



# Southwest Garden



# Communicator

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The "Communicator" is a free publication published by the Southwest Neighborhood Improvement Assoc. dba Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association, 4950 Southwest Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. SWNIA (dba SWGNA) is a 501-C-3 non-profit organization whose goal is to improve the Southwest Garden Neighborhood.

### **SWGNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING** **Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce** **Guest Speaker**

**Monday — October 28 — 7 p.m.**  
**Shaw VPA-CEC School Auditorium**  
**Macklind and Columbia Avenues**

Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce will share how court case information is now available on the web. Since becoming Circuit Attorney, Joyce has fought to place public case data on the internet. Now, citizens can access criminal cases by neighborhood. Available information includes charges, defendant's and judge's names, as well as recommended and executed sentencing.

Learn about the proposed development of the former National at Southwest and Macklind Avenues as a Save-A-Lot store.

Nancy Hightshoe resigned from the Board. Nominations will be taken, and members will elect a new Board member.

Also expect a number of candidates to be about the room for the November 5th general election.

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### **SWG PROPERTY OWNERS** **State Representative Mike Daus**

**Wednesday — November 13 — 7 p.m.**  
**Missouri Botanical Garden**  
**The Garden Room, 4300 Shaw**

Guest speaker will be State Rep. Mike Daus (D-67th Dist.). Representative Daus will discuss the latest issues occurring in Jeff City that relate to community betterment in St. Louis.

Also find out how landlords can claim 50% of donations to Southwest Garden as a tax credit when filing Federal 1040, Schedule E and Missouri 1040.

Owners of properties with major improvements will be recognized for their accomplishments. Call Floyd at 771-3271 with questions.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**SWGNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:** (quarterly)  
October 28, 2002, 7 pm, Shaw VPA-CEC School  
January 27, 2003, 7 pm, MO Botanical Garden

**SWGNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** (monthly)  
(Mondays, 7pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)  
October 14 and November 25, 2002  
January 13 and February 24, 2003

**SWG PROPERTY OWNERS:** (quarterly)  
(Wednesdays, 7pm at the Garden)  
November 13, 2002 and February 12, 2003

**SWN HOUSING CORPORATION:** (monthly)  
(1st Wednesdays, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)  
October 2 and November 6, 2002

**GARDENSIDE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT:** (monthly)  
(2nd Tuesdays, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)

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

# SWING with SWGNA

A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER!



Once again, Southwest Garden neighbors came out in strong numbers to celebrate their efforts while raising funds for more improvements. Sunday, August 25, over 170 people attended the event this year, helping raise over \$2,000.

Attendees enjoyed the burgers and drinks of Harry's on the bar and grill's spacious outdoor patio while listening to live music by *Swing Set*. Many entered a 50-50 raffle, which awarded three winners each \$50. All attendees had a chance at numerous door prizes, including Cardinals tickets, gift certificates, car wash passes, and even American flags.

Special thanks go to Mike Thone of Harry's for hosting the event and to Jack Stelzer for planning and organizing the annual fundraiser. This was Jack's eighth time coordinating the event. The Stelzer Family continues to work hard for the neighborhood. With his wife Carolyn, the Stelzers continue to make their home where they have for over fifteen years.

## Library Manager Encourages Patron Feedback

Recently rebuilt, the Kingshighway Library continues to improve. Please contact Branch Manager Joseph Sedey with your comments and suggestions. You can contact Mr. Sedey by calling **771-5450** or e-mailing him at [jsedey@slpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:jsedey@slpl.lib.mo.us).



Kingshighway Library at 2260 South Vandeventer

## Hours of Operation

Monday: 9am-6pm, Tuesday-Thursday: Noon-7pm,  
Friday: 11am-6pm, Saturday: 9am-6pm, Closed Sunday

New Neighborhood Website

[stlouis.missouri.org/  
southwestgarden](http://stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden)

Now you can find out the latest about your neighborhood from the world wide web. The neighborhood website has changed from the former web address of [www.southwestgarden.com](http://www.southwestgarden.com) to [stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden](http://stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden).

Commonly called CIN, for Community Information Network, the City's official web site is a citizen's direct link to city information and services, including the Citizen Service Bureau, aldermen's e-mail, neighborhood statistics, home repair programs and much more.

At [stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden](http://stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden), you can learn about area organizations, neighborhood history, demographics, aldermen, even the latest meeting details, such as date, time, location and agenda. An electronic copy of the newsletter is even available in Acrobat Reader (.pdf) format. You can also e-mail the neighborhood by clicking on the page's mailbox icon.

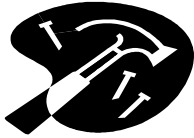
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stlouis.missouri.org

Visit us on-line at:  
<http://stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden>



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**New Development**  
*In and About*  
**Southwest Garden**

**Former *National* to be Redeveloped**

The old *National* store at Southwest and Macklind Avenues will once again be seeing new life, including a grocery store. The space will be subdivided into three new spaces, of which the largest will be a *Save-A-Lot* grocery store. The other two spaces will become a second retail anchor and another smaller retail space.

