



Southwest Garden



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SWGNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING **Gregory F. X. Daly, License Collector** **Guest Speaker**

Monday — July 22 — 7 p.m.
Missouri Botanical Garden

Gregory F. X. Daly has served 4-1/2 years as License Collector for the City of St. Louis. Among the position's responsibilities is administering the graduated business license for most businesses having operations or offices in the City of St. Louis. Mr. Daly will share his work and explain how he has helped make the office more customer-service friendly to City businesses.

Also at the next membership meeting, recent home tour committee members and site hosts will be awarded for their outstanding contribution to the success of SWGNA's recent Home Improvement and Garden Tour.

Free grass seed is available for area property owners. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting.

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SWG PROPERTY OWNERS **Public Safety Solutions**

Wednesday — August 14 — 7 p.m.
Missouri Botanical Garden
Ridgeway Center, 4300 Shaw

Representatives from the 3rd District Police will share tips on what landlords and tenants can do to reduce the risk of crime.

Brian Horton, Executive Director of Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association, will discuss social networks as a crime combatant and share tips in generating tenant interaction.

Please nominate properties with major improvements to be recognized at the November 13th meeting by calling Floyd at 771-3271.

SCHEDULE OF **UPCOMING MEETINGS**



SWGNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

July 22, 7 p.m., Missouri Botanical Garden
October 28, 7 p.m., Shaw Comm. Ed. School

SWGNA BOARD:

(Mondays, 7pm at 4950 SW)
Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 25

SWG PROPERTY OWNERS:

(Wednesdays, 7pm at the Garden, 4300 Shaw)
August 14 and November 13

SWN HOUSING CORPORATION:

(Wednesdays, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)
Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6



**SOUTHWEST GARDEN
HOME AND GARDEN TOUR
A SUCCESS!**

Once again, Southwest Garden showed its very best to visitors at its annual home tour. This year, businesses, like the one photographed below, were included on the tour.

The tour permits potential homebuyers, landlords, and entrepreneurs to see firsthand what makes Southwest Garden attractive to families, apartment dwellers, and small businesses. All of the fifteen properties featured had recent or in-process improvements, ranging from refinished floors to remodeled spaces to complete gut rehabs.

With over 100 tickets sold along with 40 business sponsors, SWGNA raised over \$2,000 for its neighborhood-based programs. Special recognition is given to the tour committee members who helped plan and execute such a successful tour: Mary Ann Owens, Rosemary Schriefer, Kay Mantia, Floyd Wright, Ron Matjeka, and Sandra Grbac.



Formerly a storefront with two-family above, this gut rehab provides modern offices for The Butler's Pantry catering company on Arsenal at Macklind, just one of the many outstanding sites on the June 9th tour.

Special Thanks to Dino Fuse

Once again, Mr. Fuse and his team of volunteers helped produce an outstanding 4th of July fireworks display at Sublette Park. The display was made possible through personal and business donations. The residents of Southwest Garden are proud to host this becoming tradition that so many South St. Louisans are able to enjoy.

**New SWGNA Director
Brian Horton**

Growing up in South County, I now live in the Lindenwood neighborhood with my wife Kelly. A graduate of Saint Louis University, I previously worked for various municipal planning departments, including the City of St. Louis.

Since starting May 1st, I have enjoyed working for the neighborhood. There are many visible signs that things are improving, such as new infill homes, the library and YMCA, to just mention a few. At the same time, little annoyances can still add up, so please call the neighborhood office (772-6082) or e-mail me (swgarden@stlouis.missouri.org) whenever property maintenance or other problems are of concern.

There continue to be opportunities for more new and rehabbed housing and re-development of crucial sites such as the former National. I look forward to working with all owners and residents in sustaining and improving Southwest Garden as an attractive place to live for your residence and new families.



New Executive Director, Brian Horton

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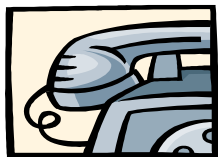
New Development In and About Southwest Garden

SWN Housing Corporation

A single-family home at 2509 S. Kingshighway has been completely gut rehabbed by the neighborhood housing corporation. Originally a three-bedroom, one-bath home, the house now has a master bath and a main level half-bath. The painted glass tile ceilings have been restored in the enlarged kitchen and original second-floor bathroom. Wood floors and art glass have also been restored throughout the home. The master suite now has its own bathroom with separate shower and tub as well as a sitting area and large closets. A new deck has been added off the breakfast area in the open and expansive kitchen.

