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## BPWNA Board Information 2012

**W**e continue to introduce you to your 2012 board for Benton Park West. February brings us **Scott McIntosh, Secretary.**

*A long time fan of Cherokee Street, Scott McIntosh moved to Benton Park West in September of 2010. He and his partner along with their pug Gizmo enjoy the eclectic neighborhood and its stylish, urban architecture. Scott has volunteered his time to the BPW neighborhood association and was elected secretary for the 2012 board term.*

*Scott volunteers his time to various nonprofits in the St.*

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## Events

- Feb 6: BPWNA Board Mtg**  
6:30p, Five Star Senior Center
- Feb 9: Weed & Seed (6:30)** Five Star, (7p) 3rd District Outreach
- Feb 12: Bulk Trash Pickup Week**
- Feb 16: BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting** - 7p, Five Star Senior Center
- Feb 18: Mardi Gras.** BPWNA Mardi Gras Booth, 7th & Geyer
- Mar 6: BPWNA Board Mtg**  
6:30p, Five Star Senior Center
- Mar 8: Weed & Seed (6:30)** Five Star, (7p) 3rd District Outreach
- Mar 15: BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting** - 7p, Five Star



## BPW Dog Park

You just need the following:

Submit application; pet must have been neutered or spayed and all immunizations must be current; rabies, distemper, and bordetella.

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**Don't let your pooch miss out on the freedom of the park!**

**\*NOTE:** Membership is available also to residents in Benton Park, Marine Villa, Gravois Park, Tower Grove East, Fox Park and McKinley Heights!

## FREE TAX SERVICES

**O**nce again, Five Star Senior Center (2832 Arsenal) is providing free tax services (some restrictions may apply). The service is offered on Saturdays, 8:30a-Noon, through March 31st.

For more information or any questions, contact Five Star Senior Center (2832 Arsenal) at 314-664-1008.

## Help The Luminary Move to Cherokee!

Provided by Angelo

**C**herokee Street has yet another unique opportunity to develop its own community from the bottom-up. A blossoming creative institution is preparing to move here! 2700 Cherokee will be a great home for The

Luminary. It has played host to businesses and artists off and on for years. Currently, only the top half is occupied by Pig Slop Studios. Once their lease is up, the building will be transitioned into a space for con-

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## BPWNA

*Mardi  
Gras  
Booth*

**February  
18th**

**IT takes YOU to  
help make the Fun  
Happen!**

Beer booths are FUN-raising opportunities to bring fun and exciting events such as movies, Easter Egg Event, newsletter, Garden's, Beautification projects, etc to BPW.

Have FUN for a 2 hour shift (or more).

**Catch the SHUTTLE** for the event at Park West Grill, Luvy Duvy's or Parma Grill - 9:30a-7:30p. ALL DAY for \$ 5.

Call the BPWNA office (314-771-0803) or Carrie Sleep (314-805-0152) to find out when

**YOU can be Part of  
the FUN!**

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## The Presidents Corner...



Linda Hennigh

## Welcome to 2012

## Spring Brings Activities

What a springlike winter we are having. The new year is off to a good start.

Looks like the perfect weather to go to Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 18th. Our neighborhood has a booth with a perfect view of the parade. **Please use this opportunity to call Carrie at 314.805.0152 and help us out** in the booth. We use the proceeds to fund our Easter Eggstravaganza and Halloween Trunk or Treat as well as a couple of free movies this summer. We have a shuttle to take you down and bring

you back. Don't be shy, **call Carrie NOW!**

Put this on your calendar: Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, come to the Five Star Senior Center, Oregon and Arsenal. Hear what is going on in Benton Park West (p.s. we will have refreshments and door prizes). You will also get to meet another new member of our BPWNA Board, Scott McIntosh, see if you can recognize him and introduce yourself!

*Linda Hennigh,*

**President**

***IT takes YOU to help make the Fun Happen!***

Support BPW and buy your beverages on February 18th or Volunteer by calling Carrie Sleep at 314-805-0152.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Mardi Gras 2012 - February 18th.** Have fun by working the annual BPWNA Booth! Or come and support BPWNA by buying your beverages from US!

