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April 16  
**BPWNA**  
**Neighborhood Meeting**  
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 (Five Star Senior Center)

# The Porch Review

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Events

- Apr 4: Gardens opening day**  
9 am start,  
Crittenden & Ohio
- Apr 7: BPWNA Board Mtg**  
6:30 pm, 2832 Arsenal
- Apr 9: Weed & Seed (7pm) & 3rd Dist Public Affairs: (7:30pm)**  
2832 Arsenal St.
- Apr 11: Easter Eggstravaganza**  
10 am - 2 pm,  
Crittenden & Ohio
- Apr 16: Neighborhood Mtg,**  
7 pm, 2832 Arsenal
- Apr 25: BPWNA Dog Park opening ceremonies**  
11 am, Utah & Nebraska
- May 5: BPWNA Board Mtg**  
6:30 pm, 2832 Arsenal
- May 9: Operation Brightside**  
All day; every block
- May 14: Weed & Seed (7pm) & 3rd Dist Public Affairs: (7:30pm)**  
2832 Arsenal St.

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Say hello to the good weather!

## Easter Eggstravaganza April 11

For the fourth time in as many years, the Easter Bunny will be hopping into Benton Park West on Saturday, April 11, to help neighborhood children celebrate Easter with the 4th annual Easter Eggstravaganza.

The event starts at 11 am and will be held at one of the neighborhood's Community Gardens at the corner of Ohio and Crittenden. Kids will have fun on the Easter egg hunt, in the cupcake walk, getting photos with Mr. Bunny, and

getting spring tattoos, yummy food, and prizes.

Gather up the kids and join us for lots of fun! All children ages 1-10 are welcome, accompanied by an adult.



Diamond in the rough

## Come and play at the Cherokee Rec Center



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Did you promise yourself you'd start to exercise this year, but couldn't afford to join a club? Or perhaps it was too far to travel.

Well, the best kept little secret in Benton Park West is that there is an exercise club right

on our doorstep, and it doesn't cost a thing to join!

The Cherokee Recreation Center is nestled in the corner of Benton Park, right across from Wyoming Street. It offers a pool, a gym, an exercise room, and manages the tennis courts in the park.

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## President's Corner: Word of the Byrd

### The neighborhood is bloomin'

Spring is a time of renewal; seeds that fell to the ground from trees and fading flowers in the fall are taking root and will soon produce a bounty of beauty for us all to enjoy. Similarly, our neighborhood is enjoying a renewal that is the result of seeds sown months or years ago by those dedicated to our community -- seeds that have taken root and are now poised to bear fruit for us all to enjoy.



For example, the idea for a dog park in Benton Park West was first planted almost nine years ago by a group of visionary residents. Many people have tilled that soil since then, and on

March 21 the first neighborhood dogs frolicked in our new officially-approved park at Utah and Nebraska. The Grand Opening Day is scheduled for April 25th and I hope you'll come out to see the fruit that grew from that single idea so many years ago.

Other recurring neighborhood activities have also resulted from a seed of an idea, carefully nurtured by the neighborhood association to produce services and activities that our residents can enjoy. Already this year, the fruits of those labors include the recent first-ever indoor movie night at the Cherokee Recreation Center in Benton Park, the wonderful neighborhood gardens that will open for 2009 on April 4, and the Easter Eggstravaganza on April 11.

Over the past five years, Benton Park West has gone through an uphill battle to find renewal. Now, having a neighborhood where residents can walk freely, spend time with their neighbors, enjoy a dog park, and work to minimize trash is testament to the work that has been done up to now.

But just as we need to weed and nurture seeds we have sown in the ground, we also need to water and nurture our neighborhood efforts to continue the growth. Please consider joining us and lending your talents to help provide events that are free or low cost and that provide a great community service, or that are fundraisers and help the neighborhood association provide the fruit of safety, beautification, communication, growth, and fun!

April's events are just the start of the blooms coming our way in 2009. Please keep an eye on our calendar and participate. If you want to help tend the garden that is Benton Park West, let us know.

*Bill Byrd*

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From the capitol:

## Missouri House passes \$22.8 billion state budget

The state budget continues to be the focus in this year of

economic challenges.

On March 26 the House of Representatives passed its version of the \$22.8 billion operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The 13 bills that make up the budget now go to the Senate.

A key point of contention during the budget debate was the refusal of the majority party to include an appropriation to implement a plan put forth by Gov. Jay Nixon and the Missouri Hospitals Association.

