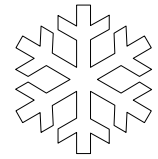




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SWGNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING ADVANCE ST. LOUIS CHARTER REVIEW

Monday — January 26 — 7 p.m.
Missouri Botanical Garden
Ridgeway Center, 4300 Shaw
Beaumont Room

Following the state-wide passage of a home rule amendment in 2002, Citizens for Home Rule created Advance Saint Louis, a public engagement process to review our City's 1914 charter. About 200 public applicants were selected to become members of a stakeholder assembly that began meeting regularly last year and may devise recommended charter changes to go before voters this November.

Representatives from Advance Saint Louis, as well as two stakeholders from Southwest Garden will share their insights about how they feel this process is going and what to anticipate in 2004. To learn more, you can visit the organization's official website at: www.advancesaintlouis.org.

Also at the January 26th meeting, nominations will be entertained for board elections in April.

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SWG PROPERTY OWNERS

Addressing Lead in Older Properties
Wednesday — February 11 — 7 p.m.
Missouri Botanical Garden
Ridgeway Center, 4344 Shaw Blvd.

Jerry Wessels, a City Housing Conservation inspector, specializing in lead abatement and lead-related health issues, will be a guest speaker. Wessels will share tips on lead-safe maintenance and demonstrate how to safely control lead risks when remodeling or maintaining one's property.

Property Owners Association President Floyd Wright will showcase recent property improvements in the neighborhood. If you know of additional improvements to be recognized, please call Floyd Wright at 771-3271.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SWGNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: (quarterly)
January 26, 2004, 7 pm, MO Botanical Garden
April 26, 2004, 7pm, Shaw VPA School/CEC

SWGNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (monthly)
(2nd Mondays, 7pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)
January 12, February 9, and March 8, 2004

SWG PROPERTY OWNERS: (quarterly)
(Wednesdays, 7pm at the Garden)
February 11 and May 12, 2004

SWN HOUSING CORPORATION: (monthly)
(1st Wednesdays, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)
January 7, February 4, and March 3, 2004

GARDENSIDE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT: (monthly)
(3rd Mondays, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)
January 19, February 16, and March 22, 2004

Check out meetings (agenda, location, etc.) at:
stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden/assocs.htm

Area Beautification Update

Activity at Castleman Circle

This past holiday season, you may have noticed decorations in and around the new Garden District monument at Shaw and Vandeventer. The tree, evergreen garland, red ribbon and lights were products of the generously donated design, materials and labor of Ken Miller and his staff at **The Bug Store**.

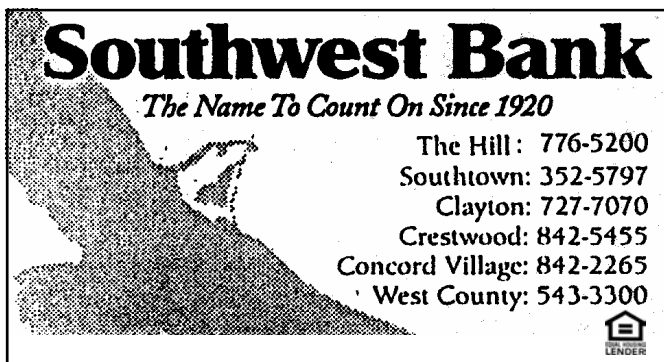
Though some unforeseen technical difficulties initially saw a loss in power to the Circle, the final days before Christmas saw the display fully illuminated at night. With everything now resolved, displays will operate more fully throughout future holidays and events.

This year, the Missouri Botanical Garden will add more landscaping to the Circle. The Garden has graciously matched funding raised by the neighborhood association for additional plantings to finish off this newly improved neighborhood gateway.

A New Year Brings More Gardening


In October 2003, two new gardens were completed in the neighborhood, a small one at Southwest and Sublette and a larger one in the median of Cleveland Place. These gardens were made possible by Operation Brightside grants and dedicated neighbors volunteering their time and energy to install and maintain such sites.