**YOU can still give ideas for 2012!** - Come to the Feb 18th meeting or call Linda Hennigh at (314-771.2161) and share YOUR ideas for 2012

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## *Black History Month Gives Us All An Opportunity to Say Thanks*



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**D**uring the celebration of Black History Month 2012, I will be reflecting with gratitude on men and women who have fought for equality – not just in the past, but to this very day. Due to recent floor debates, that appreciation extends especially to the members of the Legislative Black Caucus of the Missouri General Assembly.

On January 30, the Legislative Black Caucus held a press conference to announce their intention to vigorously fight all attempts to weaken the Missouri Human Rights Act and reverse decades of civil rights progress. At issue is legislation that seeks to bar the courthouse doors to many legitimate claims of employment discrimination and further protect wrongdoers by limiting damage

awards in those cases that still manage to clear the proposed new legal hurdles.

“The Missouri Human Rights Act is neither onerous nor complex,” said Legislative Black Caucus Chairman Steve Webb, D-Florissant. “Employers who treat their workers with fairness and respect have nothing to fear. But if an employer wrongfully discriminates, the law will hold it accountable for its actions. We do not feel that expecting businesses to treat all people with dignity is asking too much of them.”

Later in the week, debate was conducted on Senate Bill 592 and House Bill 1219, bills that would make it easier and cheaper

to discriminate in Missouri. African-American members of the Senate conducted a 15-hour filibuster of SB 592 until the bill’s sponsor agreed to eliminate a provision of the bill that sought to require judges to rule in favor of employers in most workplace discrimination lawsuits. The Senate granted preliminary approval to the bill on a voice vote shortly after the filibuster ended at around 1:20 a.m. on Feb. 2.

Although opponents agreed to stop blocking the bill in exchange for concessions, that doesn’t translate into support of the measure. The leader of the filibuster, state Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, D-University City, said opponents will continue to fight efforts to undermine anti-discrimination laws. The House of Representatives debated HB 1219 on Feb. 1, but majority floor leaders laid the bill over after about hour amid fierce opposition by the Legisla-

tive Black Caucus and other members of the minority party. Gov. Nixon vetoed a similar bill in 2011 and is anticipated to do the same in 2012 if either SB 592 or HB 1219 secures final passage.

When people ask why I got involved in politics, first as an advocate for justice and then as an elected official, I often talk about the ways Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement shaped my life as an elementary and high school student. The actions and words of Fannie Lou Hamer and Ella Baker continue to inspire me, and it was seeing the courageous work of Barbara Jordan during the Watergate Hearings that helped me first notice that, yes, politics was a place for women to work too. I am thankful for all that I have learned from African American champions for justice, past and present. Happy Black History Month to all!



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From  
Jennifer Joyce

# Neighborhood Ownership Model

In 2009, the citizens of Lafayette Square were fed up with crime in their neighborhood, so they took action. Lafayette Square partnered with law enforcement and the Circuit Attorney's Office to develop ways to keep their neighborhood safer. As a result, the Neighborhood Ownership Model was born. Just one year after implementing its techniques, Lafayette Square rose from the 27th safest neighborhood to the 9th.

Citizen involvement is the most effective crime fighting tool there is. When the public works with the police, prosecutors and courts, they have more power than all law enforcement agencies combined. In fact, when we have citizen support, our conviction rate is nearly 100%.

Criminals target areas where they don't think they will get caught. Neighborhoods that do not have involved citizens are at greater risk for crime. The NOM helps address this by giving citizens the tools they need to develop an organized crime-fighting structure. When neighborhoods start the NOM, they have the complete support of both the Circuit Attorney's Office and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Citizens receive specialized training in different subjects, such as how to conduct a citizens patrol or write a victim impact statement.

