



Neighborhood Meeting
January 17
2832 Arsenal
7p

December 2012

The Porch Review

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, PROMOTING COMMUNITY, WORKING FOR ALL

The Board of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association wishes each of you happy holidays!

Take this joyous time of giving and give to those who cannot give.

Shop Locally!

What does that really mean?

By Bill Byrd

There are two thoughts of what "shopping local" means. 1. Shopping at stores in your general area, preferably within walking distance. 2. Shopping at stores where the owner works all or part of their day in the shop.

While I can't say I can always follow # 2, I do try. That means I'm supporting a family; kids in school, food on the table, creativity that can't be found in a "box store". While I can't always follow the #2 rule, when I must shop in my general area I try to choose stores where there is local control; ie: the manager lives in the area and understands the needs of the residents.

Benton Park West is fortunate to be in the central-core from the river to Kingshighway, as are many other neighborhoods in our historic south side area of Saint Louis. There are multiple great local (#2) stores to choose from. Many people might say they have out-of-town guests asking about restaurants or places to shop, but I have IN-TOWN friends who are always asking for cool places. I instantly think of my area with the WIDE variety of options.

From bakeries, clothing, gifts, books, furniture, hardware, breweries and bars, grocery, "department store", a variety of restaurants...

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Splendor in the Glass

Thursday December 6, 2012
7-10 PM

Looking Glass Designs
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- Free gift wrapping
- Food & Wine
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BPW Events

- Dec 4: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center
- Dec 6: Splendor in the Glass
- Dec 9: Bulk Trash
- Dec 13: W&S and 3rd Dist Outreach Holiday Party - Noon & 6p, Five Star Senior Center
- Dec: NO BPWNA Neighborhood Meeting – Happy Holidays
- Dec 25: Merry Christmas
- Dec 26-Jan 1: Happy Kwanzaa
- Jan 1: Happy New Year
- Jan 8: BPWNA Board Mtg 6:30p
- Jan 17 : BPWNA Neighborhood

BPW Committees

In addition to the elected board, the by-laws of Benton Park West detail committees which are the "work horse" of the neighborhood. While the BPW Elected board is a "working board", it takes additional residents to plan and execute the work. It takes everyone to make a neighborhood YOUR neighbor-

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**Thursday
December 13, 2012**

Lunch at Noon - Dinner at 6p

All Day Celebration - Third District.

Come and show your officers your appreciation
2832 Arsenal - Five Star Senior Center

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The Presidents Corner...



Linda Hennigh

My how time flies! Thanksgiving is already behind us and I hope you were able to spend time with friends and relatives. Although these are hard times for many, I hope we can all find things to be thankful for in our lives.

Welcome to 2012
Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays. Take some time to walk down Cherokee Street while the weather is still nice. Get acquainted with all the new businesses that are opening. Support them if you can, even it is just stopping in and "window shopping".

Our neighborhood meetings will resume in January.

I hope to see you there and until then.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Linda Hennigh,

President

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So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu....



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After eight years of writing an (almost) monthly newsletter column for the neighborhood associations of my House district, I am leaving office at the end of this year due to term limits. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for sharing your ideas with me in ways that made me a better House member. Please continue to stay in touch with your new state representative and other elected officials. Your voice matters!

I am very pleased that I was able to get legislation passed that came from my constituents. Thanks to the Clemons family, the lead poisoning clean-up process has been improved. Thanks to the Frick family, insurance companies who formerly exploited a loophole can no longer refuse to cover adopted children.

I was also able to increase discussion of Missouri's inadequate budget, our state's many unmet needs, and what we might do about it. Our state workers have the lowest pay in the entire country, and our teachers rank in the "forty-somethings" as well. Our lack of commitment to mental health funding hurts all of our communities as neighbors whose mental illnesses could be treated with community-based interventions drift into self-medicating behaviors, addictions, crime, and incarceration. May we see the folly of our ways and raise needed revenue through commonsense reforms that would make our

tax system more modern, adequate, and fair.