Under the plan, Missouri hospitals voluntarily would pay the state's \$52.5 million share of increasing the Medicaid eligibility threshold for adults to 50 percent of the federal poverty level from the current 20 percent. Doing so would allow the state to collect an additional \$93 million in federal matching funds.

The hospitals support the plan because the money they would invest in expanding Medicaid eligibility would be more than offset by the savings they would achieve from reducing the amount of uncompensated care they give. Currently hospitals treat many working poor Missourians who earn too much

to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford health insurance.

Under the current eligibility limit, a single parent with two children can earn no more than \$3,700 a year to qualify. The Nixon plan would raise the income threshold to \$11,025 a year. It now appears that the Senate is likely to include the Nixon/Missouri Hospital Association plan in the version of the budget that they have already begun crafting. The General Assembly has a constitutional deadline of May 8 to grant final passage to budget measures.

The House budget also makes spending cuts throughout the state budget, despite the fact that House Budget Committee Chairman Allen Ictet, R-Wildwood, has set aside \$1.1 billion in available revenue. I believe it is important that Missouri use its share of the federal economic recovery dollars as they were intended: that is, to protect and create jobs that will stimulate the economy and to prevent states from cutting critical services when more people need them.

These are very difficult times in Missouri. Almost 800,000 Missourians are currently uninsured and many others are inadequately insured. In addition, almost one out of 10 Missouri workers are currently unemployed. If you agree that we need to use the federal funds to protect and create jobs and to

reduce the number of uninsured people, let the Senate leadership know your thoughts. Key leaders are:

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# Neighborhood news in brief

*A brief round-up of news and events affecting residents of Benton Park West.*

## Salvation Army yard sale May 9

Captain Rachel Stouder tells us that the Salvation Army location on Arsenal Street will be holding a yard sale on May 9th, from 8 am till 12 noon.

Those who are interested in selling their own items can do so at a cost of \$10 per table.

## Cherokee Street Open House April 4

By the time you read this, Cherokee Street vendors will have opened their doors to host

an “open house” showcasing the street’s existing businesses.

The business association is hoping that it will promote retail sales, develop new business, recruit prospective businesses to consider Cherokee Street as their new home.

## STL Comptroller speaker Farrell at April 16 neighborhood meeting

John Farrell, Public Relations Manager for the City Comptroller’s Office, will speak at the April 16 neighborhood meeting at the Five Star Senior Center.

He will speak about city finances (see the letter to the editor from

the Comptroller’s office on page 10) and the forthcoming 2010 financial year, as well as some details about the scope and tasks of the Comptroller’s office.

## Fish Fry at Five Star April 10

Michael Howard is inviting everyone to have some fish at the Five Star Senior Center’s fish fry on Good Friday (April 10) at their Arsenal Street location.

Howard, the center’s director, says he’s heard they have the best fish in town. You can test out that claim starting at 11 am. Service continues till 7pm.

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## Cherokee Recreation Center: a place for the community to play

“No membership is required,” says Director Tom Zych. “The center is funded by city taxes through the parks, recreation, and forestry budget as appropriated each year by the board of aldermen.”

Zych has been the center’s director for three years. He’s a retired methodist minister and former city alderman. He says the 42-year-old center is scheduled for a \$1.1 million renovation soon, which will include a new roof for \$300,000.

The balance of the money will be spent on new and updated electrical systems, new air conditioning (the center will

actually be air-conditioned this summer), a new floor for the gym, new bleachers, and new tiles.

The gym is typically the centerpiece of activity at the center. Go in there on any typical weekend and there will likely be a hotly contested basketball game underway.

It is most usually available between 10 am and 3:30 pm on weekdays. After 3:30, local kids will fill it up and after 6:30 city league teams use it for practice. Weekends are often game times.

