

The Benton Park News

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Happy New Year!

Election of Officers Held

Election of BPNA officers was held at the December Holiday party at the Venice Cafe. Congratulations to the following people:

PRESIDENT: Ron Bentley -- Independent Manufacturers Rep.

VICE PRESIDENT: Barbara Marshall -- Ass't. Vice President & Operations Officer, United Missouri Bank

SECRETARY: Duane Beougher --Rehab/Renovation Contractor

TREASURER: Kevin Kelleher -- Certified Public Accountant

Profiles on each officer will appear in subsequent newsletters over the next months.

Venice Cafe Hosts

BPNA Holiday Meeting

A large gathering of BPNA members and overflowing tables of food filled the nooks and crannies of the Venice Cafe December 1. The only order of business that evening was Election of Officers, and members wiled away the evening with conversation, food, drink and music. A tip of the BPNA cap to Venice Cafe proprietor Jeff Lockheed who donated his widely popular club for the event.

Membership Renewal en Masse!

All membership dues expired in December 1992 and are now payable for 1993.

Your dues not only help support Association activities, but also provides you with the benefit of discounts at a number of participating area merchants. (See Membership Application form on page 3.)

Bring your check to the next meeting or send \$5.00 (or more, if you would like to contribute an additional gift) to BPNA, P.O. Box 2066, St. Louis, MO 63158.

A Big Thanks to Our '92 Officers!

BPNA appreciates the dedication and hard work contributed by our officers that helped make 1992 successful. A special thank you to former President Nancy Christen, whose boundless energy and continual follow-up abilities were seemingly limitless! Even with all the planning that went into her out-of-town mid-summer wedding and an autumn mishap down an entire flight of stairs, not to mention her school-teaching job, she never missed a beat. Thank you Nancy!

Also thanks to Elizabeth Kizer, our 1992 Secretary, for all the copious note-taking, and later in the year, Libby Reuter who filled in to allow Beth to recuperate from surgery. We appreciate you both!

Appreciation also goes to former Vice President Ron Bentley and Treasurer Kevin Kelleher, both of whose efforts have been rewarded with election as President and re-election as Treasurer, respectively. Thanks very much!

January BPNA Meeting

Turn New Year's Resolutions into Action! Plan to get involved with your Neighborhood Association this year. Start by attending the first meeting of the year, Tuesday, January 5, 1993, at Epiphany Parish Hall, 2911 McNair.

Featured speaker will be Steve Roberts, co-owner of Public TV Station WHSL TV 46. You are invited to come listen to Mr. Roberts and find how what he has to say will relate to Benton Park.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Benton Park Neighborhood Association meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM, at Epiphany Parish Hall, 2911 McNair. The Public is invited to attend.

1993 House Tour in Planning Stages

The House Tour Committee will meet on Sunday, January 10 at 3 PM at the home of Charles and Linda Dahlheimer, 3108 Illinois. Committees have already begun forming with the following people in place:

Co-Chairs: Ron Bentley & Linda Dahlheimer

Finance: Charlie Dahlheimer

Public Relations: Libby Reuter, Ken and Pat Ortmann, Jan Huber, Bob Jackes

House Selection: JoAnne Bentley, Nancy Christen, Janet Wall, Ron Lentz,

Graphics: Marian Amies, Nancy Christen

Logistics: Barb Marshall, Duane Beougher, Mike Vosler, Jane Huber

A group of sixteen people is a nice start, especially so early in the scheme of things, but previous experience has proven truth in the old adage, "Many hands make light work." We especially will need volunteers for Logistics, which for the most part involves helping out at the time of the event and very little preliminary involvement. So plan to attend the meeting on January 10 or at least call to say you'll help out (664-8552). It may well be the **only meeting we will need** as a complete group. (This proved to be true last year.) The purpose of the January 10 meeting will be to **reaffirm** each committee and their responsibilities, determine deadlines, and discuss house selection.

As in the past, the tour will be held on Mother's Day weekend, May 8-9.

Houses Needed for May 8-9 Tour

Anyone considering putting their property on tour this year should contact Nancy Christen (776-2972) or JoAnne Bentley (664-6335). The House Selection Committee's goal is to accumulate an interesting mix of properties. The owners of the properties selected will, as last year, receive a custom-created floral bouquet intended to **enhance** their property as a token appreciation from the Association for volunteering to show their home. In addition, a social will be held in their honor around a month before the tour to enable them to meet other tour volunteers and to clear up any last-minute questions that may come up.

Want to Showcase a For-Sale Property?

