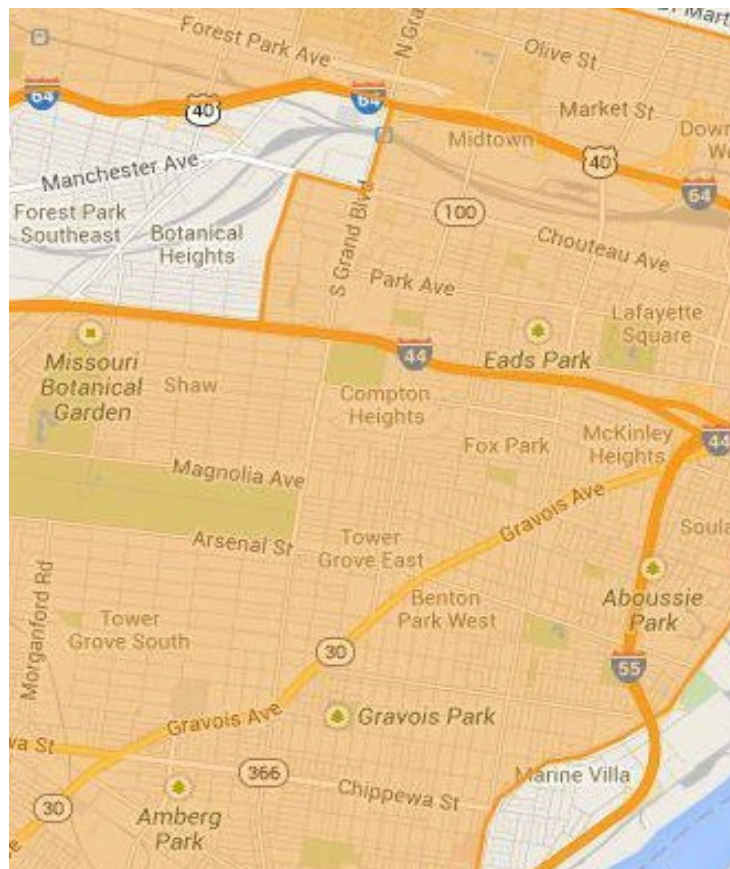
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