As much as basketball is played, Zych says the gym would also be great for

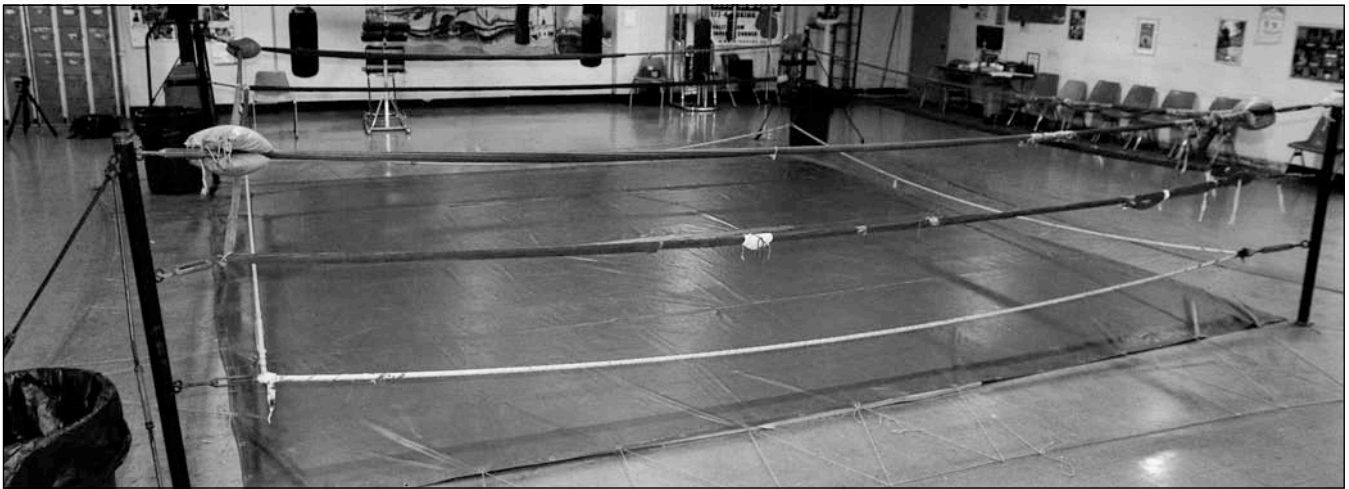
volleyball. In fact, he says, a league from Soulard played there for four years and helped to stock the Love and Care food bank, right across the street from the center.

The pool is heated, 60 feet long, and usually not too crowded to swim uninterrupted laps. Tuesday and Thursday mornings (starting at 8:30) are dedicated lapping sessions. On the other days of the week, its water aerobics.

And if you are ever wondering about fire vehicles in front of the center, the fire department also uses the pool from time to time for rescue practice, scuba training, and to practice



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swimming skills to qualify for their swimming test.

Says Zych: “Anyone can use the pool for an organized activity. Just get a group of about 10 people together and we’ll work it out.” Typically, the center’s role for such an organized activity is to secure the required lifeguards.

One of the center’s major programs is for boxers and aspiring boxers. Hopefuls, both young and old(er), train upstairs in the combination exercise room and boxing ring. The Cherokee center has about 100 kids in the program.

Local boxers compete in Golden Glove and Silver Glove competitions at the regional and national levels. The next local bout will be held at Cherokee in the fall

with competitors from Cherokee, Marquette, and seven other local rec centers involved.

Spectators can see the competitions for a nominal fee of \$3 to \$5. The proceeds help to pay for referees and medical personnel that attend the events for safety.

The exercise room has treadmills, a stair-stepper, and weights as well as punching bags. The room is open from 8 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday with boxers normally present between 5 pm and 8 pm. During daytime hours the room is virtually empty and available for use.

Finally, the center looks after the outdoor tennis courts, offers Arts and Craft activities, a summertime daycamp for

7-12 year-old kids, and homework tutoring for students five days a week. This last program is run by Peabody Elementary School teacher Avis Turner and parents are encouraged to ask the center for help if they think their students would benefit from the program.

Director Zych says people should see the Cherokee center more as a community resource rather than just a recreation center.

“It gives our youngsters access to supervised team activities and organized individual sports. Invest time and love into them,” he says, “and the whole community will be better off for it.”

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# Weed & Seed

**Operation Weed & Seed** is a community based effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice that helps to "weed" out violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity and to "seed" much-needed community programs to improve communities and make them safer.

BPWNA participates in the Weed and Seed program and holds regular, public meetings with city and law-enforcement officials at the Five-Star Senior Center on the second Tuesday of every month.

The Porch Review will bring you news from the meetings so that you are in tune with the community's efforts to make Benton Park West a better place to live for us all.

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**New 3rd district captain:**

## Steps to protect your home from burglars

The 3rd district has a new police captain -- he's Captain Gerald Leyshock and he spoke to neighborhood residents on March 19 at the regular neighborhood meeting.

Captain Leyshock has been a policeman almost 30 years and most recently was a captain in downtown St. Louis.

In taking on the 3rd district, which is the area bound by Interstate-44/55 to Chippewa and Kingshighway to the Mississippi River, he plans to emphasize foot patrols (called footbeats).

