

The Benton Park News

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Local Developer's Work Featured in *Better Homes & Gardens*

The June issue of *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine features a Central West End rehab project of Benton Park resident and BPNA member Jim Trout of Trout **Design/Build**. The four-page photo story entitled "A Splash of the Southwest" (pages 95-98), depicts the tasteful conversion of a typical St. Louis 30x 75-foot property into what the owner describes as "a soft, contemporary look with a southwestern feeling."

Trout has been working closely with area homeowners, architects and businesses for over 16 years. During that time, the company's remodeling and custom projects have been recognized in a variety of other media such as *House of the Month*, *Kitchen of the Year*, and *Future Habitats*. Their work has also been featured in *Electricity* and in several issues of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*.

Additionally, the company was just chosen by St. Louis' Community Development Agency to improve a block-long facade of townhomes on Lafayette Avenue. The purpose of the project is to make the streetscape, the area and these particular rehab sites more attractive to builders and home buyers.

They have also been selected to plan and execute the development of a turn-of-the-century edifice in the Central West End. This rehab project will be phased in over the next year and will create office and counseling space in the Washington University for the new Children's Advocacy Center.

Future plans include development of a prototype plan for a turn-of-the-century replica house that they will be proposing for construction in two prospective neighborhoods next year. The house takes some of its best features from St. Louis architecture with a subtle New England influence.

We are happy that Jim Trout, his wife Martha **Tobin** and their son chose the **Benton** Park Neighborhood as their home several years ago, and we wish them continued success.

Brightside Award

BPNA member George Rutter has received an award from Operation Brightside for signing up 47 block captains in a city neighborhood--the most recruited by any area commander in the city. In accepting the honor, Rutter recognized the assistance of Colleen Groh and Mike Maroney in making the achievement possible. Congratulations, George, Colleen and **Mike**, and thank you for the hard work and commitment!

Moss, Garvey Featured on July Agenda

Two candidates running for the office of Circuit Attorney will be guest speakers at the July 7 meeting of the **Benton** Park Neighborhood Association.

Jack Garvey is presently 14th Ward Alderman for the City of St. Louis and a partner in the law firm of Sestric & Garvey. He graduated from St. Louis University in 1983 and received his law degree from Rutgers University in 1986. His current concentration in the practice of law is in civil and criminal litigation and probate.

Nels Moss has served as a prosecutor in the **Circuit** Attorney's Office since 1968. The Sister Patricia Kelly murder case was one of nearly 300 felony jury trials he has tried. He holds a J.D. degree from Washington University and a B.S. degree from Saint Louis University, and is active in community and business organizations.

The candidates have been asked to focus their remarks on the prosecutor's role in eliminating crime from our streets--and the citizen's role in successful prosecution.

Both candidates will respond to questions and comments from the audience.

Come to listen...Come to question. It's our opportunity to become better informed and more actively involved in an issue that can shape the future of our city--and our neighborhood.

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.

BPNA Roster Update

The post office is routinely sending back an increasing number of newsletters with explanation typically stating the addressee moved, left no forwarding address or forwarding order has expired. This is understandable since it has been quite a few years since our roster of names has been updated. It is also costly over a period of time because of the wasted postage involved, and counterproductive for persons donating their time with newsletter distribution.

Therefore, effective in August, only those individuals who are current with their membership dues will continue receiving the newsletter. Names and addresses of individuals who have not paid their dues since 1991 will be removed from the list.

Any resident whose membership has expired but cannot afford the \$5.00 annual fee should call the editor (664-8552) and special arrangements will be made. If you are unsure of your current membership status, please call Treasurer Keven Kelleher (664-0776).

Eva's Environmental Tips

In June Eva turned her hot water heater down to 120 degrees and wrapped it in a "blanket," available at hardware stores. Many people keep their water heaters at 140 degrees, hotter than necessary. Water heaters, the **second-largest** energy-user in our homes, account for about twenty percent of home energy use so turning the temperature setting down can save a significant amount of energy. For every ten degrees you turn down your water heater, you save six percent of the energy used. By insulating the water heater with a blanket, you may save as much as seven to eight percent in an unheated space or basement.

If you have a dishwasher without a backup heater, you may have to keep your heater at 140 degrees. Some say a setting of 130 degrees is better for killing bacteria. If your heater has an "energy **conservation**" setting, use that instead. Turning the temperature down not only saves energy but decreases the heat loss in the tank and lengthens the life of the tank. America's No. One authority on water heaters seems to be Larry Weingarten, Elemental Enterprises, P.O. Box 929, Monterey, CA (408-394-7077), for those of you interested in more information.