The Neighborhood Ownership Model, or NOM, is a way for citizens to get in-

involved to lower crime in their neighborhood. The NOM is a comprehensive plan that helps citizens take control of their neighborhoods. Although each neighborhood has its own unique challenges and issues, the NOM has three general categories:

**Citizens-based Solutions** including citizen's patrols, neighborhood safety boards, and neighborhood planning teams.

**Government Partnerships** including Neighborhood Orders of Protection, dedicated neighborhood liaison officers, and victim impact statements.


**Technology-based solutions** including cameras, crime alert emails, and phone chains.

Since the NOM is 100% customizable, each neighborhood can choose which methods work best for them.

Since 2009, the Lafayette Square group has worked with several other neighborhoods to guide them through the process of starting the NOM in their neighborhood. To date, there are 12 neighborhoods that have implemented the NOM including Dutchtown, Bevo Mill, and Shaw. Since starting the NOM, crime in Dutchtown is down 18%. There are 16 neighborhoods planning to start the NOM this year.

**Interested in starting a similar program in BPW?**

**Call the neighborhood office at 314.771.0803.**



**CITIZENS ON PATROL**

- CITIZENS ON PATROLS "COPS" IS COMPRISED OF NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN DECREASING CRIME WITHIN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.
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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STARTING A CITIZEN PATROL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, COME JOIN US AT THE NEXT COPS TRAINING.

WHERE: Grand Oak Hill Community Center 4168 Junata  
WHEN: **March 21st 6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

SPEAKER: ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICER JOSEPH CALABRO. Additionally at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Shareware Question and Answer Session.  
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### CASA LOMA is celebrating

**85 years** with a great line-up of bands and entertainment for the month of February. Now taking pre-paid reserved seating for the MoTown Revue on 2/11 and Bob Kuban on 2/25.

*Ballroom & Swing Dancing*  
Doors open at 7:30p, Lessons 7:45-8:30p; music ends 11:30p; Adm \$10/\$12\*

2/10 -The Second Generation Swing  
2/17 - Original Knights of Swing  
2/24 - St. Louis Big Band

2/11 - MoTown Revue - Velvet

## Community Information Corner

& Satin. Doors 7:30p; Music/dancing 8:30-Mid-night; Adm \$15/17.

2/18 - *Hudson & the Hoodoo Cats*. Doors 7:30p; Lesson 8-8:30p; Music til 12a; Adm \$10/12.

2/25 - *Bob Kuban & Brass*; Doors 7:30p; Music 8p-12a; Adm \$15/17.

**Peter and Paul Community Services** has bought the old Garfield School Building in BPW. In advance of the renovation and move, a presence has been established with Project BUD [Irish artists exchange] and using a Kresge award! [Public Spaces, Private Places] to have further influence. *For more info to be involved in "The Bureau of Enquiry" contact details at 314.367.8757.*

### Take a walk down Cherokee Street!

The Cherokee Station Business Association includes over 50 independently owned and operated businesses over seven blocks on Cherokee Street. Surrounded by a dense and active residential community, these businesses serve those within walking distance as well as attracting customers from all over the STL area looking for a unique shopping experience.

The types of establishments found on Cherokee Street are as diverse as the architecture. From retail clothing, independent grocers, and emerging art studios to ethnic dining and live entertainment, the Cherokee Station Business District has it all.

*Find out what's near you!*

## Food Pantries in 63118

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**Add your name to the membership list for March?**  
**\*See membership application on the back page**

## Become a member TODAY!

Mail the application, on page 12, and your check: BPWNA, PO Box 18671, Saint Louis MO, 63118.

### City, State and Federal officials, Friends of BPWNA

Jennifer Florida - Alderwoman, 15th Ward

Dena Hibbard - NSO\*

Ken Ortman - Alderman, 9th Ward

Craig Schmid - Alderman, 20th Ward

Judy Lane - NSO\*

Barb Potts - NSO\*

\*Neighborhood Stabilization Officer

## What's happening with Non-profits in Benton Park West!

### Five Star Senior Center

It's fund-raising time at Five Star (although when isn't it) we have 4 events in the month and a half please make note of the dates and have a dinner, play a game, lend a hand, or make a donation, everyone can participate.