"Seeing our guys walk," he says, "will deliver a message to the community." Captain Leyshock walks in the community himself every day.

Recent crime statistics show that burglaries are currently the biggest issue, with TVs and flat screens being the main targets.

Citing information published by author Scott Decker, who

interviewed 140 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*, Captain Leyshock burst a few myths about protecting your home in today's urban community.

For example, many residents believe that a privacy fence will help shield their homes from prying eyes. Captain Leyshock reported that burglars actually like them because, once they are over the fence, no one can see them at work!

The captain also warned about open windows and drapes at night, which allows potential burglars to see inside and, particularly, see the TVs and flatscreens that they are after.

The captain advised residents to always call in something suspicious and "let the police sort it out". It's better, he said, to find out it was a false alarm, than to allow a crime to proceed when it could have been prevented.

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Recipes on the Porch

# MMM, yummy...

## Crème Brûlée

1 part heavy cream	Pinch of salt
6 egg yolks	2 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup sugar	Light brown sugar

- Heat heavy cream to the boiling point.
- Lightly beat egg yolks with sugar and salt.
- Pour the hot cream into the egg yolks SLOWLY, stirring constantly with a wooden spatula or whisk until well blended.
- Add vanilla or a little mace or other flavoring.
- Strain the custard into a 1 ½ quart oven-proof baking dish or individual custard dishes.
- Stand the dish in a pan of warm water and bake for 25-30 minutes or until the custard is completely set but not overcooked. Do not let the water in the pan boil.
- Remove from the oven and cool. Put in the refrigerator to chill.
- About 1 to 1 ½ hours before serving, sprinkle the top evenly with brown sugar.
- Place under the broiler (or use a baking torch) to melt the sugar until bubbly. Be VERY careful not to burn the sugar.
- Remove, cool and place in the refrigerator again until serving time.



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Letters to the editor

## Mayoral race heats up

*It's not often that we get letters to the editor; Bill tells me that it's been three years since the last one. Please note that any opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of the Benton Park West Neighborhood Association, anyone connected with it, or editors and contributors to this newsletter.*

Dear Editor,

On April 7, 2009, residents in our neighborhood will go to the polls to pick our next mayor. Without hesitation, I am going to support Mayor Francis Slay.

Over the last few years, great progress has been made in housing, economic development, and improving the quality of life for all residents of our City. Tens of thousands of new housing units have been built. For the first time in 50 years, our City has gained population. Francis Slay has been a strong advocate for all of our seniors, returning veterans, youth, working families, and businesses.

Just look at how far our neighborhood has come in a short period of time while Mayor Slay has been in charge. It was not that long ago that vacant buildings were the norm and crime was out of control in Benton Park. With his help, we have turned our neighborhood into one of the best places to live in the entire region.

Because of Mayor Slay, the City has a Domestic Partnership Registry and a GLBT-inclusive civil rights code. City Hall's personnel and benefits programs are GLBT-friendly. The mayor has spoken up – officially, clearly and unambiguously -- when people have come under attack because of their sexual orientation.

Personally, as someone who works in government/ politics, I understand that in these tough times, we need a proven leader who can work well with our Governor, U.S. Senators, Congressmen, and President Obama. It is crucial to effectively protect jobs for our working families, services for our seniors, increase educational opportunities for children, and promote safe and secure neighborhoods.

It is for those reasons and more that I plan to support Mayor Francis Slay on April 7th.

Sincerely,  
Anna Jinkerson  
Benton Park West Resident

Dear Mr. Byrd,

In the midst of the global financial crisis, the Office of the Comptroller can report the City of St. Louis' finances are stable, with a positive outlook. My conservative fiscal policies have produced a solid financial foundation for the City of St. Louis. This year the City received an A+ credit rating, the first in 35 years. The City's debt portfolio was not affected by auction rate, or derivative debt. As my office reported to the St. Louis Business Journal, the City has a solid financial foundation, reserve funds, and faces no cash-flow or short-term credit issues.

During these tough economic times the City is expected to have its share of budget



challenges. Nevertheless, the City will continue its conservative fiscal policies, exercise prudent stewardship over City funds, and will implement state audit recommendations to tighten the budget and improve governance over City operations.

If you would like to know more about the state of the City's finances please contact my office and I will be happy to speak with you.

