



**Neighborhood
Meeting**
May 21
June 18
2832 Arsenal - 7p

Second Quarter 2015

The Porch Review

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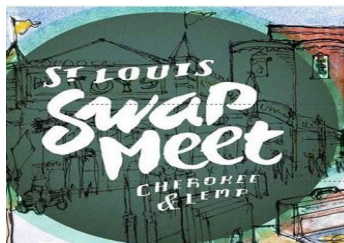


FAIR ST. LOUIS LINEUP ANNOUNCED

Fairstlouis.org recently announced the performers who will be featured at Fair STL 2015. Blondie and Melissa Etheridge will be the headline acts for this year's Fair St. Louis celebration, one of the nation's largest Fourth of July events. Both rock acts will perform on July 3. Fair St. Louis will return to Forest Park for the second straight year.

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New outdoor market on May 17 at Lemp Brewery



Local Vendors will have a variety of items from furniture made from pallets, to

food, poster makers, pottery, food and even cat adoptions at the St. Louis Swap Meet located in the historic Lemp Brewery, just south of Cherokee Street.

Historically a "swap meet" might involve item-for-item trading,

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NEW BPWNA Phone Number

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association now has a new phone number.

314-881-8048

UPDATE your info
with the new number!

NEW

Benton Park West Board for 2015

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

The second spotlight will be on Linda Hennigh.

Linda Hennigh, President

For those of you who do not know me, I would like to tell you a bit about my background. I was born in California near Camp Pendleton (my father was a Marine) and at the age of almost two we came back to Illinois. I grew up in Chicago (near north side) and then we "migrated" down to Paxton (high school), Champaign (where got married) and then Fisher (where my two children were born). I went back to school and received my Asso-

ciate degree in what was called Data Processing from Parkland College, the age of computers was just dawning (I had a Commodore 64).

I moved to St. Louis and worked at the Special School District for about five years while attending Maryville University where I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and recently retired from my position of 25 years as AVP of Business Applications and Development at Safety National Casualty Corporation, an excess workers compensation insurance carrier in Westport Plaza.

I have been divorced for about 30 years and have a daughter (Suzanne) who lives in the city and a son (Jeff) who lives in St. Charles. I have lived in West County and South County and now have lived in the 3100 block

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BPW Events

Apr 16: BPWNA Meeting 6:30p,
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Apr 23: Cherokee Neighbor HH -
City Bistro on Gravois

May 2 - Cinco de Mayo

May 4 - Cards/Cubs BB game

May 10: Bulk Trash Pickup

May 11: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

May 14: BPWNA Meeting 6:30p,
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

May 28 - Cherokee Neighbor HH

May 30 - IndiHop

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

As a Reminder:

The Porch Review will publish four times in 2015.

The next edition will be end of July.

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The President's Corner...

Building Community - Part 1

Linda Hennigh

Several years ago at the Earth Day celebration in Forest Park, I saw a poster that made such an impression on me that I tracked down the source and ordered not only the poster but also several packs of note cards. "How to Build Community" is a list of about 42 ways to enrich the block that we live in, the neighborhood we call home and our lives forever. I am going to share these jewels again for the next few months. I will have this poster at our neighborhood meetings so please come and see it in its entirety.

TURN OFF YOUR TV
LEAVE YOUR HOUSE
SIT ON YOUR STOOP
GREET PEOPLE

All four of these suggestions work together and help lead to what I think we love about city living. The first three come naturally to many of us but are a new concept to others. Whenever we hear someone say,

"Boy, I wish it was like the good old days"...let's remember...there probably wasn't TV in the good old days. Neighbors sat out front on their steps in the evenings, they greeted each other, shared information and without even realizing it, their block became a community.

I would like to present a challenge this month. As the weather warms and summer gets closer, try the first three. Turn off the TV and go out front for a while. Sit on the stoop, alone or with family. Bring a book, the newspaper or the family dog and greet folks as they pass by. I'll bet you find the experience rewarding and after a couple of times see if you don't get to KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS! Even just a smile and a "how's it going" and you will find you have planted four building bricks in the road to community.

Stay tuned for more "bricks" next month!

Linda Hennigh

President

BPW Board Meetings

***NOTE: Monthly Benton Park West Board meetings will be held on the Second Monday of each month, 6:30p at 2832 Arsenal (Five Star Senior Center). The location and time remains the same, just the date of the month is changing.**

Board meeting dates for 2015: May 11th, Jun 8th, Jul 13th, Aug 10th, Sept 14th, Oct 12th, Nov 9th and Dec 14th.

Be part of the Court Watch Program!