New Pavilion at Castleman Circle

Castleman Circle will soon be reconstructed with a new pavilion. Currently, a raised brick planter stands in the middle of this public space. The planter will be replaced with a circular, domed, open-air pavilion with columns. The pavilion will be landscaped and lit at night. Inscribed at its upper and lower portions will be the words "Garden District," "Southwest Garden Neighborhood," and "Castleman Circle." Serving as a gateway to the neighborhood, this monument has been made possible by Alderman Stephen Conway (8th Ward).



HELPFUL NUMBERS For Your Reference

Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Laurie Graves	772-3481
Problem Properties Hotline 3600	622-
Anonymous Tips on Illegal Activity	241-COPS
Citizen's Service Bureau	622-4800
Non-Emergency Police Response	231-1212
Alderman Stephen Conway (8th Ward)	773-4329

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Tuesday, August 6, 2002

August 6th is not just the primary election or the day to vote on the Garden-side Tax District (see page 6, if you live east of Kingshighway). August 6th is also National Night Out.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide crime prevention event where an estimated 33 million people will simultaneously host block parties across 9,700 communities.

Socializing outside, neighbors get to know one another, an essential component to a safe block where "eyes on the street" help neighbors look out for one another.

Register your block on-line by visiting stlouis.missouri.org on the web or by calling 772-6082. Also be sure to call 772-6082 **before August 1st** to order **free watermelon** for your block from Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association. Those ordering watermelons can pick them up Monday, August 5, from Noon to 5:30 p.m. Unless you live along a bus route or major street, a permit is not needed to close the street from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. August 6th.



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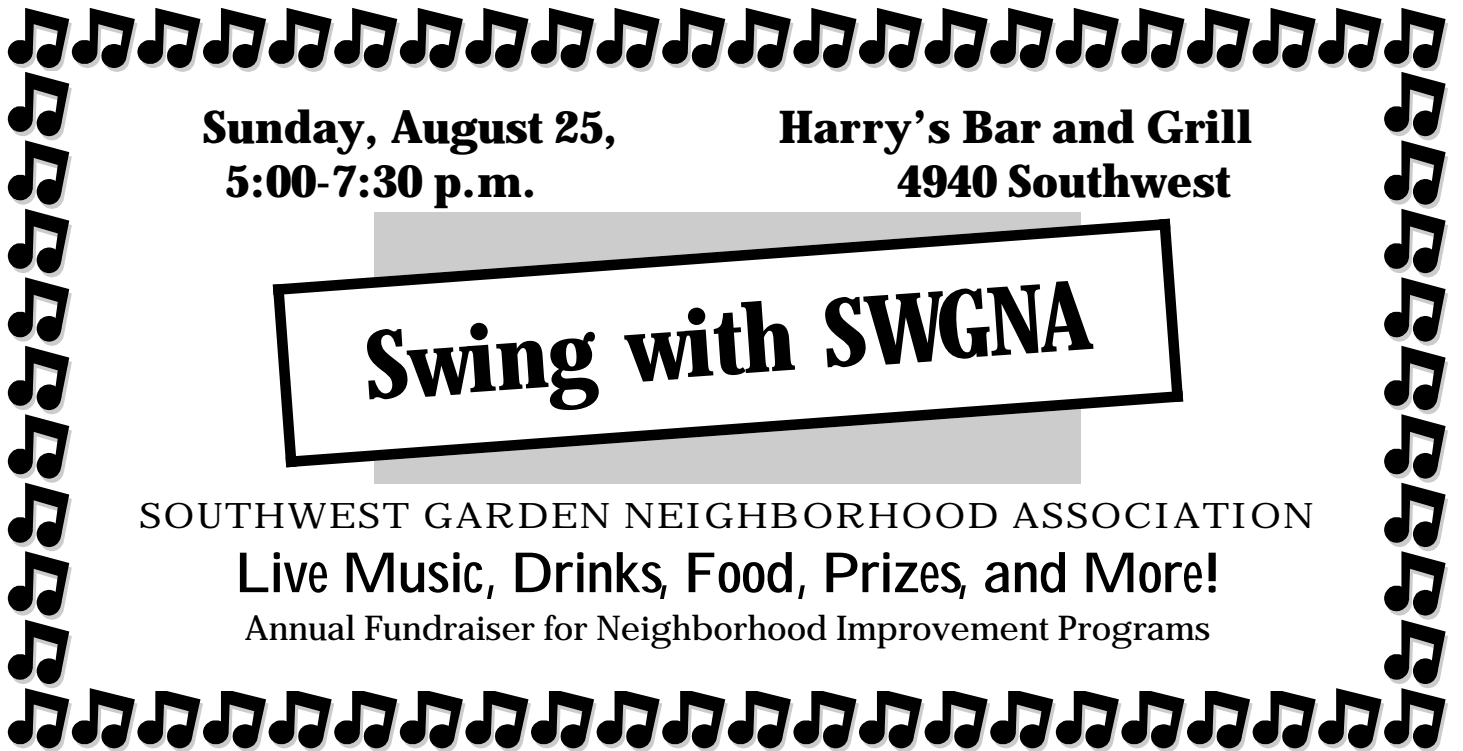
6040 Waterman 314-721-2595