February 18th Texas Hold'em Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m. Game Starts @ 7:00 p.m. \$50.00 Buy-In.

February 19th Roast Beef Dinner 11a - 5p. Adults \$8.00 Child \$4.00.

February 25th Trivia Night Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m. Trivia Begins @ 7:00 p.m. \$20.00 ea \$140.00 table of 8

Here is a chance to help out we are looking for table sponsors, round sponsors, silent auction items, and lots of players. If you don't have a table we will hook you up with others to make a table. If you have questions or have donations you can call the center @ 314-664-1008 or

[fstrivia@yahoo.com](mailto:fstrivia@yahoo.com).

March 17th St. Patricks Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner \$7.00 Sandwich \$4.00

Everyone is always looking for a place to go for good Corned Beef after the St. Paddy's Day Parade (and both parades are on the same day this year), so look no more. Let Five Star Senior Center be your after parade stop.

### St. Wenceslaus

**Trivia Night** – 5th Annual – Saturday, February 11, 2012. Doors open at 6:15pm Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (school basement) at 3022 Oregon Ave. (corner of Oregon & Arsenal.) The hall is handicapped accessible. Cost is \$20/person or \$160 per table of eight. Ten Rounds of Ten Questions; Soda & Water; Beer & Wine; Popcorn & Pretzels provided. B.Y.O.B. and food. Also featuring: Basket Raffle; Other Prizes & Games. Questions and reservations: by Feb 6th - Call Kathy Styer at 314/588-0770.



BPW Real Estate - BPW

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This property has been completely renovated, including newer roof, newer windows, all new flooring and electrical panel box. You have to see to believe all the first class updates. The kitchen could be a picture out of a Designer's magazine, it includes new cabinets, ceramic tile flooring, solid surface counter tops and stainless steel appliances. The spacious bedrooms upstairs have lots of light from the windows and the flooring is new Berber carpeting. There is a bonus room on the back of the house, that could be a den/reading room or made into a bedroom. Everything is freshly painted and the entire interior has a stunning appearance. After you view this house, you will see the value for the price. When you enter, you will see an absolutely beautiful home that looks like a brand new home.

## Neighborhood Leadership Academy

*now accepting enrollment for 2012 session*

The **Neighborhood Leadership Academy** provides hands-on leadership training that emphasizes community building principles, organizational leadership and management practices, and personal leadership skills. More than 170 neighborhood leaders from throughout the St. Louis region have participated in the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, learning the skills and building the networks to create livable communities. Each year the NLA brings together a diverse group of current or potential neighborhood leaders who are actively involved in their neighborhoods and represent communities from throughout the St. Louis region. Academy participants may be municipal elected officials, neighborhood association members, community-based organization staff, or resident volunteers.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abuse                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Loitering    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overcrowding                 |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trash/illegal Dumping        |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Violations          |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsecured Abandoned Building |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overgrown Weeds/Grass/Shrubs |                                       |

Other problem areas or people:

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If Yes, please include your name and phone number:

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Bring to the Weed & Seed meeting each second Thursday at 6:30p to Weed & Seed - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

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

## BPWNA Board Info 2012 - Scott McIntosh

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*Louis region. He has been a board member of the St. Louis Rehabbers Club for the past three years. Scott has also served as a team captain for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; a volunteer with Service First, a group that provides maintenance to city schools; and was a committee member for March of Dimes' Walk America from 2004-2005.*

*Scott McIntosh is the Events Specialist for the Washington University Career Center. In this role, Scott oversees the strategic planning and implementation of all career services programming. He also serves on the University's Professional Development Advisory Committee. In 2008, Scott was appointed co-chair of the Danforth University Center inaugural year programming committee.*

*Prior to joining Washington University, Scott McIntosh worked as a promotions coordinator for the L.A. Office, a promotions marketing agency in Los Angeles, CA. His first post-college position was a junior account manager with the now shuttered Creative Couch in Santa Monica, CA, a promotions marketing agency.*

*Scott McIntosh is a 2007 graduate of Washington University's Olin Business School where he earned his Master's in Business Administration. He earned his Bachelor's of Communication from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 2000.*

*Watch for next months installment when Suzy Hennigh, Treasurer shares about herself.*

For more information about being a part of making BPW great, contact Linda Hennigh at 771-2161 or the neighborhood office at 771-0803.

