BENTON PARK ASSOCIATION

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## Operation Brightside/Project Blitz

The Benton Park Association successfully executed its 1986 Project Blitz on Saturday, May 3, with the complete clean-up of trash and debris and the planting of 20 saplings along Lemp Ave, between Arsenal and Lynch. The effect of the clean-up lasted only 24 hours, but the tree plantings have left a lasting impression on this stretch of Lemp. Thanks to those who pitched in, with special thanks to Bob McBride and his truck.

## Preservation Week

Thanks are also in order for all those who participated in the Preservation Week festivities in the park on Sunday, May 18. The cool temperatures and day-long threat of rain kept away the throngs of spectators as well as the reflecting pool platform divers, but for those who made it out, it was a wonderful afternoon. Special congratulations go to Patty Wirth and the art show gang, Nancy Wheeler, Amy Lloyd, John McKinstry and the fashion show group, and to those who set up before and cleaned up after this first-rate production. Thanks to all of you.

## Judy Raker for State Senator

A "campaign coffee" will be held by the Judy Raker for state senator campaign Thursday, May 29, 8:00 p.m.. This informal gathering will take place at the home (firehouse) of Steve Duffe and Marion Smith, 2411 McNair and will feature coffee, tea and Judy Raker. All those interested in candidate Raker's position on issues pertinent to our neighborhood are welcome. (The 4th state senatorial district includes the Benton Park Neighborhood as far south as Arsenal St..)

## Neighborhood Loss

The current vice-president of the BPA, Peggy Sparr, has recently accepted a job offer which will take her to Baltimore, Md.. We wish Peggy the best of luck with her new career. Nominations for the V.P. office will be heard at the June BPA meeting.