



**Neighborhood
Meeting
May 16**
2832 Arsenal - 7p

May 2013

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BPWNA NeighborhoodWIDE Garage Sale

*Calling ALL Benton Park WEST Residents and
Neighbors!*

*** **When:** Saturday, June 1, 2013 ... RAIN or
SHINE

*** **Time:** 7:00am -12:00pm.

*** **Where:** The starting point: 3136-38 Gravois
(Parking Lot) for great deals
AND a list of participating houses! ! !

*Host your own garage sale and turn your un-
used items into cash!*

If you want your address on the list email: [BPWBeautifica-
tion@yahoo.com](mailto:BPWBeautification@yahoo.com) or call the BPWNA office at #314/771-0803.

Garage Sale TIPS

Use your own judgment, but
here are a few helpful hints
that might help you get
started:

Plan: Months before the sale,
start gathering things. If you have
not used something in over a year,
consider it for the sale. Make sure
you no longer need it, but it still
retains value to someone else. Do
NOT include anything broken or
stained – customers will be turned
off. A group sale may be better
than selling alone. Larger sales
draw more traffic.

Kids? Consider getting the kids
involved. Set up a table for them
sell old toys.

Selling Clothes? Display on a
clothes rack and use cheap hang-

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BPW Events

May 4: Cinci De Mayo on Cherokee
with the People's Joy Parade

**May 5: Newsletter Deadline for
June**

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

May 12: Bulk Trash

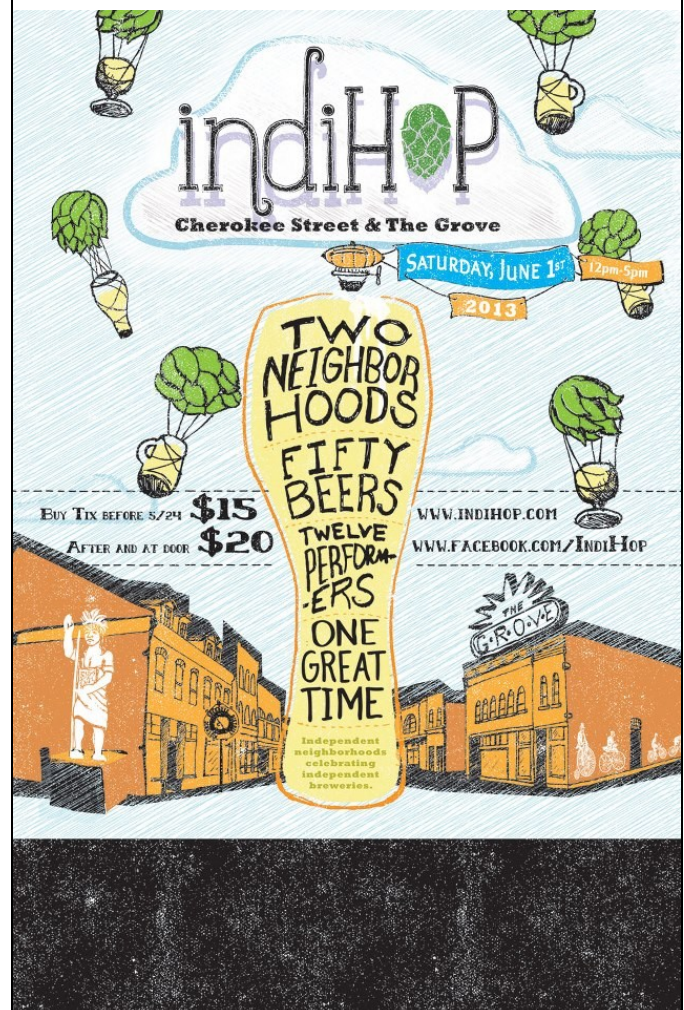
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Meeting, 7p, Five Star.**

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2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

**Jun 20 : BPWNA Neighborhood
Meeting, 7p, Five Star.**

Independent Neighborhoods Celebrating Independent Breweries

**2 neighborhoods, 50 beers,
12 street performers, 4 shuttles
1 great time!**



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The President's Corner...