Pre-School Currently Enrolling
Ages 3, 4, & 5 year olds-Full/Half days
Kindergarten through Grade 8
Accredited by the Missouri Chapter of the National
Federation of Nonpublic Schools
Before/Extended Day Care
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Junior High Spanish Classes
Fine Arts, Computer Program and School Band

SWING WITH SWGNA FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 5:00-7:30pm

Before summer's end, come join in the fun with drinks, food, and music at Harry's Bar and Grill located just west of South Kingshighway next to the neighborhood office. Harry's will once again have their famous burgers. Beer, wine and soda will also be available. Dance or listen to the music of *Swing Set* on Harry's shaded outdoor brick patio.

This annual event helps Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association raise funds for its various home improvement, beautification, and public safety programs. Please come join in the fun and help SWGNA while enjoying an evening of food, drinks, and live entertainment. At the fundraiser, attendees will have a chance to win prizes donated by area businesses. Tickets cost only \$15 per person. A ticket purchase form is located at the bottom of the page to cut-out and mail-in.



Sunday, August 25,
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Harry's Bar and Grill
4940 Southwest

Swing with SWGNA

SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Live Music, Drinks, Food, Prizes, and More!
Annual Fundraiser for Neighborhood Improvement Programs

Swing with SWGNA—Ticket Purchase Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Number of Tickets _____

Enclosed is a check for _____
(\$15.00 per person)

Please make checks payable to SWGNA.

Mail this order form with payment to:

Southwest Garden Neighborhood Assoc.
4950 Southwest Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

Support the businesses that support Southwest Garden Neighborhood.

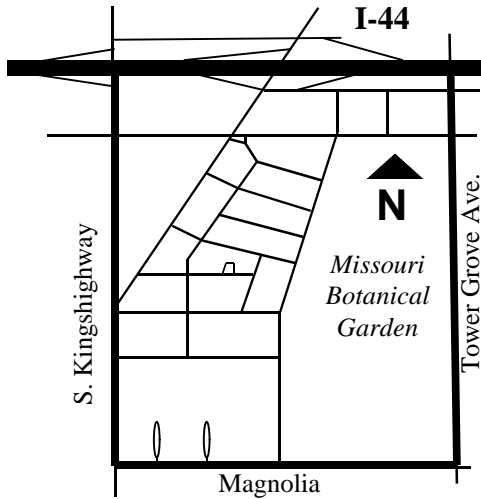
We Rent It	Sure-Shot	Harry's Bar & Grill
BakeMark	Columbia Auto Repair	Southwest Coin Laundry
Southwest Bank	Express Valet	Trophy Room



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

Vote August 6, 2002—Gardenside Special Taxing District

PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



August 6, 2002, all registered voters east of Kingshighway in the Southwest Garden neighborhood will have the opportunity to decide to enact a Special Taxing District for the purposes of hiring additional police officers to patrol the area.

Below is a sample ballot of the referendum before voters. The captions below are meant to inform voters of the issues relating to ballot language. Please call 772-6082 with any questions.