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

Five Star Senior Center

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E-Mail fcoac@swbell.net



Meals-Transportation

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

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9th & 20th Wards Business Report

Provided by Lisa Otke

SAVE THE DATE
St. Louis Association of
Community Organizations
Conference at Harris-Stowe
 State University
Saturday, November 14

The annual conference for all St. Louis metro area neighborhoods is appropriate for anyone who wishes to understand more about how to elicit positive change in a neighborhood or make a neighborhood association more effective. All who are interested in community and the city will benefit from attending this event.

Planning is underway. Wish to volunteer to help? Contact the SLACO office, 314-361-9406.

Small Business Administration Newsletter

Covering many topics for small business and community in general, check out the Small Business Administration at www.sba.gov/.

Take time to review the large amount of information provided and sign up for the newsletter.

Map Your Dream Routes with Neighborhood Greenways

The Department of Health encourages City employees to map the places in the City they love to visit as well as indicate your "dream" routes to walk or bike. Checkout this Trailnet project to build Neighborhood Greenways in the City at <http://trailnet.org/work/bicycle/campains/neighborhood-greenways-everyone/>.

What's Being Built Near You?

Check out the interactive map plotting building permits for projects over \$100K in the City and select County locations at:

http://www.stltoday.com/news/multimedia/special/what-s-being-built-near-you/html_396beaed-9c59-58fc-9966-299be6c41eb1.html

Lisa Otke, Commercial District Manager for Wards 9, 12, 14, 20 will be providing information, as available. Lisa can be contacted via email - otkel@stlouis-mo.gov or by phone 314-657-3775.



BPW Board 2015 (Continued from page 1)

of Oregon for almost ten years. Upon moving to BPW I fell in love with our beautiful brick buildings and started rehabbing. I have completed six properties in the neighborhood; one for state and federal tax credits, two for federal tax credits only, one single family, one two-family which I completed last year and am in the process of rehabbing a two-family at this time. I also own a six-family in Lafayette Square which I have been rehabbing over the past 10 years.

I have been involved in the Neighborhood Association for almost ten years, three years as Treasurer and Co-Chair of the Community Garden, two years as Block Link committee chair and I am honored to say that this is my fourth year as President. Besides my development responsibilities I manage my own rental properties and in my spare time enjoy exploring the city, spending time with friends and family and volunteering at the Clowder House on Wyoming and Gravois.

Safety/Security Products

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

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Quarterly Meetings for Dist. 3 Outreach

June 11

September 10

December 10 (Annual Holiday meeting)

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, District 3

Weed and Seed Meeting - 6:30p
 Community Outreach Meeting - 7p



What a Long, Strange Trip...

Luvy Duvy's Café closed on March 29th after 8 years. "We decided to do something different," said co-owner Jackie Seal. Both Jackie and Cassady Caldwell plan to remain invested in the area as they own the building where Luvy Duvy's "lived".

The next life for the commercial space of the building will be Lilly's Music and Social House. See page 13 for more information about Lilly's.

You won't miss those great biscuits and gravy or any of the other recipes. Soon you'll be able to enjoy your favorites as the newly opened HOWARDS in Soulard. The gals from Luvy Duvys will be consulting with Howards as the brunch and lunch selections are moved to the new home of Howards.

Concerned that your favorite brunch or lunch foods are no longer in the neighborhood? Howards is only .8 miles, located at 13th and Lynch. Just think, you could walk less than a mile to burn calories allowing you to eat more!



Howards in Soulard is a great new cozy neighborhood music venue and bistro located in Soulard in the former home of the Hiway Bar located at 2732 13th street.

With a full renovation to include a patio, a stage and musician sound system, the projected hard opening is May 8-10.

Working with Luvy Duvy's to carry on their amazing Brunch and Lunch Menus at Howards in Soulard, the menu will start in May. "Why reinvent something already fined-tuned over 8 years to perfection?" said Steve Washington, GM.

Howards in Soulard is a tribute to the owners family and neighborhood. As long-time residents of Soulard, they are committed to restore and preserve the historic, neighborhood community and found an opportunity to renovate the



highly renowned Hi-Way Bar, est. 1969.

The property was built in 1888, originally as a pharmacy; later as a shoe store; a whisky bar; an income tax office; a bail bond business conveniently located next to the nearby Police Station (now Mad Art); and finally a local, family-run pub.

The concept of Howards in Soulard is highly inspired by their parents. The logo was designed by USN Capt. Ronald C. Howard (father, 1935-2014), as his family letterhead in 1963. Ruth Ann Howard (mother) is a retired piano teacher, and first soprano opera singer,

One of the forces behind HOWARDS in soulard is Judith Howard. Judith is the entertainer who with "one voice and one guitar is all she needs to keep you entertained.

While working full time at Wells Fargo, Judith has performed consistently at The Porch, Natasha's on Grand, and many other locations.



also a painter, enjoyed visiting Soulard for 25 years and is now a resident.

Our motto is 'By the Neighbors, For the Neighbors' to recognize all of the gifted Soulardians who contribute to this small -independent business including builders, artists, musicians, landscapers, and professionals of all kinds. We thank them for their support, mentorship and efforts to realize this endeavor.