Linda Hennigh

flowers" but this year they seem to be bringing May showers! It has been a wonderful start to the year with so many activities to enjoy in Benton Park West. Cherokee Street has been providing non-stop entertainment starting with Cinco de Mayo. Several new restaurants and the Farmer's Market, coming back for its second year in a new location (next to Black Bear Bakery), continues the vibrant growth. June 1st will find Cherokee 'hoppin' with the popular IndiHop, as well as the NeighborhoodWide Yard Sale for Benton Park West.

We continue to work on a plan to bring new folks in to fill our empty homes. Check our website for available properties and

**SHOP and
SEARCH to help
BPW!**

Join now at
www.iGive.com/

Help BPW do fund-raising. If you shop online or do searches on the computer.

**What do you
want to see
in BPW?**

Call 314-771-0803

Welcome to 2013

April Showers... Brings Excitement!

The saying is "April showers bring May

tell your friends. When we drive down the streets we see much anticipated development making a comeback. Free trees have been planted by the Forestry Dept. throughout the neighborhood and lots more going on.

PLEASE, come to our meetings on the **THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH** at Five Star Senior Center (Arsenal

and Oregon) and hear all of the details!

Also, please contact us if you have ideas for our newsletter and website. If you aren't on our list-serve, send your email address to communications@bentonparkwest.org or call 314.771.0803 and leave a message.

Linda Hennigh,
President



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CASA LOMA EVENTS - A Great line-up of dances and events. SPECIAL May 18th SHOW-ME Burlesque 2013 and album release party - May 31st with POKEY LA FARGE

F R I.	MAY 10	FUNDRAISER FOR JOIN HANDS, ESL featuring ST. LOUIS BIG BAND. For additional information and to receive an invitation go to www.joinhandsesl.org
S A T.	MAY 11	St. Louis' #1 Rock-a-Billy Swing band HUDSON & THE HOODOO CATS Doors open 7:30pm. Swign Dance Lessons 8-8:30 Music til 12am. Adm. \$10/\$12*
F R I.	MAY 17	Ballroom & Swing Dancing with an 18 piece Orchestra SECOND GENERATION SWING SWING Doors open 7:00pm Dance Lessons 7:15-8:00 Music 8:00-11:00pm. Adm. \$10 / \$12*
S A T.	MAY 18	The Beggar's carnival & Final Night of Show-Me Burlesque Festival 2013. It's the most over-the-top, "cirque du soleil on a whiskey bender," fantasy fueled experience, gin soaked, vaudeville cloaked, gypsy burlesque extravaganza, that is the Beggar's Carnivale. Featuring Perle Noire (New Orleans) Ray Gunn (Chicago) Peek-aboo Pointe (NY) Midnite Martini (Denver) and the stars of the Beggar's Carnivale, Sammich the Tramp, Lola van Ella, the Hoochie Coochie girls, Indie Lou, and all your other favorites with music by Strawfoot! Special out-of-town guests performers. For ticket pricing go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/365257
F R I.	MAY 24	Ballroom Dancing with the 22 piece orchestra THE ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF SWING Doors open 7:00pm Dance Lessons 7:15-8:00 Music 8:00-11:00pm. Adm. \$10 / \$12*
F R I.	MAY 31	FIRST TIME AT CASA LOMA Featuring an Album Release Show, POKEY LA FARGE with Loot Rock Gang and Mariachi Los Compadres. Doors open 7:00pm Show starts at 8:00pm. Adm. \$12-\$18 Advanced tickets available at Off Broadway and Casa Loma. For information on Pokey's World Tour go to howdy@pokeylafarge.net New Record and Cd available June 4th.
F R I.	JUNE 7	Ballroom & Swing Dancing with an 18 piece orchestra THE AMBASSADORS OF SWING Doors open 7:00pm Dance Lessons 7:15-8:00 Music 8:00-11:00pm. Adm. \$10 / \$12*
F R I.	JUNE 14	Ballroom Dancing with a 24 piece orchestra THE ST. LOUIS BIG BAND Doors open 7:00pm Dance Lessons 7:15-8:00 Music 8:00-11:00pm. Adm. \$10 / \$12*
		*Under 21, \$2 surcharge (includes one drink ticket for soda or bottled water)



Community Information Corner

Keep a Watch Out!

Tax assessments will be mailed out around May 17th, with an appeals period through an undetermined date in July.

Don't Forget to **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The 3rd District Neighborhood Advisory Board - June 13 at 7p. Come hear from the S.L.M.P.D. Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) team and a Grand Jury Good Citizenship Award will be presented.