People with properties for sale wishing to be on tour should contact Mary King (776-6279) who will be planning a Realtors Open House Tour, but not necessarily on the same date as the house tour. Mary includes all real estate companies in her tour.

The Benton Park Neighborhood Association does not include for-sale properties on its House Tour because we do not believe patrons should pay to see a for-sale house that otherwise could be shown by the real estate agent or, if not listed, by the owner. Also, if a house should sell before the tour occurs, the new owners may not want the house on tour, thereby making the artwork for the brochure obsolete and creating confusion and dissatisfaction among tour patrons.

New Trash Receptacles for Area Parks

BPNA has commissioned one of our local residents, Dan Pierron, to design, build and install **four trash receptacles** for area parks - one will be paid for by Joint Neighborhood Ministries and the other three by BPNA. The goal, as always, is to patronize specialists in our neighborhood whenever possible when services are required.

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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).

1993 BPNA OFFICERS:

Ron Bentley, President
Barb Marshall, Vice President
Duane Beougher, Secretary
Kevin Kelleher, Treasurer

House Plaques

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.

BPNA Shopping Bags, Shirts Available

Large canvas bags sporting the **Benton** park Neighborhood Association logo can now be purchased from the Association. These bags are ideal for shopping trips and weekend outings.

BPNA Polo shirts, in rich blue color with BPNA logo in white are available in adult (including X-Large) and children's sizes. (The shirts do have a pocket!)

The shirts and bags are on display at BPNA monthly meetings. Or, for information, call Nancy Christen (776-2972).

Farewell to Good Neighbors

The Association regrets to announce that **Benton** Park is losing Jim and Lisa Bartlett to San Antonio, Texas.

The Bartletts' turn of events is a product of Southwestern Bell's rather sudden decision several months ago to relocate their corporate offices.

Jim and Lisa have been active participants within our association and, needless to say, they will be greatly missed by a lot of people.

Some lucky and unsuspecting neighborhood in San Antonio is about to inherit a couple of wonderful people!

To Jim and Lisa, "Goodbye and Good Luck!" We'll miss you!

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

What is this, a "filler"?

It certainly is!

in order to keep our newsletter full of interesting and helpful material, we need regular contributions of news and information from our members.

If you have something for the News, please call BPNA editor, Linda Dahlheimer (664-8552). Items may also be submitted by mail (3108 Illinois, 63118) or FAX 664-6310.

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 participating area merchants. The growing list 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 Icarian Studios, 3016 Wisconsin; and Sidney Street Cafe, 2000 Sidney Street and Art of the Ages, 2205 Cherokee.

Count me in as a member for 1993:

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

BPNA Committees

The following committees are alive and well, and would gladly welcome new volunteers. Even if you are unable to attend the Tuesday monthly meetings, it is still possible to "be active in your association" by volunteering to help out behind the scenes. Following is a rundown of the various committees:

Special Events - This committee makes the arrangements for social gatherings and other special events.

Community Services - This committee attends to the various needs of the neighborhood such as crime watch, park clean-ups, etc.

Membership - This committee is working to increase the membership number, publishes a roster booklet, and welcomes new people in the neighborhood.

Building Review - This committee works with builders and individuals to assure a high level of quality for the exterior of buildings getting CDA funding.

Beautification - This committee works to plant trees on our streets and in our parks, and various other beautification schemes.

Program - This committee works with the BPNA president and arranges the programs we have at BPNA meetings.

Newsletter - This committee compiles, writes, and distributes the monthly newsletter.

If you're interested in getting involved in any of the above, call 664-8552, 664-6335 or 776-7829.

Eva's Environmental Tips

We all know cars have a serious impact on the environment. But because we depend on them in our daily lives, it's unrealistic to suggest that people stop driving. But there are simple things we can do to help the earth. Here are a few of them:

Keep your car tuned up for improved gas mileage.

Don't let your car idle unnecessarily for more than about a minute for improved gas mileage.

Keep fuel filters clean. Clean filters use less gas.

Dispose of motor oil and antifreeze properly. Both of these fluids are very toxic and can be recycled. When your car needs servicing, make sure the shop recycles both. A single quart of used motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water.

Use efficient tires. Steel-belted are generally most efficient. Underinflated tires can waste fuel and should be checked bi-weekly. The life of the tires will increase if they're balanced and rotated every 6-8,000 miles.

The Tire Industry Safety Council, P.V. Box 1801, Washington, DC 20013, offers a \$4.00 glove compartment tire safety and mileage kit. It includes an air pressure gauge, a tread depth gauge, four tire valve caps and a 12-page Consumer Tire Guide.

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