In the coming Legislative Session, I hope the Missouri House and Senate will recognize that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is constitutional and must be implemented in Missouri. In particular, we have the opportunity to expand Medicaid to cover 250,000 adults who have low incomes and are currently uninsured. We would receive an estimated \$8.4 billion from federal funds, and the state match would be about \$431 million, with no state contribution required until 2017. That's a \$19.50 match for every \$1 of state funding, while also greatly reducing the amount of uncompensated care in our state. Treatment for persons without insurance is a major factor in the spiraling cost of health insurance. Missouri businesses are placed at a disadvantage whenever our General Assembly refuses to act to reduce healthcare costs, especially at a time when other states are acting to reduce their own uninsured rolls through Medicaid expansion.

What's next for me? As of October 1, 2012, I became executive director of the Missouri Association for Social Welfare (MASW). MASW (www.masw.org), founded in 1901, provides leadership, research, education, and advocacy to improve public policy and programs impacting the health and welfare of all Missourians. MASW played major roles in the initiation

of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, the reduction of sales tax on food by three cents, development of the Missouri Housing Trust Fund, and lawsuits leading to the creation of the Missouri Foundation for Health and provision of non-emergency transportation

to Medicaid clients, plus many other social justice victories. Doesn't that sound like a good fit for a person of my passions and talents? If you care about MASW's issues, perhaps we'll find ways to continue working together.

Whether you celebrate the
Winter Solstice
(*Blessed Be!*),
the Festival of Lights
(*Happy Hanukkah!*),
the Journey of Advent/Incarnation
(*Merry Christmas!*),
and/or the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa
(*Heri za Kwanzaa!*),
I wish you peace, joy, health, and the love
of family and friends.....
and a very Happy New Year!

You Can Make BPW Better

Help is still needed for several
areas in Benton Park West!

Membership Committee - Like to talk with people? Contact Linda Hennigh at 776-2161 or president@bentonparkwest.org

Audit Committee - Contact Linda Hennigh at 776-2161 or president@bentonparkwest.org

Gardeners - Think about Spring 2013 - Calling all Green Thumbs! Contact the neighborhood office at 771-0803.

Like to walk? Love your block? - Deliver newsletters to your block? Call the neighborhood office at 771-0803

Like to talk? - Put your words on paper. Newsletters contributions - communications@yahoo.com.

Like to drive around? - Put your time to work and join the Safety Patrol! Contact 771-0803, e-mail Linda Hennigh at president@bentonparkwest.org

Committees make BPW Work...

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hood - Benton Park West.

If you are interested in any of the committee chair roles, or just would like to be involved, contact Linda Hennigh at (314) 771-2161 or email at president@bentonparkwest.org.

An important perspective the board embraces is that each committee should have the freedom to present and carry out their ideas, as approved by the BPW Board, and have ownership of decisions while keeping the board apprised of activities at each step. Have an approved plan empowers committees to work.

We must always remember the neighborhood mission:

“Enhance and strengthen the neighborhood and its residents by promoting beautification, commerce, communication, diversity, and safety. The neighborhood association makes efforts to support, renew, and sustain Benton Park West’s unique human and physical resources, serving as a voice for the neighborhood, and helping to ensure quality living.”

This month we detail two committees: Membership and Block Link.

Membership Committee

Purpose - The Membership Committee recruits new and maintaining existing Association members.

Role - The Membership Committee identifies, and contacts and obtains new members of the Association.

Scope - The Membership Committee assists in increasing membership revenues, both by obtaining additional memberships and by encouraging higher level memberships. The Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Board in the

The Membership Committee Roles and Responsibilities:

- Recruiting and retaining members.
- Mailing membership renewal letters
- Maintaining membership records
- Preparing monthly listing of the membership records for the monthly newsletter

Block Link Committee

Purpose - The Block Link Committee purpose is to assess and improve the quality of life for residents in Benton Park West block by block.

