



The Porch Review



Benton Park West

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Celebrating our Heros and Sheros - Be a HERO Today!

BPWNA Notes

July 1 - BPWNA Board Mtg 7p, 2715 Cherokee, lower level

July 10 - South Cluster W&S Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Center. 3rd District PA meetings suspended for summer.

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

August 2 - Movie in the Park - "Ratatouille" Fun at 6p, movie starts at dusk, Northwest Corner (Arsenal and Jefferson).

August 3 - BPWNA BBQ - 1p-4p, Benton Park at Shelter house.

Find out how you can be a part of BPWNA in 2008. See Bill Byrd or call (314) 771-0803.

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Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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25 Years of National Night Out!

Join us for a National Night Out kickoff on Saturday Aug 2, for a "Movie in the Park" (title not decided) & a BBQ for BPWNA on Sunday Aug 3rd.

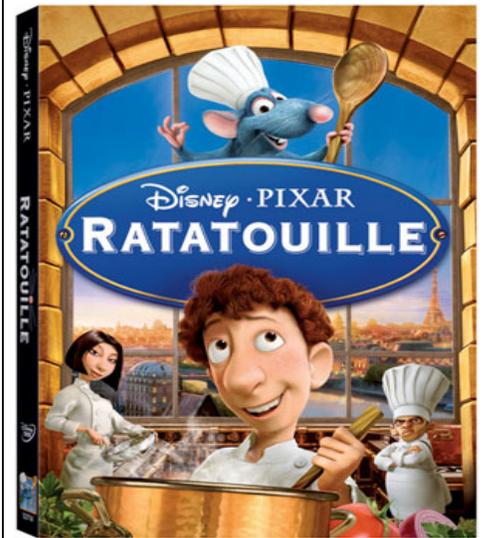
Watch for more details on the list serve and flyers. **See page 12 for more exciting information!**

Trivia Night 2008 What a Success!

Weird questions, interesting facts, things that make you laugh!

These and many more things were found at the first Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Trivia Night. With over 125 players and 20 volun-

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Movie Night - BPWNA

August 2nd - Dusk
Benton Park

16 an under must be accompanied by adult

How can YOU make BPW Better?

Come and share what you would like to see in Benton Park West (BPW).

The July BPWNA meeting will have lots of information about the different committees and projects that the neighborhood association scheduled for 2008.

Board Members and others talk will be sharing about committees, projects, and how easy it is to get involved.

There are various ways YOU can help your neighbors and yourself. Whether you pickup trash, help or donate to the

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SAVE THE DATE

July 1 - BPWNA Board meeting, 7:00p - 2715 Cherokee St.

June 10 - *South Cluster Weed & Seed, 6:30p

June 17 - *BPWNA Membership meeting, 7p

Aug 2 - Movie in the Park, "Ratatouille" Food/Fun - 6p, Movie at dusk. See Pages 11 and 12 for more information

Aug 3 - BPWNA BBQ in the Park, Shelter house, 1-4p. See Pg 12.

* Location is Five Star Senior Center - 2832 Arsenal.



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



Bill Byrd

Have you looked around lately? Build it and They Will Come

This statement was made popular by a movie years ago. In the movie the object to build was a baseball

field.

Today we're talking about building more than just a baseball field. We're talking about economic and residential growth in our community. There has been a lot of discussion lately about the possibility of legislation on Cherokee in the 20th Ward that concerns what an individual needs to do to obtain a liquor license.

Currently, the entire 20th Ward is under an ordinance that requires an establishment that wishes to have alcohol as part of its business, to have at least 50% of the income generated from food sales. A move to reduce the food percentage requirements on a small section of Cherokee has caused a good amount of discussion with opponents and proponents "squaring off in their respective corners".

The issue is ensuring that the residential areas are protected from perceived issues that are known to come when a commercial district that again comes alive. In this case we are talking about Cherokee Station Business District that is coming alive. This area historically is known to have been the "shopping area of South City". Many people would like to see this area revive in this same sense of shops and being "alive", while others would like the District to be nouveau and hip, with primarily establishments that are not "kid friendly".

