



The Porch Review

Benton Park West

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Celebrating our Heros and Sheros - Be a HERO Today!

BPWNA Notes

June 3 - BPWNA Board Mtg 7p, 2715 Cherokee, lower level

June 12 - South Cluster W&S Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center. 3rd District PA meetings suspended for summer.

June 14 - Garden Work Day - OH/ Crittendon, 9a

June 14 - Trivia Night! Join in the FUN at Five Star. For information call 314-771-0803 or bpwnamembership@yahoo.com

June 19 - BPWNA Membership Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center.

Find out how you can be a part of BPWNA in 2008. See Bill Byrd or call (314) 771-0803.

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Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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Circuit Attorney's - City of Saint Louis

What exactly does a Circuit Attorney do? What is the function of the office of Circuit Attorney?

Have you ever asked either of these two questions?

To start off, the mission of the office is:

"To pursue justice for all citizens within the highest standards of ethical behavior and professionalism."

So, a mission talks about what an organization or individuals would like to accomplish, but how the mission is accomplished is the important part of the process.

The Circuit Attorney's office for Saint Louis, has ten different divisions concerned with issues dealing with drugs and homicide to abuse and family law. Each of these ten divisions have a specific function in our city law enforcement process. These divisions are:

- Child Support Enforcement
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Drug Court
- The Grand Jury
- Homicide
- Misdemeanors
- Sex Crimes & Child Abuse Unit
- Victim Services

- Warrant Office
- White Collar Fraud

This office, comprised of these ten divisions is directed by Jennifer Joyce, Circuit Attorney for the city of Saint Louis. The Circuit Attorney's office aggressively prosecutes state-level offenses that happen within the City of St. Louis.

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CELEBRATE AMERICA

on July 4th!

Invite friends and neighbors over; BBQ, wear Red, White, and blue, display the American Flag correctly, be HAPPY to live in AMERICA!

Remember!

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SAVE THE DATE

June 3 - BPWNA Board meeting, 7:00p - 2715 Cherokee St.

June 12 - *South Cluster Weed & Seed, 6:30p

June 19 - *BPWNA Membership meeting, 7p

June 14 - *First BPWNA Trivia Night at Five Star Senior Center

July 1 - BPWNA Board meeting, 7:00p - 2715 Cherokee St.

*** Location is Five Star Senior Center - 2832 Arsenal.**



The Presidents Corner... "Word of the Byrd"



Bill Byrd

What is your ROI? Your Neighborhood Investment

You don't have to be a financial wizard to understand ROI. When it comes to

"Return on Investment" in dealing with your house, your car, or anything else that is a material investment and calculations can be difficult, but what about community investment?

The Benton Park West train has had a lot of ROI and continues to chug along through 2008. Take time to see the planters, the gardens and even talk to anyone who attended the Blues in Benton Park concert; you will see investment that has been deposited by residents.

The ROI I'm talking is YOUR investment in Benton Park West. Taking back your space; being empowered to say "This is my home and I WILL be safe and comfortable" is some that each of us have a right to say and feel about OUR neighborhood. Within that right, is also the responsibility to do the "right thing". Taking care of an elderly neighbor, mowing someone's yard when you know they've been busy with work or have other life issues, or even just saying Hi to a neighbor means that we take time to make a connection...a connection to your neighborhood.

I suggest that each of you think about starting your own program. This program can be based on your time, money, energies, and even talents. Whether your input to your program is picking up trash once a week, helping in the gardens or even call 911 or 231-1212, YOU are making an investment. The only way to increase your investment is by adding more...more time

and energy. The program I speak of... I'll call the "ROI in BPW". Think about how you can increase your investment to get a higher ROI in BPW.

Volunteer opportunities are abundance amongst the various committees. Events such as "Blues in Benton Park" is the perfect way for you to increase your investment. Helping out at concerts in the Park, neighborhood BBQ's, delivering newsletters, annual yard sale, Trivia Night and National Night Out are just a few ways that you can "deposit" your time, energies and even money to increase the investment.

