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## Ruby red

Spring house tour to celebrate 40 years; volunteering opportunities still available

By Ian Stallman  
Lafayette Square

Springtime is here again, and that means two things — the Cardinals are back in action and the Lafayette Square Spring House and Garden Tour is just around the corner. In just two short months, our neighbors will once again open their fabulous homes and gardens for visitors from all around the city and nation to see what makes Lafayette living such a delight.

This year's spring tour will be held June 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. This year marks the 40th annual house tour, making it our ruby anniversary. We plan to "paint the neighborhood red" with special themed floral arrangements and treats scattered throughout the neighborhood. The usual events — a vintage base ball festival, antiques on the park and carriage rides — will all be taking place again.

I want to take this early opportunity to publicly thank all of my neighbors who have stepped up to assist with the planning for this year's tour. Spring is usually a busy time of year for all of us

and I appreciate each of you giving up your valuable time and energy to support the neighborhood.

The biggest "thank you" goes to the homeowners and business owners who have graciously agreed to open their homes, gardens and businesses. Without you, there is no house tour.

For those of you who have not volunteered yet, fear not — there are still plenty of opportunities to help out. In advance of the tour, Linda Weiner will need assistance beautifying the park and other areas of the neighborhood.

We will need volunteers to help man the phone lines for pre-tour ticket sales. We will need volunteers to sell tickets and serve as docents for homes during the tour. Newcomers to the neighborhood, you will find that stepping up to help with house tours is one of the easiest, most pleasant ways to start getting involved with the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping in any way. I can be reached at 610-7103 and ianstallman@yahoo.com, or catch me at the next LSRC meeting.



Dave Moore photo

## The boys of summer

Perfectos players Karl "Moonshine" Krekeler (left) and Micah "Prophet" Sage watch the action on the field during a base ball game last season. The Perfectos kick off their 2009 season and welcome a new team — the Cyclone Base Ball Club — to Lafayette Park with a neighborhood match at noon April 18. They will hold their annual wine tasting fund raiser from 1 to 3 p.m. May 9 at 33 Wine Bar. For more information visit [www.stlouisperfectos.org](http://www.stlouisperfectos.org).

## State legislature considers \$22.8 billion budget

By Jeanette Mott Oxford  
59th District State Representative

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 would voluntarily 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 more than be 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 Icet, 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:

- To protect and create jobs that will stimulate the economy; and
- To prevent states from cutting critical services during this time when larger numbers of people need the

services.

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 is 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:

- Senator Charlie Shields, pro tem of the Senate, 573-751-9476 (office), [charlie\\_shields@senate.mo.gov](mailto:charlie_shields@senate.mo.gov)
- Senator Gary Nodler, chair of the Budget Committee, 573-751-2306 (office), 417-781-6075 (home); [gary\\_nodler@senate.mo.gov](mailto:gary_nodler@senate.mo.gov).

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# As weather heats up, so does LSRC planning

By Don Terrill  
LSRC President

As I sit here trying to organize my thoughts all I seem to be able to do is think of "Opening Day." I'm not necessarily a BIG baseball fan; I'm just more interested in knowing when the weather is really going to start to get better. In the 10 years I have lived in Lafayette Square, I've observed that that day is the real marker, no matter what the TV weathermen say.

Are you like me? Are you ready to get out in the yard and start planting, trimming and generally enjoying the warm fresh air? I have noticed while walking the dog every day that avid gardeners are already working in the community garden. The LSRC board is also working with those hearty souls on a plan for a new and more attractive fence around our garden. The Park Conservancy is working hard also — planning, raking, planting and doing those things they always do to make our park the beautiful and relaxing place it always is.

Ian Stallman and his committee are working hard to bring you the best spring house tour we have ever seen — number 40 in a long line of superb events. The Arts Council is busy planning and

preparing for Movies in the Park and the Summer Concert Series. Linda and Steve Skinner have talked to a long list of possible co-sponsors for the movies. Greg Platner is preparing his lineup of Saturday night entertainment at the gazebo.

All I have to do it seems is talk about all the great things Lafayette Square has to offer and I get excited! Many of our neighbors put in a lot of time and effort to make these St. Louis spring, summer and fall days wonderful memories, and each month they are joined by many of you who have that same wonderful spirit of giving. Thank you! Without that spirit of caring and giving we would be just another neighborhood.

Don't forget that April 14, when we have the next general membership meeting. Important topics will be discussed, important votes will occur. But you can only have a real impact if you are a paid member of the LSRC. Go to the website or fill out the application on the last page of the *Marquis*, write a check and send it to Jeff Jensen. We need everyone to express his or her opinion and have a vote!

You can still enjoy all Lafayette Square has to offer, but it just feels so much better to know that you had a part in making it all happen!

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# Spring activities abound at LPUMC

By Debra Crowe  
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

Easter is on its way, and that means it's time to mark your calendars for the annual Easter egg hunt in Lafayette Park.

Sponsored by Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, this family funfest starts at 10:30 a.m. April 11 at the southwest corner of the park. There, the kids will search for their treasures in one of three areas marked off for their particular age group. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone! After the hunt, join the Easter Bunny in Fellowship Hall of the church for food, games and prizes. Make sure you capture the memory with a photo taken with Mr. Bunny.

Complete your weekend by joining us for worship on Sunday morning. At 8 a.m., there is a more casual contemporary service; at 10 a.m., the service is traditional. Sunday school classes for all ages meet at 9 a.m. If you arrive anytime between 8 and 9:30 a.m., come to Fellowship Hall on the lower level and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by the Men's Group.

If you're looking forward to some lazy spring days with a good book, you'll definitely want to peruse the selection at LPUMC's annual book fair, held this year



from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 and from 8 a.m. to noon April 18. There will be a broad selection of titles from which to choose, but plan to arrive early. At the great prices offered at the fair, the best books go quickly.

