



**Neighborhood
Meeting
August 21
September 18
2832 Arsenal - 7p**

August 2014

The Porch Review

BUILDING ON THE PAST, WELCOMING THE FUTURE



Changes and Improvements in BPW!

Summer is moving right along in Benton Park West. With building renovations continuing, painting of fire hydrants, community vegetable garden looking great and other improvements, BPW continues to shine as a great place.

Fresh and NEW Website

By Bill Byrd

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association had their first website in the 1990's. In the mid-2000's several residents wanted a more contemporary website. A team of residents worked with a website designer to develop a new

website. While well received and has served us well, it was noticed to be "dated".

In today's world of FAST movement of information, having a website easier to update and dynamically changing will (Continued on page 12)

Fire Hydrant Renovation!

By Bill Byrd

Transformation of the fire hydrants is a picture of the long term changes in Benton Park West. Improvement takes time and doesn't happen over night.

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Keep America Beautiful

by Scott McIntosh

Up for Whatever? Do Good. Have Fun. Keep America Beautiful will host an event to beautify Benton Park and Benton Park West.



Volunteers are needed!
Saturday, August 9, 2014
9:00AM-2:00PM

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Community Garden is BLOOMING!



The Benton Park West vegetable garden was conceived by resident Bruce Levine in the early 2000's. Starting with a few beds, the garden has grown and recently relocated to the corner of Arsenal and Jefferson. Walk by and see the greenery and vegetables beautifying one of the major entrances to the neighborhood.

BPW Events

Aug 5: National Night Out

Aug 8: Newsletter Deadline

Aug 11: Bulk pickup week

Aug 12: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Aug 12: BPWNA Neighborhood
Meeting 7p, Five Star Senior Ctr

Jul 1: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Sept 2: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

Sept 15: Bulk Trash Pickup

Sept 18: BPWNA Meeting 7p, 2832
Arsenal, Five Star Senior Ctr

**Make
Your
neighborhood
better!**

**Doesn't feel
"right"?**

**Call 911 or
231-1212**

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The President's Corner...



Linda Hennigh

Thank you for taking a moment in your busy summer to

check up on the news in the neighborhood. August 5th is National Night Out AND Election Day. Several blocks will "block" off their street as a show of unity in a "night against crime". Also, for the second year, a big celebration takes place at the newly named Minnesota Market at Utah and Minnesota involving many blocks uniting against crime. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in August next year and bring your own block together in celebration.

The BPW booth at Fair St. Louis was a HUGE success thanks to all the fantastic volunteers that gave up their holiday to "tend bar" and "sell" our neighborhood. If we didn't contact you to help, please, send your email address to president@bentonparkwest.org



Help our local schools

Just look at the boxes and packaging.

Many items have the "Box Tops". Check out Soup cans and soft packages which also have box tops.

Bring box tops (trimmed) to any BPW neighborhood meeting.

Welcome to 2014

Good Activities Keep Happening!

or call 314.771.2161 and leave a message so I can add you to our list serve. That way we can update you when something exciting is happening in the neighborhood.

This time last year we were planning the move of our community garden. The move to the corner of Jefferson and Arsenal was a HUGE success! We doubled our plots, installed our sign and daily the corner serves to meet neighbors new and old. This move was kicked off by a volunteer event in collaboration with Benton Park, Operation Brightside and Anheuser-Busch involving a couple of hours of work followed by lunch and refreshments from the Build-A-Bar.

We are doing this again on Saturday, August 9th. This time it will bring out the ARTIST in you...we will be painting murals on the ugly, white barriers

surrounding the garden using stencils created and donated by two of our local artists! Please sign-up at this site and join the fun. <http://www.budlight.com/do-good-have-fun-register.html>

Registration is at 9:00a.m., Sat. Aug. 9th (if you don't have access to a computer).

If you haven't walked down Cherokee Street lately there a tons of additions since this time last year...Athlete/Eats, Master Pieza, Yaquis Pizza, the Art Bar, Whiskey Ring...and many more. Visit our new website at www.bentonparkwest.org or our Facebook page to find information on Cherokee Nights (stores stay open all evening the second Thursday of every month, Cherokee Neighbors Social Hours on the third Wednesday of the month, our Housing Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month and more.