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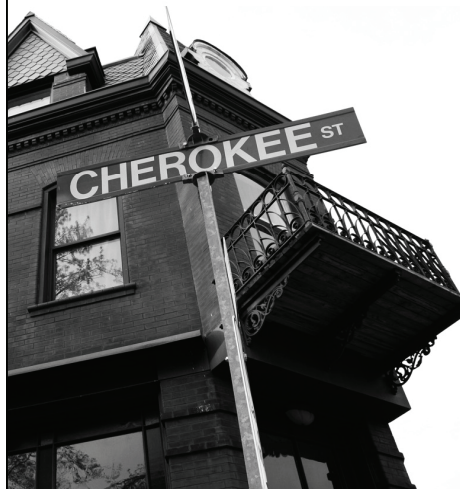
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# Weed & Seed

Operation Weed & Seed is a community based effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. BPWNA participates in the regular meetings with city and law enforcement officials at 2832 Arsenal, on the 2nd Thursday of every month - 6:30p.

Emergency help: 9-1-1

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- \*At least 18 years of age
- \*St. Louis city resident or business owner \*
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# What's happening in Benton Park West

## FEBRUARY 2012

### February

**5** - Newsletter Deadline  
communications  
@bentonparkwest.org

**6** - BPWNA Board  
Meeting - 6:30p

**9** - W&S Advisory (6:30)  
Five Star 3rd District  
meeting

**12** - PUT OUT YOUR  
BULK TRASH. Must be  
out by 10p Sun.

**14** - Valentines Day

**16** - BPWNA Member-  
ship Meeting, 2832 Ar-  
senal, Five Star Center,  
7p. 2832 Arsenal

**18** - Mardi Gras.  
BPWNA Mardi Gras  
Booth, 7th and Geyer

**20** - Presidents Day

**22** - Ash Wednesday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Newsletter Deadline	6 BPWNA Board mtg 6:30p, Five Star	7	8	9 W&S 6:30p, Five Star	10	11
12 Bulk Trash week	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 BPWNA mtg 7p, Five Star	17 Mardi Gras Booth	18
19	20 Presidents Day	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

## March Events

**Mar 6:** Board Mtg, 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

**Mar 8:** Weed & Seed, 6:30p, 3rd Dist Outreach, 7p, Five Star

**Mar 15:** BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting, 7p, 2832 Arsenal - Five Star

### Be involved in 2011

Be part of  
Benton Park West

Contact  
Linda Hennigh at  
314.771-2161,  
neighborhood office  
at 314-771-0803  
or any  
Board member.

### Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

2300 Lafayette Avenue  
Saint Louis, MO 63118  
314-771-9214 www.lp-umc.org

#### Worship

- 9:30a - Service; Fellowship 10:30
- Children's services and childcare provided.

**Vision** - "Lafayette Park United Methodist Church will  
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# Library Calendar February 2012

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

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

**Thursday, Feb 9 4-5p** Jump Around - Let's Move; Michelle Obama's fitness initiative. Grd 6-12.

**Monday, Feb 13 11-11:30a** Storytime: Toddler/babies.

**\*Tuesday, Feb 14 4:30-5:30p** Cocoa-Locho Chocolate Party. Games and taste-tests. Grd 6-12.

**\*Thursday, Feb 16 4:30-5:30p** Stitchin' and Pullin': Gee's Bend Quilt Squares. IY: Grd 6-12.

**Thursday, Feb 23 4-6p** Movie: The Smurfs. Families.

**Monday, Feb 27 11-11:30a** Storytime: Toddler/Preschool.

\*For groups larger than 5, please register in advance.

