



The Porch Review

Benton Park West

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Celebrating our Heros and Sheros - Be a HERO Today!

BPWNA Notes

Jan 8 - BPWNA Board Mtg
7p, 2715 Cherokee, lower level

Jan 10 - South Cluster W&S Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center. Third District Public Affairs meeting follows at 7:30p.

Jan 17 - BPWNA Membership Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center.

Feb 5 - BPWNA Board Mtg
7pm - 2715 Cherokee Street, lower level

Find out how you can be a part of BPWNA by joining in 2008. See Chad Johnson or call the NA office (314) 771-0803

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Questions, Comments, Concerns??

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NLA Makes a Difference

"Livable communities don't just happen. They are created by the people who live in them."

That conviction is the basis upon which the Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) was founded. The University of Missouri-St. Louis created the program in 2002 as part of its outreach to the St. Louis community. The program connects resources at the university--the Community Partner-

ship Project, the Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program, and University Extension--to residents and neighborhoods interested in creating more livable communities.

Each year the NLA brings together a diverse group of up to 20 current or potential neighborhood leaders

for 10 sessions over a four-month period in a hands-on leadership training program that emphasizes community building principles, organizational leadership and management practices, and personal leadership skills.

Participants are actively involved in their neighborhoods and represent com-

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January Meeting Speaker Capt. Steven Hobbs

If you've not had an opportunity to meet Capt Steven Hobbs, then come and celebrate his one year anniversary as Captain of the Third District.

This isn't the first time for Capt. Hobbs to be in the Third District. He served in the Third District before being transferred to the north side. We are fortunate to have this "Policeman's Policeman," Capt. Hobbs has been known to stand in front of nuisance properties at 3a and let those involved know that HE means business.

Come to the neighborhood meeting on January the 17th, 7p, 2832 Arsenal (Five Star Senior Center) and find out what Capt. Hobbs has to say about 2007 and his vision for 2008 and the Third District.

Additionally, YOU might hear some tips to help your neighbors have a safer and more comfortable neighborhood. Come expecting answers!

Upcoming Elections

The first election is the Feb 5th Missouri Presidential Primary. Deadline to register is Jan 9th.

The two locations in Benton Park West for voting, based upon your address, is Booth Manor (3131 Iowa) and Lutheran Church of our Redeemer (2817 Utah).

Make sure you are registered to vote and start doing your civic duty on Feb 5th. **See page 6 for pertinent election information.**

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 10 - *South Cluster Weed & Seed, 6:30p - 3rd District PA meeting follows at 7:30p

Jan 17 - *BPWNA Membership meeting, 7p

Feb 5 - BPWNA Board meeting, 7p - 2715 Cherokee St.

* Location is Five Star Senior Center - 2832 Arsenal.

The Presidents Corner... "Word of the Byrd"



Bill Byrd

ATTENTION: The Tour is About to Begin

Whether you've been on the train at the Saint Louis Zoo or even a walking tour in our own neighborhood, we've all heard the conductor say "The tour is about to start". When the conductor makes this statement it means that all has been checked and the group is ready to move forward. One thing to remember is that a group can move forward - FAST, but don't forget that when a sharp turn or problems occur in the road all smart directors or conductors will slow down the tour for the safety of all.

I think of Benton Park West as a "Train". The train started chugging years ago. We are just at a quick stop now at the beginning of 2008 and starting to build steam in January. We'll gain speed throughout the year, with stops along the way for events and needs of the neighborhood, to take on more fuel, or take care of something that wasn't on the schedule.

We have the same destination or goal; the journey for each of us might be different as we're on this train. Sitting in different "train cars," some are sleeper cars, and others dining cars or passenger cars. Finally, other's are on the engine and the caboose doing the work at the front and back end of the tour. Train cars in the middle all have different purposes...just as YOU do. Each play s its part of being a Hero and doing the right thing.

I invite you to think about what car

you would like to ride on in 2008. Some of you may have been on the engine or caboose in 2007 and think you'd like start on the sleeper car or a passenger car. REMEMBER...on a train you can move about. The train car where you start doesn't have to be the same one you find yourself on at the end the year. A hero doesn't always have to wear a red cap or run out of a "phone booth." Picking up papers on the train makes you as much of a hero as keeping the train on the tracks when the wind blows very hard.