Finally, don't forget to join us on the 3rd Thursday of every month (except December). Meet your neighbors, hear from your local officials and new businesses opening in BPW and enjoy refreshments and a social hour!

Linda Hennigh,

President

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Benton Park West Board Elections will be on October 16th

Elections for 2014 were recently announced at the August neighborhood meeting. The board is a group of elected and nominated individuals who are constantly working to make YOUR neighborhood better. In addition to organizing fundraisers and free events, this dedicated group of individuals are your eyes and ears of the City and the Alderman.

The Benton Park West Neighborhood Board consists of six elected positions and a variety of Committee Chairs.

The duties as outlined on the by-laws for the elected positions are below. The list of committees who work in Benton Park West also are listed. The full descriptions of the committees can be obtained from the website.

There is a LOT of work going on. It takes more than a hand-

ful of people; the work may seem large and looming, but with many working together, the effort will seem small.

Nominations will be taken at the September 18th meeting and for 10 days past the September meeting. If you would like to help Benton Park West then step up. You can even nominate yourself. If you feel there is someone who would do a great job, then talk with them and then nominate.

Be part of your neighborhood and have a voice in who is elected for the neighborhood board by attending the October neighborhood meeting.

**2014 BPW Board Elections
October 16, 7p - 2832 Arsenal,
Five Star Senior Center**

The duties of the six elected Board members, as outlined in the by-laws, are as follows:

President - presides at all

meetings of the Corporation (Neighborhood Association) and of the Board of Directors at which he/she may be present; will perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned to him/her by the Corporation or by the Board of Directors. He/she will coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Corporation in order that the purposes may be promoted. As well, he/she will keep and maintain all legal documents.

Vice-President - act as an aid to the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of that officer to act. He/she will also perform other duties assigned by the board; as well as submit a monthly report to the board of directors when necessary.

Secretary - record the minutes of all meetings of the Corporation and Board of Directors meetings. Also, this person will maintain all correspondence of the corporation.

Treasurer - custody of all the funds of the Corporation; will keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and will make disbursements as authorized by the Corporation's Board of Directors. The Treasurer will be responsible for the maintenance of the financial records of the Corporation as conforming to the bylaws of the Corporation. He/she will also submit a monthly accounting of the finances to the board of directors.

Member-at-Large - providing an additional voice for the members of the Corporation.

Additional Duties:

- All officers will perform the duties prescribed in the parliamentary authority in addition to those outlined in these by-laws and those assigned from time to time.

- Deliver to their successors all official material within 10 days after the January installment.

Committees are selected by nomination and also serve for one year terms.

Beautification Committee - improve appearance of BPW.

Block Link - a connection between residents and BPWNA.

Communications - Includes: newsletter, website and Public Relations/Marketing.

Community Garden - gardens scattered throughout BPW.

Dog Park - providing a fenced, recreation space for dogs.

Facilities - supporting BPWNA at meetings and office space.

Finance/Fundraising - budgeting and planning for income and expenditures.

Membership - maintains and grows membership.

Safety and Quality of Life - concerned with quality of life and safety making BPW safe and comfortable.

Youth Outreach - targets neighborhood youth.

**Remember only
YOU make your
neighborhood a
place YOU want to
live.**

BPWNA 2014 Calendar

August

- National Night Out (8/05)
- BPWNA Board Meeting moved to Tuesday, 8/12
- Nominations to Board (8/21)

September

- 2nd Annual Cherokee Station House & Business Tour (9/18)
- Call for and Acceptance of nominations to BPWNA Board (9/25)
- Taste of St. Louis (9/26-9/28)

October

- Possible Movie in the Park.
- BPWNA Board Elections (10/16)
- Trunk or Treat (10/26)

November

- Potluck at Membership Meeting (11/20)

December

- 2015 Planning Meeting (12/02)

Have an idea for an activity or event?

Bring on August 21st!

We say Goodbye to a Leader and Resident in Benton Park West



Stephen Edward Diaz
April 23, 1967 – July 20, 2014

Stephen Edward Diaz was born April 23, 1967 in North Platte Nebraska to Captains Nelson and Agnes Diaz (of The Salvation Army). His early years were in North Platte and Omaha NE where he had a fondness for football and brass instruments.