The kitchen at Lafayette Park UMC is never idle for long. Coming up this month: Cajun fare prepared by two of our resident gourmets. Join us between noon and 7 p.m. for tantalizing entrees, satisfying drinks and delicious desserts. You won't go away hungry!

On April 28, representatives from the National Association of Mental Illness will present "In Our Own Voice," a program that addresses the various forms mental illness can take from the perspective of those who have suffered their effects. The program, which starts at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, includes a short film and a question-and-answer session. If you'd like to know more, please contact Joyce Johnston, director of programs at the NAMI, at 962-4670.

Looking ahead to May, the annual spring rummage sale is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1 and from 8 a.m. to noon May 2. There will be clothes, toys, house wares and lots of gift items, all at unbeatable prices. Buy something for yourself, your family and your friends!

Body, mind, spirit — join us for worship and fellowship and nourish them all at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, where you are always welcome. We're located at 2300 Lafayette Ave., one block east of Jefferson. You may reach us by phone at 771-9214 or visit our website at [www.lp-umc.org](http://www.lp-umc.org).



Carolyn Willmore photo

A pair of swans swim in the lake in Lafayette Park. Lafayette Square residents provide food for the swans, as well as other feathered friends, including domestic ducks and geese.

## Square residents work together to provide food, care for waterfowl

By Susan Pinker-Dodd  
Lafayette Square

For over 20 years, a wonderful couple that lived on Park Avenue came to the park every day to feed the ducks and geese. There were Pekin ducks, Canadian and African geese and miscellaneous wild ducks. Domestic ducks, like the Pekins, are unable to fly and depend on us to provide them with food. Al and Ethel Bell would take corn to the park every evening, rain or shine.

(Some folks may also remember Willy, the male swan. He wasn't exactly a favorite of the Bells because he picked on the other ducks. But everyone still loved him because he looked so regal on the lake.)

After Al Bell passed away in October of 2000, Ethel continued to go to the park every day. A kind neighbor, Sam Coleman, lent a hand, carrying the food down to the lake and keeping her company. About a year later, Ethel also passed away.

The Bells were long-time supporters of Lafayette Square and are missed by many in the neighborhood. At a LSRC membership meeting it was decided to put in place funding to continue care for the ducks as a tribute to the Bells.

Care of the waterfowl continues to this day. Several residents now take on the daily feeding of the ducks and swans. They are fed grains, lettuce and poultry pellets every day. If anyone wants to bring them a special treat, keep in mind that lettuce, canned corn and cubes of potatoes (peeled, please) are all great foods for them. Bread is OK, but not very nutritious.

A couple of times last year, the ducks and swans had a run-in with a fishhook. So we have a neighborhood "fowl rescue team" we assemble when needed to take care of any ill or injured birds.

The ducks, geese and swans are a lovely addition to the park. Next time you are walking through the park, take a moment to check them out.

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## LPC to host second annual plant sale during house tour

By Susan Pinker-Dodd  
Lafayette Square

The Lafayette Park Conservancy is having its second annual plant sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 6 and 7. The booth will be set up by the Park House at the corner of Mississippi and Lafayette avenues.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to beautify Lafayette Park. The floral gardens in the park are maintained by Flora Conservancy volunteers and the city of St. Louis Parks Department, who work together in a partnership. Seedlings and cuttings have been growing in the city greenhouses since January for the sale and for planting in Lafayette Park.

A small sampling of the plants offered at the sale includes begonias, cannas, coleus, elephant ears, ferns, an assort-

ment of herbs, moes in the cradle, pandanas, Persian shield, pentas, zinnias and Christmas cactus. Lafayette Park Conservancy T-shirts and park booklets will also be available for purchase.

Updates on the park projects that the LPC is currently working on will be on display. Those include re-roofing the boathouse; cleaning and conserving the Benton statue; preparing architectural documents for resurfacing and edging park pathways; searching for funds to rebuild the 1876 music stand; and remounting on a new carriage and pad the first of three Revolutionary War ship's guns.

If you would like to help out with the plant sale, call Susan at 231-5367. For more information about the Lafayette Park Conservancy visit [www.lafayette-park.org](http://www.lafayette-park.org).

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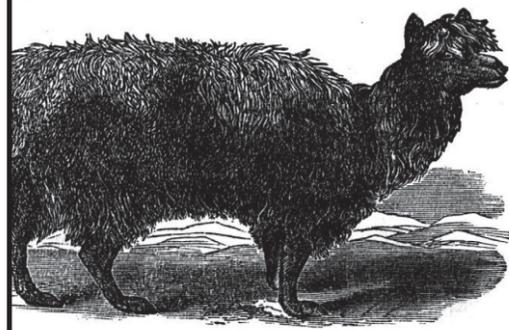


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## Wild llama terrorizes Lafayette Park

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## SLU students kick off spring volunteering

By Linda Weiner  
Lafayette Square

### Quote of the month

Come to the garden, the soul's sweet bouquet. The flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.

— JoAnna O'Keefe

### SLU students to be first wave of beautification volunteers

Ah, community service — what a concept! From 9 a.m. to noon April 18, 60 St. Louis University students and several neighborhood supervising volunteers will comb our neighborhood, trimming, mulching, weeding and getting us ready to plant in May. Many thanks to the following supervisors for volunteering:

- Patricia Barber will supervise on the Jefferson median;
- Keith Welsh and Mitchell Hunt will volunteer on the Truman Parkway medians and the mile of trees west of Truman Parkway;
- David Horr will supervise the students along Park Avenue;
- Susan Pinker-Dodd will supervise at the Lafayette Park Grotto;
- Rebecca Wright will supervise at the rock garden in Lafayette Park; and
- John Emery will supervise at the Washington statue in Lafayette Park.

We could still use a volunteer or two to supervise at LaSalle and 18th Street — that place needs more love!

We meet at 9 a.m. at the Washington statue in Lafayette Park. If you can supervise or participate, please call me at 621-7071. Bring your marked wheelbarrows and pitchforks, even if you can't stay!