Meeting in the Park

The BPNA August 4 meeting **will** take a departure from normalcy and, instead, members are invited to gather at the northeast corner of **Benton** Park with your children, food, drinks, lawn chairs or blankets for some sociability and also to lend a hand in beautifying the park. People from the Committee to Improve Parks will be on hand to discuss future plans. Plan to arrive any time after 6:00 PM.

Prez to Wed

BPNA President, Nancy McRee and Lou Christen will exchange vows in what promises to be a lovely, private ceremony on July 11 at the home of her sister in Santa Fe, New Mexico. We wish them a continued long life together, filled with much happiness.

BPNA Shirts, Shopping Bags Available

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

By popular request, XX-Tra large BPNA Polo shirts **will** soon be available. The attractive blue shirts (with pocket!) are also available in other adult and children's sizes.

For additional information, contact Nancy McRee (776-2972).

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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).

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

Summer Concerts

Once again, the Compton Heights Concert Band is performing on Sunday evenings in Francis Park and Monday evenings in Tower Grove Park. Concerts begin at **7:30 PM** and are free of charge. And, as in past years, our talented leader, Nancy **McRee**, will be enhancing the sound of music with her tenor saxophone.

Following are **upcoming** performance dates and highlights to look forward to:

July 5/6 - "Bold and Brassy" trumpet player **Arturo** Sandoval, a protegee' of legendary jazz master **Dizzy Gillespie**, will perform several selections.

July 12/13 - This "**Gilmore/Sousa Salute**" will honor two great concert band composers. Master Sergeant Scott Shelsta, the principal trombonist in the U.S. Army Band, will be the guest soloist.

July 19/20 - Jan **Gippo**, piccolo soloist with the St. **Louis** Symphony Orchestra, will join the band for a "Rossini **200th** Anniversary Tribute."

July 26/27 -

"A Night at the Circus" is the theme when the **Compton** Heights Band combines the sights and sounds of a real circus with a traditional concert. On hand to make this possible will be St. **Louis'** own Circus Flora, including Flora the Elephant, jugglers, trapeze artists, and clowns.

August 2/3 -

This week's theme, "Music in Peace and War" will commemorate the 50th anniversary of America's **involvement** in World War II...music and memories of the era of the **1940s**.

August 9/10 -

The concert season will come to a close with a "Salute to St. **Louis** Sports," when both amateur and professional local athletes are saluted. Special guests include **Fredbird**, organist **Ernie Hays**, the St. **Louis** University Billiken cheerleaders, and the Rhythmic Gymnastic **Organization**.

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 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

Mobile Patrol Update

Joanne Hoppe (353-3359) is still requesting volunteers for the Mobile Patrol Unit in **Benton Park**. Meanwhile, she's been contacting those individuals who volunteered at last month's meeting.

Both Sides Now

Beginning August 1, the City will begin enforcing the ordinance requiring homeowners (and businesses) to have their street address numbers posted on both the front and alley sides of their properties.

The purpose of the ordinance is to assure that emergency vehicles will be able to identify addresses quickly when responding to calls for help.

BPNA members should also note that although there is no ordinance requiring the addition of BPNA membership plaques, more and more of these attractive solid brass markers are showing up throughout the neighborhood!

To get yours, contact Kevin Kelleher (664-0776), or bring your checkbook to the next BPNA meeting. The cost is \$50.00.

Winners Announced

A drawing was held at the end of the **Benton Park House and Studio Tour**, and two lucky tour-goers were notified by phone immediately following the drawing:

The first prize winner of an overnight at the Lemp Mansion Bed and Breakfast is **C. Wilkinson of Kirkwood**.

The second prize, a Sunday chicken dinner for two at the Lemp Mansion Restaurant, was **won by Mary Kay Fulton from South St. Louis**.
Congratulations!

Membership Cards

BPNA Members who have paid their 1992 dues and have not received their membership cards may pick these up at our monthly meetings. Those individuals who are unable to attend the meetings may receive a card by sending a *self-addressed stamped* envelope to BPNA Membership Chairperson Barb Marshall, 2859 Lemp, St. Louis, MO 63118. These cards must be presented to participating merchants in order to receive a 10% discount on purchases.

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