The family relocated to Oak Park, IL and Steve began played in The Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace corps band. Steve became the Community Center Director for the Roal Oak corps in Madison Heights, Michigan.

In 1999, Steve left and moved to Kingston Jamaica to become the Caribbean Territorial Music Director. He then was relocated to Port au Prince Haiti in 2003, where he began his missionary service as

the assistant director of the La Maison du Bon-heur Children's Home. Steve and his wife Ketsia became the directors of the home.

In 2009, Steve and Ketsia were deployed to the Temple Corps located in Benton Park West.

Steve's vision for impacting the community has been powerful and magnetic. His work in BPW is evident with the building of the new playground, revamping the after school program into the "Choices" and the most recently starting *The Urban Mission Center*. All of these programs came from a heart of mission and helping others. He is preceded in death by his parents, Nelson and Agnes Diaz. Steve is survived by his wife Ketsia and son Kyle of the home in Benton Park West. He leaves sisters, brother-in-laws, nieces and nephews. Steve will be greatly missed by his birth family, The Salvation Army family, Benton Park West Family and by his extended family as wherever Steve went he was never a stranger and always had a joke.



Keep America Beautiful

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Benton Park/ Benton Park West at Arsenal & Jefferson

In Benton Park West, volunteers will work in the new garden on Arsenal at Jefferson. You will stencil art murals along the concrete barricades on Jefferson and Arsenal. If there's time, we'll also mulch the bushes.

In Benton Park, volunteers will create a beautiful monarch butterfly garden at the northwest corner of the park. Those volunteers will be dig, plant, and mulch. All volunteers will receive a

Bud Light T-shirt, sandwich from Luvy Duvy's and beer from AB. Mayor Slay will attend the lunch and speak to the group at approximately 12:30 pm.

This event is a national campaign for Keeping America Beautiful sponsored by Bud Light and Operation Brightside. Volunteers must be 21 or older to sign up.

Register at:
www.budlight.com/do-good-have-fun.html

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3200 S. Jefferson

St. Louis, MO 63108

Food

When?

August 4, 10AM - 5PM

For more info contact:

Jeremy Boyce (314) 289-5365

Cherokee Rec (314) 664-0584

Weed & Seed

Operation Weed & Seed is a community based effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. BPWNA participates in the regular meetings with city and law enforcement officials at 2832 Arsenal.

The next meeting is in September 11th.

Emergency help: 9-1-1

Non-emergency:
314.231.1212

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SUSPICIOUS,
BEHAVIOR IS!"**



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Refuse Department
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Alley Lights (AmUE)
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Be part of Court Watch.

To volunteer call
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314-771-0308.**

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What the Auto Dealership Doesn't Want You to Know

The Fraud Prevention Task Force has received complaints from several people, especially seniors, who have been victimized by nefarious sales tactics.

Most auto dealers are honest and survive on their repeat business and reputation. But sales people at even the major auto dealers sometimes use tactics to manipulate their customers and enhance their profits. Don't abandon logic for that "new car smell." As long as you play "the game" on a level playing field, you can have that new car without busting your budget.

First, do your research. Some customers walk onto car lots unprepared, not knowing what they can afford, or even what car is suited to their needs. This type of customer can easily be manipulated into paying more than necessary to buy whatever vehicle the dealer is trying to unload. You have the advantage if you have a specific vehicle in mind, especially if you know what that dealer paid for the car.

This is where the Internet comes in handy. Your research can show you all about specific models, help you determine which is right for you, tell you exactly what it cost the dealer, provide negotiating tips and let you know whether leasing or purchasing is best for you.

The National Association of Auto Dealers (www.nada.com), www.edmunds.com, and Consumer Reports Car Pricing Guide (www.consumerreports.org) are some of the major websites; many of them are free of charge. Some of these websites are connected to agencies like www.Truecar.com, which will send your completed forms regarding your preferences to area dealers who may contact you directly. You are under no obligation to buy from these dealers, but it is not unusual these days to negotiate completely by phone and Internet.