There will be many sights to see on this journey of 2008. We'll be stopping at different events and inviting each of you to help out or just enjoy the experience. Remember, it takes each train car to make a train. Not everyone can or must be an engine or caboose. However, it takes each train car to make the whole. Don't think that the sleeper car can only sleep, or the dining car can only dine.

Join your neighbors and friends on this journey. There is a conductor, but it takes a lot of people to fuel the train, keep it clean, make everyone comfortable, and keep off any bad activity that might cause a train wreck.

If you have any questions or concerns about this trip in 2008, let the conductor (Bill) know or the assistant conductors (Board) are also available. You can always call the Neighborhood Resource Center (314-771-0803) or e-mail me at bpwnabill@yahoo.com

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We Need YOUR Help!

Help out your neighbors by taking a leadership role and work on a Committee. Contact any board member.

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Membership meetings - 3rd Thursday of each month, 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center

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Rough Riders Corner

Support Roosevelt High School by attending games and showing interest in the kids!

By Bill Byrd; content from Norah Ryan, TGE Resident

Roosevelt High School, located at 3230 Hartford, has been a part of south city for over 100 years.

Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association was instrumental in collaborating with Patrice Crotty, Community Education Specialist with the CEC to form the Roosevelt Community Council. These two organizations didn't do it alone, along with Alderman, NSO's, the Roosevelt Alumni Association, and many others, the Roosevelt Community Council was off the ground.

Benton Park West became involved with the Roosevelt Council in the fall of 2006. Helping with breakfasts before football games, financial donations, and having a representative at the "table," BPWNA has become a full partner.

The big kickoff was on May 18, 2007 with the community barbeque attended by all students, faculty, Capt Hobbs, City Fire Chief, Mr. Charles Bryson, and Ken Ortmann.

From this "Council", four working committees have developed.

1. After-School/Skills building - strives to offer after-school tutoring, mentoring, and enrichment activities.
2. Business and Community Relations – providing "learning for life posts" allows student to explore different careers.
3. Athletic Support – growing support for the athletic and academic teams.
4. Family Involvement – growing the desire for parents or guardians to be more involved with their student and the school in general.

The first year was monumental in getting the group off the ground. Help is still needed. Financial donations for the after school programs and other items such as a new sign, etc. are essential, however, time donations are also important. The students have broad

interests and welcome people to tutor or teach a skill or talent.

Interested in helping? Contact Patrice Crotty at 314.353.1034 or patrice.crotty@slps.org. Watch the BPW listserve for announcements and upcoming activities at Roosevelt High.

Roosevelt High School Sports - 2007-2008

Boy's BasketBall

Date	Time	Opponent
Mon, 1/7/08	6:15p	vs Miller Career (1-0, 1-0) at Gateway Tech
Tue, 1/8/08	5:30p	at McCluer North
Wed, 1/9/08	6:15p	vs Sumner (0-1, 0-4) at Vashon
Thu, 1/24/08	6:15p	at Vashon
Fri, 1/25/08	6p.	at St. Pius X (0-0, 3-3)
Mon, 1/28/08	6p	vs Principia (0-0, 1-2) at Vashon
Fri, 2/1/08	6:15p	vs Beaumont at Soldan
Thu, 2/7/08	6:15p	vs V&P Arts (0-0, 2-1) at Gateway Tech
Tue, 2/12/08	6:30p	at North Tech (0-0, 1-0)
Thu, 2/14/08	4p	vs Construction Caree (0-0, 1-2) at V&P Arts
Fri, 2/15/08	6:15p	vs Metro (0-0, 2-1) at Vashon

Girl's BasketBall

Date	Time	Opponent
Wed, 1/16/08	6:15p	vs Miller Career (1-0, 4-0) at Gateway Tech
Thu, 2/7/08	4:30p	at North Tech (0-0, 0-1)
Wed, 2/13/08	6:15p	vs Metro (1-0, 3-1)

*Note: All schedule information was found at Prep Sports on the STLToday.com website.

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Annual Holiday Potluck

Fun was had by all at the annual potluck on December 13. This year included a combined celebration with the South Cluster of Operation Weed & Seed. Food was available with the fried chicken (supplied by BPWNA) coming from Carmen's Café using "Mary's Fine Food" recipe. The paper goods and many of the raffle prizes were provided by South Cluster - Operation Weed & Seed.