Darlene Green  
City of St. Louis Comptroller

Dear Editor:

Looking at the April 7 election, I have made the following endorsements:

For Mayor: Maida Coleman. As a former state representative and senator, Maida Coleman had a great record of offering and voting for progressive legislation. As minority floor leader, she was able to work across lines that too often divide Missouri (race, class, gender, political party). I believe she will work hard to create jobs, improve public safety, and strengthen our public schools.

I have been greatly disappointed by Mayor Slay's leadership. He has advocated for use of our tax dollars on some kinds of economic development that have not proven cost-effective or successful for creating jobs. He has continually been tone deaf around race relations in St. Louis - hitting the sourest notes of all with his dismissal of Fire Chief Sherman George. His choices around our public schools have hurt rather than helped. He was slow to intervene in the Police Department's towing scandal, and his decision to not attend a meeting that Pres. Obama held with mayors regarding the federal recovery funds is baffling to me.

For St. Louis Public School Board, I endorse these candidates:

- Chad Beffa
- Emile Bradford-Taylor
- Rebecca Rogers

I have more information about each candidate I have endorsed if you'd like to request it by writing [jmo4rep@juno.com](mailto:jmo4rep@juno.com).

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## Gardening Calendar

# When to plant, mulch, and harvest



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*What do you do when to make your garden lush and bountiful for the summer? Here's a quick run-down of what to do. This article was originally printed in the Garden Greenery and is reprinted here with permission.*

## In March

- Cultivate weeds and remove the old, dead stalks of last years growth from the asparagus bed before the new spears emerge.
- Loosen winter mulches from perennials cautiously. Re-cover plants at night if frost returns. Clean up beds by removing all weeds and dead foliage at this time.
- To control Iris borer, clean up and destroy the old foliage before new growth begins.
- Seeds of hardy annuals such as larkspur, bachelor's buttons, Shirley, and California poppies should be sown in the garden now.
- Trees, shrubs and perennials may be planted as soon as they become available at local nurseries.
- Delay planting if garden soil is too wet. When a ball of soil crumbles easily after being squeezed together in your hand, it is dry enough.
- Gradually remove mulch from strawberries as the weather begins to warm.
- Plant asparagus and rhubarb roots as the ground can be worked.
- Harvest any root crops now that are still in the ground from last year (such as horseradish, parsnips, Jerusalem artichokes, or carrots)

before new green top growth appears.

- Plant pea, lettuce, radish, kohlrabi, mustard green, collard, turnip, Irish potato, spinach, beet, carrot, parsley parsnip, and onion seeds and sets outdoors. seeds outdoors.
- Set broccoli, cabbage, brussel sprouts, Chinese cabbage and cauliflower transplants into the garden.
- Start indoors: sweet potatoes, seeds of tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and flowers (nicotiana, phlox, alyssum) to plant outdoors in mid-May.
- Uncover perennials as the weather begins to warm. Summer and fall blooming perennials should be divided in spring.
- Uncover and fertilize roses. Prune back old canes to outward facing buds to encourage new growth.
- Heavy pruning of trees should be complete before growth occurs. Trees should not be pruned while the new leaves are growing.

## In April

- Place plants started indoors in a protected place outdoors before planting.


- Mark the gaps in your landscape carefully and make a note to order bulbs next August.
- When crabapples are in bloom, hardy annuals may be transplanted outdoors.
- Examine shrubs for winter injury. Prune all dead and weakened wood. Shrubs and trees best planted or transplanted in spring, rather than fall include butterfly bush, dogwood, Rose of Sharon, Black gum (Nyssa), vitex, red bud, magnolia, tulip poplar, birch, ginkgo, hawthorn and most oaks.
- Start cucumber, cantaloupe, summer squash, and water-melon seeds indoors in peat pots. Finish sowing seeds of all cool-season vegetables not yet planted.
- Finish transplanting broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and cauliflower plants into the garden. Use high phosphorous fertilizers.
- Set out transplants of tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, and sweet potatoes. Flower stalks should be removed from rhubarb plants, if they develop. Asparagus and rhubarb harvests begin.
- Plant seeds outdoors: green and yellow bush beans, corn, parsley, parsnips.
- Groundcovers can be mowed to remove winterburn and tidy plants up.
- A white interior latex paint may be brushed on the trunks of newly planted fruit trees to prevent sunburn. This will gradually weather off in time.



- Place wooden clothespins between the trunk and branch of young fruit trees to force limbs outward at a 60 degree angle from the trunk.
- Mount a rain gauge on a post near the garden to keep track of precipitation so you can tell when to water. Most gardens need about 1 inch of rain per week between April and September.