Drive down 55, just north of Arsenal to watch the progress of the building. Like HOWARDS in Soulard on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/howards.soulard?fref=tts>

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-**



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Did you know about NOM?

The Victim Services Unit...

helps crime victims, witnesses, and their families to overcome the effects of crime. Help in understanding your rights, providing information, counseling services, and overall help and support is given throughout the criminal justice process.

If you are the victim of a crime, report it as soon as you can to the St. Louis Police Department. It is also important to remember your rights as a victim. These include being present at any stage where the defendant appears; being notified of the outcome of the case; making a written or oral statement for consideration by the judge when sentencing the defendant; and to receive notification of the release of an inmate from a correctional facility. These are only a few examples.

The Victim Services Unit will not discriminate against any victim, employee, colleague, allied professional, or member of the public on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, sex, gender, age, sexual orientation, social class, ability, economic status, education, marital status, religion, substance abuse,

Citizens On Patrol

Neighborhood groups will assign neighbors to organized units to patrol streets. Trained to identify problems they engage law enforcement to intervene when they believe a crime is occurring. Training also includes understanding the needs of your neighborhood and to report on problems identified during their patrol. Examples of issues: "bad elements", unordinary trash situations, building concerns, street lights out or blinkers, etc.

Each member is trained by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD).

Currently BPW has most of the needed trained volunteers. BPW NEEDs a coordinator for this program.



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

The coordinator will track court dates and notify the BPW board and subsequently notify 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 attend 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 the BPW NOM program, contact Linda Hennigh at president@bentonparkwest.org or 314-881-8048.

Safety Tips - Now and ALL YEAR!

Look Both Ways -

Joggers, PLEASE remember that not all intersections have stop signs on every corner. Please look both ways before running through an intersection. Some cars drive way too fast and will only get worse in the summer.

Fire Works - Fourth of July -

Remember fireworks are ILLEGAL in the city of Saint Louis.

Plan on enjoying the multiple fireworks display at Forest Park or other communities in the area.

Window Safety -

With warm weather, you may wish to have the windows open for fresh air. Make sure to ALWAYS close and secure your windows if no one is home. Deter thieves by keeping your home secure.

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

Businesses are also encouraged to become members of BPWNA!

APPLICATION ON BACK PAGE!



Membership Needs YOU!

Call 881.8048 for more info.

See page 12 for an application

Business Members

Auto Bargain Center	Lafayette Park UMC
Casa Loma Ballroom	LosPunk
Chunky Boy Bar & Grill	Melt
Clowder House	Nader & Sons
Curby Presbyterian Church	Rob Rumble - Tudor
Five Star Senior Ctr	SLPD 3D Partnership
Hampton Day Care	The Salvation Army-Temple Corps

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*Neighborhood Stabilization Officer



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

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"The Porch Review"

Editor Position Available

The position of Editor for The Porch Review is 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



This years' festival will take place on Saturday, May 2nd from 11:00am-9:00pm on Cherokee Street, between Nebraska and Ohio Streets. The festival will pack the street with people enjoying authentic food, drinks, music, entertainment, art and merchandise.

The People's Joy Parade presented by Community Arts and Movement Project will begin at its traditional time of 1:11 PM and has become a festival highlight and beloved celebration of community.

The festival brings together the flourishing Cherokee Street Business District, which includes over 200 diverse, independently owned and operated businesses surrounded by a dense and active residential community. The pride of Cherokee Street inspires the celebration of the Cinco de Mayo festival.

Like the event on Facebook, as well as, find the most up to date info on the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/717972164989925/>

BPWNA 2015 Calendar

April

- Easter Eggstravaganza (4)
- Dog Park Opening (11)
- Garden Opening (18)
- Cherokee Neighborhood HH (23)

May

- Cinco de Mayo (2) - Participate walking in the People's Joy Parade
- Cards vs. Cubs BB Game (4)
- Cherokee Neighborhood HH (28)
- IndiHop (30)

June

- Cherokee Games (6/6)
- Cherokee Neighborhood HH (25)

July

- Fair St. Louis (7/3 or 7/5)
- Cherokee Neighborhood HH (23)

August

- National Night Out (4)
- Cherokee Neighborhood HH (27)

September

- Scavenger Hunt (19)
- Call for and Acceptation of nominations to BPWNA Board (17)
- Cherokee Neighborhood HH (24)

October

- Oktoberfest (9-11)
- Board Elections (15)
- Cherokee Neighborhood HH (22)
- Trunk or Treat (25)

November

- Potluck at Membership Meeting (19)

December

- 2015 Planning Meeting

Have an idea?

Let any board member know.