Art Fairs are starting! Two in May -

Hill Wine Walk - Sat the 11th, 12:30-5p - Berra Park at Macklind and Daggett, 63110, tickets are \$25/person. Registration starts at 12:30p. **The price includes**
 -Souvenir Sampling Cup.
 -Sample Wine Tasting At Participating Locations.
 -Discounts At Many Participating Shops, Restaurants and Markets.
 -Two Activity Hubs With Music, Live Art and Entertainment.
 -Festival Cabs – Get You Where You Need To Go.

ArtFest - Family Event, Saturday, May 18th, 11a-5p. Lindbergh Parkway. *30 local artists.

All Day Events: Kids Art Station & Art Demonstrations by Artist Guild

- 11:00-12:00 Free Yoga Class by Pilates & Yoga St. Louis (mats provided)
- 11:30-12:30 Music by David Black
- 1:00 - 2:00 Free Pilates Matt Class
- 1:00 - 3:00 Healthy Cooking Demonstrations by St. Mary's Chef
- 3:00 - 4:00 Music by Todd Mosby
- 4:00 - 5:00 Wine Tasting - Edg-Clif Winery

Enjoy picnic style menu by local eatery; Uptown Cafe:

- ⇒ Homemade potato chips/Oven roasted pizza
- ⇒ Veggie pocket sandwiches
- ⇒ Home-made ice-cream sandwiches

Five Star Senior Center

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Meals-Transportation

Social Activities

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

2832 Arsenal St. Louis, MO 63118-2317

Michael W. Howard

Executive Director



Follow the yellow brick road to Central Library where you can experience Oz as you never have! Based on L. Frank Baum's book from 1900, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz traveling exhibit is a larger than life "pop-up book" that dazzles the eyes and stimulates the mind. Children have the chance to step into Dorothy's shoes (literally) and encounter science, art and history through the magic of this timeless tale. A full range of children's and adult's programs and activities will be held at Central and most City branches. At any of our locations, pick up your copy of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz guide and be off to see the Wizard!

Central Library's Great Hall (2nd floor) 1301 Olive Street

May 1 – July 31, 2013

◇ Mon–Thurs 10a–7p

◇ Fri & Sat 10a–5p

*Group Tours: Call (314) 539-0380 to arrange an appointment

W. W. Denslow illustrated the book. Considered to be the first American fairy tale, its popularity was something of a national craze. Mr. Baum responded to the sensation and demand with thirteen sequels over the next 20 years.

Did you know that there were 13 additional books written about Oz?

- o 1904 The Marvelous Land of Oz
- o 1907 Ozma of Oz
- o 1908 Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz
- o 1909 The Road to Oz
- o 1910 The Emerald City of Oz
- o 1913 The Patchwork Girl of Oz
- o 1914 Tik-Tok of Oz
- o 1915 The Scarecrow of Oz
- o 1916 Rinkitink in Oz
- o 1917 The Lost Princess of Oz
- o 1918 The Tin Woodman of Oz
- o 1919 The Magic of Oz
- o 1920 Glinda of Oz

L. Frank Baum was born in Chittenango, New York on May 15, 1856. While growing a family and moving about the US, Frank authored various books. In the years before writing the Wizard of Oz, Frank wrote various plays, worked at the family oil business, owned Baum's Bazaar, ran his own newspaper, as well as, a salesman.

After success made life easier, Frank was able to concentrate on his new story idea. Testing his ideas one evening during story time, he shared about Dorothy, the Scarecrow and the Tin Woodman. Asked where the "magic land" was located, he looked around the room and saw his filing cabinets; the bottom drawer O-Z. Hence the birth of the "Land of Oz".

Since then the story has been seen on stage and the famous movie.

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Know of a horrible alley that needs cleaning?

Our NSO (Neighborhood Stabilization Officer) has offered to give a list to Probation and Parole; who will be cleaning alleys.

Please email the alley location and the alley will be added to the list!

Linda Hennigh, President, BPWNA
linda_hennigh@yahoo.com

The Luminary and Works Progress Present: WHOLE CITY - St. Louis

Organized by Works Progress (Minneapolis)

*The Luminary Center for the Arts On view May 4 – May 25, 2013. Opening Reception on May 4th from 7-9pm DURING CINCO de MAYO on CHEROKEE!

