



SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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SWGNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Keeping Our City Clean & Green

Monday — July 28 — 7 p.m.

Missouri Botanical Garden

Ridgeway Center, Beaumont Room

Jill Hamilton, Recycling Program Manager in the City's Refuse Division, will share tips and answer frequently asked questions about recycling. Southwest Garden benefits from affordable curbside recycling and convenient collection stations, including a major collection site sponsored by Operation Brightside, just northeast of I-44 and South Kingshighway.

Hosts from our 2003 home and garden tour will be recognized for their participation in our largest fundraiser (see page 2).

Neighborhood Director Brian Horton will talk about the expansion of neighborhood gardens and planters throughout Southwest Garden. These various community gardens depend upon block units and resident volunteers for their maintenance and expansion. Learn how you become involved or create a new garden on your block.

Three positions on the neighborhood's Board of Directors will be up for special election to fulfill the remainder of one or two-year terms. Nominations and elections will take place at our July meeting, with all paid members eligible to vote.

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SWG PROPERTY OWNERS

Management Assistance Program

Wednesday — August 13 — 7 p.m.

Southwest Garden Neighborhood Office

4950 Southwest (1/2 block west of Kingshwy)

Shannon Prewitt, Community Outreach Coordinator for Grand-Oak Hill Community Corporation, will share how his office can provide management assistance, lease review, tenant screening and placement services for neighborhood landlords.

Gardenside District President John Nash will share how hired off-duty police have been patrolling area streets and alleys since March 10th. Please share your safety concerns.

Also hear how internet listings have worked to rent area apartments. Learn how you can list your own.

If you know of recent improvements to be recognized, please call Floyd Wright at 771-3271.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SWGNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: (quarterly)
July 28, 2003, 7pm, MO Botanical Garden
October 27, 2003, 7pm, Shaw School VPA / CEC

SWGNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (monthly)
(2nd Monday, 7pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)
July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, and Oct. 13, 2003

SWG PROPERTY OWNERS: (quarterly)
(2nd Wednesday, 7pm at the MBG Ridgeway Ctr.)
August 13 and November 12, 2003

SWN HOUSING CORPORATION: (monthly)
(1st Wednesday, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)
July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1, 2003

GARDENSIDE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT: (monthly)
(3rd Monday, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)
July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, and Oct. 20, 2003

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



HOME AND GARDEN TOUR *A HUGE SUCCESS!*



Once again, Southwest Garden showed its very best to visitors at its annual home tour. This year, the converted Columbia Theater proved to be quite a tour highlight, attracting over 900 tour-goers.

The June 1st tour permitted visitors to see firsthand what makes Southwest Garden an attractive place to live. All fourteen properties featured had recent or in-process improvements, ranging from remodeled spaces to complete gut rehabs.

With over 900 tickets sold and 30 business sponsors, SWGNA raised \$6,900 for our neighborhood-based programs.

Thank you to our tour committee members: Mary Ann Owens, Rosemary Schriefer, Ron Matjeka, Kay Mantia, Barbara Beck, Floyd Wright, Philip Green and Sandra Grbac.

Special recognition to our tour hosts for welcoming into their homes and gardens: Greg Lillard, Emily Kirk & Todd Evans, Bill Hays, Phil & Carrie Green, Ron Ulrich, Jenna Bauer, Matt & Jill Marciano, Jack & Carol Stelzer, Audrey Coco, John Nash and above all, Frank Schwaiger, for opening his amazing space in the former Columbia Theater.



FYI: HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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
Refuse Div. (bulk pick-up, bins and dumpsters) 353-8877
8th Ward, Alderman Stephen Conway 773-5576
10th Ward, Alderman Joe Vollmer 772-4489
24th Ward, Alderman Tom Bauer 481-2886

POLICE

(2nd Dist-W of Kingshighway, 3rd Dist-E of Kingshighway)
2nd District Public Affairs Officer Kevin Androff 444-0168
2nd District Problem Properties Officer Paul Zwick 444-0177
3rd District Public Affairs Officer Tim Kehm 444-0169
3rd District Prob. Prop. Officer Tom McLaughlin 444-0100
Non-Emergency Requests for Police Response 231-1212
Suspected Gang/Drug Activity (anonymous) 241-COPS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday,
August 5, 2003



National Night Out is an annual nation-wide crime prevention event where an estimated 35 million people will simultaneously host block parties across 10,000 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 in July or by calling 622-4628 in July. 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 5th, though you **must register** your block party to verify your street's eligibility for closure.

