

JULY '87 BNA MEETING

The July meeting of the Benton Park Neighborhood Association **will** be held Tuesday, July 7, 1987, 7:30 pm, at the Girls Club of St. Louis (St. **Agnes** School) 2216 Sidney Street. Speaking to our group will be a juvenile officer from the Juvenile Division of the St. Louis Circuit **Court** and Officer Bill Vincente, Public Relations Officer from the 3rd District Police Station. The topic **will** be juvenile crime and delinquency in the Benton Park Neighborhood. Everyone **is** welcome.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Benton Park Neighborhood Association would like to extend a warm welcome to **some** new faces in the neighborhood.

-Welcome to Jerry Burka and his fiance Beth, who recently purchased their home located at 2918 Wisconsin.

-Welcome to Bob 'Hootch' **Burrows** who recently purchased his home at 2926 Lemp Ave.

-Welcome to Mary Vita who joins the Benton Park Neighborhood as the new 9th Ward Neighborhood Liason Officer.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR BPNA OPERATION BRIGHTSIDE EFFORT

As was reported in last month's newsletter, the BPNA participated in this year's Operation Brightside program by planting 37 trees along **Arsenal**, Salena and McNair Streets. For the hard work put forth by the arboriculturists of our neighborhood, the Brightside judges awarded the **BPNA** 1st prize (\$100) in region 2 for Best Beautification project. Subsequent to the regional contest, the Brightside gang evaluated 125 projects from across the City and on **June** 10th awarded cash prizes to the top 3 entries in **each** of two categories— beautification and clean-up. From this Citywide competition the **BPNA** came away with a 2nd place prize of \$500!

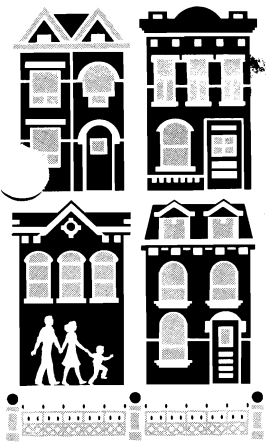
Congratulations to all that lent a hand in this year's project and thanks again to Alderman Aboussie for obtaining the lovely trees.

'87 BPNA FALL HOUSE TOUR

Opening our doors to the public and the **media** is the single **most** effective way to get the word out **explaining** why **it** is that Benton Park **has** assumed the position as the premier rehab neighborhood in St. Louis. As the word spreads, more and more people investigate our charming neighborhood and ultimately **make** Benton Park their **home**. **So**, in the interest of perpetuating this process, the BPNA House Tour Committee is seeking homes which are worthy of being showcased to the public as part of the '87 FALL HOUSE TOUR. If you own such a **home** and would enjoy participating in this year's tour, please give Kevin Kelleher a **call** at 664-0776. Thanks for your support.

SO LONG KATE

It was recently learned that Kate Hart, formerly the 9th Ward Neighborhood Liason Officer, has **taken** the position of Executive Director at DeSales Community Housing Corporation. **Kate** leaves her MQL position with more than her share of battle scars earned in Benton Park, for **each** of which we are eternally grateful. Our neighborhood has experienced a **tremendous** amount of renovation in the past two years. **In** part, this progress is due to the work of **Kate Hart**. Thanks and good luck to **Kate** in her new position.



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291923 SALENA UPDATE

On June 18, the St. Louis City Board of Adjustment denied a zoning variance for the property located at 2919-23 Salena which would have allowed it to be used as a print shop and office. However, this victory for the neighborhood is only a part of the solution for the 'old dairy building'. We as a neighborhood group must now pursue a course which will lead to the restoration of this building for residential use. For those of you who market the Benton Park Neighborhood to prospective residents, please add this location to your tour map and be advised that the Benton Park Association and Alderman Aboussie are very much interested in seeing that this building find its way into the hands of a responsible homeowner.

RENTAL HOUSING INFORMATION

As many of you have noticed, the BPNA has periodically published listings of "For Sale" housing available in the Benton Park Neighborhood. Until now, we have not had the means or the manpower to put together a "Rental" listing of available housing. However, super-resident Kathleen Kelly has volunteered her time to assemble and maintain such a listing. If you own or manage rental housing in Benton Park and would like to register your property for future publication through the newsletter or for public events in which the BPNA is a participant, give Kathleen a call at 773-5880 (home) or 553-1698 (work) or drop her a line at 2625A Indiana, 63118.

SUPPORT OUR WORTHY LOCAL CAUSES

Catering to the varied needs and interests of young ladies in our community, the Girls Club of St. Louis continues to grow at an impressive rate, both in enrollment and in quality of programs available to its membership. In addition to promoting the development of tomorrow's women through the year round operation of its Clubhouse, the Club has supported the Benton Park Neighborhood Association through the use of its facility for our monthly meetings and the use of tables and chairs for BPNA sponsored events.

To show our appreciation of the Club's support of the BPNA and to show support for the wonderful things being done by this benevolent, not-for-profit organization located in our neighborhood, please consider a pledge of financial aid to the Club, now conducting its annual fund drive. Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet which elaborates on the operations of the Club. Thanks.

BENTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD FLEA MARKET

In an effort to pull the neighborhood together with an event that would include the participation of area residents and merchants, a giant flea market sale has been proposed for the Benton Park Neighborhood. Currently in the planning/feasibility stages of development, this idea is the brainchild of Pat Humfeld who would very much appreciate the input of those interested in participating in such an extravaganza. Pat may be reached at 2800 McNair, 776-5065.

1987 BPNA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues of \$5 per household for membership in the Benton Park Neighborhood Association are currently due. Your support defrays the cost of producing and mailing the newsletter, housing listings and other promotional materials and is very much appreciated. Contributions are tax deductible and should be made payable to:

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