*At an alternate gallery space at 2644 Cherokee Street, St. Louis 63118

Whole City is a month-long project by Minneapolis-based public art and design studio Works Progress that will bring an unfamiliar eye to the City of St. Louis - asking inhabitants to talk about its identity as a place, as well as the creative life and aspirations of its residents - beginning with the question, *What makes us whole?*

Using collaborative inquiry and reflection, Works Progress artists Colin Kloecker and Shanai Matteson will explore St. Louis - specifically, the connections and disconnections that socially-engaged artists are exploring through their work and what it could mean for the future of city life.

Throughout the course of an intense one-week residency Works Progress will get to know St. Louis with the help of local artists and organizations. The variety of perspectives shared through

face-to-face conversations, short essays and other artistic contributions will be compiled into a free broadsheet publication distributed onsite and put on display at The Luminary from May 4th-25th, inviting collective self-reflection about what could be.

For a comprehensive schedule of events, please visit www.theluminarycenter.com, click on "Whole City:Works Progress" under Exhibitions.

Whole City St. Louis was organized for The Luminary as a part of the ongoing series *How to Build a World That Won't Fall Apart*, exploring how artists and alternative arts organizations sustain themselves in times of social and economic instability. The Luminary's exhibitions are generously supported by the Arts and Education Council, the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council.

THE LUMINARY CENTER
FOR THE ARTS:



The Luminary is a 501(c)(3) artist resourcing institution that seeks to provide meaningful support to emerging artists, audiences and appreciators in the St. Louis area. As a combined studio, education, and exhibition space, we bring together a conversation from all areas of the art world, encouraging creative engagement with contemporary art production and processes. Visit us online at www.theluminaryarts.com

Food Pantries in 63118

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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
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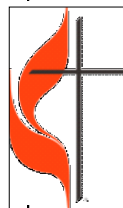
Saint Louis, MO 63118
www.lp-umc.org

Worship

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

Pentecost Sunday
Sunday - May 19 - All Church Potluck

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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Mayor Slay talks about Mobile Vending in the City - Food Trucks



Mayor Francis Slay

With patience, compromise, and a mayoral staffer who liked burritos, food trucks – I mean the sort of

brightly painted mobile kitchens that now pop up on street corners during lunch and after concerts – have found a home in parts of the city. The patience was important because not everyone (including their brick-and-mortar competitors, health officials, and motorists competing for parking) initially welcomed them. But, a staffer working mostly on her own negotiated enough compromises among the interested par-

ties to allow a fleet of such trucks to try to find customers here without too much hassle.

Food trucks are just the tip of the iceberg for contemporary mobile retailing. In California, you can buy fancy flow-ers, designer shoes, and school supplies; get a haircut; or play video games – all from a truck. And such trends flow east. Just this past week, a stylish staffer asked for permission to see how a local truck that sells fashionable clothing could operate without too much interference on city streets.

My answer: yes, but remember that the road traveled by the burritos was a bumpy one at first.

We need to find out a way to license mobile boutiques – or florists, stylists, or anythingelseists - that does not put

brick and mortar stores, who have already made substantial investments in their neighborhoods, at a disadvantage. We will also need to identify neighborhoods that will welcome them. And we will need to satisfy the revenue collectors and law enforcers.

After months of back and forth, food trucks generally abide by an enforceable set of rules outlining everything from food safety regulations to where and for how long they can park. They are welcome in some neighborhoods, but not in others. They are licensed and pay taxes.

The fashion truck and its mobile sisters are pirates for now, but I am confident we can figure this out fairly, too.

Cherokee is Hoppin'

by Anne McCullough

Looking into the summer for 2013, don't miss these events:

CSBA Meeting @ El Torito
Thursday, May 16, 2013 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Show-Me Burlesque May 16-18, 2013 - *Opening Night Bash on the 16th 8-11:30p. Final Night 8p-1a. A 3 day festival dedicated to glitz, glam and fabulous burlesque, boylesque, vaudeville, circus, and variety entertainment from all over the country!

Lo-Fi Cherokee 2013 Video Release Party @ blank
space Friday, May 17, 2013 8-11p. Come celebrate, meet some of the bands and check out the results of a single day marathon video production.

Cherokee Community Day/ Kung-Fu Beat Down Movie Night w/ ReGen STL @ Texas and Cherokee Saturday, May 18, 2013 5-10:30p.