To avoid common problems with unethical dealerships, remember the following:

Be wary of "special sales events" solicited

If you see issues in the park - Benton Park - use the address **3100 South Jefferson** when calling out for service for anything related to Benton Park, **(THE PARK)** not the neighborhood of Benton Park.

****This will help when running calls for service related to the park.****

by direct mail. Major dealerships sometimes use this strategy. In these situations, the dealership is taken over by an outside sales force trained in techniques to maximize dealer profits, often at the customer's expense. Customers receive a postcard offering to purchase an older vehicle, to get a good deal on a newer vehicle. This office has received complaints from seniors who have been victimized by this tactic. Once they realized they had dealt with an unethical dealer, they tried to get their old cars back. They were told they could not, even though one victim could see her old car parked right outside the sales office.

Be very alert when making the final deal. Physically inspect the vehicle so that you are positive you have the options and trim level you wanted and paid for. Bring a calculator and make certain the financial deal is the one you agreed upon. Negotiate one thing at a time. Never discuss possible trade-in until you have negotiated the final price. Bring the printouts from the Internet to the dealer showing the dealer cost and any price quotes for the same vehicle from other dealers. Be prepared to get up and walk out if the salesperson tries to raise the price or change the deal. This is more difficult than you might think. If you can do it, however, it is very likely you will prevail.

If you negotiate at the dealer, do not purchase unneeded extras. Many consumer protection agencies advise against buying extended warranties from the dealer. They are overpriced and you are paying for some items that are automatically covered for the first year. You can always decide at a later date to purchase a warranty. Corrosion protection, fabric sealer and window etching are all unnecessary on modern vehicles. Go through the contract line by line and cross out and initial items you have not agreed to previously.

Do not take the vehicle off the lot until certain details are completed. Contact your insurance agent and make sure they have the VIN so that your car is covered by insurance

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

Businesses are also encouraged to become members of BPWNA!

APPLICATION ON BACK PAGE!

Don't wait another day!



Membership Needs YOU!

Call 771.0803 for more info.

See page 12 for an application

Business Members

Auto Bargain Center

Cabrini Academy

Clowder House - Diane Hurwitz

Curby Presbyterian Church

EZ Storage

Five Star Senior Center

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Lafayette Park UMC

LosPunk - Brian Thomas

Melt

Nader & Sons

SLPD 3D Partnership

The Salvation Army-Temple Corps

Bronze

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Karen Becker

Graham Browne

Barbara Christ

Romeo Eleno

Steven Guthrie

Gary Hinds

Sebrina Hinds

Diane Hurwitz

Sarah Johnson

Natasha Lockridge

Whitney Mathison

Graham McKinney

Stephanie McKinney

Cindy Monti

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Christian Oncken

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Paula Cooper

Suzy Hennigh

Bruce Levine

Marlene Levine

Mandy Mankin

Rebecca Martinez

Chris Schmidt

Cletus Terrell

Pamela Welsh

Gold

Linda Hennigh

Platinum

Bill Byrd

Friend

John Doggette

Pat Ortmann

Connie Petty

Shirley Wallace

Your name could ALSO be on this list!

City, State and Federal officials, Friends of BPWNA

Craig Schmid - Alderman, 20th Ward

Dena Hibbard - NSO*

*Neighborhood Stabilization Officer

Ken Ortman - Alderman, 9th Ward

Barb Potts - NSO*

Horrible alley needs cleaning?

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

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

Linda Hennigh, President, BPWNA
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Cherokee is Hoppin' in August

Free Bike Maintenance Day @ Community Arts and Movement Project

3026 Cherokee St, St. Louis 63118
Saturday August 2nd 11am to 4pm

Got a bike that's not running right? Come learn how to fix it! Don't have a bike? Come fix one up and take it home! Just be ready to do some work and get dirty. 100% free, but donations to the bike project are welcome.

Cherokee Nights

Thursday, August 14th 5pm to 10pm

A monthly event where you can explore the businesses on Cherokee Street during the evening hours. Second Thursdays of every month. Art, Music, Food, Discounts, Buskers, Shopping, Entertainment, Dancing, CHEROKEE STREET! This free event occurs on the second Thursday of every month year round, rain or shine. Galleries, retailers, restaurants and bars showcase art and music and offer discounts from 5 - 10pm.