We are fortunate to have our meetings at Five Star Senior Center. Always make sure to help at the fundraisers by either helping to serve/clean-up or pay for dinner.

December Board Meeting Minutes December 13, 2007

Present: Eric Winters, Carrie Sleep, Linda Hennigh, Chad Johnson, Bill Byrd, Pam Welsh

Blue Moon Kennels Representatives: Kim Lynch, Tim Plassmeyer, Carolyn Kelley, Steve Plassmeyer

Proposal for Animal Clinic & Boarding Facility – Blue Moon Kennels at 3100 Gravois

Dr. Kim Lynch presented the business plan for Blue Moon Kennels, which includes a 57-unit kennel and veterinary clinic. The kennel will grow to 100 units by year three. Dr. Lynch described the facility, which will include an indoor play area, outdoor play areas, and 6x6 kennels with easily-sanitized walls (no chainlink). Grooming will be provided to boarders. An electronic gate will be used on the parking lot. Facade improvements will also be made to improve the appearance of the facility. In the future, a rehab facility may be added. Board members asked a number of questions. Chad motioned to send a letter of support from the neighborhood association. Linda seconded. The motion passed. Eric will draft and send the letter.

Treasurer's Report

The ending balance as of 11/30/07 for all accounts was \$11,847.52. The budget was reviewed and showed a surplus of revenue to expenditures.

Committee Reports


No specific committee reports were discussed.

Old Business

- There is no update on the Colt Motors situation. As far as we know, he has not appealed the decision against him.
- Chad motioned to approve \$30 for Christmas Cards to be sent from the board to collaborating partners. Bill seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

- Bill requested \$250 be approved for copier maintenance. Linda seconded. The motion passed.

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- Bill motioned that a letter be sent opposing the billboard at Utah and Gravois. The billboard encourages people not to cooperate with the police: "If you want to walk, don't talk." The board will send a letter to the law firm expressing opposition. Pam will draft the letter, and Eric will email the listserve to encourage residents to call and complain to the law firm. The motion passed.

- Chad motioned to provide \$200 to U.S. Cellular to pay for the neighborhood's portion of Barb Pott's (the NSO) cell phone. Other neighborhoods also contribute to this. Linda seconded. The motion passed.

The board discussed speaker ideas for the January Neighborhood Meeting. One suggestion was Jennifer George from the Roosevelt Community Council. Bill will look into it.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Mortgage and Credit Corner

By Sean Zalmanoff - principal at Monster Mortgage located at 3150 Shenandoah

Bill Byrd has asked me to write a piece for the BPWNA newsletter each month to give everyone a little insight on the mortgage industry. I wanted to take the first newsletter as a chance to introduce myself, my company, and tell you about the type of information you will be getting from me. My name is Sean Zalmanoff. I graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Business Administration degree emphasizing in Economics and Marketing. For the past six years I have been in the mortgage industry, and for the past three years I have been President of Monster Mortgage located in the Tower Grove East neighborhood.

Hello All and Happy New Year!

The #1 goal of this series of articles is to give everyone sound advice and make sure no one gets caught up in a bad sub-prime mortgage. Did you know that almost 50% of the people who were put into a sub-prime mortgage could have qualified for conventional financing? Also, each month I will do my best to keep you abreast of current market conditions and decipher all the jargon reported by the media and financial markets. So today when you turn on your TV, maybe you happened to glance at a newspaper, or perhaps you were just getting your daily dose of internet news when you heard about the worst real estate market ever and think we are doomed. That's just not true. While it is true that it's a difficult time to

sell a home (most people's expectations are a little unrealistic to begin with), it sure is a heck of a good time to buy one. Money is still cheap, and you do not need perfect credit to qualify.

In future publications I will break down loan scenarios, discussing credit and how to improve your score, going over terms and talk to you more about what you want to know. I welcome feedback and would appreciate any insight on topics you would like to hear in future publications. If you have any questions that need to be answered, feel free to email or call; anyone at our office would be happy to help.