ReGen STL will be repurposing the vacant lot at Texas and Cherokee into a temporary Community Center and neighborhood gathering

space. It will be a day of performances, demonstrations, food, drink, and a lot of positive energy given forth by you, the community.

The event will culminate with an outdoor, bicycle powered screening of a classic, family friendly Kung-Fu film, The Invincible **Armor**.

Fresh City Project Cherokee Street, Sunday May 19, 2013 10a-1p. A St. Louis based community service project focused on rehabilitating and creating commerce within the historic state streets of St. Louis Missouri. Targeting the Cherokee business district in South St. Louis we seek to clean and reconstruct the physical area while recharging the entrepreneurial spirit and empowering individuals to make positive changes in their lives.

\$5 Yoga Class – Namaste for

Niesha Fundraising Event @ C.A.M.P. May 25, 2013 2-7p.

Pokey LaFarge CD/Vinyl Release Show @ The Historic Casa Loma Ballroom May 31, 2013 7:00-11:30p.

*Find out why
Fox TV 2 was
recently on
Cherokee
Street!*

Pick up your IndiHop tasting glass in either neighborhood and sample up to 50 different types of locally made brews. Participating businesses in both neighborhoods will provide a unique beer for your sampling quest. As you travel from venue to venue, enjoy entertainment by an assortment of live musicians, artists and street performers. Ready to hop to the next neighborhood? Board one of four IndiHop shuttles, running all day from 11:30a-7p. Come early or stay late and enjoy lunch or dinner at your favorite spot.

IndiHop tickets include a tasting glass, event booklet, shuttle transportation between the Grove and Cherokee Street and the opportunity to taste up to 50 of St. Louis' finest independently brewed beers. Don't miss out! Be a part of IndiHop.

Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$15 up until the week before the event, \$20 the week before and the day of the event.

IndiHop Cherokee Street & The Grove Saturday, June 1, 2013 12:00p-5p.

Cherokee Street and The Grove once again join forces to present IndiHop 2013. IndiHop is a unique event showcasing two of St. Louis' most eclectic neighborhoods. Cherokee Street and The Grove proudly bring you IndiHop, Saturday June 1, from noon to 5:00p.



BPW Dog Park

3300 Nebraska

Join NOW - let your dog 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

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

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

- license plate fasteners, \$3 per set
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- steering wheel locks (car clubs) \$13 ea.

NIP Form

Nuisance Identification Program form

Date: _____

Address: _____

Problems:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ Drugs | _____ Prostitution |
| _____ Gangs | _____ Firearms |
| _____ Theft | _____ Assault |
| _____ Abuse | _____ Vandalism |
| _____ Noise | _____ Loitering |
| _____ Drinking | _____ Traffic |
| _____ Graffiti | _____ Lighting |
| _____ Overcrowding | |
| _____ Trash/illegal Dumping | |
| _____ Building Violations | |
| _____ Unsecured Abandoned Building | |
| _____ Overgrown Weeds/Grass/Shrubs | |

Other problem areas or people:

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

If Yes, please include your name and phone number:

Return by any of the following:

Bring to the Weed & Seed meeting quarter - Next meeting is March 14th at 6:30p to Weed & Seed - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

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

Garage Sale TIPS...

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ers to give away if the buyer wants the hanger.

Selling CD's or Books? Arrange them in a box so the titles/artist can be read easily.

Selling Electronics? Have them turned on or an electrical outlet/extension cord handy (*REMEMBER* to put the cord away when not in use – so no one trips!!). Extra tip: if something needs batteries, use old ones.

Selling Utensils? Rubber-band knives and forks for ease of handling.

For Him: Set an old lawn mower or power tools out front and you'll get more business. Also set up a small table with nothing but "man-things" (jars full of screws and nails, electronic parts, tools and parts of tools, etc.).

On a Hot Summer Day: If your yard sale is on a hot day, consider selling bottled water.

Double Check and Recheck! Look through all boxes, drawers, pockets, etc. of everything you intend to sell. Make sure there is no personal information in/on anything you are selling.

Display: Design your layout to ensure buyers walk past everything and can easily pay for things. Make your layout as appealing as possible. Group similar items together, place small items and baby clothes on tables for better visibility. Fill empty spots as things sell. Place a few interesting items out front to draw attention. People make quick decisions on whether to stop or drive on by. Drivers who see a pile of clothes, dirty boxes, and unorganized junk will drive on to the next spot.