**Proposals Reviewed for Closed Schools**

Epworth Children and Family Services of Webster Groves proposes to lease the Holy Innocents School on an annual basis for use as a therapeutic day school for adolescents with behavioral needs. Approximately 72 students would be transported to the school. Parishioners would retain use of the gym for evening parish functions.

YWCA of St. Louis proposes a Head Start program for City children to occupy St. Aloysius Gonzaga School. YWCA's plans are still in the early stages. Public comment on both of these proposals is still possible. Call 772-6082 with questions.



**HELPFUL NUMBERS**  
**For Your Reference**

**SOUTHWEST GARDEN**

- Volunteer Association, President Sandra Grbac 771-8672
- Property Owners Association, Pres. Floyd Wright 771-3271
- Improvement Association, Exec. Dir. Brian Horton 772-6082

**CITY SERVICES**

- Citizen Service Bureau (report problem addresses) 622-4800
- Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Laurie Graves 772-3481
- 8th Ward, Alderman Stephen Conway 773-5576
- 10th Ward, Alderman Craig Schmid 771-5576 or 589-6816
- 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



**ELECTION DAY**  
**Tuesday, November 5**

November 5th is Election Day. Mid-term elections such as this year's often see lower turn out than their presidential equivalents. Still, this remains an important election.

New faces are running for the Missouri House; the Senate race is seen as close; and major City issues such as Home Rule and the Student Bill of Rights for neighborhood schools are before voters.

Many polling places have changed. You can find out your polling place by calling the Board of Elections at 622-4336 or on-line at [stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/electionbd](http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/electionbd). Ballot issues and races are also available on-line.

The City remains short on poll workers. If interested in working the polls, you can call the Board of Election Party Supervisors. For Democrats, call Augustine Nelson at 622-3546. For Republicans, call Nedra Holst at 622-4327. Poll workers receive \$75 (judges) or \$90 (supervisors) for truly a full day's work, 5 am to 8 pm. Free training is offered near Hampton.

So, consider working the polls as a community service honoring our democracy. But above all, exercise your voice by voting!

**ST. ROCH SCHOOL**

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
- Junior High Accelerated Math
- Junior High Spanish Classes
- Fine Arts, Computer Program and School Band



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## Southwest Garden's Award-Winning Block for 2002

### 4900 Block of Botanical Avenue Wins Several National Night Out Awards

Many blocks across the neighborhood participated in National Night Out this year on August 6th, but one block really went above and beyond. Honoring this year's theme of "Thanking Our Community Heroes," 4900 Block Unit of Botanical Avenue hosted area police officers, firefighters, EMS and rescue squad personnel for a full-day of meals.

Dedicated residents rose early in the morning to provide a breakfast feast for the many respected men and women serving to protect our neighborhood. With rain, the day started slowly with food set up in the back room of the neighborhood office on Southwest Avenue. Still, no one refused a well-deserved meal and the appreciation was mutual.

By mid-day, the sun was shining, and the activities moved back to Botanical. Area firefighters helped hang Old Glory from the middle of the street. Children sold lemonade and popcorn benefiting the *Backstoppers*, a fund dedicated to surviving families of those killed in the line of duty. With cute smiles and excellent customer service, no one could resist these young salesmen, helping raise \$350 for the *Backstoppers*.

Come evening, the block party was in full swing. Many notable visitors continued to stop by, including area aldermen and media. Children and their parents learned about child abduction prevention from Nancy Hightshoe, area resident and professional speaker on personal safety.

Having registered their block in various contests, Botanical residents were greatly recognized for their accomplishments. The block received light pole banners and plaques, proudly proclaiming "Contest Winner."



*Area children sell lemonade for Backstoppers*



*Block families pose with Fire Chief Sherman George*

Special congratulations to 4900 Botanical Block Captain and SWGNA President, Sandra Grbac, for being recognized as a "Neighborhood Hero." Sandy Grbac received the first annual Community Hero Award from the Suburban Journals and Neighborhood Stabilization Team along with nine others in the St. Louis area. Area residents nominated Sandy by writing about her accomplishments. Sandy also received a proclamation from the Mayor recognizing her commitment and endless hours of service to the neighborhood.

Special thanks go to Chef George Grbac and Assistants Carl and Greg Ferrario for preparing all of the meals for our community heroes. The event was also made possible through contributions by SWGNA, Bakemark, Schnuck's, O'Fashion Donuts, Harry's Bar and Grill, We Rent It, Corky's, and Jack's Produce.

**Support the businesses that support Southwest Garden Neighborhood.**

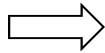
We Rent It	Sure-Shot	Harry's Bar & Grill
BakeMark	Columbia Auto Repair	Southwest Coin Laundry
Southwest Bank	Express Valet	Trophy Room





# Gardenside Subdivision Special Business District

ENACTED DISTRICT  
BOUNDARIES



August 6, 2002, voters east of Kingshighway in the Southwest Garden neighborhood elected by a simple majority to enact a special taxing district for the purpose of hiring additional police officers to patrol only that area.