**Or bring to the
neighborhood meetings
April 16**

May 21 June 18



**Cherokee
Neighborhoods
April Happy Hour
hosted by BPW!
Thursday
April 23rd, 6-8p
City Bistro, on Gravois**

Join neighbors in Benton Park, Benton Park West, Gravois Park and Marine Villa at a Cardinals-Cubs game on Monday May 4, 7p.

Tickets are in section 233 on the first base side. \$30-non-members, \$ 26-members.

For tickets from BPW, contact Frank Becker at treasurer@bentonparkwest.org or call the neighborhood office at 314-881-8048.

Other neighborhoods, contact your neighborhood President for more information.

MODOT Plan will Close City Streets along Gravois Avenue in Benton Park West

MODOT has received federal funding to replace the signals along Gravois. The money would be used to replace the signals at very busy intersections. Less used intersections are proposed to be blocked off.

Initially, the plan is to use concrete sewer pots or orange barriers to test out the new street closures starting in May. MODOT hopes to install permanent solutions by Fall.

List of proposed BPW closures:

- **1** Tennessee at Gravois-Cherokee intersection
- **2** Virginia at Gravois and Utah
- **3** Wyoming at Gravois-Compton intersection. Note: this is both sides of Gravois
- **4** Juniata at Gravois-Minnesota intersection
- **5** Pennsylvania at Gravois-Arsenal intersection
- **6** Oregon at Gravois-Oregon intersection
- **7** Lynch at Gravois-Ohio intersection

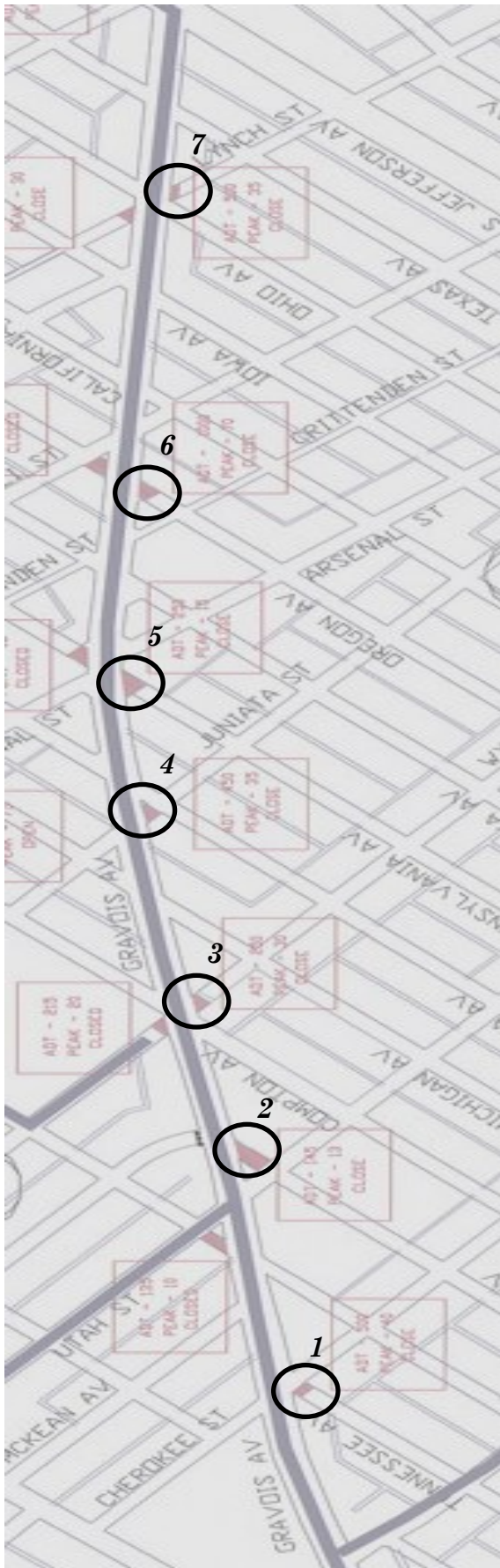
The proposed closures are additionally located in Benton Park, McKinley Heights, Fox Park, and Tower Grove East.

Affected neighborhoods are moving to create space for residents to review and speak to any concerns the closures may present. Each neighborhood is at least having discussion at neighborhood meetings, as well as, having representatives from MODOT speak to those who attend the meetings.