Play Background Music: Avoid the awkward silence, but be mindful of the volume and don't play any offensive music (remember you have neighbors!). Eighties Soft Rock and/or Motown are great options.

Price Everything! If you do not have time to price everything individually, signs are

helpful. For example: "all books \$0.25 each", or "any clothing item \$1.00", or "anything on this table \$0.50". You can use color coded stickers, such as: items with blue stickers are \$0.50, red stickers \$1.00, etc. Also - the bigger the item, the bigger the price tag. *** You do not want to keep answering "how much is this?" Make it obvious! Many buyers won't bother to ask, they will just move on and you will lose a potential sale.

Price Smartly! No one cares that you paid \$100 for a designer dress 5 years ago. You will be lucky to sell it at all. Look at your stuff objectively. One third of the original price is a good starting point for big ticket items in *good* condition. However, folks are very hesitant to pay for used clothes they cannot try on, but they may gamble for only \$1 or so. PEOPLE LOVE GREAT DEALS!!! If you have a ton of kids clothes or small toys consider having a "fill a bag for a set price" kind of deal, such as: 'fill a bag of clothes for \$3' or 'fill a lunch bag of small toys for a \$1'. You also can offer paperbacks \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1. If you have a bunch of items with missing pieces or broken parts, put it in a 'FREE' box with a note "broken - good for parts" or something similar. Price things evenly, e.g. **\$0.25, \$0.50 and \$1, NOT \$0.45, \$0.75, \$1.35**. This will make your calculations easy.

The Sale: Get prepared the night before to avoid the morning rush. Have plenty of bags available to bag merchandise. If selling breakables, have newspaper available for wrapping. Also have a calculator to make totaling purchases easy!

Avoid Any Hassles! Post a sign that says "All Sales Final".

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY, FIRST! Do not allow strangers in your home! *If You See Anything Suspicious:* call #911 or call the non-emergency police line #314/231-1212.

HAPPY GARAGING!!!

Don't miss all of the new shops and restaurants on Cherokee Street!

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 Thursday, March 14th - 6:30p.

Emergency help: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:
314.231.1212

**"PEOPLE AREN'T
SUSPICIOUS,
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FRAUD ALERT Social Security Reports Fraudulent Online Accounts Set Up

The Social Security Administration recently reported that possibly hundreds of thousands of Social Security Accounts might have been compromised nationwide. Dozens of people contacted or came to the Fenton, Missouri Office to report they had received letters from the Social Security Administration verifying they had recently established online accounts. However, the recipients of the letters had not established online accounts.

An online account with the Social Security Administration allows quick access to your account so that your earnings and monthly benefit information can be reviewed. An online account also gives the account holder the ability to change your mailing address and bank information for monthly deposits. With so much personal information available via the online account, it is a prime target for criminals trying to steal large amounts of money.

Our Fraud Prevention Task Force Director established an online account with the Social Security Administration in order to understand the process. In order for him to open an account, he had to provide his name, date of birth, current address, social security number, a partial credit card number, home mortgage holder, auto loan

holder, former address and answer four security questions. As you can see, it requires a great deal of personal information to establish an online account. A criminal who tries to establish an account in someone else's name must be very familiar with the victim in order to open the account.

If you have received a letter from the Social Security Administration verifying the establishment of an online account and have never opened one yourself, you should immediately contact the Social Security Office of Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271. The office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00AM to 4:00PM.

If you suspect you've been a victim of this fraud you can go directly to your local Social Security Office. They will be able to put a freeze on your account so that the criminal who opened the account can no longer make changes.

Recipients of these letters may also contact the Fraud Prevention Taskforce at 314-612-1412 or via email at rech-iend@stlouiscas.org for further information on how to protect themselves from this type of identity theft.

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What's happening in Benton Park West

MAY 2013

May

4 - Cinco De May; People's Parade 1:11p

5 - Newsletter Deadline for June

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

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Cinco de Mayo People's Parade
5 Newsletter Deadline	6	7 BPWNA Board mtg 6:30p, Five Star	8	9	10	11
Bulk Trash week 12	13	14	15	16 BPW Neigh- borhood mtg 7p, Five Star	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June Events

June 1 - NEIGHBORHOODWIDE Yard Sale.

