

The Benton Park News

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“IN/FORM III” Exhibit Opening at Lemp Brewery

An art exhibit featuring thirty-six artists, many of whom live in **Benton** Park, **will** be held at the Old Lemp Brewery, 3400 Lemp. The exhibit which opens with a reception on November 6 from 5-10PM **will** run through December 1, 1991. Last year's exhibit was voted "the best art exhibition in 1990" by the St. **Louis** Magazine.

Brochures **will** be passed out at the November BPNA meeting. Meanwhile, for additional information call (314)772-ARTS.

Benton Park Gallery Exhibit & Reception

The next **Benton** Park Gallery exhibition is a sculpture show of works by Eric **Nordgulen**. The exhibition runs from November 2 through December 13. The opening reception **will** be November 2, from 7-9:00 PM.

The gallery is owned by Jeff Wheeler and his wife Ellen **Gilden** and is located at 3016 Wisconsin Avenue. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 12-4 PM and by appointment. For further information, please call 314/772-8677.

1992 BPNA House Tour: To Be or Not to Be?

The open meeting held in October regarding next year's house tour was not well attended, according to BPNA **Acting President** Nancy **McRee**. Although almost everyone agrees getting an early start on such a huge annual endeavor is a great idea, people still seem to be geared into not thinking about house tour planning until around **January**. A discussion **will** take place at the BPNA November 5 meeting to determine if sufficient enthusiasm **can** be conjured up in the near future.

Slate of Officers, Horticulturist Highlight November Agenda

Nominations for 1992 BPNA **officers** and a featured speaker from the Missouri Botanical Garden **will highlight** the agenda for the next BPNA meeting on November 5.

Guest speaker will be St. **Louis Post-Dispatch** **columnist** and horticulturist Chip Tynan from the Missouri Botanical Garden. He will be talking about composting.

Mr. **Tynan**, a Certified Master Gardener, is in charge of the Garden's Answering Service and has been writing a weekly gardening column for the St. **Louis** Post-Dispatch for five years. He has appeared frequently on local radio and television to talk about gardening.

The Nominating Committee, Beth Burka, Duane **Beougher** and Libby Reuter, have prepared the following slate of officers for the BPNA in 1992:

PRESIDENT: Nancy McRee -- Teacher, Textbook Author and current Vice President.

VICE PRESIDENT: Ron Bentley -- National Sales Manager and **Co-Founder** of Community Marketing Resources, Inc.

SECRETARY: Beth Kizer -- Communications Instructor at the University of Missouri - St. **Louis**.

TREASURER: Kevin Kelleher -- Certified Public **Accountant**, Past President of the Association and current Treasurer.

Additional nominations **will** be accepted from the floor at the November 5 meeting. Elections **will** be held at the December meeting.

Vice President Nancy **McRee will** serve as acting president due to president Paul **LaFlam's** recent resignation. In an October 2 letter to officers and members, Paul said that "other personal and professional responsibilities prevent me from devoting the time and energy required by the presidency."

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

Holiday Get-Together

Plans are underway for the **Benton Park Neighborhood Association** to celebrate the Holiday Season at one of our local eateries.

A date and place **will** be discussed and hopefully **confirmed** at the November meeting.

Antique Row's Annual Christmas Cookie Spree

Antique Row's fifth **Annual Christmas Cookie Spree** on Cherokee Street from **Lemp** to Jefferson will be held November 30 and December 1, 1991 from **10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**.

Cherokee Street participated in the 1991 **Benton Park House Tour** and now we need to return the favor by participating and assisting Cherokee Street's Antique Row.

Volunteers are needed to:

- dress in Victorian costume or as a jolly Santa and hand out candy, fliers, etc. (they expect some Victorian clothing to be donated)
- offer music in any form - strolling carolers, small choirs, small ensembles, strolling **street musicians**
- assist with the candles for the Candlelight Walk from **5:00 to 7:00 PM** each day
- offer creative ideas; **procure** publicity **and/** or donations from your company or other interested companies and groups.

In addition to music, **Victorian dress, Santa** and the Candlelight Walk, Christmas cookies will be given away as patrons go from shop to shop. Carriage rides **will** be given at **\$2.50** per person, although admission for the event itself is free.

The Christmas Cookie Spree is jointly sponsored by **KLOU-Radio 103.3FM**, the 7-Up Company and The St. **Louis Bread Company**.

For more information, call Carol **Hodges**, English Garden Antiques (**771-5121**).

Plum Pantry Premiers

The Plum Pantry, formerly called Cafe at **Windsor**, has moved to larger quarters a little further East on Cherokee Street, and is now open for business. Located at **2106 Cherokee Street**, this **delightful** eatery specializes in salads, sandwiches, soups, gourmet coffees and bakery items at reasonable prices.

For additional information, call **772-7337**.

Get with the Program!

Want to learn how to patch plaster? **Conquer** crab grass? Master the maze at City Hall?

The Programming Committee is currently looking for ideas and presenters for our 1992 meetings. If you have ideas for programs or if you know of someone with an interesting or **entertaining** message, call Scott **Farquhar** at **776-7376**.