If you have any concerns or opinions concerning the street closures in Benton Park West, your comments are welcomed. Review the questionnaire below and either call President Linda Hennigh at 314-881-8048 or mail to:

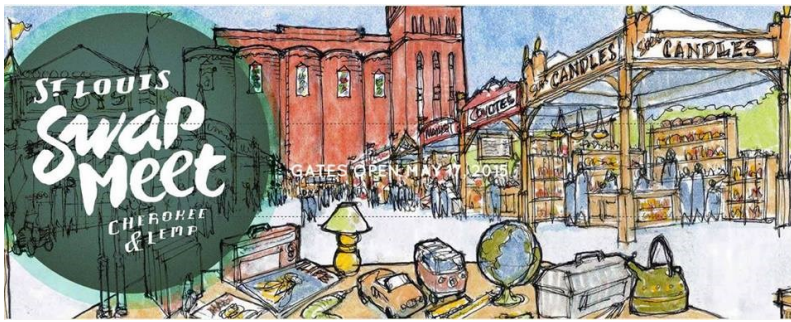
*BPWNA
PO Box 18671
Saint Louis MO 63118*

UPDATE: Ald. Ken Ortmann is requesting your attendance at a meeting to discuss Gravois Street closures. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 30, beginning at 5:30p at the Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal Street.



MODOT Street closings:

- ☐ I can live with it and would prefer
- ☐ Cul-de-sac with sidewalk and street tree
 - ☐ Sidewalk with grass and would volunteer to mow
 - ☐ Other (please explain):
- ☐ I do not agree with the closures for the following reason(s):



this outdoor market will offer locally made products director from the artists and vendors. This outdoor market is similar to the 30-plus other markets throughout the city, with a HUGE exception. This market will be open on Sunday. The Sunday opening means no competition with Saturday markets; having another day where sellers can sell and buyers can buy!

The market's opening on May 17 coincides with Antique Row's annual History Fair. Historic Cherokee Antique Row is the association of businesses along the stretch of Cherokee north of

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the Lemp Brewery and has been guiding the commercial on this section of Cherokee since 1965.

Come find what excitement will be coming to Cherokee Street and Marine Villa with the swap meet at the Lemp Brewery. The brewery has had a long history with various business use as an anchor in south city. Everyone is fascinated by the brewery, however people know things are going on and this makes the entire complex mysterious. This is a opportunity for the general public to be on the grounds and see what's going on.

People's JOY Parade is on Saturday May 2nd 2015 rain or shine!

by Anne McCullough

It's beginning to look like spring!

People's JOY Parade is about spreading joy in our community.

*Shine on!
Spread Joy! Express
yourself!*

We are seeking volunteers on the day of the parade May 2nd to assist with different roles in the parade lot, sign-ups and clean up on lot.

We have King and Queen Lot Lizards Jenny and Mike

Hansen to lead our line up this year.

Do you want to help with kids workshops or have an idea for the parade? We would love to hear your ideas or feedback from last year.

"People Power" is the theme.

Volunteers are needed for outreach and inviting our neighbors to join the parade.

The parade is free to participate and starts at 1:11pm. We encourage eve-

ryone to join in the fun as a walker or watcher!

Benton Park West will again be walking in the parade.

Mandy Mankin, BPW Dog Park Chair, is hoping to have a group of dogs in the parade.

Also, we will have a Dunking Booth the day of Cinco de Mayo.

If interested in joining BPW in the parade or working the dunking booth, contact Linda Hennigh at President @bentonparkwest.org or 314-881-8048.

Cherokee Street is



It has been stated that the hottest thoroughfare in St. Louis these days is Cherokee Street.

Something new seems to open on Cherokee just about every month — and on weekend nights, the party spills over into the street and doesn't stop until long after midnight.

Start the morning with coffee, sandwich or more for lunch, then enjoy dinner and the Cherokee nightlife. There's something for everyone.

Some of the newer or "re-opened" businesses are:

Foam

It's an all-ages music venue! It's a coffee house! It's a bar!

Little Dipper

One of the street's newest is also the smallest—just six feet wide by 50 feet long. The sandwiches are expertly prepared, and with a host of vegetarian-friendly offerings.

Fortune Teller Bar

Fortune Teller Bar clearly has that laidback Cherokee cool thing going on. You can order from a full menu of food while enjoying a variety of beers and drinks.

I Scream Cakes

A "from-scratch ice cream boutique," I Scream Cakes offers far more than just cakes. Find any type of ice-cream treat or specially made flavors.

The Whiskey Ring

A true drinker's bar in the heart of the Cherokee district. With a deep selection of whiskeys, one will find options not found any other bars.

Earthbound Brewing

Another tiny place is Earthbound. Slip in to find décor from almost entirely in Craigslist chic.

Melt Waffle Bar

The spacious Melt Waffle Bar serves up late-night eats Tuesday-Saturday, plus breakfast and brunch Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Yaqui's

Find Neapolitan-style pizza from a wood-fired oven. Paired with a glass of wine and you'll have all you need for a relaxing evening.

ArtBar

Opened by the same owner as HandleBar, in The Grove, ArtBar has a unique look and a Russian-inflected menu. Select from the lengthy beer menu or order one of the truly interesting cocktails.

Lillys Panaderia

This corner bakery has loyal followers for its bread, pastry and other desserts.

La Vallesana

Hands down the favorite place for Mexican food. Don't miss the ice-cream options.