If you would like to see a gardening project on your block in 2004, it is not too late to start thinking about how your block might actively create a new garden. If interested in leading a project on your block, or helping maintain one of our many existing gardens, please call the neighborhood association at 772-6082



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The Hill: 776-5200
Southtown: 352-5797
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Crestwood: 842-5455
Concord Village: 842-2265
West County: 543-3300



Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association (SWGNA) recognizes Southwest Bank as a friend and benefactor of our neighborhood improvement efforts. SWGNA recently recognized Southwest Bank for its generous contribution towards the expansion of our office.



swgtalk New E-mail Discussion List

"swgtalk" is the neighborhood's new on-line e-mail discussion list. Networking neighbors, swgtalk is a message board, to which you can subscribe your personal, work or other e-mail. Once subscribed, you can receive and send messages about neighborhood events, association meetings, crime alerts, block watch, development project details, contractor references, city service inquiries and much more.

To subscribe, follow these instructions in your e-mail program of choice:

Send to: majordomo@missouri.org

Subject: (leave blank)

Text Message:

subscribe swgtalk Your Name
your.email@domain.com

Example Message:

subscribe swgtalk Exec. Director
swgarden@stlouis.missouri.org

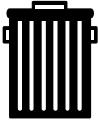
Once subscribed, you will receive a return message that will read "Welcome to swgtalk!"

If you have problems subscribing or questions about swgtalk, call 772-6082 or e-mail: swgarden@stlouis.missouri.org.

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KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN



Operation Brightside Project Blitz 2004 Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Up Area Blocks

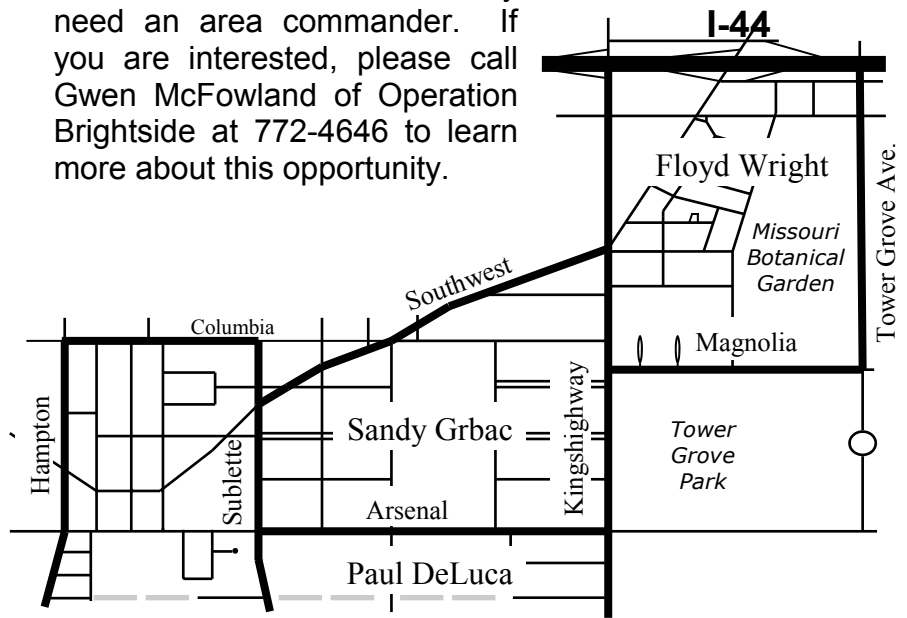
Every year, volunteers help clean up our neighborhood's streets and public areas as part of Operation Brightside's Blitz. This year, clean-up blitzes are planned for Saturday, April 17, for areas east of South Kingshighway and Saturday, April 24, for areas west of South Kingshighway.

The map below denotes your area commander. Area commanders help organize and coordinate block teams of volunteers in their clean-up efforts. Please call your area commander, if interested helping clean up your area.

For April 17, Floyd Wright (771-3271) is area commander for blocks located east of South Kingshighway.

For April 24, there are multiple area commanders. Sandy Grbac (771-8672) is area commander for blocks from Sublette to South Kingshighway and Southwest to Arsenal. Blocks south of Arsenal and east of Sublette are commanded by Paul DeLuca (832-3292).

Blocks west of Sublette currently need an area commander. If you are interested, please call Gwen McFowland of Operation Brightside at 772-4646 to learn more about this opportunity.