If you are unsure of:

1. what you can invest, or
2. what your return on your investment might be, feel free to contact any Board member. Attending neighborhood meetings such as the Board meetings and the neighborhood meetings will give you much more information than you'll find in this newsletter.

Listen to your neighbors and find out how they are investing to make Benton Park West a better place to live.

President John F. Kennedy opened a famous speech with a statement that still hold true today. The words are altered slightly, but have the same context:

"Ask not what your neighborhood can do for you, but ask what YOU can do for your neighborhood."

Bill Byrd,
President

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We Need YOUR Help!

Help out your neighbors by taking a leadership role and work on a Committee. Contact any board member.

Board meetings - 1st Tues, 7p - 2715 Cherokee, lower level

Membership meetings - 3rd Thurs, 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior

Legislative Session Ends With Flurry of Action

At 6 p.m. on Friday, May 16, the 2008 Legislative Session came to an end. With the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President Pro Tem of the Senate all being "lame ducks" in 2008, perhaps none had the clout needed to move a legislative agenda along. In any case, more bills passed in the final 24-hours of the Session than in the previous four months combined. Among bills that passed are:

Property Tax Reform – Senate Bill 711 requires local governments to roll back rates to keep tax collections stable when property values rise after reassessment. It also increased relief for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. I voted no on the bill because I thought we needed to offer more relief to these citizens, but I did approve of parts of the bill. (If my vote had been needed to pass the bill, I would have voted yes.)

Immigration Reform – House Bill 1549 barred immigrants without legal status in the U.S. from receiving public benefits and getting drivers' licenses, but then both were already illegal, so I considered that "chest-

thumping." The bill imposes sanctions against employers who hire undocumented workers unless the employers used an electronic verification system, and it bans "sanctuary cities." I voted no because I support comprehensive federal reform instead of a patchwork of state laws and diversion of scarce state and local law enforcement to this issue.

Veteran's Tuition Break – Sen. Coleman's Senate Bill 830, the "Returning Heroes' Education Act," limits tuition charged at Missouri higher education institutions to fifty dollars per credit hour if the student is an honorably discharged veteran who 1) was a Missouri resident when first entering the military and 2) served in armed combat after September 11, 2001. I voted yes.

Incentives for Energy Efficiency – Senate Bill 1181 requires that energy efficiency design be part of new construction or substantial renovation of state buildings. The bill promotes use of energy efficient products in several ways, including offering the "Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday." From April 19th to 25th, 2009, all sales of Energy



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Star certified new appliances will be exempt from state sales tax. I voted yes.

Elimination of Campaign Finance Caps – Senate Bill 1038 cleared the House on a near party-line vote of 83-72, eliminating campaign giving caps that Missouri voters first imposed in 1994 with 73.9 percent support. Under current law, individual donors can give no more than \$1,350 to a state-wide candidate, \$675 to a Senate candidate and \$325 to a House candidate per election. When the repeal takes effect on Aug. 28, donors will be able to give unlimited amounts. I voted no.

I was glad to see that a number of bad ideas failed; for example, the Voter Photo ID bill, repeal of the minimum wage increase for tipped workers, and significant restructuring of the non-partisan court plan. 59th District constituents will receive a thorough End of Session report through the mail soon. **Watch for it!**



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

More Things Grow in the Garden than just Flowers and Veggies!

The new sign for the Ohio/Crittenden Garden is ready to be installed!

Christened the official Benton Park West Community Garden, the "veggie garden" joins with "Our Neighborhood Garden" (California/Wyoming) to have an official name.

Both gardens are available to all residents. Take time to explore and enjoy!



No minutes from the May neighborhood meeting?

Come to the June 19th Benton Park West Neighborhood meeting and find out ALL of what is happening.

Our featured speaker will be Ms. Jennifer Joyce, Circuit Attorney for the city of Saint Louis.

Town Hall meeting for Liquor Control Ordinance on Cherokee

A town hall meeting to discuss a change in the current liquor license control ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday June 17 @ 6pm in the Cherokee Place (2715 Cherokee).

This specifically affects Cherokee street from Iowa to Nebraska.

