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Raise the flags

Benton Park rebrands itself by installing 55 new light-pole banners

By Tom Hockett
Benton Park

Ben Reeves was some 20 feet in the air in a bucket truck on Sidney Street in the south St. Louis neighborhood of Benton Park. It was Jan. 20, a blustery day when temperatures dipped as low as 19 degrees Fahrenheit. Reeves, an installer at American Signs & Electric, made a mobile phone call to report that he was hanging the last of 55 new light-pole banners.

"I'm about to wrap up the job," he said. "I'm on my last couple of banners. I have to say this is one of the best looking banners I've ever installed. Lots of people have stopped me to tell me how good they look."

The banners are the result of a joint project between the Benton Park Neighborhood Association and the city of St. Louis. Volunteers from the nonprofit neighborhood group worked for more than a year to plan and execute the project. They received support and cooperation from St. Louis Ninth Ward Alderman Ken Ortmann, Seventh Ward Alderwoman Phyllis Young, the St. Louis Board of Public Service and the St. Louis Street Department.

The red-and-yellow fabric banners are 30 inches wide and 60 inches tall,

and feature logo artwork that the BPNA unveiled in the spring.

John Doggette, president of the BPNA, said there was much work and decision making that went into creating the banners.

"The process called for patience, caring, connectivity and teamwork for those of us living in Benton Park," he said. "We can be proud of the hard work done by many neighborhood association volunteers and the involvement and support of Ken and Phyllis. The banners fly high attesting to neighbors working together to make their community a place of welcome."

Funds from the Ninth Ward and Seventh Ward capital improvement budgets were used to pay for the banners. The Ninth Ward encompasses most of the neighborhood, and the north end of the neighborhood falls within the Seventh Ward. The total budget for the project was about \$9,200.

"It's amazing what we can achieve when we work together," Ortmann said. "It took all of us — association volunteers, elected officials and city departments — pulling together to accomplish the banner project, and now we have a great addition to the neighborhood. For me, it was enjoyable to be

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Bob LaRouche photo

Ben Reeves of American Signs & Electric installs a decorative banner in Benton Park Jan. 13.

Environmentally friendly alleys arrive in Sixth Ward

By Kacie Starr Triplett
Sixth Ward Alderman

According to the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Geographic Society's Green Guide, St. Louis ranked number 34 in a list of the greenest cities in America. It is an important responsibility that we as a city become more aware and

resourceful about conserving energy and looking for cleaner forms of expending energy. Being environmentally friendly doesn't just mean sacrifice; it means being resourceful. An example of such resourcefulness is the implementation of the environmentally friendly "green" alleys in the Sixth Ward.

I am proud to announce that the Sixth Ward is the *vw* ward in the city to have green alleys. Perhaps you are asking what exactly are green alleys? But before I explain how they work, let me backtrack a bit and tell you how I came to learn about them.

Last year I traveled to Chicago with Marjorie Melton, director of the Board of Public Service, to meet with representatives from Chicago and to learn how our city can be "green." It was there that we discussed green alleys as an innovative approach to cleaner water and better alley infrastructure. You are well aware that alleys serve as an important component to city living, yet oftentimes alleys are poorly maintained and expensive to repair. Potholes, drainage issues and repaving can wreak havoc on a ward's tiny capital improvement budget. I was interested in exploring newer technology

that would make our ward cleaner and greener, while at the same time saving your tax dollars.

After a whole day of discussion and visits to different alley sites, I was sold on the concept of green alleys, and am excited about bringing them to Sixth Ward neighborhoods.

Green alleys are the city's answer to storm water drainage issues, and dirty water collection after a heavy rain or snow. They are also more durable and able to withstand garbage truck collection without causing the alleys to cave in or collapse in the center.

How green alleys work

There are three types of surfaces that will be used for the green alleys in our ward. They resemble asphalt, concrete and brick and are not green in color — so no worries that your alley will look "different" or won't blend in with the current urban environment.

The alley surfaces are permeable, which allow for the absorption of water. This is a critical component, because after a heavy rain or snow storm, the green alley is able to absorb the water,

reducing the potential for storm water to overflow and pool in the alley, which often results in the flooding of garages and basements.

Trenches are built underneath the alley to collect the water, and in turn, funnel it to the city's water collection system. The funneled water is often cleaner and fresher, as the alley serves as its own filtration device, discarding dirt and debris.