HELPFUL NUMBERS For Your Reference

SOUTHWEST GARDEN

Neighborhood Association, Exec. Dir. Brian Horton 772-6082
Property Owners Association, Pres. Floyd Wright 771-3271
Gardenside Subdivision SBD, Pres. John Nash 664-8177

CITY SERVICES

Citizen Service Bureau (to request a City service) 622-4800
Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Laurie Graves 772-3481
8th Ward, Alderman Stephen Conway 773-5576
10th Ward, Alderman Joe Vollmer 622-3287
24th Ward, Alderman Tom Bauer 481-2886

POLICE

(2nd Dist-W of Kingshighway, 3rd Dist-E of Kingshighway)
2nd Dist Public Affairs Officer Nancee Nocchiero 444-0168
2nd Dist Problem Properties Officer Paul Zwick 444-0177
3rd Dist Public Affairs Officer Don Re 444-0169
3rd Dist Problem Properties Tom McLaughlin 444-0100
Non-Emergency Requests for Police Response 231-1212
Suspected Gang/Drug Activity (anonymous) 241-COPS

Nominations for Officers April 2004 Board Elections

As it happens every April, half of the Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association (SWGNA) Board of Directors is up for election by association membership.

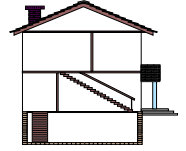
Nominations will be entertained at the January 26th general membership meeting. Those offices up for election in April 2004 are the following:

- 1st Vice President
- 3rd Vice President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Member-at-Large

If you work hard at maintaining your neighborhood, consider running for the neighborhood board.



SOUTHWEST GARDEN HOME IMPROVEMENT TOUR Sunday, May 23, 2004, Noon to 4 p.m.



Share your pride and showcase your home or garden!

Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association would like to showcase improvements to your home, apartment or garden. The tour builds curiosity about our older residences and community, offering us an incredible opportunity to showcase city living and attract new residents to our area. The tour date is planned for Sunday, May 23, from Noon to 4pm.

What renovation project would you like to show off? The criteria is simple:

Building Criteria: a) architecture unique to builder or era (either original, restored or new);
 b) unusually creative and effective remodeling for more livable solutions;
 c) urban or trendy appeal (quality design, unique materials or décor); or
 d) restoration to original (woodwork, art glass, tile, etc.)

Host Criteria: a) commitment to be on tour; and
 b) commitment to welcome visitors and share project details

Want to be involved but aren't ready to include your place on the tour? Your time and talent as a volunteer for any task (obtaining business sponsors, designing the tour booklet, taking photos, or helping as a guide) are vital to the tour's success, plus you are invited to the preview party!

Call the SWG office at 772-6082 to volunteer and for more information about the 2004 tour.

KINGSHIGHWAY BRANCH LIBRARY—CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Join your neighbors for these fun activities. If you have questions, please call the library at 771-5450.

Youth Programs

Wednesday, January 28, 4-5 p.m.
Make a kaleidoscope picture. Ages 7+.

Mondays in February, 10:30-11 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time. Ages 2-5.

Wednesday, February 4, 4-5 p.m.
Brain Games & Puzzles. Ages 12+.

Wednesday, February 11, 4-5 p.m.
Valentine's Party. Ages 7 and up.

Wednesday, February 18, 4-5 p.m.
African-American Folktales. All ages.

Thursday, February 19, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
Lyn Ford's *Home Fried Tales*. All ages.

Thursday, February 19, 4-5 p.m.
Karaoke: Sing your heart out. All ages.

Monday, February 23, 4-5 p.m.
Club Read: Taste of Black History.
Grades 6-9.

Tuesday, February 24, 4-5 p.m.
Mardi Gras Party. Ages 7 and up.

Wednesday, February 25, 2-3 p.m.
Games & activities about clowns. Ages 2-5.

Thursday, February 26, 4-5 p.m.
Learn your name's meaning and make a bookmark. Ages 7-12.

Mondays in March, 10:30-11 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time. Ages 2-5.

Wednesday, March 3, 4-5 p.m.
Learn French & make a craft. Ages 6-12.

Tuesday, March 9, 4-5 p.m.
Club Read: Bottle Bowling. Grades 6-9.

Wednesday, March 10, 4-5 p.m.
Make a personality pot. Ages 8 and up.

Wednesday, March 17, 4-5 p.m.
St. Patrick's Day Party. Ages 7 and up.

Thursday, March 18, 4-5 p.m.
Karaoke: Sing your heart out. All ages.

Wednesday, March 31, 4-5 p.m.
Club Read: Map Mystery. Ages 12 and up.

Adult Programs

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
English as a Second Language:
Practice discussion.