Athlete Eats

Offering a gluten-free, vegan or Paleo-friendly menu, one will find both delicious and healthy options.

Diana's Bakery

This bakery offers one of the most extensive selections of baked goods in town. You'll find specialties not found anywhere else in Saint Louis.

Master Pieza

Offers pies either by the slice or made-to-order, hot wings, seasoned fries, etc. are also offered.

What's happening in BPW!

April

4 - Easter Event

5 - Newsletter Deadline

11 - Dog Park Opening

13 - BPWNA Board Meeting - 6:30p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star

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

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23 - Cherokee Neighborhoods HH.

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30 - Indi Hop

APRIL - MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Easter Event
5 Newsletter Deadline	6	7	8	9	10	11 Dog Park Opening
12 Bulk Trash week	13 BPWNA Board mtg	14	15	16 BPW Neighborhood mtg	17	18 Garden Opening
19	20	21	22	23 CC HH	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2 Cinco de Mayo
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24	25	26	27	28 CC HH	29	30 Indi Hop

3rd Quarter 2015 Events

June 6 - Cherokee Games

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

June 18 - BPW Neighborhood Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

June 25 - Cherokee Neighborhood HH

July 2 - BPW Booth at Fair St. Louis in Forest Park

July 13 - BPW Board Meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center

July 16 - BPW Neighborhood Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

July 23 - Cherokee Neighborhood HH

August 4 - National Night Out

August 27 - Cherokee Neighborhood HH

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 Cen-
ter Brothers Keepers Benevo-
lence
3452 Potomac St.
St. Louis, MO 63118
314-772-8444

St. Wenceslaus Pantry 3014
Oregon Ave. St. Louis MO
63118 314-865-1020

The Salvation Army
Temple Corps Worship &
Community Center
2740 Arsenal St. St. Louis,
MO 63118 314-771-3460
Thursdays 3-5pm

SHOP and SEARCH to help BPW!

Join now at
www.iGive.com/BPWNA

Shop online or do searches for
FREE and fundraise for BPW.



We are honored to continue the tradition and reintroduce California Do-Nuts to the community!

The original California Do-Nut Company was founded in 1948 and was amongst one of the finest do-nut shops in Saint Louis' history. Since using the original building it was an easy choice to keep the name, not to mention, that the new owner was born in California.

At the heart of this truly family business is Felinna Love, who resides in the community. Simply put, Felinna is a genuine food lover and takes pride in baking and cooking her own original dishes.

The idea for opening a cafe was birthed over two years ago as she has always been fascinated with the idea of catering to

others through food service. Even as a child she dreamed of opening a restaurant in her city and now is taking a great opportunity to open in the very neighborhood she takes pride in saying she's a resident of Benton Park West.

Felinna has been an under-study of her Mother who trained her on how to work her way around a kitchen with grace. She also began her first job under the training of her aunt and uncle in their family restaurant. Since connecting with the right people, Felinna was inspired to move forward in working towards opening the donut café.

The rest of the family is now on-board and excited! Her husband is the taste tester, photographer and heavy-lifter, mom and best friends help

coordinate and we all fill in the missing pieces. "With such a fun concept, we had to have a fun group of people," remarked Love. They didn't have to look further than their own family, friends and excited individuals who simply love to be part of helping someone accomplish their dream.

Here at the new California Do-Nut Company Co. they have taken their recipes, used them, and even re-invented them a few times to get these enjoyable donuts that everyone loves! They are building our customer base through local events and random donut deliveries.

Felinna has the vision to grow a successful business that will employ hard working individuals who have the will and desire to grow both personally and professionally. The vision for Cali-

fornia Do-Nut Co. is to be known for gourmet Do-Nuts for years to come. "We also envision bridging the gap within community by a shared community experience," said Love.

Planning to offer unique specialty and yummy classic donuts with a bit of a twist, all pastries are prepared daily from scratch and dressed with love. They plan to offer yummy donuts which can be paired with a cold glass of milk or a hot cup of fresh brewed coffee. With a variety of donut flavors we will definitely satisfy your donut craving!

"Oh, did I mention we have a vegan friendly selection!" said Love.

Enjoy the online pre-order system which allows customers to place their orders 24 hours in advance for convenience or special orders.

Watch for progress toward opening day. Keep your taste buds ready for great donuts!

Find California Do-Nut Co on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/californiaddonutco/> info



Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

2300 Lafayette Avenue Saint Louis, MO 63104

Worship Service - 9:30a
Fellowship at 10:30

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"

Spring is Here!

Call Linda Hennigh at 771-2161 or email at president@bentonparkwest.org and let her know of an alley to be put on the "clean up list".

FREE!

**FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHT AT
CURBY
MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

2621 UTAH

7:00 PM

May 15th

POPCORN

Hot Dogs

SNACKS

**AND Beverages
PROVIDED!**

*Support
local
businesses
and products*

**Walk
And
Shop!**

Fair Line Up Announced

(Continued from page 1)

This year's festival runs July 2 through July 4.