As long as there are plans in place to deal with issues that might occur from new business growth, this can only be a positive for the street. Soulard has a "Safety Committee" with paid security. The Loop still has the original 50/50 ordinance. Grand South Grand has proposed legislation to institute a new

taxing district to pay for extra security.

In the case of Cherokee Street, why not have a solution that would have the Cherokee Station Business Association have a proactive plan in place to deal with "bad businesses" and/or businesses that cause issues in the residential areas. And why can't it be said to potential business owners "We are rebuilding our commercial district. We want you to come and be part of this re-growth, but remember if rules aren't followed we'll tell you."

Benton Park West has revitalized and rebuilt in the last 2-5 years primarily from residential development. Buildings were renovated and people came to buy. The Neighborhood Association has driven issues with landlords who are less desirable, businesses that would not be good for the neighborhood, as well as, promoting BPW to new residents and desirable businesses.

Why not think about the same growth on Cherokee Street? Why can't we have businesses that would be used everyday, along with nice restaurants, alcohol only establishments, or even a place to go dancing like at Casa Loma?

I encourage all residents in the area to explore what is right next door, down the street, or just around the corner. You never know what you're missing by not opening your eyes and seeing what is available in your own neighborhood.

Build it and they will come. Let's encourage the Cherokee Station Business Association to bring businesses to Cherokee Street with good business plans who will service the residents in the community.

Bill Byrd,
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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.

School Bullying: Rite of Passage? Or Preventable Through Our Common Action?

I had the sad duty of representing the Missouri Legislature in receiving a report card marked with a large F on June 11. The report card from PROMO (<http://promoonline.org/>) noted that my colleagues and I had failed to pass House Bill 1751, the Safe Schools Act, and it offered these statistics about school bullying in Missouri:

- 48% of Missouri high school students have reported bullying, name-calling and harassment to be somewhat or very serious problems at their school. In the same study, the national average was 36%.
- These incidents go unreported. Nearly half of those surveyed do not report the incident because they believe that would make the situation worse and that no action would be taken to resolve it.
- Of those students who did talk with a teacher or school administrator, only 37% reported that immediate action followed.

In addition, biased language is often heard in schools:

- 85% of students report sexist remarks.
- 86% of students reporting hearing homophobic statements like "That's so Gay."
- 45% report hearing racist remarks.
- An overwhelming majority – 86% report witnessing harassment based on physical appearance.

Source: *From Teasing to Torment: A report on School Climate in Missouri.* www.glsen.org

I was a co-sponsor of HB 1751, and was very disappointed that the chair of the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education refused to give the Safe Schools Act a hearing. I will continue to advocate for passage of the Safe Schools Act and its energetic implementation in the more than 500 school districts across Missouri.

In the first of two news conferences that I have participated in this year related to school bullying, one re-



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porter took an interesting stance. He said, "I was bullied all the time in high school. Isn't that just something we all have to get over and move on?" It almost sounded like he believed school bullying was an acceptable rite of passage that builds character. Many adults may express something similar to this, perhaps even as a way to cope with the pain of the memory of school bullying. I would argue that adults with courage and wisdom have those qualities in spite of school bullying, not because of it.

School administrators must set a tone that bullying is not acceptable within their schools, and the entire school staff must build a culture of trust and safety by working together. Parents and neighbors can participate in character education activities with children and teens, and this will reduce school bullying. We may not have 100% success, but it is a goal worth working toward.



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

BPWNA Meeting Minutes - June 19, 2008

Call to Order – Welcome from President Bill Byrd. Everyone went around and said their name and address in the neighborhood.

Review of Minutes – Pam Welsh moved to accept minutes, Mark Hollaran seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Will Leiberman moved to accept report, Blake Roell seconded, motion passed.