The **Programming** Committee is also looking for a few **new** members to help with planning and coordinating meetings. Participation on this committee doesn't require a **big** commitment of time or attendance at a lot of meetings. Most of the work can be accomplished with just a few phone calls. If you are interested in joining this committee or if you'd like more information, just call Scott at the above number.

New Arrival

BPNA welcomes the arrival of Maria Regina, infant daughter of **Andreas Burkhalter** and Jeanne **Nerbonne**. Maria's birthplace is a tiny Transylvanian village approximately 250 miles outside Bucharest, Romania. Immediately following the **birth** of Maria in July, **Andreas** and **Jeanne flew to Romania hoping to bring her** home with them, but it wasn't until their second trip back to Romania in October that the dream became a reality.

On behalf of BPNA, our wishes for much happiness go to this new family.

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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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Block Groups:

A Message from Rev. Michael Vosler, Chairman, Community Services

Two active anti-crime block groups have been formed in two parts of our **community**: The **Arsenal/Salena/Wisconsin** group is now meeting monthly - Call Beth **Burka** for information (771-4371); and the area that centers around Senate Square has begun meeting on the second Tuesday of each month - call Annie **Betzler** for information (772-1036).

Forming Block Groups does several things all at once:

- It is a great way to meet your neighbors, especially those who share your concerns;
- You **will** get support from the Third District Police - learning their names, seeing their faces, and getting their perspective on the problems with which you are dealing - and from the political structures including your Alderman and Neighborhood Conservation Officer;
- You **will** know more about everything that is going on in your neighborhood - it is a great way to network information;
- You will probably gain a few victories over the problems you are confronting.

Although it means another meeting a month, the returns on your investment of time and care will be to your advantage, and your neighbor's as well.

Senate Square Association Formed

The Senate Square Neighborhood Association has recently been organized in an effort to develop an effective line of communication between residents of Senate Square rental properties, area property owners and rental property management companies.

Initiated by a meeting called by Alderman Marty **Aboussie** and Mike Flood of Operation **ConServ**, the group was formed principally to address ways to more effectively deal with problems of crime, property and grounds maintenance and tenant management.

Father George **Mayer**, Pastor of **St. Agnes** Catholic Church at 1933 Sidney Street, has agreed to provide parish facilities as a meeting site for the next two meetings. In addition, he **will** be directing portions of upcoming meetings.

Benton Park residents wishing to be included in future **meetings** are encouraged to call Mike Flood for details at 622-4628 or 352-3842,

Stained Glass Classes

Beginning stained glass classes are being offered by Eli Bust at Harmony Glassworks Studio, 2900 Missouri. Classes are small to facilitate one-on-one instruction to meet individual student needs. The class meets on Monday evenings 7-9 PM at **\$15.00 per session**.

For additional information, call **664-4720**.

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, M O 63158

“Adopt-A-Park” Growing

Six Benton Park Parts have been "adopted" with ten yet needing someone to care for them. Adopters include: Charles & Linda **Dahlheimer**, George **Rutter**, Carolyn & Rich **Twibell**, Daniel **Pierron** and Marcia Whisman, and Michael Vosler. Bob **Friend** has adopted Pontiac Park and could use some help there. Your choice of Park Parts includes:

1. The Hollow, by Arsenal Street
2. The Playground and Building
3. Jefferson North & Tennis Courts
4. West of Round Pond & **Horeshoes** Court
5. East of the Round Pond
6. Wyoming Strip between Indiana and Illinois
7. The long strip along Illinois
8. South of the Main Pond & the Monument
9. Fishing debris out of the Round Pond
10. Some Part of Pontiac Park

Call Mike Vosler (772-0263) or Carolyn **Twibell** (772-0614) for additional information.

Babysitting Co-op

The **Benton Park Babysitting CO-OP** (BPBC) is now a reality with five member families. **Interested parents are invited to meet** members of BPBC at an open play group at the **Benton Park** playground on Fridays at **4:00 PM**. Membership is not necessarily being limited to **Benton Park** residents.

For further information and details of the next BPBC business meeting, contact Elizabeth Bust at 664-4720.

November Schedule of Events at Barr Branch Library

For Children and Young Adults:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:30 PM:

Homework Help

Nov. 9 **Saturday, 10:00 AM:**

Indian Games. Registration required.

Nov. 23 **Saturday, 10:00 AM:**

Thanksgiving Table Decorations While **Indian Pudding Bakes**. Registration required.

Nov. 30 **Saturday, 10:00 AM to Noon:**

Table Games. **Bring one to share or play one of ours**

For All Ages:

Saturdays, 2:30 PM: Family Movies:

"Imaginary Lands"

Nov. 2 **Gulliver's Travels**

Nw. 9 **Mysterious Island**

Nw. 16 **Arabian Nights**

Nw. 23 **Time Machine**

Nw. 30 **Seventh Voyage of Sinbad**

Exhibits:

Lindbergh's Own. A Photo History of Charles **Lindbergh** by Murry Morose, Missouri **Air Guard Historian**

Missouri Animals. A Home School Project by Patrick Hunt

Barr Branch Library

1701 S. Jefferson Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63104

314-771-7040

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

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

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