

The Benton Park News

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House Tour Update Event Scheduled for May 9, 10

The selection process for the homes to be featured on this year's tour is now completed, thanks to the efforts of Kathleen Kelly and the members of her committee, and promises to be a very delightful, interesting mix of homes.

Publicity Chairperson Libby Reuter has a commitment from the Post-Dispatch to run a story and photo the weekend preceding the tour.

Graphic Artist Marian **Amies** is applying **finishing** touches to her poster design.

Mary King Realty and Jim Trout are coordinating with area Realtors to hold open houses that weekend.

Antique Row merchant Donna **Musick** has been coordinating their efforts with ours to hold a Spring Antique Row Festival (see accompanying story) on Saturday, May 9.

The only remaining facet yet to be coordinated with our house tour plans is our art community. If anyone familiar with the art community would like to serve as a liaison between the artists and other members of the tour committee, please call Dan **Pierron**, 772-4835 or 772-2571. The liaison's job would be to identify the artists desiring to have their studios open that weekend and prepare a list including the name, address, phone number and brief description of the art medium. This information would then be included in a separate brochure handed out to tour patrons.

Our **Benton** Park artists are an essential and prominent part of our community and coordinating their talents with our house tour *can* only enhance the tour weekend.

Brightside's Blitz

Operation Brightside's **11th** Annual Blitz will occur on May 9 in the **Benton** Park neighborhood. The City will provide trash bags, tools, mulch, and flowers (periwinkles and marigolds - which *can* only be planted on public property). Contact your block captain for additional details, or call 781-4556.

Once again, the Blitz will coincide with the first day of the **Benton** Park House Tour.

Antique Row Planning Spring Festival

Cherokee Street merchants are planning a spring festival to be held in conjunction with the **Benton** Park House Tour. The event will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 8 AM to 6 PM, and include sidewalk displays and food booths. A local radio station, which is sponsoring the event, will be broadcasting on site during the day. Space is available for \$30.00 to vendors who would like to display their wares.

Brochures about the fair will be given out at the house tour booth, and in turn, information about the house tour will be available on Cherokee Street. Hopefully, patrons will decide to "make a day of it" and shop for antiques as well as tour houses.

For additional information, call Donna **Musick** at 773-6440.

Featured Speaker for April 7 Meeting

Les Landes was the Director of Communications for Pet Incorporated for ten years before setting up his own communications and public relations practice.

He has served in leadership roles in several major community projects in the St. Louis area, including PR Chairman for the 1989 and **1990** VP Fair, Committee Chairman for the **1990** Salvation Army Tree of Lights Campaign and Chairman of the 1989 Volunteer **Connection** Telethon.

Les Landes' presentation will focus on the area of performance incentives as it may apply to BPNA. He is actively promoting a program of performance/communication with the Lafayette Square Restoration Group. **Les** and his wife Dawn are residents of Lafayette Square and members of St. Agnes Parish.

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.

Joint Neighborhood Ministry Celebrates 25th

Over the past twenty-five years, Joint Neighborhood Ministry has blossomed into an agency touching the lives of hundreds of families each month.

Carrying on the community outreach work begun in the '60s by Curby Memorial Presbyterian, Epiphany and St. Marcus churches, the is supported by the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, the United Church of Christ, and numerous church congregations and individuals.

Some of Joint Neighborhood Ministry's valuable community services include: The Food Pantry; Parents Anonymous/Tough Love; Preschool; the Supplemental Housing Assistance and Repair Program; and Youth Programs that include positive role models, safe activities, counseling, tutoring and athletics.

To commemorate this 25-year milestone, JNM president, Steve Duffe, is asking for your help to continue the agency's work in this neighborhood. Send contributions (tax deductible) to: Joint Neighborhood Ministry, 2911 McNair, St. Louis, MO 63118.

Eva's Environmental Tips

March brought about the use of low-phosphate or phosphate-free detergents by Eva. Over half the phosphates in our lakes and streams come from detergents. Phosphates fertilize algae, causing it to grow out of control. When the algae dies, bacteria which cause it to decay use up huge amounts of oxygen that other plants and marine life need to survive, resulting in the possible death of lakes and streams.

Manufacturers use phosphates in detergents to soften the water and prevent direct particles from being redeposited on clothes. In areas where phosphate use is regulated, powdered detergents have less than 0.5% phosphates and liquid detergents are generally phosphate-free. To determine the actual phosphate content in your detergent, multiply the amount of phosphorus listed on the label as "in the form of phosphates" by 3. For example, if your label lists 8% phosphorus, its phosphate content is actually 24%. Another thing you can do to reduce your use of phosphates is to use less detergent. According to Consumer Reports, many manufacturers recommend more than necessary.