The materials used to create the green alleys are made from recyclable materials such as recycled tire rubber and concrete aggregate. The materials are able to reflect rather than absorb sunlight, which helps reduce the urban heat island effect.

Currently, there is one green alley constructed in the Sixth Ward, while two other green alleys are slated for construction in early spring. By working together, our ward will lead the charge in promoting a greener and cleaner St. Louis. To learn how you can help our city become more green, please email me at Triplettk@stlouiscity.com, and join the Sixth Ward Green Commission. I need your ideas and energy in helping our city become more environmentally friendly and proactive.

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Regular people do great things in LSRC

By Don Terrill
LSRC President

It's that time again — I'm sitting at the keyboard struggling to write a coherent thought. What can I say that hasn't already been said about Lafayette Square?

Sure enough, Pete Snyder came through for me. An e-mail he sent me earlier in the day said it all. Hanging in the second floor office of the Park House are two plaques, one for the Betsy Cook Newcomers Award and the other for the Community Service Award, but the names stopped with the 1999 award. Who are the recipients since then?

Do you remember who they all are? More importantly, do you know where they are? In the business world they would say, "That is a lot of corporate memory. That is a lot of corporate energy." There are more than 500 residents in the Lafayette Square Historic District and fewer than 200 of them belong to

the LSRC. Lafayette Square needs those people and anyone else who has their energy, spirit and desire to make our neighborhood better.

The LSRC is not a sophisticated organization. We don't know the answer to every situation or obstacle. We just know that hard work has brought about some positive progress in the Square. We need all the leadership, energy and spirit brought to the LSRC, Lafayette Park Conservancy and Arts Council that every resident of the Square can bring. I finally got involved because I realized that whether or not I know you, you are my neighbor and you care about Lafayette Square. But we need everyone working together.

Start slowly, come to a membership meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Bring a neighbor. No one person can do it alone. Please come and join. Help Lafayette Square be what we know it can be.

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The Gallery at Marbles Yoga Studio expands

Many neighbors may not be aware that the art gallery residing on the walls of the Marbles Yoga Studio has expanded to incorporate three rooms at 1905 Park Ave. in the heart of Lafayette Square. The Gallery at Marbles typically shows local visual artists — realistic and abstract painting, fiber arts, art photography or found-object collage — the unusual and unique. Marbles owner Karen Jones and art director Jane Ollendorff change the exhibits on a monthly basis to increase opportunity for artists and provide variety to viewers.

During February, visitors to the Gallery at Marbles can view *You Are Where...*, abstract paintings by emerging artist Jeremy Rabus, as well as enjoy black history collectibles in *Obama Royale Reprise*, op-art banner paintings of President Obama by local artist Richard Rodriguez (previously shown at Marbles fall of 2008 prior to the election), and an exhibition of folk art by Smithsonian-celebrated artist Ruby C. Williams.

Jeremy Rabus uses an improvised visual "call-and-response" process as he works. Dribbled paint, translucent glazes and organic flourishes oppose, embrace and traverse one another, often against geometric structures. The imagery, orchestrated from layered visual elements, generates what amounts to a collective psychic landscape described as muted chromatic, conceptual and emotional extremes, according to a Riverfront Times review.

Rabus currently lives in St. Louis and exhibits frequently in juried shows locally and nationally. Rabus received his BFA in painting from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 2004.

As the 2008 presidential election approached, artist Richard Rodriguez wanted to capture this important American history moment in time. What better way than Obama writ large, creating enormous unique op-art banner paintings based on a poster created by Shepard Fairey for the Obama campaign? It is Fairey's stated wish that these images go viral. So Rodriguez created a grassroots effort to record the event, but in a fashion distinctly different from corporate efforts. The Missouri History Museum will be adding three of his large paintings to their collection. He is glad that people see the images as useful, but for Rodriguez it is art first.



Photo courtesy of Marbles Yoga Studio

Richard Rodriguez works on his Obama art.

Rodriguez is a Mexican-American artist born in 1958 in St. Louis. He graduated from Harris Teachers College and worked at Gateway Institute of Technology for many years. This is the first time he has moved from the shadows and into the lime-light with his art work.