All who are interested in what is happening on Cherokee Street and how Cherokee Street affects the residential neighborhood areas are invited.

From Benton Park West and Benton Park - THANKS for a Great Event!

BLUES IN BENTON PARK

Will we have good weather? Will the toilets flush? Will people show up? Will any of those people want a t-shirt? Those are all questions the *Blues in Benton Park* committee asked themselves in the weeks leading up to May 17, 2008. Luckily, the answer to all of those questions was a resounding "Yes!" *Blues in Benton Park*, a joint effort by the Benton Park Neighborhood Association and Benton Park West Neighborhood Association, proved to be a great success. An estimated 250+ people brought their blankets, coolers, kids, and dogs for 2 ½ hrs of music by Rough Grooves, and over 120 of those people donated money to the BPNA and BPWNA in order to get a t-shirt commemorating the 1st concert in Benton Park. Hopefully this is just the first of many events in Benton Park that will bring residents and visitors together for fun and fellowship.

A big thanks to local businesses, public officials, Ken Ortmann, and the St. Louis City Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department for helping to make this happen. Thanks to the following:

BPNA committee members and volunteers: Dan Guenther, Tom Hockett, Joe Pastor, Cipriano Medina, Liz Pointer, Pete Genovese, Mick Kenney, Deanna Sanvi, Pete Reinecke, Patti Eischen, Claire Eischen, Brandee Zahner

BPWNA committee members and volunteers: Melissa Winneshieck, Justin Cleveland, Rebecca Durst, Bill Byrd, Carrie Sleep, Linda Hennigh, Pamela Welsh, Amy VonDonsel



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by Jo Ann Vatcha,
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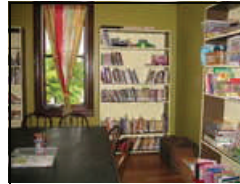
The most recent CDA project in Benton Park West has recently been completed and sold to a family who will occupy the entire building as their home.

The storefront-style building, once a grocery store, has three floors, six bedrooms, and room to spare, inside and out. It even includes exceptionally well-designed schoolrooms for home schooling the family's children, and the emphasis on learning, music and art is evident throughout the home. Father Jim Wuerth, pastor of St. Wenceslas Church, noted that it was a pleasure NOT to see a TV in every room, as is so often the case these days! Painting the vibrant



Exterior of finished building, showing 2802 and 2806.

colors selected for each room was among the work done by the homebuyers themselves, in a unique arrangement executed by CDA staff, working with developer Jeff Mugg and supervised by General Contractor Richard Watson, who were willing to take a chance with the homebuyer after seeing the high quality of his previous work. The result is a wonderful mix of custom rehab and exceptional quality of design. The team used Missouri Historic Rehab Tax Credits and assistance from Alderman Ken Ortman and the Community Development Administration (CDA) to make the project a success. The Benton Park West Housing Corporation has been involved in the review of the CDA projects throughout the neighborhood, which now number over 50 owner-occupied homes, in-



Schoolroom for the homeschooled children

cluding 9 on the 2800 block of Texas. Next on their plate: a new home to be built just across the street at 2807 Texas.

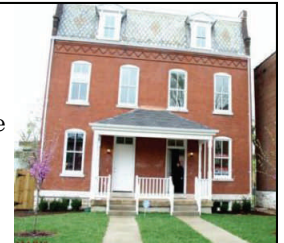
Mission of CDA

The primary goal of CDA is to promote neighborhood growth and stabilization.

Many properties in BPW re-developed by CDA

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Items that will be picked up if you are a customer:

- Mixed Paper: newspaper, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, junk mail, office paper
- Bottles and Cans: aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, and steel cans

You will receive a plastic 19 gallon recycling bin.

Start recycling TODAY: Fill out the contract and send with your check to Earth Circle Recycling!

Seniors get on board!

BPWNA can help by paying 1/2 for the first six months.

If you sign up for recycling service:

- For six months, you PAY \$ 22.50.
- For a full year, you PAY \$ 72.50.