A Message from Alderwoman Phyllis Young

The Max Starkloff Clinic at Lemp and Shenandoah is the site of an innovative day health facility designed to support the efforts of families caring for an elderly family member at home.

The Lemp Daily Care Center is one of three American Red Cross sponsored facilities for physically and/or mentally impaired older adults who require daily supervision and assistance in meeting their medical, nutritional, personal care, safety, social and comfort needs. Centers are open 7 AM to 6 PM five days per week to accommodate the work schedules of family caregivers. Transportation to and from Centers is provided for the family's convenience.

Each Center is staffed by a Registered Nurse, Practical Nurse and Nursing Assistants, as well as a Social Worker and Curriculum Development Specialist. The daily schedule includes physical and mental exercise, meals and snacks and therapeutic, social and recreational activities. Ongoing education and support (both group and individual) are provided for family caregivers.

The cost of Daily Care is less than one-third the cost of nursing home placement. Private pay fees are based on ability to pay, and average \$25.00 per day. In addition, the program is Medicaid certified.

Daily Care offers free trial days to assess the suitability of the program for potential clients. For more information, call 454-3941.

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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).

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Message from Barb Marshall
Membership Committee

If you were at the February meeting you heard me talk about the Welcome Packets that the Membership Committee has put together for new **Benton Park** neighbors. If you know of someone who is new to the neighborhood (last **3-6** months) or if you have recently seen a "for sale" sign become a "sold" sign, complete the coupon below or call me at **776-7829** with the address and the names (if you know) of the people.

Someone from the committee will drop off a welcome packet replete with informational pamphlets, a welcome letter from **Martie Aboussie**, and one from Nancy **McRee**. Also included will be a list of area restaurants, the most recent **Benton Park Newsletter**, and lots of information on things like Operation Brightside, Operation Con-Serv, bulky trash pickup, and how to care for our trees.

We think this is a nice way to welcome new people to the neighborhood, and to let them know of the existence of our organization. Your help is needed to **find** these new neighbors as soon as possible.

**BENTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
 NEW NEIGHBOR INFORMATION**

PLEASE DELIVER A WELCOME PACKET TO THE FOLLOWING **NEW** NEIGHBOR:

NAME (IF KNOWN) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 DATE MOVED IN (IF KNOWN) _____
 YOUR NAME _____
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION _____

MAIL TO: BARBARA MARSHALL, 3859 LEMP, ST. LOUIS, MO 63118

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

Public Affairs

Police Meeting Planned

Benton Park will host the April Public Affairs Police Meeting on Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Epiphany Church, 2911 McNair, in the all-purpose room on the lower level.

These meetings are held monthly by Third District Captain Everett Paige, and by Public Relations Officer Terry Shoemaker.

Come with your questions and comments and learn more about the Third District and how it relates to Benton Park in particular.

April Schedule of Events at Barr Branch Library

For Children and Young Adults:

~~Mondays~~ 11:00 AM - Preschool Story Time

~~Saturdays:~~

~~April 11:~~ 10:00AM Noon, Table Games.

~~Bring one to share or play one 30 mins.~~

~~April 18:~~ 10:00AM: Easter Egg Creations

For All Ages:

Saturdays, 2:30 PM - Family Movies:

"Sci Fi Adventures:"

April 4 File Not Complete and Ugly Little Boy

April 11 Electric Grandmother and The Visitor

April 18 All Summer in a Day and La Jetee

April 25 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Barr Branch Library, 1701 S. Jefferson Blvd.,

St. Louis, MO 63104, 314-71-7040

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

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

A Free Week at the "Y"

April 6 through April 11 has been designated "Friend Week" by the South City YMCA. A free week's membership including exercise classes, swimming, racquet ball, Nautilus or universal weight workouts is being offered to all "Friends of the Y" through Saturday, April 4.

Those who are interested in becoming members will also receive \$50 off the regular joining fee until April 18.

"Friend Week" cards are available at the front desk of the YMCA, 2232 South Grand Ave.

For further information, call 865-3500.

Progressive Dinner Fundraiser Planned

As a fundraiser and an early summer social event, the Special Events Committee is planning a progressive dinner for BPNA members and their guests. Hosts and/or hostesses will be needed for all three segments of the event--appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Members wishing to host one of the above categories should contact Chairperson JoAnne Bentley (664-6335) or Nancy McRee (776-2972), stating their choice of categories and number of guests their house can comfortably hold. People wishing to participate but unable to provide their home may prefer pledging food preparation from one of the above categories for a given number of people. Details will be discussed at the April 7 meeting. The committee is open to your suggestions and ideas.

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