Ruby C. Williams grew up in Bealsville, Fla., a community founded by freed slaves in the 1860's. It is these roots that form the stage for Ruby's produce stand and walk-in gallery on Florida State Road 60. Recently honored with a Florida Folk Life Award, Williams was included in the show *On Their Own: Selected Self-taught Artists* at the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum in Washington, D.C.

Williams' art career began when art collectors driving down the highway took notice of Ruby's brightly painted signs advertising fruits and vegetables. With a little coaxing, this spiritual businesswoman, minister and grandmother embarked on the journey that has led her into classrooms, galleries and museums across the country. Her brightly colored and festive paintings speak her message loudly and clearly: "I like when people look at it and smile."

In addition to monthly free public artist receptions, the Gallery at Marbles is open 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays and before or after yoga classes. Call Karen Jones at 621-4744 to confirm hours or for an appointment. The yoga class schedule can be found at www.marblesyoga.com. Artists interested in showing at Marbles can send an image or website to Jane Ollendorff at marblesart.jane@hotmail.com or call her at 791-6466.

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It's time to begin planning for spring

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

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Do you love to throw fabulous parties at other people's expense?

I look upon the pleasure which we take in a garden as one of the most innocent delights in human life.

— Cicero

Valentine's Day gifts make brain sense

Did you know that flowers and chocolate, the traditional gifts of Valentine's Day, "trigger happy emotions, heighten feelings of life satisfaction and affects social behavior in a positive manner" according to several studies? Both seem to stimulate the pleasure centers in the brain. Cupid ain't stupid.

Gardening fever about to break out

By this time, most of my gardening cohorts are beginning seedlings inside, hoping to get a jump start on spring or simply yearning to smell the deep warm richness of freshly watered soil and see the unearthly beauty of the "just born" new green color of seedlings. Sue Pinker Dodd and other Lafayette Park Conservancy members are growing a vast collection of flowers and plants at the greenhouse in Forest Park, destined to enliven the Grotto this season and to be used for fundraising for various projects in Lafayette Park. Join us in growing, planting and keeping our gardens beautiful! Join the Flora Conservancy of Lafayette Park by

Lafayette Park pathways project update

The Pathways Committee had a great meeting with SWT Design and is currently seeking a second proposal from H3 Studios and John Hoal, who completed our urban plan and the Lafayette Park master plan. We have a great team already but if you would like to join us, please contact me to volunteer for the committee. We could desperately use someone to help write the Whitaker grant by August.



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Contemporary Christian singer Shawn Thomas returns to LPUMC

Contemporary Christian singer and songwriter Shawn Thomas will once again grace Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with his music. Thomas will perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 20.

Thomas is an "out and affirming" contemporary Christian performer and recording artist who grew up the son of a preacher in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

After a decade of pursuing his talents in many directions — including songwriting, producing, musical theater, dance and choreography, choral direction and voice instruction — Thomas followed the encouragement of others and incorporated his faith into his music. In 2003 Thomas released his first "spiritual" project, *Everything I Am*, and began an unplanned journey into music ministry, introducing him to a way of worship through music he previously thought impossible.

"I was afraid to sing religious music because I didn't think I would be allowed to do the kind of music that I enjoy," Thomas said. "I grew up being exposed only to traditional hymns and classically based music in church, so I didn't think of contemporary music as something that could be used in worship and praise."

Named Best Independent Songwriter at the 2004 Indie Awards and labeled as "groovin,'" "wholesome" and "inspirational" by Pride Christian Music, Thomas continues to develop his music career in a new direction of spirituality and ministry.

The music featured on Shawn's new CD, *Worship & Desperation*, includes a wide variety of styles, from traditional ballads to praise music to pop/rock.



Shawn Thomas

With a minister as his father and a talented musician as his mother, Thomas' ministry through ARP is the natural combination of his musical and spiritual influences. Thomas emerges not only as a competent performer and singer, but also as a dynamic and versatile entertainer and presenter. His intention is to share the message of practicing the principles of love and grace to build unity, understanding and acceptance.