- Country artists Natalie Stovall and the Drive, Parmalee and Chris Young will perform July 2
- Blondie and Melissa Etheridge will perform on July 3
- Kool & the Gang will perform July 4.

The fair will feature several other events, including nightly fireworks.

As renovations to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and its surrounding area continue, the Art Museum in Forest Park will again be the backdrop for America's Biggest Birthday Party. Hav-

ing the event flank the Grand Basin, Forest Park is an iconic location to host the fair.

Just ask the 1904 World's Fair. The ice cream cone and the hot dog have it to thank for their very existence. And this year, the ancestors of those fairgoers are invited to come back to the scene of the hoopla and create memories all their own.

With 250,000 attendees, 20 entertainers, spectacular weather and an incredible venue, Fair Saint Louis 2014 made its mark as a "Fair Like Never Before."

The sweeping lawns of Art Hill will be packed for another spec-

tacular July 4th celebration on the grounds that once hosted the 1904 World's Fair.

With scenic park views by day and glistening fireworks by night, Forest Park offers a venue like no other, and we can't wait to welcome fairgoers back in 2015.

This year's events will see Benton Park West hosting a beer booth for the fourth year as one of the larger fundraisers for the neighborhood.

We have been chosen to host a booth on July 2nd. Watch for information in emails, list serves and on the website about how YOU can volunteer.

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 **Nextdoor**

Benton Park West

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TO JOIN VISIT: nextdoor.com/join/NMEMMK



314-865-1211

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USED CARS AND TRUCKS**

BOB QUINN
Owner

2700 Gravois
St. Louis MO 63118



2015 IndiHop
Saturday, May 30th
1-7p

IndiHop is a unique event showcasing two of St. Louis' most eclectic neighborhoods: Cherokee Street and The Grove. 50 participating businesses in both neighborhoods provide samples of 50 different types of locally made brews.

Traveling from venue to venue, enjoy entertainment, artists and street performers. IndiHop provides shuttles, between each neighborhood noon-8p.

You can buy a tasting/sampling glass at either location at participating businesses featuring the different types of locally brewed beers. Come early or stay late to enjoy lunch, dinner and shopping experiences. Only the \$25 general admission tickets are left! All other ticket options are sold out!

Check for the indiHop facebook page or on the web :
<http://www.indihopstl.com/>

For general info, call Anne McCullough at (314)304-0932 or at:
anne@cherokeestreet.com

Join the FUN and help volunteer!
 Call Linda Hennigh at 314-771-2161 or at: President@bentonparkwest.org.

BPWNA Meetings

May 21 June 18 July 16
 7p Five Star Senior Center
 2832 Arsenal Street



Lilly's - Music & Social House is a community gathering place, tavern, and music venue in South St. Louis City featuring handcrafted cocktails, craft beer, wine, pizzas, snacks, and small plates. The space, which is currently occupied by Luvy Duvy's Cafe at Arsenal & Jefferson across from beautiful Benton Park, will be a destination for date night, hanging out with friends on the patio, enjoying great music, and watching the big game.

Philosophy: We know how powerful it is to have a community home-base where you feel welcomed and accepted. We believe in the power of creating a positive,

happy, and uplifting gathering place. At Lilly's - Music & Social House, the product is not just the food and beverages, but the memories, friendships, and experiences we create for our patrons. **Owners:** Lilly's - Music & Social House is owned by



Kristen Goodman and her partner of eight years, Elizabeth Fuchs aka Lilly. Kristen and Elizabeth have been active supporters of the St. Louis community for over a decade. You may recognize them from bartending at

Mission Statement: To provide a vital gathering place for women and their friends to socialize in a comfortable and positive environment focused on celebrating happiness, music, and love for each other and for the St. Louis region.

Novak's or Just John. You may also know of Kristen as a singer and musician, as she has performed at festivals, concerts, special events, and bars across the St. Louis region. Elizabeth is an MSW Medical Case Manager at Saint Louis Effort for AIDS. Kristen has a marketing and business degree from UMSL, and has worked in marketing and events for nearly a decade. Kristen will be responsible for the daily operations at the bar. They both enjoy yoga, traveling, volunteering with local LGBT organizations, watching Netflix, and walking their two dogs, Frida and Saffron. *Cheers!*

"A Walk in 1875 St. Louis" (before the Great Divide from the County)

Enjoy the exhibit at the Missouri History Museum from May 30 to December 6, 2015, will answer the following questions, and more: What did slang sound like in 1875? What were St. Louis neighborhoods like? What did

St. Louisans do for fun? What foods did they eat? There will be enormous versions of the famous Compton & Dry's "Pictorial St. Louis", one of the most important maps in American history. Visitors to the exhibit will explore the

sensations and experiences of being in the City's streets, homes and factories 140 years ago.