### Important garden events and dates

April 18 — St. Louis University Community Service Day. Come to Lafayette Park's Washington Statue from 9 a.m. to noon to supervise beautification.

May 2 — Gateway Greening's Great Perennial Divide, with special sale May 1. Donate ahead by calling 588-9600 for a list of donation sites.

May 9 — Operation Brightside blitz day. Clean out your basement early and come volunteer. Meet at the Washington statue at 9 a.m.

### Lafayette Park pathways project update

The Lafayette Park Conservancy board is happy to announce the selection of John Hoal and H3 to create the Lafayette Park path master plan. John is intimately familiar with Lafayette Square, having done our neighborhood master plan and the more general Lafayette Park master plan. Now we will be finalizing the contract and following up with a citywide meeting to encourage discussion and input into the path plan. More to follow shortly.

### Materials available at the Lafayette Square Community Garden

All Lafayette Square residents may help themselves to wood chips, composted soil and leaf mold available in the alley behind the community garden. Please bring a broom to tidy up.

### Community garden update

Gardeners have begun to fluff up their beds and the common space, which is open to all to enjoy. We now have 31 beds and about 40 gardeners and are about to have a website, which should make signing up for a bed much easier.

Another fundraiser this fall will help us begin the wooden fence replacement and help create columns, iron fencing and an inviting entrance on Park Avenue. If you would like to contribute, please email me at [Linderweiner@prodigy.net](mailto:Linderweiner@prodigy.net) or call 621-7071. Checks to the LSRC marked "community garden columns" are tax deductible!

### Volunteers needed to adopt sites in Lafayette Park

The Flora Conservancy of Lafayette Park is a volunteer organization dedicated to the planting and upkeep of Lafayette Park. If you would like to join to volunteer for a day or to adopt a spot in the park for caretaking, please call me at 621-7071.

### Muchas muchas gracias

Many thanks to Bill Heggerty for airing up tires and repairing our wheelbarrows for spring. Many thanks to Rosalie Truong, Shubber Ali and Steve Skinner for the community garden website development. Many thanks to the many Operation Brightside block captains for volunteering to organize street and alley sweeping. Many thanks to Addy Donnelly for beginning beautification by raking leaves at the Park and Benton Place entry gates.

### Halloween is coming!

Mark your calendars and begin selecting your costume for the Halloween costume party at the Boathouse planned this fall to raise money to repair the boathouse roof (yes, folks, we have two-thirds of the money needed to make the boathouse ceiling drip evaporate). Many thanks to Lyn DeMoss and Bridgid Simpson for heading the committee. We plan to have a live band and a costume contest. Should be way fun!

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## There's a definite conflict of interest between LSRC, LPC

To the editor:

On April 14 there will be three motions presented for a vote at the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee (LSRC) meeting.

The first will be the request for \$20,000 additional funds for the gazebo project (attached to the Park House), which has \$76,000 already designated. This request is for a project that is clearly an LSRC project and that has been planned for some time. The request comes due to an expanding budget that, we have been told, is locked in and not to exceed \$96,000. The LSRC currently has about \$50,000 in undesignated funds so the passage of this motion would take that amount to \$30,000.

The second motion is to transfer \$21,500 to the Lafayette Park Conservancy (LPC). These funds are not designated for any project by the LSRC and so they could be used for any project the LPC sees as important. The passage of this motion would leave only \$8,500 in undesignated funds for the LSRC until after the Spring House Tour. The weather is always a concern for the tour but now the economy may also impact the income. However, these are not my main concerns.

The LPC was formed about four years ago with the objective of concentrating efforts on the park. I was confused at the time as to why this effort needed to be separated from the LSRC but I was finally satisfied with the answer that in order to go after new sources of funding, the LPC had to be distanced from the neighborhood organization.

Dedicated "park project" money was transferred from the LSRC to the LPC and the LPC set about the business of developing new sources of funding. Galas were held, and then a progressive dinner and a house tour in conjunction with the Benton Statue fundraiser.

Now the LPC is asking for the equivalent of all the income from a spring house tour. This motion violates the mission of the LPC to secure new sources of funding and cannibalizes the existing funding sources for the neighborhood.

Now we have an issue. Since it is perfectly acceptable for LPC members to be members of the LSRC it is also possible for the LPC to present a motion to the membership, have LPC members on the LSRC board promote the motion and have a majority of LPC members at the LSRC meeting to vote the transfer of money from the LSRC to the LPC.

This is classic CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The third motion to be presented addresses this vital issue. The motion basically disallows members of an organization from voting on a motion that would transfer more than \$1,000 from the LSRC to an organization to which they belong.

Wherever you stand on these motions, come to the next LSRC meeting and speak your mind, vote with your heart and whatever happens, enjoy each other's company at the after-meeting social.

Houston Smith  
LSRC president, 2005-06

### Barr Branch Public Library upcoming events

#### April

13 Storytime. Stories, songs and more. Groups of five or more register in advance. Preschool. Ages 3-5. 11-11:30 a.m.

16 Poetry Journals. Make it personal. 4-5 p.m.  
GED: Path to Success. Adult. 4-6 p.m.

18 Knitting Circle. Love knitting, but also love company? Join us for some new school knitting with an old-school flavor. Bring your projects. Adult. 1-3 p.m.

21 Study Lounge: Get homework help, listen to music and hang out with friends. Teen. 4-6 p.m.

22 Milk Jug Bird Feeders. Celebrate Earth Day by creating a bird feeder out of recycled materials. School age. 4-5 p.m.

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# Missouri's paternity law is outdated

By Robin Wright-Jones  
Fifth District State Senator

A bill that addresses our state's outdated paternity law is making its way through the Missouri Senate.

Senate Bill 141, a bill I have signed on to co-sponsor, addresses the growing problem of mistaken paternity, which occurs all too often across our state. According to the Department of Social Services – Family Support Division, approximately 34,000 children were born out of wedlock in our state in 2008, equaling 40 percent of all births.

