

# The Benton Park News

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## School Board Officials Highlight October BPNA Meeting Agenda



Stewart



Purdy

School Board officials **Robbyn Stewart** and **William Purdy** will be the featured speakers at the **BPNA meeting**, Tuesday evening, October 1. They were both elected to the School Board of the St. Louis Public Schools in April, 1991, along with **Eddie Davis** and **Paula Smith**, the 4 Candidates 4 Kids slate. Ms. Stewart and Mr. Purdy will speak to the people at the meeting briefly, then answer any questions you may have.

### Also on the Agenda:

Ms. **Clarice Woodard**, Project **Casefind** Coordinator, will present information on what her agency is doing to identify, locate, train and educate persons suffering from mental retardation, autism, epilepsy or cerebral palsy.

Project **Casefind** is a service sponsored by the St. Louis office for Mentally Retarded and Developmental Disabilities Resources.

## Planning Meeting Set For BPNA House Tour 1992

The time has come to begin plans for House Tour 1992. Yes, folks, for the first time in recent history BPNA is going to get a jump start of approximately three additional months for planning this major event. According to 1991 Chairman **Bob Friend**, a meeting is planned to get things going by many of the people who helped with the House Tour this past spring.

New ideas from newer members and expertise from members who have helped in previous tours could be a wonderful and effective combination. Needless to say, all interested members are warmly invited to attend!

Much of the groundwork used in the 1991 tour will be used for our next tour. A chairman is needed to head up this event and committees need to be formed.

Bring your ideas, meet fellow members, and make or renew friendships at the home of **Nancy McRee** at 2211 Sidney on Wednesday evening, October 9 at 7:30 PM.

**Benton Park Neighborhood Association Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Girls Club, 2216 Sidney. The public is invited to attend.**

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**Benton Park in Bloom: Free Bulbs Available until October 11.  
Operation Brightside's "Daffodil Days": See Page 3 for Details**

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## Community Semces Continues to Serve

Your Community Services Committee is still:

- soliciting names of those service providers who have done a good job for you and are available to do a good job for your neighbors (Sarah Lindquist, 773-1939);
- "mapping" crime reports, and monitoring and encouraging neighborhood responses to local crime problems (Greg Underwood, 773-7232);
- providing documentation books for countering persistent problem situations and locations (Mike Vosler 772-0263);
- coordinating the Adopt A Park Part to better care for **Benton Park** (Carolyn Twibell, 772-0614).

There is more to be done on: interracial bridging and creating Block Cleanup Teams and patterns.

## October Schedule of Events at Barr Branch Library

For Children and Young Adults:

**Wednesdays, 11:00 AM:**

Preschool Story Time

**Wednesdays, 4:00 to 6:30 PM :**

Homework Help

**Oct. 12 Saturday, 10:00 AM:**

Bat Crafts. Registration required.

**Oct. 26 Saturday, 10:00 AM:**

Create a one-of-a-kind wee jack-o-lantern. Registration required.

For All Ages:

**Saturdays, 2:30 PM - Family Movies:**

"Fright Sights" +

**Oct. 5 *Canterville Ghost* and *The Return***

**Oct. 12: *Something Wicked This Way Comes* and *The Veldt***

**Oct. 19: *A Ghost of a Chance***

**Oct. 26: *Legend of Sleepy Hollow***

**Exhibit:**

*A View of St. Louis*, Photography by Michael

Draga

*Coins of the United States*, from the collection

of David Simmons.

**Barr Branch Library**

1701 S. Jefferson Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63104  
314-771-7040

**Mon. & Wed. :10:00AM - 7:00PM**

**Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.: 9:00Am - 6:00PM**

## Adopt a Park Part!

*A message from Rev. Michael Vosler,  
Chairman, Community Services Committee*

The City can do part of it. The City can't do it **all!** **Benton Park** is our heart. It is a spatial symbol of who we are and where we are. It demands more **care** than it is getting. It is a parable of our care for this entire community.

Some individuals and families have indicated their concern for the **Park** and their **willingness** to assist with its care. In our first discussion toward meeting the Park's needs, we delineated sixteen "Park Parts" that we are urging for adoption.

Consider this an invitation to you to Adopt A Park Part. Initial guidelines suggest (1) **twice-a-month** pick-ups with recycling separation of glass and cans and paper where possible, and (2) more intentional use and visiting of the park, especially Your Part, once each week or more.