Role - The Block Link Committee increases awareness about Neighborhood activities, events, and concerns to the individual blocks; including communication with residents by being a conduit of information both directions; information to the residents from the association, city officials and police, as well as; information to residents from the association, city officials, and police.

Scope - The Block Link Committee assists all actions of the activity at the block level. This includes coordinating meetings with city officials and police, respectively, when issues arise on a particular block. The passage of information in both directions maintains healthy blocks. Empowering residents to become “community” on their block through block functions and socials, encouraging all residents to “know who belongs”, and support the perspective of National Night Out as a community crime watch and community building process.

It is not the scope of this committee to empower a block to form groups that would be contrary to the established association.

Mission Statement - The Block Link Committee attempts to engage all residents on blocks as community within the larger community of Benton Park West.

Roles and Responsibilities -

- Monthly report to Board.
- Actively pass out new resident packets and report the number handed out each month.

- Encourage Block Links to attend monthly meetings.
- Help coordinate National Night Out Activities
- Acknowledge Block Links and their work.
- Coordinate the delivery of monthly newsletters

**Watch next month as we detail:
- Finance and Fundraising Committee
- Beautification Committee*

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Help those in need: Midtown Catholic Charities identifies Families in Need of

Community Information Corner

Assistance (77% of these families have incomes under \$11,000). Most of these families are “working Trying to combine work income, food stamps, and other support to meet family needs. This covers seniors, shut-in’s and mentally challenged adults who need to be remembered as well.

The annual drive for gift baskets is underway. *Gift baskets are still needed;* cookies, snacks, hot drinks, books, playing cards, puzzles, hats and gloves,

scarves, lap blankets, snug-gies, and any other items to make someone’s day brighter, along with *either a \$25 gift card to Schnucks or K-Mart for a group outing.*

Baskets can be delivered to Riley’s Pub at 3458 Arsenal on or before Thursday, December 14; 4p-close Mon-Fri & noon-close Sat.

Please, open your hearts this holiday season!

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Shopping Locally... Your Definition

even to a Christmas tree lot – it’s all within walking distance of most of our homes. Local businesses create the character of where we want to live; bringing similar peoples together in the same area.

The great thing about local businesses is that they care about US. They focus on the simple to fulfill our everyday needs. Who needs a choice of 15 items, when a line of 5 is sufficient? This means less inventory and lower overhead. Being more green and organic is now an option allowing us to live more sustainably. Speaking of sustainability, checkout how businesses help to sustain neighborhoods by supporting with sponsorships. Thumb through this issue to find the businesses who care about YOU!

Ask yourself when you buy something made in China. Is this sustaining our economy? I grew up with buying only American made products...*Look for the Union Label thinking.* For me this mind-set is still important from the perspective of

products made by people who are buying homes, clothing, food, etc. in my neighborhood/city. Buying local (#2) builds our economy and keeps our infra-structures in place.

I’m the first to say that not everything I own or buy is US made, but I try to make an effort. Our society has swung so far to a global market that many of our needs are nearly impossible to be fulfilled with an American/local made option.

There isn’t a “stamp” that everyone can use to dictate their buying habits. Each individual household has different needs. The “shop locally” issue is complicated and must be answered by each individual; it’s a personal decision.

I highly recommend that you explore your neighborhood(s) around you; I leave that up to you to build your own list of shops. My list includes some of my favorite shopping/eating places within walking distance. Remember, this is not an exhaustive list, but here is my list:

- Luvy Duvys

- Jefferson Avenue Bistro
- Hong Kong Express
- LaVallesana
- Tower Taco
- Pointer’s Market –Tree lot in December
- Whisk – Wow, new bakery
- Nader’s Auto Repair
- Parma Grill
- Sav-a-Lot
- Family Dollar
- Foam
- Elder Furniture
- Liberty Hardware
- Benton Park Café
- Archive Books
- STLStyle

Food Pantries in 63118

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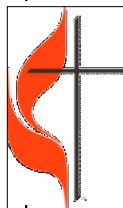
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Make Your Neighborhood better!