In many cases, a paternity test is required to establish who fathered a child. Sometimes this process can release the man who was thought to be the child's father from parental responsibilities — or so they thought.

Unfortunately, our state laws have not caught up with the advances of DNA technology. If a man contests that he is not the child's father, and even has DNA testing to prove that he did not father the child, there are instances in

which this individual is still unable to receive justice in a court of law.

This problem causes a major roadblock in a man's life. He cannot force the mother to produce the child for DNA testing; he is unable to have his child support eliminated; he cannot get any convictions resulting from criminal non-support eliminated from his record; and his requests are denied to have the child's birth certificate altered to remove his name from the document.

The Father Support Center in St. Louis brought this important issue before the General Assembly. Created in 1997, this organization works with the Department of Social Services to assist Missouri families by helping non-custodial fathers become responsible parents who are committed to creating positive family relationships.

I wish all of my colleagues in the General Assembly could have listened to the emotionally-moving testimony the Senate General Laws Committee heard while considering Senate Bill 141. A Missouri father testified before

lawmakers that he has been paying child support for decades for a child that was established by DNA testing as not his own. He was paying for this child because he could not get a judge to overturn his original judgment handed out so many years ago, despite the DNA testing results.

With initial passage in the Senate, lawmakers are sending a strong and clear message to our state's court system. Men should not have to pay child support for a child who has been proven by DNA testing to be not their own.

With the governor's signature on this important piece of legislation, my colleagues and I would finally right a wrong that has gone on for far too long in our state.

Senator Robin Wright-Jones represents a portion of St. Louis city in the Missouri Senate. To find out more information about the legislation mentioned in this column or other matters involving state government, please contact her office at (573) 751-2606 or by visiting [www.senate.mo.gov/wright-jones](http://www.senate.mo.gov/wright-jones).

## Civil War historian to speak on St. Louis' Creole culture April 19

Join University of Missouri-St. Louis Professor of History Louis Gerteis at 2 p.m. April 19 for a lecture about Creole St. Louis during the Civil War era. The lecture takes place at the Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion, 3352 DeMenil Place in Benton Park.

In the first half of the 19th century, St. Louis grew to become one of the 10 largest cities in the United States. As the city grew, newly arrived merchants and manufacturers from the Northeast displaced St. Louis' old Creole elite. Although no longer dominant in public life after the mid-1840s, the Creole elite retained its wealth, its social standing and its pro-slavery culture. The upheavals of the Civil War era provide glimpses of Creole culture as the nation struggled with fundamental issues of identity and loyalty.

Hear Gerteis speak about these issues of identity and loyalty at the Historic Chatillon-DeMenil House, which was completed in the waning years of the Civil War by a prominent French St. Louis family. Gerteis will also sign his book, *Civil War St. Louis*, which will be available for sale at the house on the day of the lecture. The event is free and open to the public.

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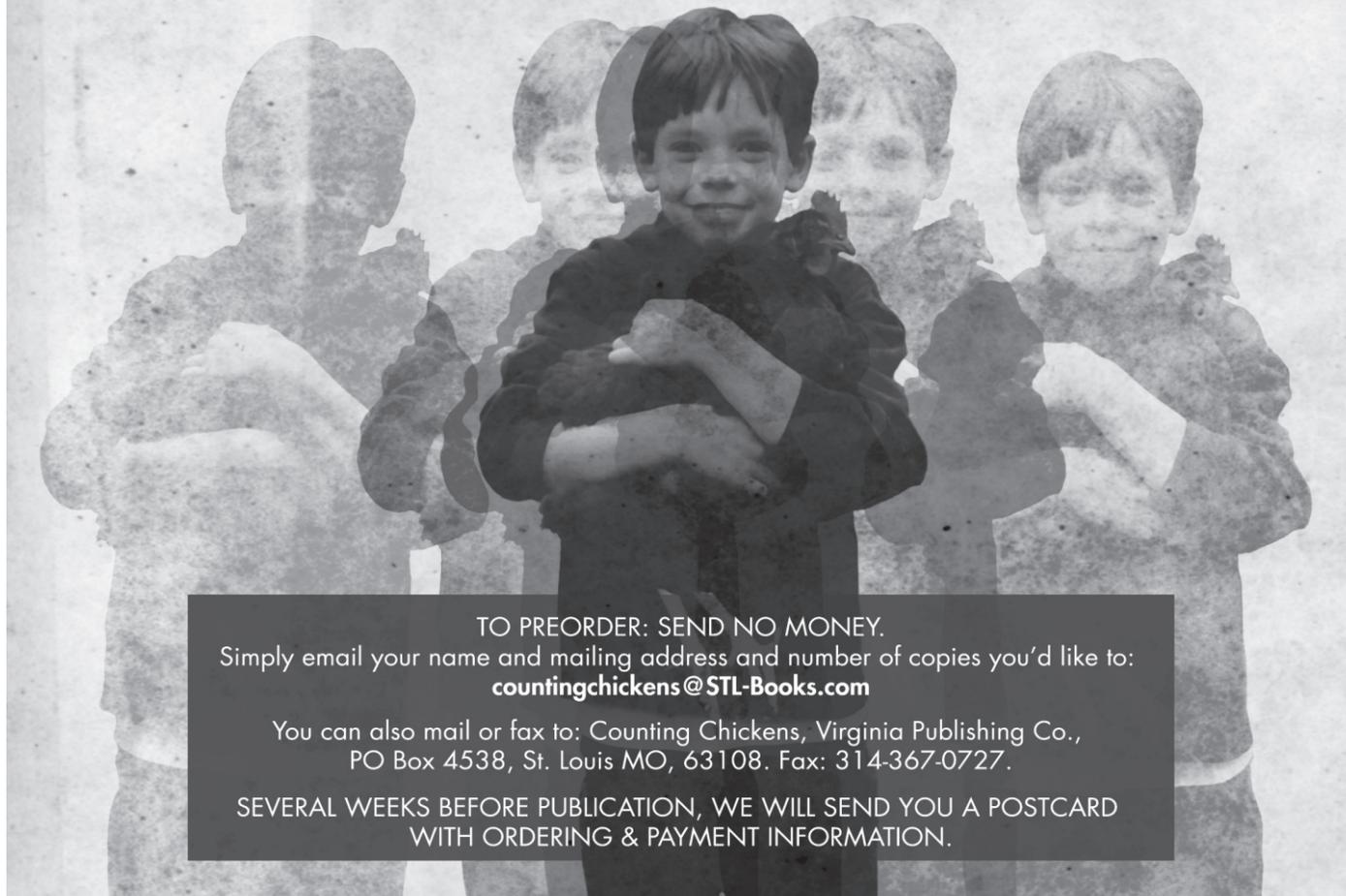
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Jeff Fister, publisher of the West End Word, has written a new book that draws from his newspaper column about raising a big family — and chickens — in a 112-year-old house in the Central West End. The chickens provide an amusing and sometimes instructive side-story to the core of the book: having a lot of kids in a world filled with ever-shrinking families.