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 p.m.
Romance Book Club: Catherine
Anderson's *Always in My Heart*


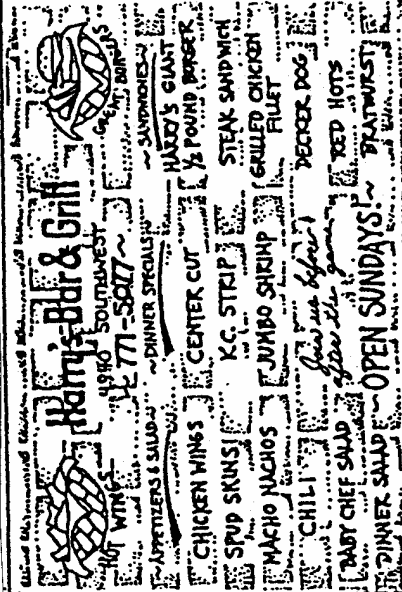



Tuesday, February 17, 6:45 p.m.
Book Discussion: Don DeLillio's
White Noise

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.
Romance Book Club: Amanda Quick's
With This Ring

Tuesday, March 16, 6:45 p.m.
Book Discussion: William Faulkner's
Light in August

Saturday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.— Noon
Cynthia Johnson's *Mortgage ABC's:*
What to Look For, Where to Look and
When to Stop Looking.

Support the businesses that support Southwest Garden Neighborhood.

<p>(314) 776-5773</p> <p>We Rent It</p> <p>2616 Brannon Ave St. Louis, MO 63139</p> <p>Tools, Concrete & Equipment</p> <p>Patrick Wampler</p> <p>(314) 664-RENT Store (7568)</p> <p>President</p>	<p>Sure Shot</p>  <p>Pest Control</p> <p>4944 Southwest Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110</p> <p>776-PEST 776-KILL</p> <p><i>...Your Best Shot is Sure Shot...</i></p>	 <p>Harry's Bar & Grill 4940 Southwest St. Louis, MO 63110 776-5077</p> <p>APPETIZERS & SALADS • DINNER SPECIALS</p> <p>CHICKEN WINGS • CENTER CUT • HAZY'S GIANT STUP SKINS • K.C. STRIP • 1/2 POUND BURGER MACHO NACHOS • JUMBO SHRIMP • GRILLED CHICKEN FLUET • CHILI • (Give us a hand) DECKER DOG BABY CHIEF SALAD • OPEN SUNDAYS • REED HOTS DINNER SALAD • BRATISLAVA</p>
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<p>Express Valet, Inc. Complete Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services</p> <p>Michael Mueller 2501 S. Kingshighway St. Louis, MO 63110</p> <p>(314) 776-7734 (314) 776-5562-fax</p> 	<p>Free Appetizer</p> <p>Valid for one coupon per table. * Not valid with any other offers or discounts.</p>  <p>Try our \$4.99 lunch specials.</p> <p>SKETCHERS EATERY</p> <p>Steaks Seafood Pasta Sandwiches 727 N. First St. St. Louis, Mo. 63102 On Laclede's Landing Open 7 Days a week!</p> <p>Phone: (314) 241-2220</p>	<p>THE TROPHY ROOM</p> <p>5099 ARSENAL CORNER of ARSENAL at BRANNON 664-4810</p> <p>HOURS: 6:00 A.M. - 1:30 A.M.</p> 