The Missouri History Museum is located in Forest Park on Lindell. For information call 314-746-4599.

Looking for the Best School for YOUR Child in Saint Louis?

STL CITY SCHOOLS

Saint Louis is an amazing place to raise children. There are excellent schools in the city, but navigating the process and understanding the options can feel daunting. This guide is the product of families collaborating to help each other and improve the city we love.

Now is the time to research schools for the fall term. There is a website which is an excellent tool to evaluating types of and specific schools in STL.

Go to <http://stlcityschools.org/>.

Review the site to make the best decision of where your child or children might prosper. IF you're just interested in finding information of a neighborhood school or schools across Saint Louis, this site will serve all purposes.

The "Read the Guide" option itself is full of information about the different types of schools, process in selecting a school and much other advice.

The "Search for Schools" option allows searching by various types of information. At a quick glance one can see if the school is private, charter, magnet or public. Selecting any school will provide demographics, history of the school, Principal name and contact number, map, picture of the school, etc.. Included are links to the school website and "report card" provided by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Additional functionality allows SAVE AS A FAVORITE or ASK A QUESTION.



It's easy to get involved in BPWNA!

Call the Neighborhood Office at
314.881.8029 to find where you fit!

Current Committees

- Beautification
- Block Link
- Board of Directors
- Community Gardens
- Dog Park
- Facilities
- Membership
- PR/Marketing
- Communications
- Safety & Quality of Life
- Quality of Life
- Youth Outreach

Public Library Info



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

9am - 6pm Monday

11am - 6pm Friday

12n - 7pm Tuesday-Thursday

9am - 6pm Saturday

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

9am - 9pm Monday-Thursday

9am - 6pm Friday and Saturday

1 - 5pm Sunday

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BPW Dog Park

3300 Nebraska

Let your 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

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



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Benton Park WEST Neighborhood Association

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

Email: membership@bentonparkwest.org

Membership Application Resident or Property Owner 2015

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:** _____☐ CASH \$ _____☐ CHECK # _____ or MONEY ORDER (Payable to BPWNA)☐ CREDIT CARD (In Person Only)

Rec'd By: _____

Date: _____

Total Pmt: \$ _____

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Contact Numbers

Crime Prevention and Quality of Life

Emergency/Drug Activity	911
Non-Emergency	231-1212
Drug/Gang Hotline	241-COPS
Chief Dotson	444-5624
Major Caruso	444-2585
3rd Dist Capt Mary Warnecke	444-2597
Patrick Clancy - 3rd Dist PA Officer	444-2564
3rd Dist Nuisance Officers:	
PO Daphne Allen	444-2563
PO Erin Hine	444-2564
PO Samantha Edwards	444-2572
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 Dept.	353-8877
Illegal Dumping	911
Then call CSB	622-4800

Lights:

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

Water:

Open Hydrant	771-4880
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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

Join your friends and neighbors in showing off YOUR neighborhood by wearing the NEWEST neighborhood T-shirt.

- Shirts are \$ 20, with shipping \$4 each shirt.
- Sizes are S, M, L, XL, and XXL. Men's and Women's Styles



Shirts can be purchased online or at any BPW neighborhood meet-ing every third Thursday of the month, 7p, Five Star, 2832 Arsenal.

Credit Cards or cash can be used at this location.

For more information call the neighborhood office at 314-881-8048.

To purchase online, 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.

UPDATED Information!

After more than 31 years on Cherokee Street, The Salvation Army has closed its thrift store and plans to sell the storefront on the up-and-coming shopping street. The store closed in March transferring most staff and merchandise to its larger store at 4121 Forest Park Avenue.

Revenue from thrift stores supports Salvation Army's rehabilitation centers and will focus resources on larger stores located in the Central West End, Belleville, Arnold and Florissant. The Salvation Army is doubling down on its Forest Park Avenue store as Ikea builds in St. Louis, to get ready for the economic burst expected with Ikea.

The Salvation Army will sell the Cherokee Street storefront and not rent. They hope to keep it in the community, selling to a local person or group to complement the current development taking place.

Cherokee street won't be vacant of a thrift store. Angel Thrift store, part of Hosea House, will be opening this summer.



Hosea House has already moved their offices to the former Globe Drug Variety store located at 2700 Cherokee and will be an anchor on Cherokee Street at the corner of Ohio and Cherokee.

The mission of Guardian Angel Settlement Association is to serve those living in poverty by helping them improve the quality of their lives and achieve economic independence.

The Vision of Guardian Angel Settlement Association (GASA) has been serving those in need for more than 150 years. Established in 1859 by the Daughters of Charity as an orphanage for young immigrant girls, evolving into an agency serving children, teens, families and older adults.

Benton Park West

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



On the Web
www.bentonparkwest.org