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Elections 2008

Watch for timely election information in each issue of *The Porch Review!*

Presidential Preference Primary Election February 5, 2008

Absentee Balloting Begun - December 24, 2007
Registration Closes - January 9, 2008

Primary Election - August 5, 2008

Absentee Balloting Begins - June 24, 2008
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General Election - November 4, 2008

Absentee Balloting Begins - September 23, 2008
Registration Closes - October 8, 2008




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Neighborhood Leadership Academy (Continued from page 1)

munities from throughout the St. Louis region. Academy participants may be municipal elected officials, neighborhood association members, community-based organization staff, or resident volunteers. Many have never had any formal training for the community work that they are trying to accomplish.

Through the Academy, each participant completes a personal leadership development plan, designs a community-building project for their neighborhood, and makes a presentation about their work to their classmates. Discussion and feedback among participants enrich the learning experience for each participant.

During and after the Academy, participants learn about and pursue community-building resources and relationships for their neighborhoods. The NLA staff provides ongoing technical assistance for community projects and opportunities for continued networking and connecting to resources.

Because of the NLA, neighborhood leaders throughout the St. Louis region are

learning the skills and building networks for creating livable communities.

Participants who successfully complete the program receive a Certificate in Neighborhood Leadership from the Chancellor of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. A total of 3.30 Continuing Education Units are also awarded to participants.

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy is a collaborative training initiative of the [University of Missouri-St. Louis](#), [Community Partnership Project](#), the [Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program](#), and [University of Missouri Extension](#).

Past participants from Benton Park West - Dan Morgan (2007), Christina and Michael Sullivan (2006), Bill Byrd and Chad Johnson (2006).

Want to join in the FUN? Contact any Board member about having your tuition PAID for this opportunity.

February 26 - May 20, 10 Sessions

Fundraisers for Non-profits in BPW

January 19 - Trivia Night
Franciscan Connection hosts 2nd Annual TRIVIA NIGHT, 7pm in St. Anthony of Padua's Parish Hall, 3133 Meramec St. Call to reserve your spot, (314)773-8485.

February 9 - Furball 2008: Sweetheart Dance
Clowder House hosting a Sweetheart Dance, 7:30p-11p at St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall, 3022 Oregon. Advanced tickets: \$20, \$25 at the door. Contact Clowder House at 314-776-PURR (7877).

- Five Star Senior Center Spring Fundraisers**
- Sunday January 20th Chicken N Dumpling Dinner
 - Saturday February 16 Texas Hold'em Tournament
 - Saturday March 15 Corn Beef N Cabbage
 - Sunday April 20 Chicken Dinner

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- Mississippi Mud House Coffee
- Nader & Sons - Auto Repair
- Near Southside Employment Coalition

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DUES FOR 2008!**



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Jeanette Mott-Oxford - Missouri Rep., 59th District

Barb Potts - NSO

Operation Weed & Seed-St. Louis

Additional Numbers of Note

- **Operation Brightside** 772-4646
- **Problem Properties** 444-1085
- **Operation Safestreet** 622-3444
- **Child Abuse Hotline** (Division of Family Services) 1-800-392-3738
- **St. Louis Crisis Nursery Hotline** 768-3201
- **Parental Stress Help line** 1-800-367-3543
- **Parents Anonymous** 647-HELP or 866-492-0843
- **Animal Abuse Hotline** (314) 647-4400
- **Community Help line for Non-Profits** 211

Monthly Weed & Seed Meetings

Be a part of the “Graduate” Weed & Seed meetings.

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Alcohol Prevention Grant Operation Weed & Seed

By Jason Bowers, Prevention Specialist

In September of 2006 Operation Weed and Seed St. Louis received a grant from the Missouri Department of Mental Health. The Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant concentrates on the reduction of underage and binge drinking in people ages 12-25 and will work on this reduction in all 9 of our Weed and Seed neighborhoods (current and graduated). The grant is a three year contract charging Weed and Seed with the duty of collecting local level data, building the alcohol prevention community, and implementing alcohol prevention model programming in schools and community centers in our neighborhoods.

The Operation Weed and Seed Alcohol Prevention Project is implementing two programs to help youth and parents better understand and communicate about alcohol abuse. The first is a parenting program held in the Hamilton Heights/West End neighborhood called Creating Lasting Family

Connections. The program focuses on parents and their children separately discussing topics such as alcohol consumption and positive family communication. The class has ended for the 2007 school year but will begin again in January 2008.