Come out and explore Cherokee Street, pick up dinner, do some shopping and grab a drink! This event is family friendly!

CITY OF NIGHT ST. LOUIS FREE FESTIVAL AROUND THE CITY

City of Night St. Louis is a grassroots, multi-disciplinary arts

event with themes of art, history, culture and sustainability. It will feature in/outdoor art and installations on display; live performance in the form of sound art, theater, and dance; workshops; vendors; food trucks; live art; and more.

The festival will be held in venues around the city starting Thursday August 14th and continuing through Saturday August 16th with the height of the festivities taking place at the Historic Lemp Brewery.

Please visit our FaceBook page: [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/CityOfNightSTL)

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OR emails us at cityofnightstlouis@gmail.com

Bike Shorts: Film and Art About Bikes @ Melt

Wednesday, August 20th 6:30pm
2712 Cherokee St, St. Louis 63118

Join Trailnet for a night of art, bikes, and booze— celebrate expressions of what bikes mean to St. Louis, the future, and YOU. Enjoy mini-documentaries featuring St. Louis bike commuters of note, hear locally renowned artists and entrepreneurs discuss their bike-themed work, and how to pedal our way to a better city.

Film subjects and live speakers include:

- Alderman Scott Ogilvie
- Steph Co, organizer of the [World Naked Bike Ride in St. Louis](#)
- Photographer Carrie Zukowski, aka Twitter and Instagram favorite [@velo_city](#)
- The [Banana Bike Brigade](#)
- [Spoked Couriers](#) proprietor and [SpokedSTL](#) founder Matt Hartman



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the Cherokee businesses
on Cherokee!**

Don't miss the next Cherokee Nights on August 14th!

What's happening in Benton Park West

August

- 5 - National Night Out
8 - Newsletter Deadline
11 - BULK TRASH.
Must be out by 10p Sun
12 - BPWNA Board
Meeting - 6:30p - 2832
Arsenal, Five Star Sen-
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21 - BPWNA Member-
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senal, Five Star Center,
7p.

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AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 National Night Out	6	7	8 Newsletter Deadline	9
10 Bulk Trash week	11	12 BPWNA Board mtg 6:30p,	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 BPW Neighbor- hood mtg	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

September 2014 Events

September 2 - BPW Board Meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center

September 18 - BPW Neighborhood Meeting - Board Nominations - 7p, Five Star





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cabriniaacademy.org

Safety/Security Products

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

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- gun security boxes, \$20ea.
- license plate clear covers, \$5 per pair
- steering wheel locks (car clubs) \$13 ea.

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63118 314-773-9027

Joint Neighborhood ministry,
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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.

Fire Hydrant Renovations

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Resident Brian Kenny came up with the idea to paint the hydrants with the Saint Louis Flag.

We've enjoyed seeing many of the hydrants in BPW painted as the project started several years ago before daughter Quinn was born. This year Brian was energized to complete the project, with the help of three teens.

The total number of hydrants in Benton Park West (and border streets) is 114+. In the first phase, 68 hydrants were painted. By the end of phase two (2014) the addi-

tional 46 hydrants will be completed.

This was a project conceived entirely by a resident. With approval from the BPWNA board, Brian single handedly painted the first phase of the project. This project has been partly funded by the neighborhood association.

Walk or drive around the neighborhood and see completed and in process hydrants with the great Saint Louis flag



Car Dealers...

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before you drive off the parking lot. Be certain all financial details are covered and there are no blank spaces on the sales contract. If part of the deal was to pay off your old car, make certain that is done before you drive away. If the dealership goes out of business, you could be left holding the bag on the old car loan. Make certain financial paperwork is complete. This avoids "yo-yo" or "spot" deliveries in which the dealer calls the customer to say financing fell through so that the customer will sign new paperwork at less favorable terms. Never leave the lot with repairs or accessory installation pending. Once you drive off the lot, it may be difficult to get that work completed.

Benton Park

The concerts and events in Benton Park continue.

Events in the park make the park "awesome" as residents and other see the beauty of the park, within walking distance of virtually any home in the area.