All you have to do:

- Fill out application
- Make check payable to "Earth Circle Recycling"
- *Submit the application and check to:

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 18671, Saint Louis MO 63118

*NOTE: You MUST submit your application and money through BPWNA to be eligible for the subsidized recycling fee for the first six months.

What's So Great About Recycling?

- Recycling can save your tax dollars!
- Recycling benefits the local economy!
- Recycling saves energy!
- Recycling reduces pollution!
- Recycling conserves natural resources!

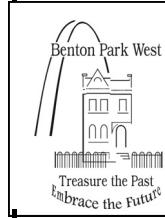


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- Provide a plastic recycling bin
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Containers - steel cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles & jars, plastic bottles and jugs.

The normal fee is \$ 100/ year or \$ 50 for six months.

Use this application and get a \$ 5 discount for the first six months

Join the thousands of area residents and BPWNA neighbors who recycle with Earth Circle.

Questions? 314-664-1450

Yes, I want Earth Circle to start coming to my curb!

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

I have enclosed my check in the amount of:

_____ \$ 95 for 12 months of weekly recycling service.

_____ \$ 45 for 6 months of weekly recycling service.

Mail this form and your check to:

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1660 So. Kingshighway
St. Louis MO 63110

What is Membership? Membership is the act of being part of a group. In sociology, a **group** is usually defined as a collection of humans who share certain characteristics, interact with one another, accept expectations and obligations as members of the group. Characteristics the group may share include interests, values, ethnic background, and kinship ties.

Membership Needs YOU!

To be a member or help out, call Chad Johnson at 776.4447.



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Jeanette Mott-Oxford - Missouri Rep., 59th Dist
Barb Potts - NSO

Volunteer WANT ADS CLASSIFIEDS

Audit Committee - Contact Bill Byrd at 776-4447 or bpwnabill@yahoo.com.

Gardeners - Calling all Green Thumbs! Contact the neighborhood office at 771-0803.

Like to walk? Love your block? - To help, call the neighborhood office at 771-0803

Like to talk? - Put your words on paper. Newsletters contributions - bpwnapub@yahoo.com.

It's easy to get involved in BPWNA. No matter what, your help is always wanted, needed and appreciated. Call the Neighborhood Office at 314.771.0803 to see how you can help.

Current Committees

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Beautification | • Finance/
Fundraising |
| • Block Link | |
| • Board of Directors | • Membershi |
| • Communications | • PR/Marketing |
| • Community Gardens | • Safety and Qual-
ity of Life |
| • Dog Park | • Youth Outreach |
| • Facilities | |

New Corner Planters Add Splash to Neighborhood

During the latter stages of spring and the early summer months, the Beautification Committee has been hard at work placing concrete planters on street corners throughout the neighborhood. The revitalized "Adopt a Planter Program", has been headed up by the Benton Park West Beautification Committee.

New BPW neighbors and Beautification Committee chairs Brad and Blake Roell (Blue Brick Renovation and Construction, LLC - 2757 Wyoming St.) are thrilled with the results of the program to date.

With just a few new planters to place, the committee is now focusing on a new project at the Jefferson and Arsenal intersection. "We are really looking forward to the new development taking shape on that corner" says Brad Roell. Until then the Beautification Committee is taking an idea from the Board to dress the corner up a bit.

A corner planter, using a combination of limestone brick borders, boulder placement, mulch and plantings will be used to spruce the corner up until the development project gets underway.

The plantings and other materials can be reused at other strategic corners in the neighborhood once construction gets rolling.

If you or a friend would be interested in adopting a concrete planter or have any other Beautification questions, please call us at 314-772-3644 or the neighborhood office at 314-771-0803.

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Sun. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

What's happening in Benton Park West

June

3 - BPWNA Board meeting - 6:30p, 2715 Cherokee.

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

12 - Weed & Seed monthly meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center.

14 - Garden Work Day - OH/Crittendon, 9a

14 - **Trivia Night.** Doors open at 6p, Trivia starts at 7p, 2832 Arsenal - Five Star Senior Center. \$20 per person or table of 8 for \$160. Join your friends and neighbors for an evening of fun. Con-

tact 314-771-4447 to reserve YOUR table today.