Doesn’t feel “right”?

Call 911 or 231-1212

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church



2300 Lafayette Avenue
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Saint Louis, MO 63118
www.lp-umc.org

Worship

- 9:30a - Service; Fellowship 10:30
- Children’s services and childcare provided.

Vision – “Lafayette Park United Methodist Church will be a church without walls, creating a visible sign of Christ’s presence in our urban community and beyond”

All residents, whether homeowners or renters, have a place in BPWNA.

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Membership Needs YOU!

Call 771.0803 for more info.

See page 12 for an application

Business Members

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- Dr. Darrell B. Carroll
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- Dutchtown South Community Corporation
- Edward Jones - Mary Cox
- Five Star Senior Center
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Bronze

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Become a member TODAY!

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- Craig Schmid - Alderman, 20th Ward
- Ken Ortman - Alderman, 9th Ward

- Dena Hibbard - NSO*
- Barb Potts - NSO*

*Neighborhood Stabilization Officer

A Tool for Resolving Neighborhood Disputes

By John Doggette

All residents of Benton Park West know of stories when next-door neighbors don't get along. District 3 Police Officers frequently respond to calls about illegal parking, barking dogs, trespassing on property and accusations of personal threats. Many of these situations could be resolved if the neighbors would agree to talk to each other about resolving their issues.

Mediation is one tool available to peacefully resolve neighborhood conflicts. The Community Mediation Program is a free service for residents. When a referral is received the neighbors are

contacted to explain the process of mediation and find a common time and place where they can meet. Two professionally trained volunteers serve as mediators who guide the conversation to enable the parties to reach a solution that works for them. The mediations typically don't last longer than two hours.

The majority of referrals currently come from your Problem Property Officer Krapf and Neighborhood Stabilization Officers Barb Potts and Dena Hibbard. They have received the complaints either through calls for police service or personal calls from neigh-

bors. However, referrals are increasing directly from residents. The Community Mediation Program's telephone number is 314-533-3550 and the e-mail address is mediateSTL@yahoo.com.

Community mediation is a program within the Mennonite Peace Center. An open house is scheduled for individuals who might be interested in becoming neighborhood mediators: December 8th, Saturday, 9:30 - 1:30 at the St Louis Mennonite Fellowship on the corner of Chippewa and Giles. If you have any questions please contact us directly.

Cherokee is Hoppin'

by Anne McCullough

So many things are happening in December. Check out what's just a few steps from your door.

The Fortune Teller is now open! The Fortune Teller is now open!

A bar lost in the mists of time and space. Mystic foretellings speak of craft beer and cocktails to strike fateful chords on the heartstrings of the connoisseur and layperson alike.

Cherokee Print League Cherokee Print League's 5th Annual Holiday Sale & Preview Party Showcases

Local, Regional & National Artists Cherokee Print League (CPL) is excited to announce its Fifth Annual Holiday Sale! The CPL Holiday Sale is one of the largest print sales in the Midwest, showcasing local and regional artists whose work includes printmaking, letterpress, screen printing, and printed fabrics, as well as the ever-evolving creative energy that defines Cherokee Street. Art demonstrations, customized

printing, on-site framing, mobile tea, print and food trucks will also be featured. **The event takes place on Saturday, December 1st, 10:00A - 6:00P** and provides holiday shoppers with a unique way to complete their shopping lists, supporting both handmade artists and the local economy.

For the first time ever, the CPL Holiday Sale will hold a **Preview Party on Friday night, November 30th, 7 - 10p**. The Preview Party will showcase selected works by CPL Holiday Sale vendors, including a mini-retrospective by Firecracker Press. Local art critic and poet, Jessica Baran will give a "state of the street" address, hitting on the importance of printmaking in the digital age and Cherokee Street as a pillar of the Saint Louis art scene. The Preview Party will be held at 3407 California Ave (just south of Cherokee St), beer provided by Schlafly, music by Ryan Snowden, one-of-a kind limited edition buttons provided by Buttonmakers.net & CPL Holiday Sale passports will be

available. **All are welcome!**

High Spektical Photo Booth December 1st

Custom holiday photo booth complete with fake snow, oversized gifts, and a live (super jolly) elf! For \$10 patrons can get their photo taken with the elf and a free 5x7 print that will be mailed to them after the event. They will also receive a password to the event's private viewing gallery so they may order more prints or different products if they like.