Also be sure to call the neighborhood office at 772-6082 **before August 1st** to order a **free watermelon** for your block for National Night Out. Those ordering watermelons can pick them up Monday, August 5, from Noon to 5 p.m. at 4950 Southwest Avenue.

Block party organizers are encouraged to talk to their neighbors and make fliers for everyone on their block. Such steps will encourage greater participation and notify everyone of a possible street closure.

Have fun this summer by hosting a block party for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5th, 7-10 p.m.



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SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS LOCATOR MAP

Existing Gardens

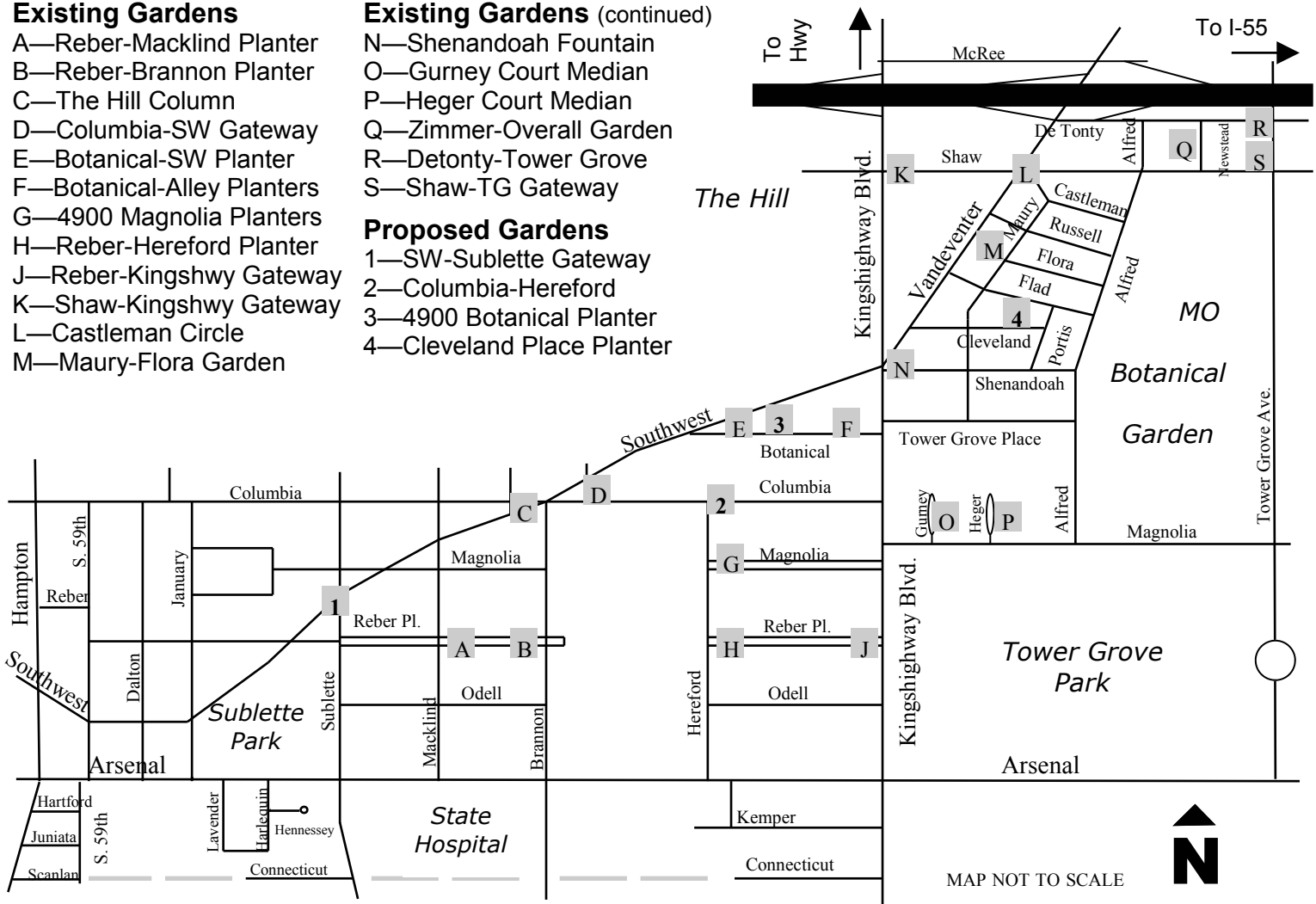
- A—Reber-Macklind Planter
- B—Reber-Brannon Planter
- C—The Hill Column
- D—Columbia-SW Gateway
- E—Botanical-SW Planter
- F—Botanical-Alley Planters
- G—4900 Magnolia Planters
- H—Reber-Hereford Planter
- J—Reber-Kingshwy Gateway
- K—Shaw-Kingshwy Gateway
- L—Castleman Circle
- M—Maury-Flora Garden