Neighborhood Projects

Blues Festival – very successful, we are planning another event next year. Lots of talk is going on about having more events such as this

Cost of the event: almost a \$3,000 event

Trivia Night – Carrie Sleep reported that the event was a huge success. Four tables were full of residents, about 22 residents. Thanks to Bill for stepping in to be a judge. Thanks for donations to the silent auction which raised almost \$3,000. Anyone interested in being on the planning committee for the event in 2009, please let Chad or Carrie know. We received a thank you note from the secretary of the president of the board of aldermen. Carrie read the note to attendees.

National Night Out – August 5th. It is the 25th year. It is a great event for residents to come out and enjoy their neighbors and have an anti-crime event. Always talk to neighbors and use the spirit of this night on every night of the year to build community. We are having a great kick off for the event. In Benton Park we are planning a movie night on the Saturday before. A voting sheet was in the packet for attendees to help choose the movie. Sunday, we are having a neighborhood bar-b-que. At that time there will also be an update on the playground equipment. Ken is projecting the end of August, beginning of September as when construction will begin.

Please put this event on your calendar: Movie Night – Aug. 2nd, Bar-b-que – Aug. 3rd.

Liquor Control Ordinance – Carrie led the conversation and explained the introduced bill to reduce the food percentage to 35% and also a list of restrictions. NA was looking for resident to voice their opinion. There is a diagram in the packet that highlights the 20th ward. Please express your opinion in just one minute. Five people at a time stood up to voice their opinions. A long discussion ensued. Then Bill took a hand vote from the members to see what information the neighborhood association could then give to Craig to help him in making decisions regarding this matter. The consensus was to not have any legislation that would control establishments that served alcohol in the 1.5 block area on Cherokee in the 20th Ward within the boundaries of the Cherokee Station Business District.

Featured speaker had to leave as discussion lasted 45 minutes.

Local Officials

Ken Ortman –

-The playground in Benton Park will be coming soon. Parks Dept. are now working with interested groups.

Craig Schmid –

-Youth leadership focus group. This is an effort of BPW and surrounding neighborhoods to work with the neighborhood youth

- Fire hydrant season: If you see hydrant being turned on call 771-4880 in addition to calling 231-1212.

- Fireworks time: please let us know or the police captain so that the police are aware of possible places to keep an eye on. They will be sending letters again this year reminding people of the current law.

- Old Firehouse at Broadway and Miami. Tomorrow night from 6p-12a they are having old circus banners on display as well as entertainment. Cost: \$20. NA members costs \$10

-National Night Out: get involved and have fun. It is important when you are not in a crisis situation to get to know your neighbors.

-New businesses opening like a chocolatier on Cherokee and another business looking at 3100 Gravois. Lots of positive things happening in the neighborhood.

Barb Potts – Would like to renew the interest in block links. The city is interested in training some of the block links in City Emergency Management for disaster situations. It is important to know your neighbors and their special needs. The juvenile focus group is working well and there is a young man who is an artist and would like to learn how to draw people. The group will be coming to the community for suggestions.

Announcements –

Bill described the block link program within BPW and how to get involved.

Please come down to the show at the old firehouse as this is a fundraiser for Marine Villa's NA.

The group Artworks is going to do the new sign at Cherokee Recreation Center that is supported by Incarnate Word Foundation.

Voter registration cards were available at the meeting.

If interested in the Book Club, talk to Bruce Levine after the meeting. Book list available in the next newsletter.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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7. Cheer for the MLB's Cardinal, NFL's Rams and NHL's Blues.
8. Count the mosaics at the breathtakingly beautiful Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.
9. Experience live blues music in one of the dozens of area clubs and taverns.
10. Get your motor running at the Museum of Transportation or Gateway International Raceway.
11. Visit the heart of St. Louis through our friendly and charming neighborhoods; including your own Benton Park West.
12. Take in the art at Laumeier Sculpture Park, the Contemporary Art Museum and the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts.
13. Re-discover your heritage at the Old Courthouse, Black World History Museum and Foust Historic Village.
14. Visit the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.
15. Satisfy your taste buds at any of our hundreds of one-of-a-kind restaurants. From "nice" to hotdogs in downtown from a street vendor.
16. Attend one of the area's unique fairs or festivals.
17. Explore the final frontier at the Science Center's Space Sciences Center or the Challenger Learning Center.
18. Play Scott Joplin's ragtime tunes at the composer's historic home.
19. Talk to the animals at Purina Farms, the Wild Canid Survival Center, the World Bird Sanctuary and the Saint Louis Zoo.
20. Relive a bit of early Saint Louis history by cruising the mighty Mississippi River on the Tom Sawyer or Becky Thatcher paddle wheeler.