19 - BPWNA monthly meeting - 7p, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center.

July

1 - BPWNA Board meeting - 6:30p, 2715 Cherokee.

4 - Celebrate the AMERICA's birthday!

2008 Events

- August/September - Dog Park Opening
- National night Out Movie night, Aug 2, and BBQ, Aug 3.
- Aug 5 - National Night Out!

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Circuit Attorney's Office - Saint Louis

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Overview:

- 12th largest law firm in the Region
- 65 attorneys, 150 total staff
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- Approximately 5,000 felonies and 10,000 misdemeanors handled (issued or remaining) per year
- Largest caseloads per attorney in the State of Missouri
- Largest caseloads for a 500 mile radius

Areas of Specialization:

- Bad Checks
- Child Support
- Delinquent Taxes
- Domestic Violence
- Drug Court Diversion
- Drug Enforcement Task force
- Felony Trial Teams
- Homicide Unit

- Misdemeanors Division
- Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit
- Victim Services
- Warrant Office
- White Collar Crime

"What should you do? Involve yourself in your community. Get to know your neighbors. Watch out for each other. Call the police when you suspect criminal activity. Keep your children in school. Educate yourself on how to avoid becoming a victim. Vote. Serve as a juror. Utilize the public resources available to you and your family."

While we can't stop all crimes, and even actualizing change will take years of effort, by working together now we will look back in years to come and benefit from the positive impact we have made on creating a safer, freer community."

- - Jennifer Joyce



TEACHING the WORLD in South St. Louis

At St. Frances Cabrini Academy, education is more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic.

It is a curriculum tailored to meet the needs of each child.

It is a compassionate and dedicated faculty of certified professionals.

It is a partnership between students, parents, and teachers.

It is a truly diverse community that respects and learns from other cultures.

At St. Frances Cabrini Academy, education is about our children, our families and our community.

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**The 24th Annual National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs
Tuesday – August 5, 2008**

Start Planning Today!! You must Register to be granted permission to close your street as well as receive updates as National Night Out approaches. To register, go online at www.stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/nst/nightregister.html



Join your neighbors in celebration 25 years of National Night dragging out grills, tables, and kids to enjoy food and games on Tues., Aug 5th.

Before this GREAT night, mark your calendar for August 2nd for MOVIE NIGHT in Benton Park and a neighborhood BBQ on Sunday August 3rd.

National Night Out is a community-police partner-

ship held the first Tuesday of August sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The goal is to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, and other anti-crime efforts by holding block parties, festivals, etc. to help bring neighbors together.

National Night Out was started in 1984. The first year had 2.5 million people involved, in 2006 more than 35.2 million people were involved.

Looking to the end of 2008...

Fall - Membership Garden Party and Closing of the Gardens

November - Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner and Silent Auction. Be a member and you have an invite to this dinner where YOU are the Celebrated!

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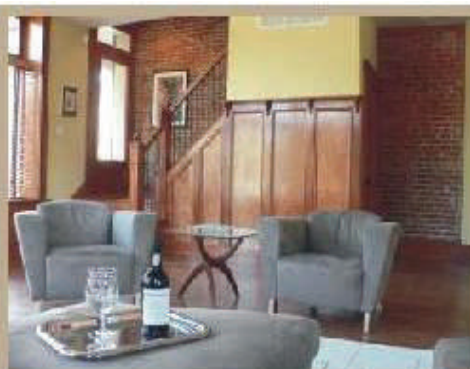
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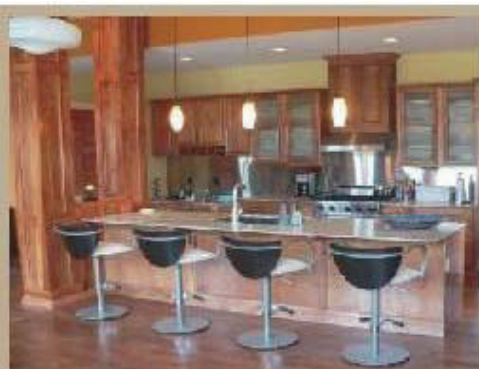
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Benton Park West!