Existing Gardens (continued)

- N—Shenandoah Fountain
- O—Gurney Court Median
- P—Heger Court Median
- Q—Zimmer-Overall Garden
- R—Detonty-Tower Grove
- S—Shaw-TG Gateway

Proposed Gardens

- 1—SW-Sublette Gateway
- 2—Columbia-Hereford
- 3—4900 Botanical Planter
- 4—Cleveland Place Planter



Seeking Neighborhood Volunteers to Help Maintain Area Gardens

Southwest Garden has more neighborhood gardens than most, if not many other, City neighborhoods, and the number of gardens continues to grow. Located at prominent corners or in street medians, these highly visible green spaces are maintained by block units (sites A-B, E-J, M, O-R), area businesses (C, K) and the Missouri Botanical Garden (L,N,S). Additional volunteers are needed for some of these existing sites (A-B, D, G-J). If you live close by or just enjoy gardening, you can become one of the multiple neighbors helping maintain a neighborhood garden. Volunteers are needed to occasionally weed, water, plant or mulch. If interested, sign up at our July 28th meeting (see front page for meeting details) or call Brian Horton at 772-6082.

Each year, we expand our garden inventory by finding more volunteers and applying for new grants to fund new or additional plantings. This year, we have thus far planned new gardens to be located at 1) Southwest & Sublette (a new neighborhood sign with perennials), 2) Columbia & Hereford (new planters), 3) 49xx Botanical (matching planter) and 4) Cleveland Place (new planter). If you feel your block could use a new garden, please call 772-6082. Before applying for any grants or neighborhood assistance, a group of volunteer residents must be enlisted to help plant and regularly maintain any new garden or planter. Details about neighborhood gardening programs will be shared at the July 28th general membership meeting (see front page).



**SWING WITH SWGNA FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 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

**Sunday, August 24,
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 _____


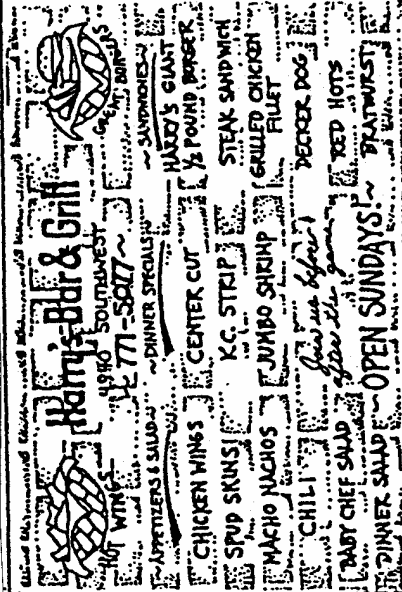




Number of Tickets _____

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.

<p>(314) 778-5773</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 77-5817</p> <p>APPETIZERS & SALADS CHICKEN WINGS STUP SKINS MACHO NACHOS CHILI BABY CHIEF SALAD DINNER SALAD</p> <p>DINNER SPECIALS CENTER CUT K.C. STRIP JUMBO SHRIMP Steak (before)</p> <p>SANDWICHES HARRY'S GIANT 1/2 POUND BURGER STEAK SANDWICH GRILLED CHICKEN FILET DECKER DOG REED HOTS BRATISLAVA</p> <p>OPEN SUNDAYS!</p>
<p>BAKEMARK</p>  <p>2701 Hereford St. Louis, MO 63139</p> <p><i>is pleased to support the Southwest Garden Neighborhood</i></p>	<p>ST. ROCH SCHOOL 6040 Waterman 314-721-2595</p> <p>Pre-School Currently Enrolling Ages 3, 4, & 5 year olds-Full/Half days Kindergarten through Grade 8</p> <p>Accredited by the Missouri Chapter of the National Federation of Nonpublic Schools Before/Extended Day Care</p> <p>Junior High Accelerated Math Junior High Spanish Classes</p> <p>Fine Arts, Computer Program and School Band</p>	<p>SOUTHWEST COIN LAUNDRY</p> <p>5351 Southwest Ave St. Louis, MO 63139 314-773-9100</p> <p>"On the Hill for over 25 years"</p> <p>buy a wash; get one free toploaders only one coupon per visit</p>
<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 ARSENALE CORNER of ARSENALE at BRANNON 664-4810</p> <p>HOURS: 6:00 A.M. - 1:30 A.M.</p> 