The tax would be collected this December if passed this August and for the next four years, at such time, again up for election, as provided for in a sunset clause.

A property tax levy of 85 cents for every \$100 of assessed value. You can look up your assessment on the web by entering your address at <http://www.stlouiscity.com/assess/getstreet.cfm> Multiply your assessment by .0085 to calculate your annual payment. Most residential property owners will be paying less than \$10 additional a month with the proposed levy. The generated revenue would be enough to hire additional police for an average 40 hours per week throughout the year

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall a tax not to exceed **\$.85 per \$100.00** valuation be imposed for the tax years, **2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006** on all real property located in the **Gardenside Subdivision Special Business District** as defined in **Ordinance No. 65508**, approved May 24, 2002 (Board Bill No. 10) for the **purposes as set forth** in said Ordinance?

___ YES ___ NO

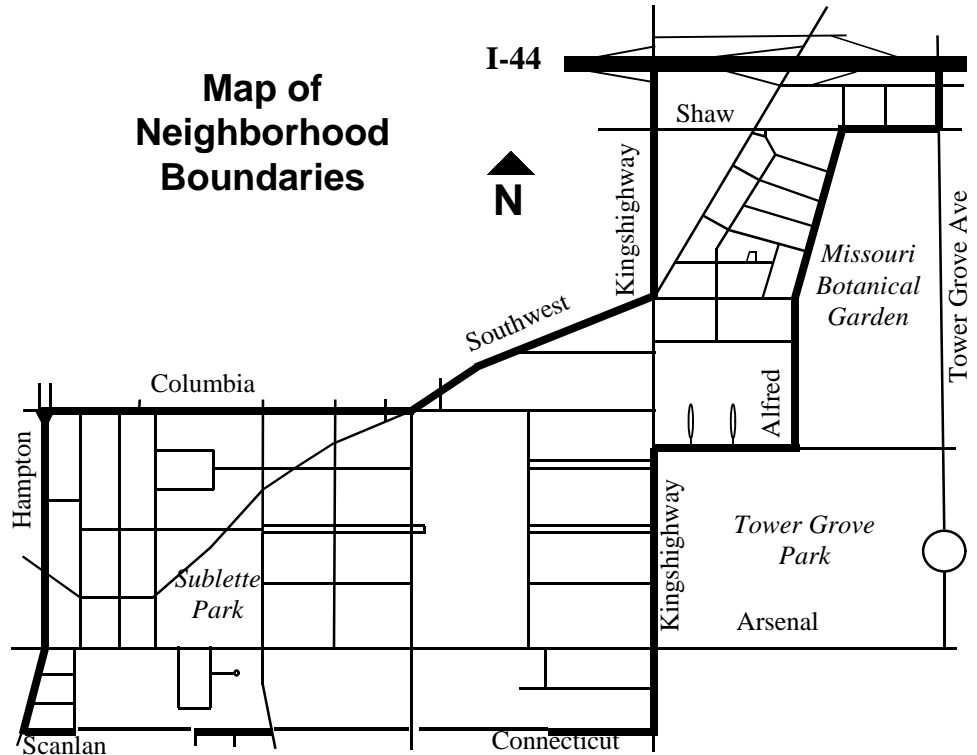
The ordinance authorizing this

The purposes set forth in the enabling ordinance are only for security, stating the purpose as "the protection and enjoyment of property owners and the general public (tenants and visitors) in the district," enabling hired officers to respond to area needs of both safety ("protection") and nuisance control ("enjoyment").

The district covers the "Gardenside" area from Tower Grove Avenue west to South Kingshighway and from I-44 south to Magnolia. It is called a "special business" district because the state of Missouri initially conceived this resource for commercial areas but many implemented districts exist in neighborhoods such as those in place in Soulard and the Central West End.

**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).



**SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. (SWGNA)
MEMBERSHIP FORM — 2002**

Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association needs your **tax deductible** membership contribution. Programs and volunteers beautify the community, improve public safety, fight crime, and keep you informed. Membership entitles you to voting rights at general membership meeting: 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 membership meeting or mail to:

Southwest Garden Neighborhood Assoc.
4950 Southwest Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110




**Southwest Garden Neighborhood Assoc.
Membership Card 2002**

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.



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