Thomas is making a return appearance at the church and will be performing at a free concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church. He will also be part of the worship services at both 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Feb. 22. There will be a reception following the Friday evening concert in the Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

LPUMC promotes friendship with food, music, worship

By Debra Crowe
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

Baby, it's cold outside! Warm up and contribute to a good cause at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church's Raise the Roof roast beef dinner. On Feb. 7, the men of the church will take over the kitchen and cook up a storm. The menu for the event includes roast beef with mashed potatoes and homemade gravy, green beans, pickled beets, bread and butter, dessert and a drink; and you get it all for the amazing price of just \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the efforts to put a new roof on LPUMC's sister church in Catembe, Mozambique. It's a good way to get a great meal and support a good cause. Dinner will be served from noon until 7 p.m.

Food and music: good for body and spirit! On Feb. 20, singer and composer Shawn Thomas will return to LPUMC for an encore performance. (See related article at left.)

If you weren't able to attend his previous performance, clear your calendar for that Friday at 7 p.m. so that you can make it this time. Matt Brazelton and Jeff Jensen, residents of the Square who were at Shawn's first performance have this to say about him: "Shawn's music celebrates life and God's grace in our lives. It's faith that

helps each of us cope with today's challenges and Shawn and his music speak to growing our faith in an energetic yet thoughtful expression of our journey together."

There will be a reception following the concert, which is free and open to all. Shawn will also participate in the worship services at 8 and 10 a.m. Feb. 22.

This year, Ash Wednesday will be celebrated jointly with Beloved Community United Methodist Church and Centenary United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Feb. 25. The three United Methodist Churches east of Grand Avenue will join together at LPUMC to enter the Lent season in unity. If you'd like to be a part of this celebration, please join us.

In addition to our special events, we would love to see you at church on any Sunday. Contemporary worship is at 8 a.m. Sunday school classes for children and adults meet at 9 a.m. and traditional worship is at 10 a.m. Following the 10 a.m. service, join us in Fellowship Hall on the lower level for food, drink and a chance to get to know our members and find out more about who we are, what we believe and how we put our beliefs into action.

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church is located at 2300 Lafayette Ave., one block east of Jefferson. Call us at 771-9214 or visit our website at www.lp-umc.org.

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12 Show off: make a CD photo frame. Teen. 4-5 p.m.
GED: Path to Success. Adult. 4-5 p.m.

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Four Muddy Paws photo

Pampered pooches

The suds were flowing at Four Muddy Paws during their second annual Dogs and Suds Benefit Dog Wash Jan. 10. Volunteers bathed dogs while guardians enjoyed complimentary refreshments from Square One Brewery. Eighty-six dogs were washed during the event, which raised over \$1,500 for OpSpot, a program designed to stop pet overpopulation. OpSpot facilitates affordable spaying and neutering by area veterinarians and advises on public policies about spaying, neutering and responsible dog and cat care. For more information on OpSpot, visit www.opspot.org.

33 quietly changes hands

Editor's note: In late January, 33 Wine Bar's owner and founder Jake Hafner sent a long and sentimental e-mail to customers to let them know that after eight years in business, he was selling 33 to longtime customer Jeff Stettner, who will officially take the reins as soon as he acquires a liquor license. True to 33's low profile reputation, Hafner chose not to publish his e-mail in the Marquis. Here, instead, is Stettner's follow-up to Hafner's e-mail.

[Here is] a short ramble from somebody who lacks Jake's rambling skills. I am practicing, however.

Five years ago, shortly after I first moved to St. Louis, I got a call from a friend — "You have to come down to this place in Lafayette Square!" he said. "You'll love it. It's called 33. We are here now." I listened to his advice, headed down to Park Avenue and enjoyed my first bottle of wine at 33. I am forever grateful for that friend and for that phone call.

Since that first night, 33 has become a place of solace and respite for my wife and me (as well as our friends). We fell in love with the wine list — thoughtfully selected, wonderfully priced and impeccably stored. We were thrilled with the space — convivial, relaxing and conversational. We got to know the staff and relished in their passion