June 1 - Drop-off of leftover Yard Sale items - Noon - 3p, Corner of Wyoming and Gravois

June 4 - Board Mtg, 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

June 13 - Weed & Seed - 6:30p; 3rd District Outreach - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

BLAST our neighbors about Benton Park West Properties!

What better way of telling others about how great of a place we find Benton Park West, than promoting our homes for sale. Past months found one highlighted property here in The Porch Review. In 2013, weekly emails are being sent out promoting different properties.

Check on Mondays for the NEWEST BLAST at www.bentonparkwest.org.

Just click on the link for the BLAST!

Remember - The CITY is here for YOU!

Citizen's Service Bureau is your contact for issues/concerns to 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>

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Library Calendar March 2013

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

9am - 6pm Monday
11am - 6pm Friday

12n - 7pm Tuesday-Thursday
9am - 6pm Saturday

***Tuesday**, May 7 4:30-5:30p,
Creative Kids: Photo Frame. Gr K-5.

Wednesday, May 8 4-5p, Teen
Lounge: Teen Only Space. Gr 6-12.

***Monday**, May 13 11-11:30a,
Storytime. Toddler/Preschool

***Thursday**, May 16 4-5p, DIY:
Flip Books Gr 6-12

***Monday**, May 20 11-11:30a,
Storytime. Toddler/Preschool

***Tuesday**, May 21 4:30-5:30p,
Creative Kids: Lions, Tigers, Journal Oh MY! Gr K-5.

Thursday, May 23 4-6p, Family
Movie: Journey 2. Families

***Monday**, Jun 3 11-11:30a,
Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Tuesday, Jun 4 4-6p, Summer
Reading Club Kickoff Party. Families.

Wednesday, Jun 5 4-6p, Got
Game? Wii and Xbox 360. Gr 6-12.

*Please call for groups of 5 or more.

ADULTS

Wednesday, May 15 5-6:15p,
Best Gardening Practices for a
Sustainable Garden. MOBOT will
outline best practices for home.

Tuesday, Jun 18 12:15-1:15p,
SLAAA. Resource info and refer-
als for seniors/adults 18-59.

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

9am - 9pm Monday-Thursday

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

***Wednesday**, May 8 10-10:30a,
Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Thursday, May 9 3:30-5p, Puzz-
le Planks, Gr K-5.

Monday, May 13 6-8p, Watch a
movie and learn about saving
money. Families

Tuesday, May 14 5:30-7p, Teen
Urban Lit Book Club. Gr 9-12.

Saturday, May 18 2:30-4:30p,
Got Game? Wii and Xbox 360.
Gr 6-12.

Wednesday, May 29 2-3:30p,
Summer Reading Club begins. "If
I only had a Book" Kickoff Carni-
val Families

Monday, Jun 3, 2-3:30p, Crea-
tive Kids: Rainbow Hands Fan.
Gr K-5

Monday, Jun 3, 6-7p, Poetry
Circle: Express Yourself. Gr 6-12.

Tuesday, Jun 4, 6-8p, Family
Game Night. Families.

***Wednesday**, Jun 5 10-10:30a,
Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Monday, Jun 10 1-2p, Magic
House presents "The Science of
Oz" Gr K-5.

*Please call for groups of 5 or more.

ADULTS

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21, 28 and
Thursday, May 9, 16, 23, 30 7-8p,
ESL Practice.

Thursday, May 9, 16, 23, 30 11a-
1p, GED Connection Video Study
Group.

Wednesday, May 15 7-8p, Urban
Book Discussion - "Animal" by
Kwan.

Wednesday, May 15 7-8p Free
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 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

2013 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

**Annual 5K Run
Walk Stroll**

June 1st

MARK YOUR**CALENDARS**

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 utterly rockin' event.

Saturday, June 1, 2013
 9am 5K / 10am Kids Fun Run /
 Festival 9:15 to 11:30.

Benton Park, South Jefferson Ave-
 nue and Arsenal Streets. Cost -
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For more information and to regis-
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adopt it and water.
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rants. Wouldn't it
be fun to help them
out and have some
meet and greets?
- Do you love making
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of people just wait-
ing for someone to
invite them to help.
- Is safety your thing?
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On the Web
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