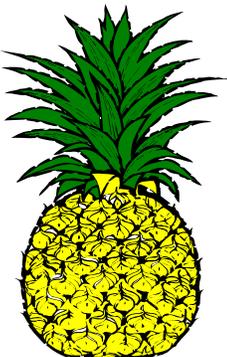
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What is Membership? Membership is the act of being part of a group. In sociology, a **group** is usually defined as a collection of humans who share certain characteristics, interact with one another, accept expectations and obligations as members of the group. Characteristics the group may share include interests, values, ethnic background, and kinship ties.



Membership Needs YOU!

To be a member or help out, call Chad Johnson at 776.4447.

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- Jeanette Mott-Oxford - Missouri Rep., 59th Dist
- Barb Potts - NSO

SAVE THE DATE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 5TH

YOU make BPW Better

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yard sale, or helped at the Blues Fest, Cinco de Mayo booth, Trivia night or setting up for meetings, there are many things that each and every one of us can do.

Helping others makes BPW better for all! Investing just a few hours means you could win a neighborhood apron with your name on it, see less trash, and even be the extra eyes that it takes to keep the neighborhood feeling safe. Think about what it takes to have a neighborhood where you are proud to live and feel safe and comfortable.

There are 11 committees that make up Benton Park West Neighborhood Association.

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

There two additional committees that help make up

BPWNA. These committees are termed as Support Organizations. Benton Park West has been a part of both organizations for many years. The two organizations are Sustainable Neighborhoods and Weed & Seed.

There isn't enough room in this story to share about all of the work involved in being "Benton Park West". There are multiple ways you can find out about what is going on in BPW and how YOU can get involved.

1. You are invited to attend the July 17th BPWNA meeting at 7p, 2832 Arsenal – Five Star Senior Center
2. Ask any Board member how you can become involved.
3. Think about what you'd like to see happen or do in Benton Park West...then ask Bill Byrd or any Board Member how YOU can make a difference.

It's not hard to make a difference; many times it only takes 2-3 hours, sometimes longer. You don't have to do all of the work, just help out. If 10 people get together for a project it's a lot easier and MORE FUN than one or two people having to do all of the work.

If you can't make the meeting, call the neighborhood office at 314-771-0803 for more information.



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Alissa Nelson, Not Out Just for the "Ride".

Our own Alissa Nelson participated in America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Alissa raised over her goal, thanks to the over 80 people who sponsored Alissa. Team Saint Louis raised over \$55,000 this year with the entire event raising somewhere in the ballpark of \$8 million.

The LLS funds millions of dollars in research every year, as well as providing financial assis-

2008 America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride - Team Saint Louis. Alissa Nelson, BPW resident pictured below on the left, participated with the team from Saint Louis.



tance for treatment copays and mileage compensation for patients traveling for their treatment.

As far as the ride itself, Alissa says "Thanks to a lot of training on some brutal exurban St. Louis hills in a lot of lousy weather this spring, I had no problem completing the entire 100 mile course in warm sunny weather, even at altitudes ranging from 6000 to 7100 feet. Thanks to a lot of snacks along the way, I actually felt good. I was a little skeptical of how beautiful the ride would actually be (what can I say, I'm a scientist at heart), but as the attached photos show, it was truly breathtaking."