**In May**

- Slugs will hide during the daytime beneath boards placed over damp ground. Check each morning and destroy any slugs that have gathered.
- Growing lettuce under screening materials will slow bolting and extend harvests into hot weather.
- Place cutworm collars around young transplants. Collars are easily made from cardboard strips.
- Set out tomato plants as soils warm. Place support stakes alongside at planting time.
- Place a stake by seeds of squash and cucumbers when planting in hills to locate the root zone watering site after the vines have run.
- Begin planting sweet corn as soon as white oak leaves are as big as squirrel ears.
- Keep asparagus harvested for continued spear production. Control asparagus beetles as needed.
- Thin plantings of carrots and beets to avoid overcrowding.
- Control caterpillars on broccoli and cabbage plants by handpicking or biological sprays such as BT.
- Watch for striped and spotted cucumber beetles now. Both may spread bacteria wilt and virus mosaic diseases to squash and cucumber plants.
- Plant sweet potatoes now. Make new sowings of warm-season vegetables after harvesting early crops.
- Set out peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, melons and squash after soils warm.
- Birds eat many insect pests. Attract them to your garden by providing good nesting habitats.
- Pinch azaleas and rhododendron blossoms as they fade. Double flowered azaleas need no pinching.



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Planners are now working through the opening ceremonies, which will include a ribbon cutting by one of the visiting dignitaries, games, and food.

Don't forget that if you have a dog and want to use the park, you need to get your application in as soon as you can. You'll need documents that show your pet has been neutered or spayed and has had all the relevant immunizations, which include a minimum of rabies, distemper, and bordetella.

Get your application online at <http://www.bentonparkwest.org/> and send to:

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 18671, St. Louis, MO 63118

Several neighborhood dogs are already enjoying the freedom of the park -- don't let your pooch miss out. Send in your application today.



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- Lia Varanavicius
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- Steven Veres
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- Marlene Levine
- Aaron Wiel

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- Jerry Pierce

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- Laura Leese
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- Megan Schacht
- Jackie Weatherly

**City, State and Federal officials, Friends of BPWNA**

- Jennifer Florida - Alderwoman, 15th Ward
- Dena Hibbard - NSO
- Ken Ortman - Alderman, 9th Ward

- Craig Schmid - Alderman, 20th Ward
- Jeanette Mott-Oxford - Missouri Rep., 59th Dist
- Barb Potts - NSO

## CONTACT NUMBERS

### Crime prevention

Emergency/Drug Activity	911
Non-Emergency	231.1212
Drug/Gang Hotline	241.COPS
3rd District PA Officer	444.0169
Problem Property Officer	622.3600
3rd District Problem Pr	444.1085
Citizen Service Bureau	622.4800

### Aldermen

Ken Ortmann	622.3287 (w) 776.0161 (h)
Craig Schmid	589.6816 (w)
Jennifer Florida	776.2890 (w)

### Neighborhood Stabilization

#### Officers

Barb Potts	314.613.3083 (w) 314.397.1091 (cell) pottsb@stlouiscity.com
Dena Hibbard	314.613.3109 (w) hibbardd@stlouiscity.com
Judy Lane	lanej@stlouiscity.com

### Miscellaneous

Pothole Department	768.2805
Refuse Department	353.8877
Five Star Center	664.1008
Illegal Dumping	911
	Then call CSB 664.4800

### Lights

Alley Lights (AmUE)	342.1000
Street Lights (CSB)	622.4800

### Other phone numbers

Operation Brightside	772.4646
Operation Safestreet	622.3444
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.392.3738
Parental Stress Help	1.800.367.3543
United Way Information	421.4636
Parents Anonymous	647.HELP and 866.492.0843
Foster Parenting	314.340.7536
Animal Abuse Hotline	314.647.4400
EmergencyCare	314.773.5900

## Be a 2009 neighborhood association member

Dear resident, friend, and supporter: Please fill out your application TODAY!

### 2009 Membership Application- Benton Park West

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ General: \$10/person

\_\_\_ Senior: \$6/person

\_\_\_ Supporter: \$25/person

\_\_\_ Patron: \$50/person

\_\_\_ Sponsor: \$100/person

\_\_\_ Friend: \$20/person

**Mail to: BPWNA Membership  
PO Box 18671  
St. Louis, MO, 63118**

### I would like to be involved with:

- |   |                                       |                                     |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities             | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Link |
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