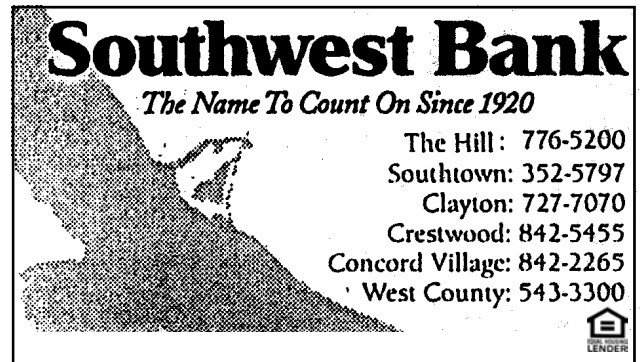


Business Owner: You too can be recognized for your support of SWGNA. Call 772-6082 for more information.

SW Garden Partnering with Grand-Oak Hill

Grand-Oak Hill Community Corporation is seeking to expand its rental property services to fully cover the 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th and 25th wards. With all but three blocks of Southwest Garden covered by the 8th and 10th wards, all of Southwest Garden's landlords may soon be able to employ Grand-Oak Hill's neighborhood office for various fee-based services, including tenant screening, tenant placement, and lease review.

Problem properties may be referred to Grand-Oak Hill's management assistance program for two-year oversight. Properties are deemed eligible through the City's nuisance property process, where problems are identified through a property's frequency of police calls for service (911, 231-1212, 241-COPS).



SWGNA highly recognizes Southwest Bank as a friend and benefactor of neighborhood improvement efforts. SWGNA recently recognized Southwest Bank for its generous contribution towards the completion of our new community room.

Legislative Update on New City Ordinances for Improved Neighborhoods

Researched by Jim Magnus of Dutchtown South Community Corporation, the following are bills enacted by the Board of Aldermen and signed into law by the Mayor for the last (2002-03) session to provide tools in addressing neighborhood nuisances.

Ordinance #65802, Board Bill #219 (2002-03):

Operators of drive-in or drive-thru restaurants are now required to provide at least one authorized trash receptacle, accessible to its patrons, at each entrance/exit to the property. The intent is to reduce littering.

Ordinance #65802, Board Bill #346 (2002-03):

Retailers must keep sale products containing the ingredient ephedrine or pseudo ephedrine behind the counter or within a theft-proof dispenser, designed to limit access to multiple ephedrine products. Ephedrine products are used in the making of illegal drugs.

Ordinance #65812, Board Bill #415 (2002-03):

When the City's Forestry Division must cut a private property's high grass and/or weeds (in excess of seven inches in height), the City accesses the property owner for reimbursement. This law amends the procedure to recoup Forestry's costs. The Forestry Commissioner bills the owners of any property where high grass and/or weeds have been abated by Forestry. Those bills unpaid 90 days after having been mailed may be referred to the City Counselor or a collection agency and shall bear interest at the highest rate allowed by law. Any uncollected bill by the Forestry Division shall be certified to the Comptroller who shall prepare a special tax bill for the cost amount and forward such bill to the Collector of Revenue, whose office shall collect the unpaid bill in the same manner and procedure as real estate taxes. If not paid, the bill shall be rendered delinquent and thereafter collected by the laws governing delinquent and back taxes. Upon its issuance, the bill shall be deemed a personal debt against the owner and shall also be a lien on the owner's property until fully paid.