Bring your blankets, chairs and dancing shoes and enjoy the fun with food and drinks at all of the FREE concert in beautiful Benton Park. It's family/kid-friendly, and all proceeds (from food, drinks and merchandise) go to the Benton Park Neighborhood Association. It's a win-win for all. Mark your calendars for the remaining dates:

- August 3rd: Jazz Picnic
- August 17th: Jazz Picnic
- August 31st: Jazz Picnic
- September 1st: Cycle Race & 5K Run
- October 4th: Taste of Benton Park, Concert & Chalk Art

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

2300 Lafayette Avenue Saint Louis, MO 63104

Worship

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

⇒ Contemporary Music -
fourth Sunday

⇒ Resale Boutique
Wed 9a-Noon; Sundays 11a-Noon

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"



Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizens Academy is now accepting applications!

The SLMPD Citizens Academy offers an insider's view into the day-to-day job of a St. Louis Police Officer. In addition to classroom instruction, participants also visit with police canines, interact with the department's bomb and arson robot, tour the 911 center and even use driving and shooting simulators.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Applicants must be St. Louis City residents or own a business in the city limits. Participants must be 18 or older and have no outstanding arrest warrants. All participants must agree to a criminal background check. There is no fee associated with attending the Citizens Academy.

Applications can be found on our website and will be accepted until August 25, 2014.

Class starts on September 3.

Checkout the Citizen's Police Academy at:
http://www.slmpd.org/citizens_academy.shtml

Trap, Neuter, Return Training Program

or

"What do I do about the cat wandering my neighborhood?"

August 9th, 2014 from 12:30 – 4 pm

Carpenter Branch Library

3309 S. Grand Blvd.

Registration@stlouiscitykitties.org



Free Program that will discuss the City policy and the TNR program. Show you how to trap the cat and where to go to get kitty spayed or neutered and vaccinated. We will also discuss how to care for the cats after they have been returned to their neighborhood homes.

Dr. Frei is the Veterinarian for St. Louis City Animal Care and Control.

She will discuss why Animal Control endorses TNR, and the current city policy regarding city cats.

Danielle Faulkner-Schaffer has been practicing TNR for 7 years, and is a volunteer with the TNR Task Force for the City of St. Louis Department of Health.

During the Seminar you will: Learn how determine if TNR is needed, how to perform a site assessment, how to set various types of traps, how to be a good colony caretaker, and discuss various resources available to help the cats in your neighborhood.

All participants will have an opportunity to sign up to get hands on experience performing TNR.

So whether you want information on how to care for the cat in your neighborhood or are willing to help your neighbors in the City of St. Louis, this training is ideal for you.

Space is limited, so please pre-register for the Seminar at
registration@stlouiscitykitties.org

Sponsored by the St. Louis City Kitties

find our facebook group at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/353986761298514/>

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2. Your pet must have been neutered or spayed
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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

News from the “Library Lady” - Tonnya Joy - Barr Manager

A few highlights of upcoming programs at Barr Library!

August 9, 3-4:30p Adults

Barr Library and the Arts Council of Lafayette Square Present: Novel Neighbors Book: Muriel Barbery's *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*; copies of the book are available at the branch.

August 18, 11a-12p. Toddlers/Preschool

Picture a Story. Tell a story without words.

August 19, 4-6p Gr 6-12

DIY: Nail Art

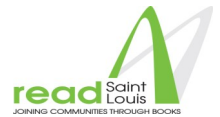
Groups of 5+ advance registration.

August 20, 4-5p Gr K-5

Creative Kids: Story Webs.

Turn your favorite stories into art.

The digital newsletter *Check-It-Out!* is available at <http://cio.slpl.org/>.



Five Star Senior Center

Ph.314-664-1008
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E-Mail fcoac@swbell.net

Meals-Transportation
Social Activities
Mon.-Fri. 9:00-3:00

2832 Arsenal St. Louis, MO 63118-2317
Michael W. Howard Executive Director

Missional Leadership



The Urban Mission Center is excited to host its first official event, an Intensive on Missional Leadership!

We're looking for leaders who are interested in exploring missional leadership, especially in an urban context. The cost is \$75 and includes housing on Thursday and

Friday nights and meals from Friday breakfast to Saturday lunch.

