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Spring House Tour Set for Mother's Day Weekend

Sixteen people met on Sunday, February 23 at the home of Charlie and Linda Dahlheimer to formulate plans for this year's tour on May 9 and 10.

The group took a "Divide and Conquer" approach to organizing the many details of the tour, and **task-oriented** committees left the meeting with specific assignments in hand.

The following people have agreed to chair these committees:

House Tour Coordinator - Charlie Dahlheimer;
Budget - Lou Christen;
House Selection - Kathleen Kelly;
Logistics - Timmi Strader;
Graphics/Printing - Marian Amies;
Publicity - Libby Reuter;
Art Community Coordinator - Dan Pierron;
Antique Row Coordinator - Donna Musick;
Realtor/Developer Coordinator - Mary King.

Serving on these committees will be: Ron and JoAnne Bentley, Nancy McRee, Bill King, Jerry Chytra, Pat Bania, Steve Duffe, Beth Kizer, Linda Dahlheimer, Lisa Bartlett, and Jim Trout.

Additional people are welcome, so, if your name does not appear above but you would like to be in the company of a group of enthusiastic, capable people, call **664-8552**.

Proposition P

Carolyn Loughlin, a proponent of Proposition P, will briefly discuss issues regarding a proposal to help with the restoration of Forest Park at the March 3 meeting. This issue will be voted on at the April 7 election.

"Selling Benton Park" March Meeting Highlight

Featured speaker at the March 3 BPNA meeting will be Realtor Mary King, of King & Associates, Inc. The company has focused its efforts on selling City properties because it was, and continues to be, important to owners Mary and Bill King that someone specialize in the City Historic Neighborhoods and provide the same level of service here that customers and clients expect and receive in other parts of the metropolitan area.

The King's, who have been Benton Park residents for a number of years, are in the process of moving their office from **Soulard** to **Benton Park**. They have an impressive business background and extensive experience with many real estate developers.

King & Associates will be sharing with us how, in spite of slow real estate market conditions, they have achieved phenomenal success in attracting buyers for City homes.

If you are interested in learning more about how to "sell" prospective city dwellers on the idea of moving to **Benton Park**, this is a meeting you won't want to miss.

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.

1992 BPNA OFFICERS:
Nancy McRee, President
Ron Bentley, Vice President
Eeth Kizer, Secretary
Kevin Kelleher, Treasurer

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A Message from Alderwoman Phyllis Young

Efforts to resolve the controversial plan by the State's Department of Corrections (DOC) to relocate its "Honor Center" program from its current location in St. Mary's on Papin Street to the vacated Malcom Bliss site continue.

The city has purchased a new site in the north riverfront area on which to construct a new facility that would house four hundred persons. A team of consultants has been retained to work with the DOC to design a facility that would meet the needs of the program. The consultants' goal was to bring the facility in at a lease-purchase payment of \$750,000 or less--a figure agreed upon by Rich McClure of Governor Ashcroft's office in a meeting with State Senator Clay, State Representative Ronnie White, Alderman Marit Clark and me last fall. The consultants have done an outstanding job of meeting the needs of the DOC's staff and budget demands.

In an early January meeting with Representative White and Committeeman Steve Chalmers, Governor Ashcroft explained that his budget proposal contains \$700,000 for the new site and that an additional \$50,000 was contained in the supplemental appropriation for that purpose. On January 7 the consultants met with Gail Hughes, director of DOC, and representatives of the Division of Design and Construction. State officials were quite pleased with the plans for the new

facility and amazed that it was significantly less costly than they had thought it would be. However, Mr. Hughes' stance was that Malcolm Bliss is a valuable building which could be quite successfully utilized by the Department of Corrections without many alterations. Therefore, if the city wants DOC to use another site it should be willing to pay any costs over \$250,000.

We believe that we will prevail! In the meantime, Booker & Associates is being retained to evaluate the physical plant and the utility costs of doing business. (The utility costs were prime reasons cited by the Department of Mental Health for moving from Malcolm Bliss.) This study as well as an analysis of potential for adaptive reuse will assist in placing a monetary value on Malcolm Bliss for negotiating purposes.

Meanwhile, Representative White is in Jefferson City watching the budget along with our new senator, J. B. (Jet) Banks. Both are assisting us in our efforts. Alderman Clark and I will join them prior to and during the appropriation hearings to lobby the legislators and track the progress of the dollars to ensure the project.

I feel we've made remarkable progress this past year. We've benefitted significantly from your involvement. The governor asked who got everyone fired up on this issue, and White told him, "You did, Governor, when you attempted to move St. Mary's into Malcolm Bliss." The governor knows you care, and if we need to remind him, I'll be sure to let you know.

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 and Art of the Ages, 2205 Cherokee.

Count me in as a member for 1992:

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

**Profile: Elizabeth Kizer
BPNA Secretary**

Beth, originally from Texas and then a North County resident for fourteen years, currently resides with daughter Jill at 2034 Sidney. She is an **Associate** Professor in the Department of Communication, University of Missouri-St. Louis. An UMSL faculty member for **16** years and the immediate past chairperson in the department, Beth has won both city and state teaching awards, and is currently writing a book on crisis management through communication. She also is an active member of the **Benton** Park Building Review Committee and, for relaxation, enjoys traveling, reading, writing and needlework.

Eva's Environmental Tips

In February, Eva began snipping each circle of the plastic six-pack holders before throwing them away. These rings have become a hazard to ocean **bids** and other marine life. They are virtually invisible underwater and frequently end up around the necks of **bids** and young seals and sea lions. Marine life is then susceptible to suffocation, starvation and drowning.

Even though it seems that St. Louis is a long way from our oceans, the **Mississippi** River flows into the Gulf of Mexico and we could very easily be contributing to this environmental problem. In addition to clipping those at home, pick up any six-pack rings you find, snip them and throw them away.

March Schedule of Events at Barr Branch Library

For Children and Young Adults:

Mondays, 11:00 AM - Preschool Story Time

Saturdays:

Mar. 7: 10:00 AM: St. Patrick's Day Fun

Mar. 21: 10:00AM - Noon: Table Games.

Bring one to share or play one of ours.

Exhibit: South American Indian Artifacts

Presented by **Silvia Bylicki**

For All Ages:

Saturdays, 2:30 PM - Family Movies: Written by Mark Twain

Mar. 7 *Life on the Mississippi*

Mar. 14 *Tom Sawyer*

Mar. 21 *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Mar. 28 *Notorious Jumping Frog of Calaveras County* and *P.J. and the President's Son*

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

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