Ordinance #65824, Board Bill #361 (2002-03):

Any person or entity (business, organization) shall be prohibited from possessing, storing, selling, posting for sale, exposing, transferring to another, using, exploding, discharging, setting off or burning fireworks of any kind or description within the City of St. Louis. Adults shall not allow minors (17 and under) to violate this prohibition. No person or entity shall permit or allow a minor to possess, store, sell, post for sale, expose, transfer to another, use, explode, discharge, set off or burn any fireworks within the City. The penalties for violating the fireworks prohibition include a maximum fine of \$500 and/or 90-days imprisonment.

The above information is for informational purposes only. You must consult an attorney with any related questions or desires to take advantage of any provisions of these ordinances. Your attorney should be the person to guide and advise you in all legal matters.

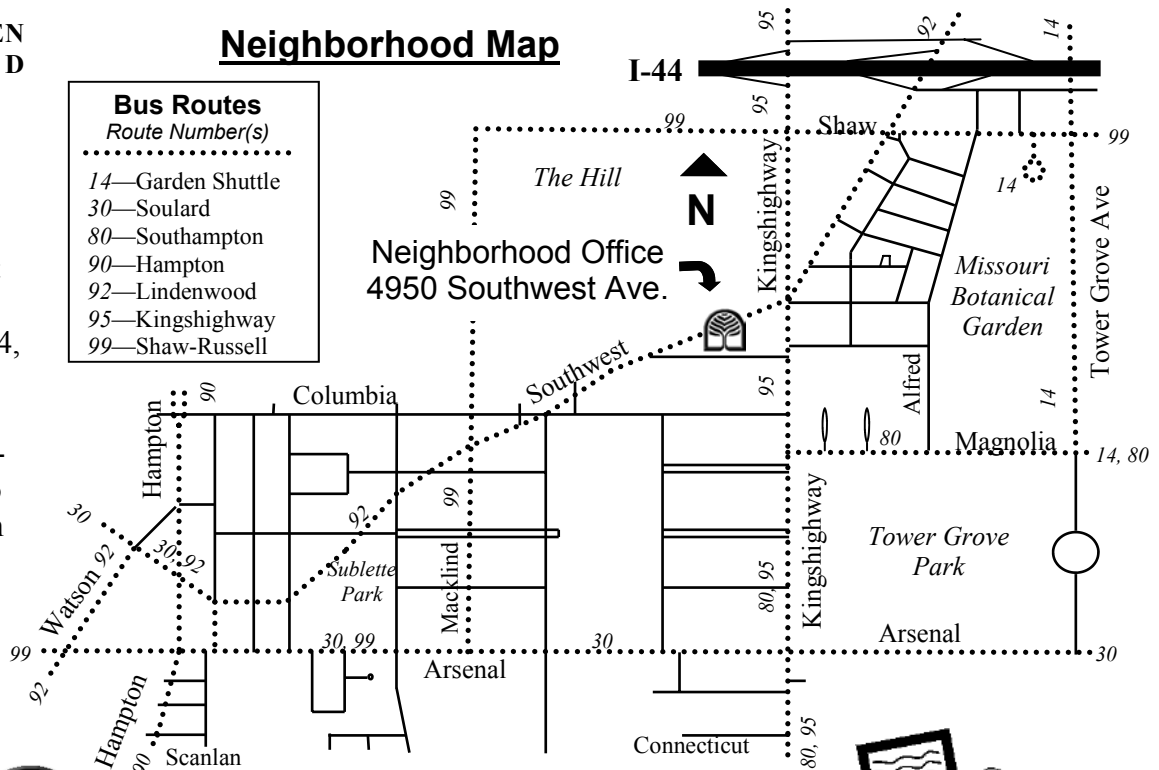
SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES:

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
80—Southampton
90—Hampton
92—Lindenwood
95—Kingshighway
99—Shaw-Russell



E-mail us at: swgarden@stlouis.missouri.org
 Visit us on-line at: stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden



SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. (SWGNA) MEMBERSHIP FORM — 2003

2003 marks another year of working together for an improved neighborhood. Use the form below to mail in your **tax deductible** membership contribution for **2003**. 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 (for landlords & business owners).

You may bring this form with you to the next quarterly general membership meeting, drop off (Mon-Fri, 9-5) or mail to:
 Southwest Garden N. A.
 4950 Southwest Ave.
 St. Louis, MO 63110

SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP CARD 2003

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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