



## BENTON PARK ASSOCIATION

### BENTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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#### NOVEMBER 1986 BPNA MEETING

The November meeting of the Benton Park Neighborhood Association **will** be held Tuesday, November 4, 1986 at 7:30 pm, at St. Agnes School (the Girls Club of St. Louis) 2216 Sidney St. Due to the inconvenience that Sunday meetings have posed for many of our members, we will be meeting the first Tuesday of each month on a **trial** basis. Everyone is welcome.

#### HOUSE TOUR RESULTS

Despite dreary weather, the 1986 Benton Park Fall House Tour turned out to be quite a **success**. Approximately 260 individuals toured our neighborhood during the weekend event and many more read and/or heard about the area through widespread newspaper, radio and television coverage publicizing the festivities. Tour patrons ~~were~~ left with positive impressions as evidenced by their many encouraging comments.

Hardy congratulations go to the homeowners on tour, corporate sponsors, house sitters, ticket booth and bake sale booth operators, bake sale contributors, participating neighborhood restaurants and **all** other volunteers not mentioned for a job well done. Special thanks go to Mark McCormick and Linda Comfort for their **extra** efforts in producing the beautiful poster and brochure.

#### HOUSING INFORMATION UPDATE

Attached to this newsletter is a revised listing of properties for sale in the Benton Park Neighborhood. Please market these properties to **those** who may be interested in our area.

In addition, the Benton Park Marketing Corp. has been asked to arrange the sale of a single family residence located at 2112 Withnell. Owned by Julie Vining, this three room, one bedroom, single story starter home with full basement has been tastefully renovated and comes with woodburning stove, skylight and major appliances including dishwasher, washing machine and dryer. It lists for \$39,000 and is available for showing to **all** who may have an interest. Please call Kevin Kelleher at 664-0776 for more information.

#### FREE STREET TREES

If your corner of the neighborhood lacks the beauty of the many trees that once lined our streets, you may have the missing foliage replaced free by the City's forestry department. Just call 535-0075 during working hours and inquire about the street tree planting program. The City **will** send a man out to survey your property, mark your curb and order a tree or two on your behalf. **When** the trees become available (probably fall of '87), the forestry department **will** plant them as well.

If you would like to become more involved in the whole process, you may determine, with certain limitations, the location and the species of your tree(s). They must be planted 5 feet from underground utilities, 15 feet from alleys, 15 feet from light standards, 20 feet from street corners and 30 feet apart. 19 species of trees are available which fall into two categories—ornamental trees (to be planted under power and telephone lines) and nonornamental shade trees (to be planted **where** overhead height is not restricted). It is recommended that trees be planted on or near your property lines so that when they mature they frame the facade of your home, rather than centering them in front of your home which will obscure its view.

SOUTH SIDE YMCA AUCTION

The South Side YMCA has asked that we publish information regarding their fourth annual Grand Auction to be held Saturday, November 22, 6-11 pm at the Cedars at St. Raymonds. Items to be auctioned include a Ford Taurus, Hawaiian vacation, antiques, concerts and more. Celebrity hostess Elaine Viets of the Post-Dispatch will also be on hand. Reservations are \$30 per person, include dinner and open bar and can be made by contacting Mickey Zirkle at 865-3500.

OLD HOUSE FAIR- ST. LOUIS

On April 4th & 5th, 1987, DeSalles Community Housing Corp is sponsoring a home and energy show of sorts that will feature mostly specialty restorationists and old house craftsmen that specialize in turn-of-the-century renovations. If you are other than the run of the mill carpenter and have a special *skill* that is in demand by restorationist types, or if you know of such craftsmen, please contact DeSalles Community Housing Corp. to obtain more information on the Old House Fair. Their number is 776-5444.

1987 BPNA OFFICERS' NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be heard at the next Benton Park Neighborhood Association meeting for the election of 1987 officers. The 1986 officers have been:

President- Kevin Kelleher

Vice-President- Gretchen Karros/Peggy Sparr

Secretary- none

Treasurer- Jeff Raynsford/Randall Comfort