Want to see more events like Blues in Benton Park, Trivia Night, National Night Out Parties?

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June 14, 2008 — Doors open at 6:00pm

**RESERVE YOUR TABLE
TODAY!! Call 314.771.0803
Email: bpwna@yahoo.com**

2832 Arsenal - Five Star Senior Center

Call 314.771.0803 or e-mail bpwna@yahoo.com



**Proceeds go to
YOUR
neighborhood!**

- Beautification
- Newsletters
- Neighborhood gatherings
- Gardens
- New Dog Park

Annual Yard Sale

So you have things you no longer use or need? **TIME TO CLEAN OUT!** Plan to bring your items in August for the Annual Yard Sale.

Can't store your items, call 314-771-0803 to schedule a time to drop off your items for the Yard Sale!

Watch for more details and go "Shopping"!

Halloween Fun!

Wouldn't it be fun to have a "Trunk-n-Treat" for kids of the neighborhood? Watch for more details!

What about other ideas for kids? **Come to the June neighborhood meeting and share, ask, and tell what YOU think would be great for kids!**

Blues in Benton Park

Benton Park West, St. Louis, MO - Almost 400 residents from Benton Park West and Benton Park enjoyed three hours of a relaxing and comfortable time of blues music by Rough Grooves.

Event T-shirts were available for sale along with cool drinks and snacks free to kids. The was to show collaboration between the two neighborhoods, celebrate being NEIGHBORHOODS, and enjoy OUR city park - Benton Park.

This event was made possible by the prize money from the "Celebrate Your Town" competition from the Suburban Journals in 2007, along with sponsorships and T-shirt sales.

**Congrats
Benton Park West!**



What a day
in the Park...

Photos by Derek Cadzow; New resident and official Photographer for BPWNA



Reward Your Self....

By Anne L. Childers, LMT

Summer Outdoors!

What a better way to spend summer in St. Louis then with these **FREE** local activities, many of which are outdoors! Reward yourself with activities spent with family and friends!

The Muny: The largest outdoor theater in the U.S. Each season there is a different line-up of seven shows. Visit www.muny.org for this year's shows. There are 1500 free seats available at every show. Bring binoculars and come enjoy my favorite place in St. Louis! The Muny!



*"If you carry your childhood with you,
you never become older."*

The Botanical Gardens: A beautiful place for a summer stroll and with so many exotic flowers and plants. The Botanical Garden admission is free on Wednesdays and Thursdays before noon if you live in St. Louis!

Grant's Farm: Full of animals and fun for all ages. There are also Civil War demonstrations. Parking fee.

Free Movie Night: Check out www.fyfstl.com to see a listing of free movie nights in our area. Tower Grove is showing West Side Story on June 14th. See Jaws at Union Station on June 26th! All movies are free!

Museums: The Art Museum and the Natural History Museum are free and are great educational activities. And don't



Next month..... Independence!

forget the Science Center that is half museum/half activities for kids and it's free too!

Brewery Tours: More fun for adults is the free brewery tours of Anheuser-Busch and Schlafly Breweries.

Parks: Explore or have a picnic at the many beautiful St. Louis parks. Our very own Benton Park to walk your dog, Forest Park for biking and roller blading, Laumeier Sculpture park for taking pictures and viewing the huge outdoor sculptures, Lone Elk park where live buffalo come right up to your car, Route 66 State Park with a museum of memorabilia that will take you back in time, or Tower Grove Park with so much space to roam.

The Arch: This landmark is free to view and visit the underground Westward Expansion Museum. It does cost a bit to go to the top, but when was the last time you went? Go visit our great St. Louis Landmark!

Family Nights at the Magic House: The 3rd Friday of every month the Magic House admission is free from 5:30pm-9:00pm. There are so many activities here for kids and adults alike.

The St. Louis Zoo: One of the few free zoos left in the country and it is grand! Parking costs but if you go during the week you can find free parking in Forest Park and just walk in!