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**Chefs prepare samples of tasty treats at the 2008 Tasteful Affair. This year's event will be held April 19 and features food and auction items by Lafayette Square businesses.**

## Square fare to be featured at Food Outreach benefit

Food Outreach hosts its largest annual fundraiser, A Tasteful Affair, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 19.

The always-popular auction and food extravaganza will be held in the Khorassan Ballroom at the Chase Park Plaza. A preview party takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. Last year's event drew a crowd of 1,500 and raised more than \$280,000.

No one ever leaves A Tasteful Affair hungry — more than 30 restaurants and caterers are participating, including ~scape, Bailey's Chocolate Bar, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, SqWires, Mike Shannon's, LoRusso's, Bryan Young Catering, Vin de Set, Bistro 517, Serendipity, Butler's Pantry, Orlando's Catering, Pasta House, Roxane, Companion, Patty Long Catering and Onesto Pizza.

With more than 300 silent and live

auction items, A Tasteful Affair partygoers will find many enticing items at every price — tickets to cultural and sporting events, a variety of restaurant gift certificates, vacations, artwork, furniture, you name it — all to benefit Food Outreach in its mission to provide vital nutritional support to low income men, women, and children battling cancer or HIV/AIDS in the greater St. Louis area.

In 2008, the need for Food Outreach services reached its highest level in its 21-year history — 372,000 nutritious meals — were provided to individuals in 137 Missouri and Illinois ZIP codes.

For more information about Food Outreach or tickets to A Tasteful Affair 21, visit [www.foodoutreach.org](http://www.foodoutreach.org) or call 652-3663 ext. 118.

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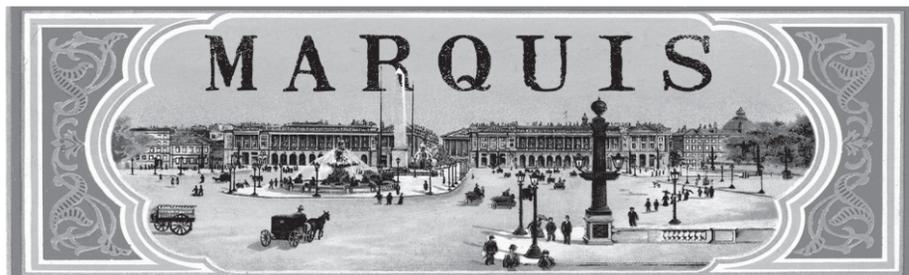
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# Grotto's history mired by storms, mysteries

By Carolyn Willmore  
Lafayette Square

Lafayette Park was the largest and most graciously appointed park in St. Louis in the late 1860s. The 30-acre park was beautifully landscaped and enclosed by an elegant iron fence. Band concerts and boating on the central lake drew crowds of 5,000 people on a good day. A station house was built in the southeast corner of the park for the police force needed to maintain order.

In 1866, the Honorable S. D. Barlow arranged for the purchase of 202 carloads of gravel and 67 carloads of mineral blossom rock for the amazingly low price of \$300. Fair market value at the time was \$5,000. Barlow was president of the Iron Mountain Railroad Company and a member of the Lafayette Park Board of Improvements. He lived at Mississippi and Kennett.

The gravel covered pathways crisscrossed the park and wound past pavilions, statues, a bandstand and three water features. The unusual Ozark rock was the main building material of a feature called the rockery, or grotto, built around 1866. The following description is from the 1874 report of the Board of Improvements for Lafayette Park:

"With the mineral blossom a very beautiful and interesting rockwork was constructed around the natural and deep depression on the east side of the park.



**Above:** An old postcard of Lafayette Park featuring the grotto

**Left:** The thatched-roof pavilion overlooking the grotto was a popular attraction in Lafayette Park.

A large cistern was built at the west end of the depression, and the rockwork was made to partially surround and cover it,

forming a grotto where cool water can be obtained at all times. The depression being of considerable length and depth, it was spanned by a rustic bridge, adding to the whole a novel feature and forming a pathway for visitors on that side of the park."

Stereoscopic view cards record two wooden bridges over the east lake. A rustic pavilion with a thatched roof stood on the hill west of the grotto. Stone paths wandered through the area. The rockery was natural-looking, covered with mosses and ferns.

On May 27, 1896, a cyclone rolled through Lafayette Square. Fifty years of tree planting in Lafayette Park was wiped out in a few minutes. Luckily, the statues of Benton and Washington sustained little damage. The elaborate bandstand west of the main lake collapsed and the rustic bridges were shattered.

An effort was made to restore Lafayette Park by planting trees and replacing attractions. The popular grotto was skillfully reworked. The rustic bridges were replaced with ornate iron

bridges built by Koker Iron Works of St. Louis. Beautiful stone paths and formal plantings created a picture perfect scene.