The second program is called Protecting You Protecting Me. This program will train St. Elizabeth High School juniors and seniors on alcohol prevention and brain function curriculum. The high school students will then go to Shenandoah Elementary to teach the 1st through 5th graders the alcohol prevention model program curriculum. The high school students were trained in the “Protecting You Protecting Me” curriculum, the teaching of the Shenandoah students will begin in January 2008.

These two programs will begin in January 2008 and will go through the end of the school semester. Please contact Jason Bowers at 314-539-3703 with any questions, concerns, or suggestions about these two programs.

Operation Weed & Seed a Department of Justice initiative with a simple, two-part mission. First, we seek to “weed” out violent crime, drug use and gang activity from selected neighborhoods. Meanwhile, we “seed” these sites with resources – from after school programs to community gardens – to help prevent crime from reoccurring.

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What's happening in YOUR World

Store owners happy with change mandated by city

New window opens Brandi's Food Market

By Jim Merkel

Back in August, Sam and Geni Dame thought an order by the city could put their mom-and-pop grocery store in the Gravois Park neighborhood out of business.

Four months later, they've made the changes the city wanted at their Brandi's Food Market at 3659 Nebraska Ave. and love it.

Bill puts leash on tethering dogs

By Jim Merkel

The Board of Aldermen last week passed a bill saying no dog owner can leave a dog or cat tethered outside for 10 continuous hours or more than 12 hours a day. It also requires harnesses and collars to properly fit and be made of nylon or leather. Tethers should be in proportion to the animal's size, the bill said. The tether would have to be 15 feet long and the animal would have to have access to sufficient food and water.

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What's happening around the City

Pay phones join long list of 'endangered species'

AT&T has set the end of 2008 as the target date to permanently phase out their public pay telephones.

Board of Aldermen passes cyber-harassment bill

The bill was introduced in reaction to the death of a 13-year-old girl of St. Charles County after she was harassed on the Internet.

Someone is watching: Neighborhood Watch helps people take control of area

By Jim Merkel

If you're a stranger and you're walking in the area southeast of South Grand Boulevard and Bates Street, somebody may be watching you.

For Benton Park West, somebody may be watching to make sure that your car is safe or picking up trash. To be a part of Neighborhood Watch through the Quality of Life and Safety Committee for BPW, then contact the neighborhood office at 314.771.0803.

St. Louis ranks No. 6 among the Top Ten Most Literate Cities

Six indicators of literacy were tracked: newspaper circulation, number of bookstores, library resources, periodical publishing resources, educational attainment and internet resources calculated per number of residents. In some categories, St. Louis held steady because other cities showed a greater loss in areas such as newspaper circulation.

Half-cent sales tax proposal going to voters

Increase would push rate past 8 percent in city

City residents will vote in the Feb. 5 election - the Missouri presidential primary - whether to raise the city sales tax by a half-cent to meet police and fire pension obligations, raise police and fire salaries and hire about 100 new police officers. It would increase the tax from 7.741 cents per dollar now to 8.241 cents.

Don't forget to vote on Feb 5th!



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Contact: 314-746-4599

Wellbound – through Jan 12

Photographs by Dean Kessmann and Mickey Smith.

Location: Ellen Curlee Gallery, 1308-A Washington Ave.
Contact: 314-241-1299

Four Exhibits – through Jan 12

Traces, sculptures by Thomas Sleet; Paintings by Ingo Baumgarten; works by video artist Ella Gant; and prints from Island Press.

Location: Bruno David Gallery, 3721 Washington Blvd.
Contact: 314-531-3030

Teens Make History – Jan 12, 19 & 26, Feb 2, 9, & 16. - 11:30a

Theatrical performances featuring local teen actors. A.E. Hotchner's Depression-era memoir "King of the Hill" is performed Jan. 12, 19 and 26; and "Where Fires Dwell," about the 1917 East St. Louis race riots, is performed Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. 11:30a

Price: Free

Location: Missouri History Museum, Lindell & DeBaliviere
Contact: 314-746-4599

Unraveled- Crossing the Line Between Fashion and Art – through Jan 12

An exhibit featuring both fashion designers and installation artists.

Location: Sheldon Art Galleries, 3648 Washington Blvd
Contact: 314-533-9900

Point-of-View- Prison Performing Arts – through Jan 13

An exhibit of photographs.