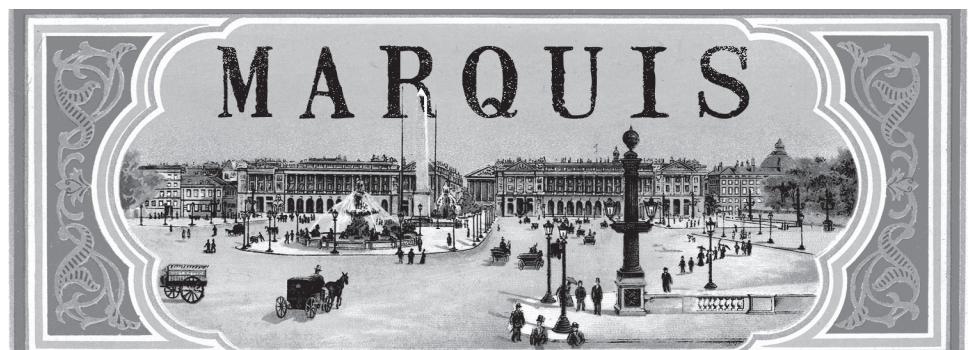
for wine and beer, comfortable in the knowledge that any recommendation was grounded in a shared appreciation for great products that happened to be exceptional values. Simply put, we adopted 33 and made visits there a part of our routine.

I was honored and somewhat overwhelmed when I first read Jake's words in the letter that many of you received yesterday. I do not think I could have attempted to take these heavy reins without his tremendous guidance, encouragement and support. I feel fortunate in the knowledge that Jake will be around for a while, initially with me behind the bar and eventually as the one 33 customer who will never see a bill. [33 employees] Mike and Dylan will also be hanging in there and I could not be more thrilled to have their insights and presence. 33 is a better place because of them.

As Jake mentioned, I have a few ideas for the place. Every idea (I hope) is firmly grounded in the spirit that has allowed 33 to become a second (or third) home for so many of us. I aspire to build on what exists and help perpetuate the remarkable dialogue that exists on a sign-less storefront in Lafayette Square.

I look forward to the continuance of the perfect pour.

—Jeff



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January LSRC membership meeting minutes

MINUTES FOR JAN. 14, 2009 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 49 residents in attendance. President Don Terrill called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the December minutes as presented by the secretary. Sign-up sheets for 2009 after-meeting socials were distributed. Don presented a change in the after-meeting socials reimbursement policy: going forward the host will have the option to either take the \$100 reimbursement check from the LSRC or obtain a letter of donation to the LSRC for tax purposes.

Committee reports

Safety Committee — Don Owens reported that two of the properties on the problem property hit list are now up for sale. That brings the total to seven houses for sale over the last year and a half that were once originally on the hit list.

Sandy Colvin, our new neighborhood stabilization officer, reminded the neighborhood that Christmas trees should be either cut up and put in the yard waste dumpsters or the trees can be taken to either Forest Park or Carondelet Park to be mulched. Don and Sandy are preparing a flier to be distributed in early spring on bulk pick-up dates, etc. Bulk pick-up is the second week of each

month. Don puts signs out to remind the neighborhood on bulk pick-up week. Any items should be put out on the weekend prior.

Safety Reminder: Officer Bob Lange reported that crime in the city was down 9 percent in the city and down 5 percent in the Fourth District. Crime in Lafayette Square was down 27 percent over 2007. The Fourth District remains committed to Lafayette Square regardless of whether or not Col. Goodson resides in the Square. Foot officers are on patrol in the neighborhood during evening hours. Updated technology for the police is coming in 2009. Continue to call 911 if you see suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

Development — Meeting notice change: Beginning in January 2009, the Development Committee will be meeting on the third Tuesday and the LSRC Board Meeting will move to the first Tuesday of each month. Both meetings are held in the Park House. The next Development meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 20.

Community Affairs — Liz Lohman is working on making the Lafayette Square website a portal of useful information for the neighborhood including archiving the general meeting minutes, upcoming events, book clubs, etc. Liz can be reached at ejlozman@gmail.com

Membership — Jeff Jensen reported that the new LSRC membership year begins in January 2009. New membership applications for 2009 were distributed at the LSRC meetings and published in the Marquis. The member-

ship rates did not increase from 2008.

Beautification/Conservancy

Contact the Citizens Service Bureau to get updated street cleaning signs on your street. Many of the existing signs are difficult to read and some areas of the neighborhood remain unmarked.

There is now a Park Paths Committee in the Conservancy that is reviewing the condition of the paths in the park. If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact Linda Weiner.

Storage needs of the LSRC and LPC are being reviewed so that a suitable plan can be in place to relieve the need of many items being stored in the Park House.