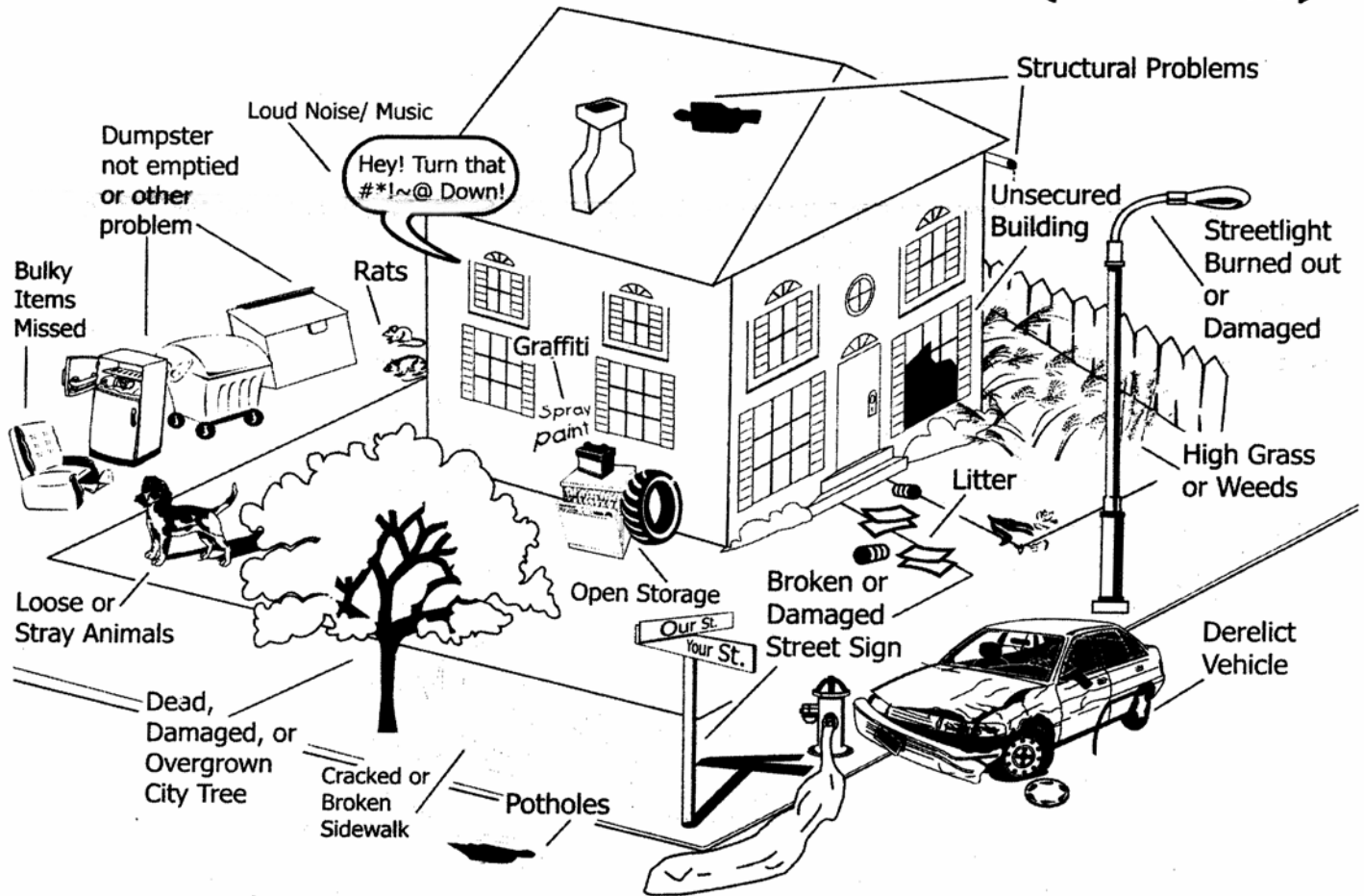
Business Owner: You too can be recognized for your support of SWGNA. Call 772-6082 for more information.

The Citizens Service Bureau — 622-4800

The Citizen Service Bureau (C.S.B.) is the customer service department of the City of St. Louis. Citizens may contact the C.S.B. to register complaints or to give compliments regarding city services and neighborhood concerns. Calling the C.S.B. (622-4800) is your direct link to reaching various City departments handling various concerns. After a complaint is recorded, a work order is generated, so have pen and paper handy to write down the City department and work number. To check up on any results originating from your complaint, you are urged to call the C.S.B. back with the work order number, and a representative will promptly assist you and provide an update relative to your complaint.

In addition to calling 622-4800, you can also register complaints with the C.S.B. on-line at www.stlouiscity.com or stlouis.missouri.org. Please have the correct street address of the problem property or nearest address or numbered block for streets/alleys, as such information is crucial for prompt response.

When to call Citizens' Service Bureau (622-4800)



Special Messages for Southwest Garden Residents

Be a Communicator Contributor: The Southwest Garden Communicator is your community link to what's happening. Help improve the quarterly newsletter by volunteering to do any one or range of tasks. If you would like to help write for articles, interview interesting neighbors, contribute pictures, share stories or just share ideas, please call: Brian Horton, newsletter editor, at 772-6082 to volunteer.