All taxable property within the District will be additionally taxed at 85 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, beginning this December and continuing through 2006, when the issue will again be decided by election. Non-taxable entities, such as the Garden, may agree to make payments in lieu of taxes or donate equipment for the District's hired officers to use.

September 26, a Board of Commissioners started meeting to draft governing by-laws, elect officers, adopt personnel policies for hired officers, and devise an annual budget to expend funds raised by the approved tax levy, approximately \$60,000.

The seven-member Commission is comprised fully of volunteers, of whom five are property owners (four also residents) and two renters of property within the District. The Executive Director of SWGNA serves ex-officially as a liaison to the Commission, helping with neighborhood crime reporting and clerical tasks.

Regular meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the neighborhood office, 4950 Southwest Avenue. An annual public hearing will be held each October to consider the following year's budget (see below).

The adopted by-laws and proposed budget are available on-line at: <http://stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden/gardenside.htm>

## Resident Volunteers Needed Neighborhood Watch Representatives

The main responsibility of new commissioners for the Gardenside tax district is to hold hired police officers accountable. To hold the tax district accountable to all residents, however, the district by-laws call for neighborhood watch representatives.

Representatives can be any area resident, owner or lessee of property within the district aged 18 and older. Representatives maintain communication with the commission to share any suspicious behavior or nuisance problems in the area.

To volunteer, please call Neighborhood Liaison Brian Horton at 772-6082. Help report problems so that added police can be targeted.

## Notice of Public Hearing

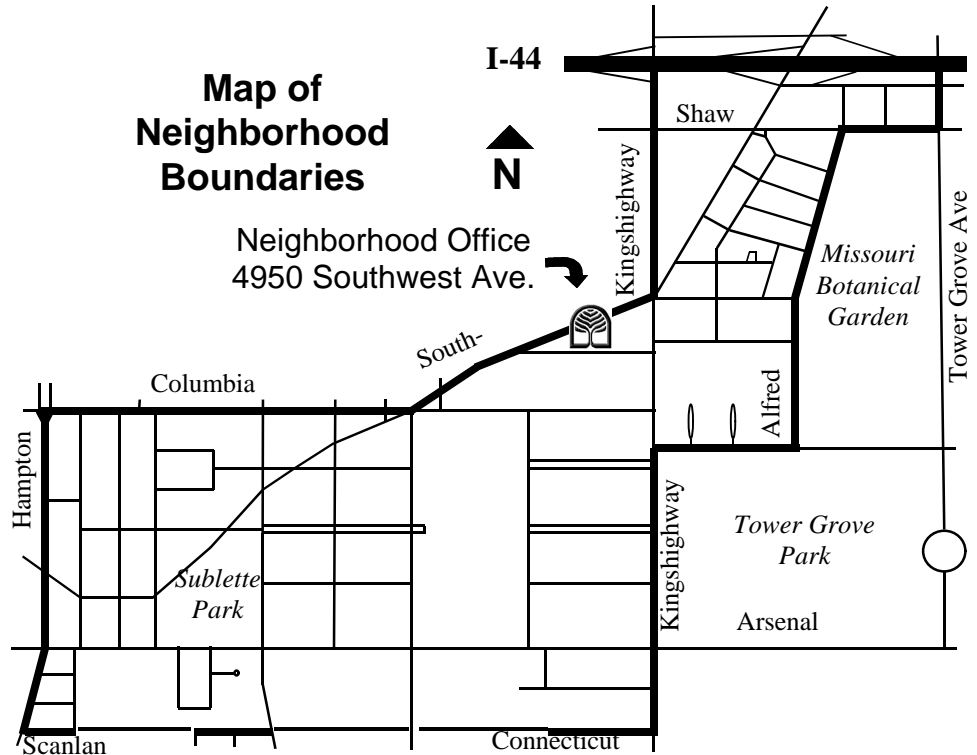
**Tuesday, October 22, 7 pm,  
Missouri Botanical Garden, Beaumont Room**

The Gardenside Subdivision Special Business District will hold a public hearing at the Ridgeway Center in the Missouri Botanical Garden. All residents and owners or lessees of property within the District (see above boundaries) are invited to attend. The hearing is called to publicly consider the proposed budget for 2003. There will be opportunity for individuals to publicly comment on the proposal. After hearing all comments, the District Board of Commissioners will immediately hold a special meeting to adopt a budget, at such time making amendments reflective of public comment.

Please familiarize yourself with the proposed budget and adopted by-laws of the District by viewing them on-line at the above internet address or by visiting the neighborhood office at 4950 Southwest to view copies. You can also call 772-6082 with questions.

**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 — 2003**

You can now 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 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 next general membership meeting 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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**Web:** [stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden](http://stlouis.missouri.org/southwestgarden)

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