Location: Public Policy Research Center, UMSL, 1 University Blvd
Contact: 314-516-5273

Centric Studios – through Jan 13

Works in various media.

Location: Subterranean Books, 6275 Delmar Blvd.
Contact: 314-862-6100

Two Exhibits – through Jan 15

Handmade American Music, mixed media paintings by Barry Leibman; and glass by Jim Gruenewald.

Location: Third Degree Glass Factory, 5200 Delmar Blvd.
Contact: 314-367-4527

Outside the Box - Jan 19 - March 8, noon-4, Thurs-Sun

E. Gibbons, 40 monochromatic oil paintings from the *Box Series*. Opening Night Reception - Saturday, Jan 19th, 7p-11p.

Location: phd, 2300 Cherokee Street
Contact: 314-664-6644

Six Exhibits

Jam Session- Photographs from the MAXJAZZ Collection; through Jan. 19

Anthony Hernandez- The Seventies and Eighties, through Jan. 19

Architecture for Humanity- Gulf Coast Reconstruction Projects, through Jan. 26

Katrina's Kids Project- Art of the Storm, Through Feb. 2
Greg Edmondson- Collective, through Feb. 9

Location: Sheldon Art Galleries, 3648 Washington Blvd
Contact: 314-533-9900

Two Exhibits – through Jan 28

Beauty and the Blonde- An Exploration of American Art and Popular Culture, exploring the image of the blonde in various media; and Ephemeral Beauty- Al Parker and the American Women's Magazine, 1940-1960.

Location: Mildren Lane Kemper Art Museum, Wash U, Skinker and Forsyth blvds.

Contact: 314-935-4523

Jamestown, Quebec, Santa Fe- Three North American Beginnings – through March 16

This exhibit of artifacts, maps and documents tells the story of the alliances and conflicts between Europeans and Native Americans as North America was divided and settled.

Location: Missouri History Museum, Lindell Blvd & DeBaliviere Ave
Contact: 314-746-4599

Flight City- St. Louis Takes to the Air – through Sept 28, 2008

An exhibit exploring the history of flight in St. Louis.

Location: Missouri History Museum, Lindell and DeBaliviere
Contact: 314-746-4599

Benton Park West Memberships for 2008 are Due!

- Do you like receiving this newsletter and having snacks at meetings?
- Do you like having community gardens?
- Do you like the fact that we'll have a Dog Park in 2008?

These are some of the excellent reasons why we need **YOU** to be a member of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association!



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What's happening in Benton Park West

JANUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board mtg, 6p	9	10	11	12
Bulk Trash week 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

8 - BPWNA Board meeting - 7p, 2832 Arsenal, lower level.
 10 - Weed & Seed monthly meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center.
 3rd District Public Affairs meeting follows at 7:30p.
 13 - PUT OUT YOUR BULK TRASH. Must be out by 10p Sun.
 17 - BPWNA monthly meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center.
 21 - Dr. Martin Luther King Day

February Dates

Feb

Black History Month

5 - Board Meeting, 2715 Cherokee St, lower level

7 - Weed and Seed Advisory meeting, 6:30p. 3rd Dist Public Affairs meeting follows at 7p. - Five Star Senior Center

10 - Bulk Trash Pick up week

14 - BPWNA Monthly meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

March 20 - BPWNA Monthly meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center



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Happy New Year to each of You!



Reward Your Self....

By Anne L. Childers, LMT

Happy New Year!!

The New Year is a great time for resolutions. These New Year resolutions can be stated in the form of positive affirmations. Reward Your Self by thinking about your own goals for the New Year whether it is taking better care of yourself, working on your home, organizing your office/workshop, etc. Take a moment to jot down these goals for yourself. With a little time it is truly the small stuff that adds up to big positive changes. In that spirit, I would like to share my goals with you:

I am excited to announce the opening of my new business:

Indigo Massage & Wellness Therapy

This is a new urban oasis opening in January 2008 at 3030 Jefferson in historic Benton Park.

I will continue to offer Therapeutic Massage blending modalities to create a holistic experience tailored to your specific needs and requests. I will also be adding services such as Hot Stone add-ons, Facial Massage, Ear Candling, Reflexology Foot Soaks, and other wellness options such as Yoga classes and Guest speakers. My goal is to provide the best Massage Therapy and Wellness services to all of St. Louis!