At the turn of the century, just one of iron bridges remained. The ornate iron-work side rails and the four metal urns topping the end pieces had vanished. The missing urns at the ends of the bridge were replicated and reproduced through the efforts of the Lafayette Park Conservancy and the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee.

Mineral blossom rock still edges the lake and studs the hills in the Grotto. Thanks to the tremendous effort of Ruth Kamphoefner and her helpers, the rockery became a lovely garden spot again. Today, the grotto gardens are maintained by Ward Buckner, Susan Pinker-Dodd, Marcia Lange, Pat Barber, Carolyn Willmore and other volunteers.



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# New vendors come to Soulard Market

By Sandra Zak  
Soulard Market

Customers will be seeing many new faces at Soulard Market in the next few months. As the weather continues to get warmer, more and more of our farmers will return with the best-tasting home-grown produce in the region. In addition to all of our regular vendors, the Market is pleased to announce the addition of five new permanent food vendors. These newbies will add even more variety to our regular selection of great food, plants, gifts, clothing and home décor.

## Raw Express

Raw Express will join Soulard Market at stands 96 and 97 and specialize in raw food, smoothies, juice and other unique healthy food items free of chemical additives, preservatives and dyes.

Owner Rob Lee believes that there is overwhelming evidence of the health benefits of a raw food diet. Playing a role in slowing the aging process, many feel that a raw food diet is a major factor in the healing of many disorders and diseases that are food related. Be sure to stop by and enjoy the healthy, unique experience at Raw Express. Change your diet, change your life!

## Wholesome Gardens Produce

Gardell Strite and family of Wholesome Gardens Produce near Mt. Vernon, Ill. will be selling homegrown produce at Soulard Farmer's Market during the growing season. "Serving 'locavores' with safe seasonal products that excel in taste" is their market niche.

Growing hydroponic lettuce, romaine

and arugula — super fresh with roots still attached — is a specialty of Wholesome Gardens Produce. Grown in a clean environment, it is not necessary to wash the sand and dirt from the leaves, just rinse and enjoy.

Wholesome Gardens plans to have fresh-cut herbs, heirloom tomatoes, fingerling potatoes, heirloom beets, colored bell peppers, specialty eggplant, summer and winter squash and okra, among other seasonal items. The Strite Family invites everyone to visit stand 19 in the northeast wing to taste the difference in homegrown, old-fashioned quality!

## Garden Spot Market

The Garden Spot Market will open in early summer upon completion of the store's renovation. As the new anchor tenant in the Grand Hall, Garden Spot will feature meats coming directly from local farms. Yes, meats and poultry from local farms!

The Garden Spot Market is a retail outgrowth of the Shupp family home business of butchering and meat processing. Rick, Jean, their two sons and their wives — Marcus and Charlou, Jordan and Jeri — and their two daughters, Lucia and Melissa, worked hard to develop their butcher shop in Kell, Ill. from a small custom butchering plant where they went out on the farm to take care of people's animals to a USDA federally inspected processing facility, licensed to sell quality meats.

The butcher shop started in 1995, but the family's history in this trade goes back to the 1800's when Jean's great-grandfather, who, in his own words, was poor as a church mouse, and when given beef, made bolognas to sell and began the historic

Lancaster County, Penn. business. Rick and Jean met at work four generations later and as they say, the rest is history!

The Shupp Family has a full line of beef and pork to offer; eventually they'll include goat, lamb, buffalo, elk, chicken, and turkey. Fresh deli cases with steaks, chops, roasts, hamburger, sausage, their custom bolognas, ham loaf and summer sausage (using tried and true old family recipes) will be available. The Garden Spot Market will also feature hot and cold sandwiches for lunch.

Like a colorful country quilt, jars of canned peaches, pears, pickles, salsa and much more will be arranged for your shopping delight.

The Garden Spot Market promises to give customers quality and flavor with meats coming directly from local farms for your family table. The Shupps look forward to meeting all of their neighbors.

## Ozark Mountain Orchard

Another new family to join Soulard Market is the Laises. Paul, Kathy and Krystal Lais of Ozark Mountain Orchard are farmers from Highlandville, Mo. and will be at stand 93 in the southeast wing.

The Laises are third- and fourth-generation farmers and grow strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, peaches, tomatoes, melons and more. Check out Ozark Mountain Orchard for strawberries in May, blueberries, blackberries and tomatoes in June and peaches in late June. They hope to see you at stand 93.

## Heaven Scent Home Spun

Nova and Dan Wright and family of Heaven Scent Home Spun are artisan

soap and body care creators from Gerald, Mo. Their stand is in the southwest wing at 139. The goat milk soaps, one of their numerous varieties, are made from their Lamancha Dairy herd's wonderful milk. Nurturing body and spirit is one of the many benefits of their wide variety of soaps, lotions, balms and bath salts.

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# March LSRC membership meeting minutes

## Draft minutes for the March 10, 2009 LSRC general membership meeting

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 53 residents in attendance. President Don Terrill called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the February minutes as amended by the secretary. Sign up sheets for 2009 after-meeting socials and house tour were distributed.

### Special presentation

**President of the Board of Alderman Lewis Reed** — Reed thanked the neighborhood for taking part in the recent primary election.

Top priorities for the Board of Alderman include:

- The Regional Coalition for the Environment taking a more regional approach to environmental issues regarding clean air, water, etc. The city and county are still working through the agreement.

- The Board has passed a cyber harassment ordinance so the state of Missouri can use it as a model for a statewide law.

- The city currently pays approximately \$8 million to haul trash. The city continues to review opportunities to expand the recycling program across all neighborhoods.

- Reed believes that the current deed restriction on selling school buildings

to other schools should be lifted. The contract for teachers expired in May 2008. There is no binding arbitration. The community should hold the school board accountable, as the city has no power over the board.