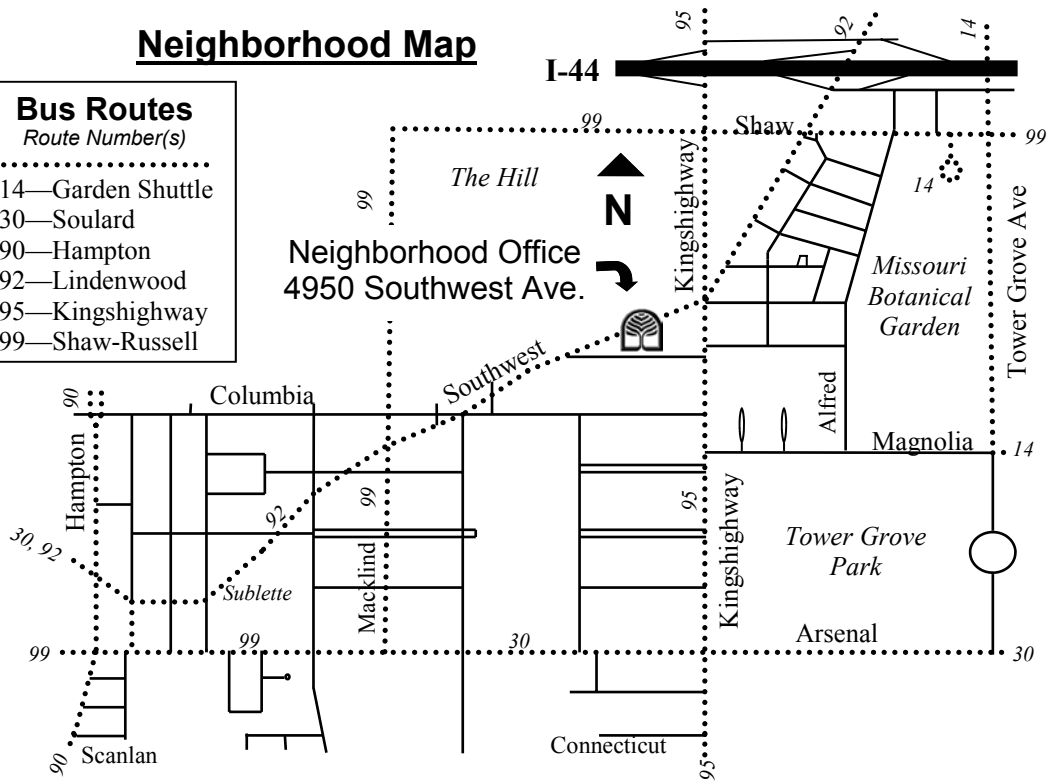
Special Thanks: The 4900 block of Botanical continues to donate their time and energy in helping label all 3,000 newsletters that go out in the mail four times a year. Special thanks go to this dedicated block and their generosity as great neighbors.

SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES:

Beginning at Hampton and Columbia, east on Columbia to Southwest Ave., east on Southwest to Kingshighway, north on Kingshighway to I-44, east on I-44 to Tower Grove Ave., south on Tower Grove to Magnolia, west on Magnolia to Kingshighway, south on Kingshighway to Connecticut, west on Connecticut-Scanlan to Hampton, north on Hampton to Columbia (point of beginning).

Neighborhood Map

Bus Routes	
Route Number(s)	
.....	14—Garden Shuttle
.....	30—Soulard
.....	90—Hampton
.....	92—Lindenwood
.....	95—Kingshighway
.....	99—Shaw-Russell



SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. (SWGNA) MEMBERSHIP FORM — 2004

2004 marks another year of working together for an improved neighborhood. Use the form below to mail in your **tax deductible** membership contribution for **2004**. Programs and volunteers beautify the community, improve public safety, fight crime, and keep you informed. Membership entitles you to voting rights general membership meetings: two votes per family membership; one vote each for individual, senior, or a business.

NAME: _____

BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

- FAMILY—\$12 BUSINESS—\$20
- INDIVIDUAL OR SENIOR CITIZEN—\$6
- RENEWAL NEW MEMBER

An added donation to your membership is very appreciated and will be used to continue SWGNA programs and activities.

GENERAL FUND BUILDING FUND

Please contact me about the NAP tax benefit for my contribution.

You may bring this form with you to the next general membership meeting or mail to:

Southwest Garden N. A.
4950 Southwest Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110



SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP CARD 2004

Name: _____

Check #: _____ Cash Amount: _____ Date: _____

4950 Southwest Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110
314-772-6082
e-mail: swgarden@stlouis.missouri.org

Cut and save above card for your records.



**SOUTHWEST GARDEN
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

4950 Southwest Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110

Tel: 314-772-6082 **E-mail:** swgarden@stlouis.missouri.org

Web: stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden

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