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

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

**Monday, Feb 13 11-11:30a** Storytime: Toddler/babies.

**Thursday, Feb 9 6-8p** Movie: Dispicable Me. Families.

**Saturday, Feb 11 1-3p** YU GI OH & Pokemon Club. TEENS.

**Tuesday, Feb 14 3:30-4:30p** Candy Airplane Valentines. Grd K-12.

**Tuesday, Feb 14 4:30-5:30p** Paws for Reading. Dog and volunteer visit with children reading to the dog. Call 314-206-6779 for more info.

**Wednesday, Feb 15 4-5p** Annie Malone: Pioneer of Black Cosmetology. TEENS.

**Thursday, Feb 16 4-5p** Jump Around - Let's Move; Michelle Obama's fitness initiative. Grd 6-12.

**Saturday, Feb 18 1-3p** YU GI OH & Pokemon Club. TEENS.

**Tuesday, Feb 21 4:30-5:30p** Paws for Reading. Dog and volunteer visit with children reading to the dog. Call 314-206-6779 for more info.

**Tuesday, Feb 21** Got Game? Grd K-5 6-7p, Grd 6-12 7-8p.

**Tuesday, Feb 21 10-10:30a** Storytime: Toddler/babies.

**Saturday, Feb 25 1-3p** YU GI OH & Pokemon Club. TEENS.

**Monday, Feb 27 4-5p** Magic Monday: Learn a new magic trick. Grd 4-12.

**Tuesday, Feb 28 4-5p** Anime Otaku: watch Anime & discuss Manga. Grd 6-12.

**Tuesday, Feb 28 4:30-5:30p** Paws for Reading. Dog & volunteer visit with children reading to the dog. Call 314-206-6779.

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 Dave Krapf -  
 3rd Dist Prob Prop 444-0185  
 Citizen Ser Bureau 622-4800

**Alderman:**

Ken Ortmann 622-3287 (w)  
 776-0161 (h)

**Neighborhood Stabilization Officers:**

Barb Potts, 314-657-1370 (w)  
 314-397-1091 (c)  
 pottsb@stlouiscity.com

Dena Hibbard, 314-657-1359 (w)  
 hibbardd@stlouiscity.com

**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

**2011 Membership Application**  
**Benton Park West - 2011**

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

**Senate District Boundaries Again Under Consideration**

Senator Robin Wright-Jones,  
 District 5  
 573-751-2606 (office)  
 robin.jones@house.mo.gov

The Missouri Supreme Court recently threw out the newly drawn Senate redistricting maps that were submitted by the appellate redistricting panel in December.

The map was first issued in late November. In the face of mounting criticism that the map violated constitutional prohibitions that districts keep counties whole, the commission withdrew its initial map & issue a new map December. According to the Supreme Court, the appellate panel did not have the authority to issue a second map. Once the first

map was issued, the appellate lost all authority to revise the documents.

The high court also found that the first map submitted violated the constitutional prohibition relating to keeping counties whole. In its order, the court states that the redistricting process must start from the beginning - with the governor requesting names from each of the political parties to appoint a new 10-member bipartisan panel to draw the maps.

Visit [www.oa.mo.gov/bp/redistricting](http://www.oa.mo.gov/bp/redistricting) to view the statewide and local area maps under reconsideration.

**Help Luminary Move to Cherokee** (Continued from page 1)

certs and exhibits, on-site housing and studios for international artists-in-residence, classroom and workshop space for more public programs and a host of other resources for the creative community. It's a wonderful evolution of the space, to be sure!

In order to help the Luminary purchase and rehab the historic building; a Kickstarter campaign was launched to solicit community-sourced financing of the pro-

ject. It is a rare thing that a large space like that gets filled on Cherokee. The last time that happened was the 2720 development, which has proven to be an enormous source of energy for the street. We have a chance to make sure we fill up and energize even more of Cherokee.

Support the Luminary on [Kickstarter](http://Kickstarter), let's bring Cherokee together and give a warm welcome to our potential new neighbors!

**Benton Park West**

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



On the Web  
[www.bentonparkwest.org](http://www.bentonparkwest.org)