- The Crime Prevent Fund, or Proposition S, focuses on children under the age of 18 and has stalled in committee. Reed believes it should be called back in to rework the entire plan, including funding programs that are proven and measurable. It will go back to the Board for a vote. There is discussion to focus this program on the younger offenders, children 10 to 15 years old.

### Committee reports

**Safety committee report** — Don Owens reported that both he and Ron Taylor are receiving great cooperation from the police team regarding problem properties. The building on Dolman near Zumwalt has been added to the problem property list.

**Safety reminder:** As the weather gets warmer crime increases. Keep your eyes open and report ANY suspicious activity to 911. Be alert and aware and trust your gut instinct. Be a good neighbor and encourage your neighbors to call on any suspicious activity. Officer Bob Lang reported that crimes against property are up while crime against people is down.

**Finance** — We have operating funds and balance funds set aside for specific purposes. There is approximately \$200,000 in reserved fund balances:

- \$75,000 for the Park House and gazebo
- \$38,000 held for the LPC for boat house restoration
- \$31,000 for operating reserves
- \$50,000 in unreserved fund balance.

The 2009 Operating Budget reflects the true operating budget of the LSRC. The funds traditionally paid out to the Lafayette Park Conservancy (\$3,000) were not included in this year's operating budget but the LPC and Arts Council were requested to submit funding requests to the LSRC for the 2009 budget year. Funding requests from outside groups are to be made on an annual basis and there is not an automatic annual donation to any group. The Lafayette Park Conservancy has made a request of \$21,500 in the February meeting for the 2009 fiscal year.

**Membership** — There is approximately \$2,000 in annual membership dues year-to-date, reflecting 65 paid members. Members must be paid in full at the beginning of the general membership meeting in order to vote on any motions, etc.

**Community Affairs** — Liz Lohman is working on making the Lafayette Square web site a portal of useful information for the neighborhood including archiving the general meeting minutes, upcoming events, book clubs, etc. Liz can be reached at [ejlohman@gmail.com](mailto:ejlohman@gmail.com).

**Development** — The committee recommended approval for a retaining wall, extension of an awning at Square One, an addition for 1824 Kennett Place

and restoration of the façade of the Meyerkord building on Park Avenue. There is no update on the proposed development on Dolman. The former Edge restaurant building will continue to be in litigation with Praxair with a decision expected this summer. The committee has prepared an initial draft of the historic code, which will be reviewed by the Board in its April meeting.

**Movies in the Park** — In order to increase the funding opportunities for Movies in the Park this summer there will be more civic outreach with each of the events. The first movie of the summer on June 13 will tie in Big Brothers Big Sisters; the second event on July 11 will work with Baskets of Hope; and the final movie will potentially tie in the USO (unconfirmed as of the March general membership meeting). The Munny Kids will perform prior to the first two movie events.

**Beautification** — Linda Weiner reported that the next work day will be April 18 and Operation Brightside is May 9. The LPC is currently reviewing two proposals for restoration of the pathways in the park. A volunteer group from Wachovia Securities will be planting 45,000 plants along the Jefferson overpass and will also be helping in Lafayette Square.

**Spring house tour** — Ian Stallman reported that homes are still needed for this 40th anniversary home and garden tour. Sponsorship funds will be designated for landscaping projects around

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Lisa Emmenegger

Elaine W. Ernst & Patricia Ernst Woo

Hannele Haapala & David Juedemann

Carol Gray

the new Park House gazebo.

**New business**

**Park House gazebo project** — Pete Snyder reported that three bids have been received for the gazebo project. This project was started six years ago. \$65,000 was set aside for the original project and \$76,000 is now available in designated funds for this project. Required design revisions have resulted in bids between \$96,000 and \$119,000. There is approximately \$20,000 short-fall in designated funds and the total cost of the project. Pete Snyder made a motion requesting an additional \$20,000 for the LSRC unreserved fund balance for the gazebo project. The motion was seconded and discussed. 2009 LSRC members will vote upon the motion during the April general membership meeting.

**Postal service issues** — The LSRC will work with the post office to ensure that the postal delivery service inconsistencies will be rectified.

**Old business**

**The LSRC Board recommended the request for funding from the Lafayette Park Conservancy:**

- \$300 – operations and maintenance of the park
  - \$6,500 – historic walk and tour
  - \$6,000 – Revolutionary War Cannons
  - \$6,000 – pathway restoration
- Total request: \$21,500  
The membership had an opportunity to pose questions and the proposal was

brought before the membership for a formal motion. A motion to approve the total request of \$21,500 for the LPC to be funded from the unreserved fund balance in the 2009 operating budget of the LSRC was made and seconded and will be voted upon by the 2009 LSRC members during the April general membership meeting.

**Conflict of interest motion** — An additional motion was made by Houston Smith at the meeting to amend the by laws of the LSRC. Conflict of interest is defined as "No member of the LSRC may vote to approve or deny a motion to transfer LSRC funds over \$1,000 to another organization of which they are also a member." The motion was seconded. It will be discussed at the April general membership meeting and voted upon at the May general membership meeting.

**Meeting schedules**

The Development Committee will meet at 7 p.m. March 17 in the Park House.

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. April 7 in the Park House.

The LSRC Membership meeting will be at 7 p.m. April 14 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Bob Bischoff, 1707 Waverly Place hosted the social. The documentary about Lafayette Square filmed in January was shown. Many thanks to our hosts!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Jensen  
membership secretary

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### LAFAYETTE PARK CONSERVANCY MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### MEMBER INFORMATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

- Friend - \$35 per person
- Family -\$50
- Botanist -\$75
- Historian -\$150
- Preservationist -\$300
- Benton Society -\$500
- Lafayette Society -\$1000

Please return with check or money order to:  
**Lafayette Park Conservancy,**  
2023 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63104  
[www.lafayettepark.org](http://www.lafayettepark.org)

**Memberships are valid for one year.**  
**If your contribution is eligible for a matching gift, please submit a matching form from your company.**

### Lafayette Square Restoration Committee 2009 Membership Form

#### MEMBER INFORMATION

Name(s) .....  
Address .....  
.....  
Telephone.....  
Email address .....