Peter & Paul Community Services Junior Board to Host First Annual Holiday Market!

The newly developed Junior Board of PPCS is hosting the First Annual Holiday Market at (blank) space at 2847 Cherokee Street, St. Louis, MO 63118. Vendors include local artists and entrepreneurs featuring handmade items, health and wellness gifts, delectable treats, and other interesting finds.

Shoppers can expect a diverse array of vendors and businesses at the market to find gifts for everyone on their list. Additionally, shoppers can enjoy complimentary food from local establishments and beverages for a small charge. Raffle tickets for several raffle baskets, featuring items donated from market vendors will be available for purchase.

All proceeds from the market will be used to support Peter & Paul Community Services' transitional housing programs, its meals program and emergency shelter.

For more information/questions, contact ppcsjuniorboard@gmail.com

Date/Time: Saturday, December 8, 2012 - 2-5p.
Venue: (blank) space - 2847 Cherokee St, St Louis, MO 63118

May These Changes Make Us LIGHT VIP Reception and Show Preview

Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 7:30-10p. Hosted by (blank) Space, 2847 Cherokee Street. Vignettes will begin at 8:30p.

12/12/12 winter show joins more than 20 local artists

St. Louis artists, musicians, and aerialists have joined forces to recreate the holiday myth as a united multi-media show, "May These Changes Make Us Light," on 12/12/12 at 2720 Cherokee Street. Led by LOVE-O-RAMA Records, the HEARding Cats Collective and the Community Arts and Movement Project (CAMP), more than 20 artists will layer their talents to tell a collaborative tale. There will be aerialists, musicians, video artists, installations artists and dancers

The story begins with the birth of time-deaf twin sisters who journey through the crucible of human memories from past worlds. Their love and gratitude for each other triggers a shift in time's increasing acceleration. The shift may be just what the new world needs to survive – for now. Tickets are \$12, or \$7 with a handbill. Sliding-scale payment is fully in effect. No one will be turned away at the door for lack of funds. See uslight.wordpress.com for a list of performers and more details.



BPW Dog Park

3300 Nebraska

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Nuisance Identification Program form

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Other problem areas or people:

Do you wish to have an officer contact you? YES NO

If Yes, please include your name and phone number:

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

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Tips for Fraud-Free Holiday Shopping

Between the in-store sales and the online deals, it's almost impossible to resist shopping this time of year. From Black Friday to Cyber Monday, there are plenty of opportunities to buy just what you're looking for. But watch out- some unscrupulous scammers use the busy holiday season to take advantage of unsuspecting shoppers.

The National Retail Federation projects that online sales will reach \$96 billion. Whether you decide to shop online or in stores, there are several things you should be aware of to help save you time and money. Here are some things to keep in mind:

If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Everyone wants to get their hands on the hottest toy or latest tablet. Scammers know this, and use the hot new items to trick people. When buying things online, make sure that the seller is reputable. Check the Better Business Bureau to ensure that it's a legitimate company. Many times, if you get scammed online, there's no way to get your money back.

When buying online, use a credit card. If you're shopping online, using a credit card usually affords you more protection than a debit

card. If fraud does occur, your money won't be tied up while you wait for it to get resolved.

If you're out shopping, don't make yourself a target. Park your car in a well-lit parking lot and keep all your valuables out of sight in the trunk. When walking around, don't carry shopping bags full of items. Criminals target people who are distracted or who look like an easy target. Be alert to your surroundings.