New business

Kacie Starr Triplett update — A request for proposal was issued to develop the vacant land on Dolman bordered by Truman Parkway on the east, Chouteau to the north, South 18th on the west and Park Avenue to the south. Discussions are currently underway with the developer to build new construction single-family homes on the property that meets neighborhood historic design guideline and guidelines stated in the RFP.

TIF legislation was introduced at the Board of Alderman creating a TIF district along Chouteau between Ohio and 22nd Street. Any re-zoning proposals on the border of the Lafayette Square historic district will be reviewed with the neighborhood.

Kacie's office is working with the

Streets Department to remove the non-historic lighting (cobra head street lamps) from the median and intersections along the Park Avenue business district.

Budget — Sue Linhardt presented the 2009 budget for review. In order to more clearly define each of the neighborhood organizations (LSRC, LPC, Arts Council, etc.) individual line items have been eliminated for groups outside of the LSRC. Contributions in a set amount will be made to these groups through our unreserved fund balance and surplus from 2008 rather than as budgeted line items.

Requests for any additional funding (e.g. proposed Historic Walking Tour) will be made as a separate donation from savings and they will not appear as a separate budgeted line item. This will allow each of our neighborhood groups to remain connected but also be differentiated and self-sustaining entities. It also more clearly defines the LSRC operating budget and results in fewer funds being held in our operating funds balance (since our expenses are lowered) as defined by our by-laws.

There was a motion to approve the budget, it was seconded and after discussion was approved unanimously.

Announcements

Meeting schedule

The LPC will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Park House.

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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

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Lafayette Square Restoration Committee 2009 Membership Form

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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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**

**Memberships are valid for the calendar year.
Memberships are tax deductible to the extent allowable under IRS regulations.**

Banners from page 1

a part of the project and to see everyone pitch in."

According to the BPNA, the banners are part of a wider ongoing brand identity project. The association's marketing committee has worked since summer 2007 to rethink the neighborhood brand. The work has resulted in new neighborhood colors, logo, tagline and the light-pole banners, among other things.

"The banners help identify the neighborhood, providing a sense of place for those who aren't familiar with it," Young said. "The banners and logo provide a distinct image that people can link to the neighborhood."

The banners were designed by Gabriel Medina, a graphic designer who volunteered his time and multiple design

options. Project partners were American Signs & Electric, which installed the banners; Crystal Valley Decorating, which provided the banner mounting hardware; and Zane Williams, who made the banners.

The Benton Park neighborhood is one of the largest St. Louis city historic districts and is part of one of the largest districts in Missouri on the National Register of Historic Places. The namesake of the neighborhood is the 14-acre Benton Park. Originally known as "City Park" and later named for the late Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton, the park came into existence in 1866. The neighborhood is bound by Gravois Avenue to the north, Interstate 55 to the east, Cherokee Street to the south and Jefferson Avenue to the west. For more information visit bentonparkstl.blogspot.com.

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The LSBA will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at SqWires.

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Park House.

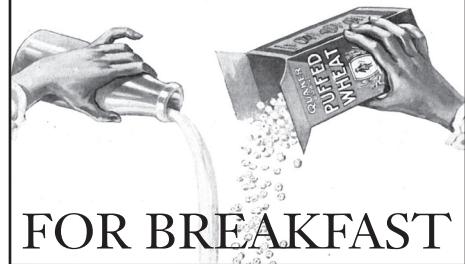
The LSRC Membership meeting will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The Arts Council will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Park House.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Don and Daphne Terrill, 1911 Hickory St., hosted the social. Many thanks to our hosts!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Jensen
membership secretary

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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.



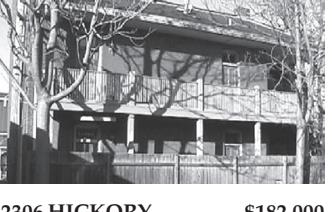
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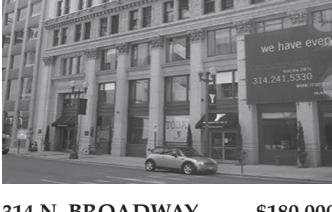
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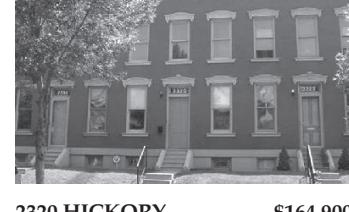
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