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

- \_\_\_\_\_ General (\$10 per person)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Renovationist (\$35 per person)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Restorationist (\$60 per person)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preservationist (\$150 – Individual or Family)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marquis Circle (\$250 – Individual or Family)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friends of LSRC (Non-resident -- \$10 per person)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteer opportunities (e.g. House Tour, Bike Race).  
\_\_\_\_\_ This donation is eligible for a corporate matching gift. (\*Please submit a matching gift form from your company.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am a new resident and would like to receive a Welcome Packet.

**Please return with check or money order to:**  
**LSRC Membership, 2023 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104**

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Classic Victorian in Lafayette Square. 3 BR, 1.5 baths, original unique woodwork throughout, 4 fireplaces, 3 matching antique chandeliers, wonderful new kitchen w/Jenn-Air professional series appliances and fenced courtyard in the rear.



**1205 MISSOURI \$335,000**  
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**3315 SHENANDOAH \$319,900**  
Spectacular 3 story 5 bedroom 3.5 bath property on large lot w/ garage. New hardwood & marble floors, grand oak staircase, impressive master bedroom suite and dramatic facade.



**1229 ALLEN MKT LN. \$265,000**  
Multiple building property which contains 3 separate living spaces. Main building is 3 bedrooms with an amazing master suite. Call Scott Maddux at (314) 369-3786 for more information.



**425 HANLEY \$303,900**  
Great Clayton home with updated interior, 2 story, 3 bedrooms, 3 great bathrooms in need of some repair and being sold as-is.



**1829 KENNETT PL. \$294,500**  
Amazing Historically Significant Home in Lafayette Square! This magnificent architecturally unique home is one of a trio of homes with like-facades. A grand and formal entry hall and spacious dining room and front parlor with a stunning bay window.



**6160 WASHINGTON \$229,900**  
Spectacular 4 BR, 3 bath Skinker-DeBaliviere area home w/wood floors, updated electric & plumbing, newer kitchen, lighting & window.



**2330 S. COMPTON \$215,000**  
Beautiful 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA townhome with hardwood floors, center island kitchen/family room combination. Features include 2 decks, wet bar, 2 car detached garage and 2400 sq. ft of living space.



**6404 CATES \$209,900**  
Large and impressive home, great deal in U City! Hardwood floors, granite kitchen, hardwood floors, laundry room and a deck with views of the city.



**230 N. BOYLE \$204,900**  
Striking 2 BR 2 BA CWE condo. Gorgeous neutral decor w/over-sized fireplace mantle (wood burning), spotlights & recessed lighting throughout, Bay windows & private walk out balcony! Nicely sized BR, w/walk-in closets. Parking is gated, secured & has 1 assigned carport.



**2702 MISSOURI \$194,500**  
Charming Benton Park home with nicely updated kitchen, spacious living and dining room with original pine floors and a 3rd floor great for a 4th BR suite or media room.



**2215 ARSENAL \$217,500**  
3-story brick, finished basement & Home features hardwood floors, premium kitchen, granite and more. 4 large BR 3.5 luxury baths & a full finished basement!



**1212 SHENANDOAH \$189,900**  
Terrific townhouse style, 2-family in the heart of Soulard. Each unit has been remodeled w/ carpet, fresh paint, updated kitchens & bath. Well appointed w/exposed brick, stained glass.



**2306 HICKORY \$182,000**  
Very nice two-family in historic Lafayette Square. Each unit has woodburning fireplaces, a great deck, open kitchens to living room a large bedroom and updated bath.



**2703 MOUNTAIN TOP DR. \$178,500**  
Lovely 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in one of South County's most desirable subdivisions. Spacious kitchen, open staircase, lower level family room, wood burning fireplace, 3-season screened patio & fenced back yard & oversized 2 car garage.



**4229 RUSSELL \$160,000**  
Charming restored home in Shaw Historic District, great refinished floors, updated kitchen w/granite countertops & new appliances. Great winding staircase, crown molding & original fireplaces, covered front & back porches and a fenced, landscaped back yard.



**314 N. BROADWAY \$165,000**  
Marquette 2 BR, 1.5 bath unit comes w/secure parking, a rooftop w/heated pool and pet park, a courtyard w/gas grills, a doorman, fitness center & more! Luxurious high level unit.



**2315 RUTGER \$165,000**  
20+ year old townhome in Historic Lafayette Sq. Newly renovated & upgraded. Oak flrs, gas fireplace, new carpet & paint throughout, gorgeous new baths w/granite vanity & new ceramic tile work, oversized 1 car basement garage, deck w/ arch view!



**2320 HICKORY \$164,900**  
Fantastic 2 bedroom 1 bath Townhome located in Lafayette Square. Hardwood on the first floors. Wood burning fireplace in the living room and a great galley style kitchen.



**5015 BANCROFT AVE. \$164,900**  
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**2216 HICKORY \$157,900**  
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**2413 S. 13TH ST. \$149,900**  
See this fantastic 1br/1ba condo on a tree-lined block of historic Soulard. Exposed brick walls, hrdwd flrs, gourmet kitchen w/ granite countertops & stainless steel appliances, large LR w/mantle.



**1525 HOGAN \$139,900**  
Beautiful 1.5 story newer home in the heart of St. Louis City with 3 beds, 2.5 baths and an attached 2 car garage. Freshly painted, new carpet, new landscaping, meticulous condition. This ten year old home has been revitalized and is ready for immediate occupancy.



**3235 PULASKI \$129,000**  
Remodeled 3 BR, 2 bath home, converted to single family. Hardwood floors on 1st, granite countertops in kitchen, deck off master bedroom, off-street parking. Call Scott Maddux (314) 369-3786.



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