When using your card in a public place or ATM, watch for skimmers. A "skimming" device is something scammers use to collect your debit or credit card information. They are attached to a legitimate machine, like an ATM, and are sometimes difficult to detect. Keep an eye out for anything on the device that looks out of place.

Make sure your computer is ready for the holiday shopping season. Update your spyware and antivirus programs. Be wary of any emails offering you free items, such as gift cards, and always make sure it's a legitimate sender before opening any attachments. By keeping your computer free of spyware and viruses, you're protecting your financial and personal information.



Operation Weed & Seed is a community based effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. BPWNA participates in the regular meetings with city and law enforcement officials at 2832 Arsenal, on the 2nd Thursday of every month - 6:30p.

Emergency help: 9-1-1

Non-emergency: 314.231.1212

"PEOPLE AREN'T SUSPICIOUS, BEHAVIOR IS!"



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*Third District Neighborhood Associations,
3D Police Partnership, Alderpersons,
NSO's, Friends of Third District Officers,
&
Captain Jerry Leyshock*

*Invite you to the
District Three Christmas Party.*

Thursday December 13th
Lunch served at Noon
Dinner served at 6P.M.
2832 Arsenal Five Star Center
Contact Community Outreach Officer Joseph Calabro

*Thanks to the generosity of the **3D** Police Partnership representing District Three Area Businesses, a special gift will be presented to all Officers, Detectives and Staff assigned to District Three .*

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What's happening in Benton Park West

December

Nov 27-Dec 5 - Happy Hanukkah

1 - Cookie Spree and Print League Sale on Cherokee

4 - BPWNA Board Meeting - 6:30p - Five Star

5 - Newsletter Deadline for January

5 - Splendor in the Glass - 7-10p - Looking Glass Designs - 1917 Park Avenue

9 - BULK TRASH. Must be out by 10p Sun.

13 - W&S, 3rd Dist Outreach Holiday Party. Lunch at Noon, Dinner starts 6p - Five Star

15 - NO BPWNA Membership Meeting - Happy Holidays.

25 - Merry Christmas

26-Jan 1 - Happy Kwanzaa

Jan 1 - Happy New

DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3	4 BPWNA Board mtg 6:30p, Five Star	5 Newsletter Deadline	6 Splendor in the Glass 7-10p	7	8
9 Bulk Trash week	10	11	12	13 W&S, 3rd Dist, Noon & 6p Five Star	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26 	27	28	29
30 	31	Jan 1 				

January Events

- Jan 8** Board Mtg, 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal
- Jan 10** Weed & Seed - 6:30p; 3rd District Outreach - 7p, Five Star
- Jan 17** BPW Neighborhood Meeting - 7p, Five Star Senior Center

Christmas Trees!



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Barr - 1701 South Jefferson Avenue (314) 771-7040

9am - 6pm Monday
11am - 6pm Friday
12n - 7pm Tuesday-Thursday
9am - 6pm Saturday

Wednesday, Dec 5 4-6p, Got Game? Wii and Xbox 360. Grd 6-12.

***Monday**, Dec 10 11-11:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Wednesday, Dec 12 4-5p, Teen only space for study, relaxation and fun. Grd 6-12.

***Thursday**, Dec 20 4-5p, DIY: Snow Globes Watch it Snow! Grd 6-12.

***Wednesday**, Dec 26 4:30-5:30p, Creative Kids: New Year Kazoos. Make a New Year's noisemaker. Grd K-5.

***Thursday**, Nov 29 4-6p, Family Movie: Happy Feet 2. Families

***Monday**, Dec 31 11-11:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Wednesday, Jan 2 4-6p, Got Game? Wii and Xbox 360. Grd 6-12.

Wednesday, Jan 9 4-5p, Teen only space for study, relaxation and fun. Grd 6-12.

*Please call for groups of 5 or more.

ADULTS

Thursday, Dec 13 4-6p, Holiday Open House. Join for the annual Holiday Open House.