Join us and hear from Alan Roxburgh and Michael binder.

Register at:
<http://www.urbanmissioncenter.com/calendar>

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WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
ALAN ROXBURGH AND MICHAEL BINDER FROM
THE MISSIONAL NETWORK

Only a Few Hours of Your Time Each Month is needed to help a non-profit, church or other community organization.

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
 Joe Calabro - 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

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

**2014 Membership Application
Benton Park West**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail to: BPWNA Membership

PO Box 18671

Saint Louis MO 63118

Level of Membership:

___ Bronze - \$ 10 per person

___ Senior - \$ 5 per person

___ Silver - \$ 25 per person

___ Gold - \$ 50 per person

___ Platinum - \$ 100 per person

___ General Membership (Scholarship)

___ Friend (non-BPW) - \$ 20 per person

___ Gift/Donation _____

I would like to be involved with:

___ Beautification ___ Dog Park ___ Youth ___ Garden

Facilities ___ Publications ___ Safety/Quality of Life

Board ___ PR/Marketing ___ Block Link ___ Membership

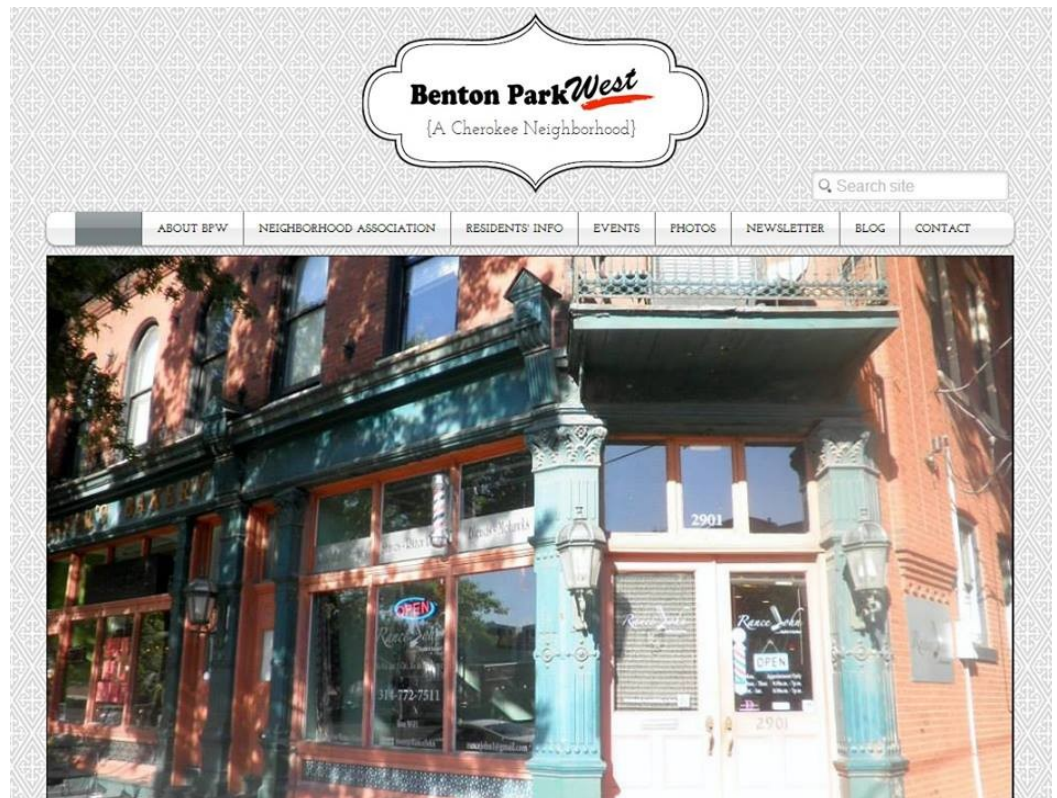
Fresh and Improved Website

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keep Benton Park West in the eye of the public.

The content, while updated, is the same as the previous site; just easier to find and more "friendly".

**The website can be found at the same location:
www.bentonparkwest.org**

**Benton Park West**

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



On the Web
www.bentonparkwest.org