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to serving you in the New Year!!!

Blessings and Peace,
Anne L. Childers, LMT
314-276-9882

Positive Affirmations:

- I am proactive in my own destiny.
- I embrace change and I have the power to change myself.
- I am a wonderful person with much to offer the world.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

-Anne Frank



Next month.....

**Love Others,
Love Yourself!!**

comments/questions/suggestions email me at lilanne@gmail.com

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3rd District Police 444-0619
Prob Prty Officer 622-3600
Citizen Ser Bureau 622-4800

Alderspersons:

Ken Ortmann 622-3287 (w)
776-0161 (h)
Craig Schmid 589-6816 (w)
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Neighborhood Stabilization Officers:

Barb Potts, 314-613-3083 (w)
314-397-1091 (cell)
Dena Hibbard, 314-613-3109 (w)
nsodena@aol.com

MISC:

Pothole Department 768-2805
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Five Star Center 664-1008
Illegal Dumping 911
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Things to Remember

Jan 8 - BPWNA Board Meeting - 7p, 2715 Cherokee, lower level
Jan 10 - W&S Advisory Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center.
Third District Public Affairs meeting will follow at 7:30p.
Bulk Pickup is always the week of the SECOND Monday of the month - week of January 13th. Have your Bulk items out by 10p Sunday night!
Jan 17 - BPWNA Monthly Meeting - 7pm, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center.
2008 Memberships - Time to think about 2008 membership! - see Chad Johnson.
To help plan these or any other event you think might be good to have, please contact Bill Byrd, Benton Park West Neighborhood Association President at bpwnabill@yahoo.com

Call for ALL to be Members - 2008

Dear Resident, Friend and Supporter:

The end of the year is here, and it's time to think about 2008. Fill out your membership for 2008 TODAY!

Becoming a member of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association lets us know you want your voice heard in the community. Membership grants you voting privileges at Benton Park West Neighborhood Association meetings. Your dues contribute to BPWNA support costs, as well as for projects BPWNA takes part in throughout our neighborhood.

Thank you for your interest, and we hope you will join the rest of your neighbors in making our community a better place to live and work in 2008 by becoming a member.

Chad Johnson, Membership Chair
314.771.0803

Level of Membership:

Membership Application
Benton Park West - 2008

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail _____

Mail to: BPWNA Membership
PO Box 18671
Saint Louis MO 63118

I would like to be involved with:

- Beautification, Garden, Quality of Life/Safety, Block Link, Dog Park, Facilities, Board, Membership, Youth, Publications, PR/Marketing

- General Membership - \$ 10 per person
Senior - \$ 6 per person
Supporter - \$ 25 per person
Patron - \$ 50 per person
Sponsor - \$ 100 per person
Friend - \$ 20 per person
General Membership - Scholarship

Taxes Done For Free with Your Help

Time grows short to help neighbors by being a volunteer and help do Income Taxes.

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Center placed at Five Star by Weed & Seed needs YOU!

What is WANTED from you:

First. We need volunteers. Call Five Star today and find out how YOU can help. Contact Mike Howard, 664- 1008.

Secondly. Bring your taxes and have them prepared by a trained individual. Included in having your taxes done for FREE is the electronic submission for FREE.

There are specific guidelines, but call Five Star and find out how EASY it is to qualify. Call **314.664.1008** or stop by and talk with Mike Howard at 2832 Arsenal.

Reminders

- * BPWNA Board Meeting: 1st Tues. of each month - 2715 Cherokee - Cherokee Place, lower level, 7p Jan 8th!
- * BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting: 3rd Thurs. of each month - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center, 7p *Jan is on the 17th!*
- * Bulk Trash Pick-up: 2nd full week of each month - Jan 13th
- * Membership dues for 2008:
 - * \$10 per person for basic membership
 - * \$ 6 per Senior * \$25 - Supporter
 - * \$50 - Patron * \$100 - Sponsor
 - * \$20 business owner or Friend of BPWNA
- * Weed & Seed Mtg: 2nd Thurs. of each month at 2832 Arsenal - Five Star Senior Center, 6p
- * 3rd District Public Affairs: 2nd Thurs. of each month following W&S - Five Star Senior Center. 7:30p

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