Tuesday, Dec 18 12:15-1:15p, STL Area Agency on Aging: SLAAA provides info about available resources and referrals for seniors and adults ages 18-59

Carpenter - 3309 South Grand Blvd. (314) 772-6586

9am - 9pm Monday-Thursday
9am - 6pm Friday and Saturday
1 - 5pm Sunday

Monday, Dec 3 6-7p, Poetry Circle. Learn about banned poets. Grd 6-12.

Wednesday, Dec 5 10-10:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Saturday, Dec 8 2-4p, Prehistoric Christmas Snow Globes. Grd K-5

Tuesday, Dec 11 3:30-4:30p, Got Game? Wii and Xbox 360. Grd K-5.

Wednesday, Dec 12 10-10:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Wednesday, Dec 12 3:30-4:30p, Got Game? Wii and Xbox 360. Grd 6-12.

Thursday, Dec 13 6:30-7:30p, Shimmering Snowflakes. Families.

Wednesday, Dec 19 5:30-7p,

Create your own graphic novel Pt. III Continue work from Pt. II Grd 6-12.

Wednesday, Dec 26 10-10:30a, Storytime. Babies/Toddler.

Thursday, Dec 27 6-7p Kwanzaa. Families.

Monday, Jan 7 6-7p, Poetry Circle. Learn about banned poets. Grd 6-12.

Tuesday, Jan 8 5:30-7p Teen Urban Lit Book Club. "Upstate" by Kalisha Buckhanon. Grd 9-12.

***Wednesday**, Jan 9 10-10:30a, Storytime. Toddler/Preschool.

Wednesday, Jan 16 3:30-5p Martin Luther King Jr. Coloring Book. Grd K-5.

Saturday, Jan 19 2:30-4:30p, Got Game? Wii and Xbox 360. Grd 6-12.



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 Joe Calabro - 3rd Dist PA Officer 444-0169
 Dave Krapf - 3rd Dist Prob Prop 444-0185
 Citizen Ser Bureau 622-4800

Alderman:

Ken Ortmann 622-3287 (w)
 776-0161 (h)

Neighborhood Stabilization Officers:

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 314-397-1091 (c)
 pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov

Dena Hibbard, 314-657-1359 (w)
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MISC:

Pothole Department 768-2805
 Refuse/Recycle Department 353-8877
 Five Star Center 664-1008
 Illegal Dumping 911
 Then call CSB 622-4800

Lights:

Alley Lights (AmUE) 342-1000
 Street Lights (CSB) 622-4800

Water:

Open Hydrant 771-4880

Additional Numbers

Animal Abuse Hotline 647-4400
 Child Abuse Hotline 800-392-3738
 EnergyCare 773-5900
 Five Star Senior Center 664-1008
 Operation Brightside 772-4646
 Parents Anonymous 647-HELP or 866-492-0843
 Parental Stress b800-367-3543
 Free 2-1-1 Service 800-427-4626
 or (314) 421-4636

2012 Membership Application

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail _____


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PO Box 18671
Saint Louis MO 63118

Level of Membership:

Bronze - \$ 10 per person
 Senior - \$ 5 per person
 Silver - \$ 25 per person
 Gold - \$ 50 per person
 Platinum - \$ 100 per person
 General Membership (Scholarship)
 Friend (non-BPW) - \$ 20 per person
 Gift/Donation _____

I would like to be involved with:

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



Whisk: A Sustainable Bake Shop opened November 10th

Located at 2201 Cherokee (@ Missouri), Whisk is a small, made-from-scratch bakeshop that specializes in all natural sweet and savory treats.

They will open Saturday-Sunday 8 AM – 4 PM, and Wednesday-Thursday-Friday from 9 AM – 6 PM.

The menu changes with the season and whims of the baker, but expect to regularly find pies, cakes, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, ice pops, handpies, and other treats.

Among the many, many varieties of items in the case and on the menu, many of them vegan, but what about the Chocolate Chip Bacon Sea Salt Cookies??