Alissa Nelson and Eric Ryszkewicz have been residents of Benton Park West and members of Benton Park West Neighborhood Association, living on Cherokee Street for several years. Both Alissa and Eric are active in their jobs and organizations for which they have passion.

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Benton Park West National Night Out Movie 2008 Ratatouille

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Don't forget to register, as July 25th is the deadline, at: www.stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/nst/nightregister.html

Join your neighbors in celebration 25 years of National Night by dragging out grills, tables, with kids and adults alike enjoying food, conversation and games on Tues., Aug 5th.

- **Mark your calendars– MOVIE NIGHT - August 2nd - in Benton Park**
- **BPWNA BBQ - Sunday August 3rd.** BPWNA will provide meats and paper goods, bring a side to share with your neighbors!

National Night Out is a community-police partnership held the first Tuesday of August sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The goal is to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, and other anti-crime efforts by holding block parties, festivals, etc. to help bring neighbors together.

National Night Out was started in 1984. The first year had 2.5 million people involved, in 2006 more than 35.2 million people were involved.

Annual Yard Sale - August 23

TIME TO CLEAN OUT those things you no longer use or need! Bring your items on August 22nd to St. Wenceslaus Parish Hall for the Annual Yard Sale.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for August 23rd, 8a - 1p go "Shopping" at the Annual Yard Sale!

Halloween Fun!

How about a "Trunk-n-Treat" for kids of the neighborhood? Watch for more details

What about other ideas for kids?

Come to the July neighborhood meeting and share, ask, and tell how you can make things great for all of Benton Park West.

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teers as runners, judges, score keepers, Emcee, and setup/reset, the evening was a grand success.

Questions about Saint Louis, TV, Missouri, Movies, Colors, etc. filled the night with possibly more questions of "Why didn't I know that?" or "I told you so, why didn't you listen to me?"



An added feature of the evening was the silent auction which promoted local businesses as well as great usable items. From sports memorabilia to a portable DVD player, to STL Cards tickets, week at a lake condo, case of wine, jewelry, and even a stay at the new Luminere Place were all available items.



Thanks to our Emcee, Jennifer Joyce, Circuit Attorney for the city of Saint Louis. Judges Lewis Reed, President of the Aldermanic Board, Jeff Hall, former President of Fox Park and our own BPWNA President, Bill Byrd .



So many more people were involved in making this fundraiser for the neighborhood a huge success. We applaud Chad Johnson for organizing this event with the help of Carrie Sleep (BPWNA VP) as co-chair. Additionally we thank Brad Roell (Beautification), Blake Roell (Beautification), Rhonda Shaw (Treasurer), Anne Childers (Secretary) and Heather from Indigo Massage, Jackie Weatherly for keeping score, Jessica Ellison, Jody Coleman, and Cyril Costello who do not even live in BPW, Linda Hennigh for being available for whatever was needed, Phil Jarvis and Derek Cadzow for helping clean up.



From adjusting the tables and setting up the room to sweeping and mopping the floors, BPWNA Membership Chair Chad Johnson says **"OH WHAT A NIGHT.....We already have been talking about Trivia Night 2009. The big questions**



Photos by Bill Byrd

Trivia Night 2008

What a Success

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Indigo Girls - Anne and Heather



Neighborhood Book Club Schedule for 2008 - 2009

**Neighborhood Book Club meets at 7:00p.m. each month at different people's homes. E-mail Rebecca Durst at rebeccadurst@gmail.com to be placed on the invite list and to receive a reminder of the date, time and location of the monthly book club. Those who attend select the books to be read.

Monday, August 4th *The Opposite of Fate*, Amy Tan
 Monday, August 25th *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood

Monday, September 29th *Thirteen Moons*, Charles Frazier
 Monday October 27th *The Sunday List of Dreams*, Kris Radish
 Monday, November 24th *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls
 Monday, December 29th *Stardust*, Neil Gaiman
 Monday, January 26th, *Chalked Up* Jennifer Sey
 Monday, February 23rd *The Girl with No Shadow*, Joanne Harris

**NOTE: this is a resident group and not officially sponsored by BPWNA



Reward Your Self....