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- I smile at the sunshine.

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 3rd District Police 444-0619
 Prob Prty Officer 622-3600
 3rd Dist Problem
 Properties 444-1085
 Citizen Ser Bureau 622-4800

Alderspersons:

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

Craig Schmid 589-6816 (w)
 Jennifer Florida 776-2890(w)

Neighborhood Stabilization Officers:

Barb Potts, 314-613-3083 (w)
 314-397-1091 (cell)
 pottsb@stlouiscity.com

Dena Hibbard, 314-613-3109 (w)
 hibbardd@stlouiscity.com

MISC:

Pothole Department 768-2805
 Refuse Department 353-8877
 Five Star Center 664-1008
 Illegal Dumping 911
 Then call CSB 664-4800

Lights:

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

Additional Numbers

Operation Brightside
 772-4646

Operation Safestreet 622-3444

Child Abuse Hotline
 (Division of Family Services)
 1-800-392-3738

St. Louis Crisis Nursery
Hotline 768-3201

Parental Stress Help line
 1-800-367-3543

United Way Information & Referral 421-4636

Parents Anonymous (Info. On Mutual Support Groups)
 647-HELP or 866-492-0843

Foster Parenting Inquiry Line (314) 340-7536

Animal Abuse Hotline
 (314) 647-4400

YOU can be a Member - 2008

Dear Resident, Friend and Supporter:

YOU can still get YOUR membership for 2008. Fill out your application 2008 TODAY!

Let your voice be heard in the community. Membership grants you voting privileges at BPWNA meetings. Dues contribute to BPWNA support costs for projects throughout our neighborhood.

Thank you for your interest.

Chad Johnson, Membership Chair



Membership Application Benton Park West - 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Mail to: BPWNA Membership

**PO Box 18671
 Saint Louis MO 63118**

Level of Membership:

___ General Membership -
 \$ 10 per person

___ Senior - \$ 6 per person

___ Supporter - \$ 25 per person

___ Patron - \$ 50 per person

___ Sponsor - \$ 100 per person

___ Friend - \$ 20 per person

___ General Membership -
 Scholarship

I would like to be involved with:

___ Beautification

___ Dog Park

___ Youth

___ Garden

___ Facilities

___ Publications

___ Quality of Life/Safety

___ Board

___ PR/Marketing

___ Block Link

___ Membership



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Things to Remember

June 3 - BPWNA Board Meeting - 6:30p, 2715 Cherokee, lower level

June 12 - W&S Advisory Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star. 3rd District Public Affairs follow at 7:30p.

Bulk Pickup - week of June 9th. Have your Bulk items out by 10p Sunday night!

June 14 - Garden Work Day - Ohio/Crittendon - 9a

June 14 - Trivia Night - 7p, 2832 Arsenal - Five Star Senior Center

June 19 - BPWNA Monthly Meeting - Terry Houston - 7pm, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center.

Like to help plan these or any other event? Bill Byrd at bpwnabill@yahoo.com

Fireworks Warning

'Tis the Season...

You may be noticing an upsurge in the number and noise of fireworks. Fireworks are illegal in the City of St. Louis. They can cause personal injury, property damage, and are very irritating to pets and people. However, the closer we get to July 4, the busier the police department will become with these calls. It is virtually



impossible

to handle all of the calls for fireworks.

As a service to the community, the South Patrol Division (1st, 2nd & 3rd Police Districts) of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is planning once again this year to send letters to folks who were found with fireworks last year (or to addresses about which calls were made for fireworks being exploded) and to those whom neighbors identify as likely to have them this year. This letter normally indicates that it is against the

law and what the consequences are.

If you have addresses where you suspect fireworks will likely be a problem this year, you can give them to me, and I will send them to the appropriate person in the police department. Or, you may want to submit them to the captain for the district in which the address is located. The police also tend to watch these addresses to see if there are fireworks problems at them.

Thanks.

Craig Schmid, 20th Ward Alderman

SAVE THE DATE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 5TH

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