There are other possibilities for the future: an in-the-park storage facility for tools and supplies; symbolic garb for Adopters (hats? armbands? T-shirts?); a spring barbecue for Adopters; a brochure telling the story of the park **and its namesake).**

Do it!! Adopt A Park Part at the next meeting of the **Benton Park Neighborhood Association**, or call Michael Vosler (772-0263) or Carolyn Twibell (772-0614).

### The Benton Park News

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#### PUBLICATION DEADLINE

The 20th of each month is the cutoff date for material to reach the Benton Park newsletter editor. We welcome input from all of our readers regarding people and events that involve Benton Park and its residents. Submit information by phone (664-8552), FAX (664-6310), or mail (3108 Illinois, 63118).

#### 1991 BPNA OFFICERS:

Paul LaFlam, President

Nancy McRee, Vice President

Libby Reuter, Secretary

Kevin Kelleher, Treasurer

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# Benton Park in Bloom

Operation Brightside's "Daffodil Days" are here! Daffodils, Tulips (assorted colors), and Blue Grape Hyacinth bulbs are available for purchase from Operation Brightside. All orders must be prepaid and received no later than Friday, October 11, 1991. Therefore, if you are interested, act quickly. Prices are indicated on the order form below. Pick-up is at the Forest Park Greenhouse on October 16, 17, & 18 from noon til 7:00 PM and October 19 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. For additional information call 781-4556.

## "DAFFODIL DAYS"

Yes, I want to order bulbs! (Each lot contains 50 bulbs)

\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) King Alfred Daffodil Bulbs at \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) Tulip Bulbs, assorted colors at \$11.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) Blue Grape Hyacinths at \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your payment for the total amount listed above. Make your check payable to Operation Brightside.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work)

Return this order card with your payment to: Operation Brightside  
2375 Hampton Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63139

## Membership Application

Activities of The Benton Park Neighborhood Association are funded primarily by the dues and donations from neighborhood residents, and property and business owners within Benton Park.

Annual dues of \$5.00 include a year's subscription to The Benton Park News and a 10% discount on all purchases from area merchants. The growing list of participating merchants includes: Allen's Garden Shop, 3201 Cherokee; Morands Hardware & Supply, 1801 Pestalozzi; TEASE Hair Salon, 1615 South Ninth; Edele & Mertz Hardware Co, 1822 S. Broadway; the Benton Park Gallery, 3016 Wisconsin, and Sidney Street Cafe, 2000 Sidney Street.

### Count me in as a member for 1991:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues enclosed

\_\_\_\_ Additional gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed to support neighborhood programs/events.

(Make checks payable to Benton Park Neighborhood Ass'n.)

Mail to: BPNA, P.O. Box 2066, St. Louis, MO 63158

## Where's Waldo?

Waldo fans who have enjoyed the *Where's Waldo?*, *Where's Waldo Now?* and *The Great Waldo Search* books created by illustrator Martin **Handford** will be delighted to know that a special interactive exhibit will be on display in the Great Hall of Central Library through October 23. Admission is free.

The exhibit, on loan from the Kohl Children's Museum in Wilmette, Illinois presents giant reproductions of the pages of *Where's Waldo?*. Visitors can test their powers of observation by locating a series of specific items in the exhibit. Children insert the completed checklists in a mailbox that is part of the exhibit. The library is holding periodic drawings and presenting each winner with a set of the three Waldo books.

Central **Library**, 1301 Olive Street, is open Monday 10 AM to 9 PM, Tuesday through Friday 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturdays 9 AM to 5 PM. For additional information, call 241-2288, ext. 305.

## BPNA Membership Cards

BPNA members who have not received their membership cards for 1991 may pick them up at monthly meetings. These cards provide discounts at participating area merchants, including Allen's Garden Shop, 3201 Cherokee; Morands Hardware & Supply, 1801 Pestalozzi; TEASE Hair Salon, 1615 South Ninth; Edele & **Mertz** Hardware Co., 1822 S. Broadway; the **Benton** Park Gallery, 3016 Wisconsin; and Sidney Street Cafe, 2000 Sidney Street.

Membership cards are available to people who have paid their **dues** for the current year, and are issued one per family. See Membership Application Form on page 3.

## Show Your Colors!

Attractive brass **house** plaques, featuring the **Benton** Park logo, are now in stock and available for immediate delivery.

The plaques cost \$50.00 and can be obtained by calling Kevin Kelleher, at 664-0776.

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