By Anne L. Childers, LMT

Independence!

The month of July always makes us think of bar-b-ques, float trips, and the 4th of July. Independence Day celebrates our independence as a country from Britain. Independence for many families this fall marks an empty nest as their college-bound teens gain independence from home.

Independence is defined as freedom from control or influ-



Next month..... Summer Sports!

ence of another or others. A certain maturity is inherent in true independence as well as a strong sense of self and self worth. In order to not rely on others to make decisions for you, you must know who you are and your values and needs. It is a journey to get to know you and it may at times be trying or challenging to be true to yourself. However, we all care for ourselves, deep down, and we are very strong. Beyond the fear that clouds our mind most of the time, when this sense shines through, we experience a glimmer of real love. The more independence we have, the more we can feel this love. Think about what the word independence means to you. Does it bring up feelings of fear or excitement? And remember with true independence and love of oneself we can be ready to truly love others.

Happy Independence!

*"True success is overcoming the fear of
being unsuccessful"*

-Paul Sweeney

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- I decide what is right for me.
- I celebrate my independence.

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 3rd Dist Problem
 Properties 444-1085
 Citizen Ser Bureau 622-4800

Alderspersons:

Ken Ortman 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@stlouisicity.com
 Dena Hibbard, 314-613-3109 (w)
 hibbardd@stlouisicity.com

MISC:

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

Additional Numbers

Operation Brightside
 772-4646

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

**United Way Information &
Referral** 421-4636

**Parents Anonymous (Info.
On Mutual Support Groups)**
 647-HELP or 866-492-0843

**Foster Parenting Inquiry
Line** (314) 340-7536

Animal Abuse Hotline
 (314) 647-4400

YOU can be a Member - 2008

Dear Resident, Friend and Supporter:

YOU can still get YOUR membership for 2008. Fill out your application 2008 TODAY!

Let your voice be heard in the community. Membership grants you voting privileges at BPWNA meetings. Dues contribute to BPWNA support costs for projects throughout our neighborhood.

Thank you for your interest.

Chad Johnson, Membership Chair

**Membership Application
Benton Park West - 2008**

Name: _____

Address: _____

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E-mail _____

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

I would like to be involved with:

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

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Things to Remember

July 1 - BPWNA Board Meeting - 6:30p, 2715 Cherokee, lower level

July 10 - W&S Advisory Meeting 7p - 2832 Arsenal, Five Star. 3rd District Public Affairs follow at 7:30p.

Bulk Pickup - week of July 13th. Have your Bulk items out by 10p Sunday night!

July 12 - Garden Work Day - Ohio/Crittendon - 9a

July 17 - BPWNA Monthly Meeting - 7pm, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center.

Aug 2-3 - National Night Out Kickoff - Aug 2; Ratatouille at Dusk, Aug 3; BPWNA BBQ, 1-4p. Both in Benton Park

Like to help plan these or any other event? Bill Byrd at bpwnabill@yahoo.com

What's happening in Benton Park West

July

1 - BPWNA Board meeting - 6:30p, 2715 Cherokee.

4 - Celebrate America!

10 - Weed & Seed monthly meeting - 6:30p, Five Star Senior Center.

12 - Garden Work Day - 9a, Ohio\Crittendon

13 - PUT OUT YOUR BULK TRASH. Must be out by 10p Sun.

12 - Garden Work Day – OH/Crittendon, 9a

17 - BPWNA monthly meeting - 7p, 2832 Arsenal, Five Star Senior Center.

Aug

August 2-3 - BPWNA National Night Out Kickoff!

2 - Movie Night - the Park.

3- Summer Picnic - Benton Park - 1-4p. Bring a side.

5 - National Night Out!

7 - BPWNA Board meeting - 6:30p, 2715 Cherokee.

2008 Events

- August/September - Dog Park Opening
- Aug 23 - Yard Sale
- Nov - Membership Dinner

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