



# SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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**SWGNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**E-Neighborhood: SWG On-Line**  
**Monday — October 27 — 7 p.m.**  
**Shaw VPA Elementary / CEC**  
**Gymnasium / Auditorium**

Keeping pace with the 21st Century, your neighborhood is now on-line more than ever. Find out what services and information are available on the internet. Also, learn how you can subscribe your e-mail to Southwest Garden's new listserve, "swgtalk." This group e-mail networks various neighbors via the internet, informing each other about area events, city service requests and neighborhood crime watch.

Also at our October 27th meeting, area residents will share their experiences in walking the neighborhood in groups as an effective crime deterrent. Additionally, representatives from the Board of Elections will encourage volunteers to serve as election judges.

Finally, there will be an election to fill a vacancy on the neighborhood association's Board of Directors. At the time of the publication of this newsletter, two candidates had filed for the vacant office, Tina Bruce and Frank Gianella. At the meeting, each candidate is asked to briefly describe their background and aspirations for becoming a board member. All paid members will then vote.

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#### SWG PROPERTY OWNERS

##### Management Assistance Program

**Wednesday — November 12 — 7 p.m.**  
**MO Botanical Garden, Ridgeway Center**

In response to area public safety concerns over this summer, the agenda originally planned for August was moved to November's property owners meeting.

Kim Cole, MAP Coordinator for the Grand-Oak Hill Community Corporation, will share how her office can provide management assistance, lease review, tenant screening and placement services for neighborhood landlords (see also story on page 6).

Neighborhood Director Brian Horton will update new internet resources for landlords and tenants, including the neighborhood's newly created e-mail listserve.

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

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**SWGNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:** (quarterly)  
October 27, 2003, 7pm, Shaw Elementary / CEC  
January 26, 2004, 7pm, MO Botanical Garden

**SWGNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** (monthly)  
(2nd Monday, 7pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)  
October 13 and November 10, 2003

**SWG PROPERTY OWNERS:** (quarterly)  
November 12, 2003, 7pm, MO Botanical Garden

**SWN HOUSING CORPORATION:** (monthly)  
(1st Wednesday, 6:30pm at 4950 Southwest Ave.)  
October 1 and November 5, 2003

**GARDENSIDE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT:** (monthly)  
October 20, 2003, 7pm, MO Botanical Garden  
November 17, 2003, 7pm, 4950 Southwest Ave.

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

## \$2,000 Grants Available to 10th Ward Middle-Income First-Time Homebuyers

Several years ago, funds were found to support a first-time homebuyers' incentive program for middle-income families. Today, many such programs have been cut, the only forgivable programs remaining limited to low- to moderate-income households.

While each ward in the City of St. Louis was set aside funds for the incentive program, most wards quickly saw their funding exhausted. However, the 10th ward, having been once located in Southeast St. Louis prior to redistricting, is one of only three wards today with a remaining balance. Fortunately for our area, with redistricting, the money moved with the new 10th ward, which is generally west of Macklind and north of Magnolia for SW Garden.

Five grants of \$2,000 are available to first-time homebuyers (having no interest in real property for the past three years) earning above 80% of area median income (\$49,100 for a family of four) who do **not** work for the City of St. Louis and are willing to live at least five years at a home within the new 10th ward. To apply, the homebuyers must have a residential sales contract on a home within the 10th ward and complete the program's simple two-page application.

If interested, please contact Brian Horton at 772-6082 for more information. If you, yourself, are already a homeowner, let friends and family know about this opportunity!



### 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 776-4489  
 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

## City in Need of Volunteers to Serve as Election Judges

February, August & November '04

The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis is on a mission to recruit additional election day judges. As you may know, the number of people willing to work as judges on election day is dwindling throughout the nation. The City Election Board is trying to remedy that situation in St. Louis, where we have over 300 precincts.

To insure that the February, August and November 2004 elections are fully staffed, Election Board employees are speaking at neighborhood meetings all over the City. Representatives from the Board of Elections will speak at the October 27th Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association general membership meeting (see front page).

If you know of any other groups that would be willing to have someone from the Election Board come and speak to them on judge recruitment, please contact Gerri Kraemer, Administrative Assistant (D), at 622-4449 or Nedra Holst, Administrative Assistant (R) at 622-3236.

In the past, volunteers would declare their party affiliation as Democrat or Republican. Today, in addition to the two major parties, you can claim other parties (Libertarian or Green, for example) or Independent.

First-time volunteers are asked to attend a training session, held at various times and convenient locations throughout the City weeks prior to any election day. For any election, you may not work your own polling place, but you will be asked to work one not far from your home. As a small bonus, judges are compensated for their day's work.

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## Two Planting Projects to be Completed

Each year, Southwest Garden neighborhood adds more public gardens to its many visible gateways, internal medians and green spaces. This year, two such new projects will be completed in October.

Thanks to Operation Brightside and its philanthropic partners, Anheuser-Busch and Boeing, Southwest Garden was awarded nearly \$1,000 in grants to complete two new gardens, one large and one small.

The larger project will be completed on the Cleveland Place median inside the apartment community about the Missouri Botanical Garden. The southern end of this median will see a new perennial and shrub garden develop underneath its mature Sycamore trees.

The smaller project calls for a gateway sign with plantings at the neighborhood intersection of Sublette and Southwest Avenues. Located at the far corner of a vacant City-owned lot, the landscaped sign will add identity to our residential streets immediately abutting these two busy streets, heavily traveled by locals and visitors to The Hill.

In addition to grant funding, both projects are made possible by the many dedicated residents who will volunteer their time and energy to create and maintain these newly enhanced green spaces internal to our greater neighborhood. If interested in joining our growing neighborhood volunteer corps, call 772-6082.

## Notice of Public Hearing for GSSBD

Monday, October 20, 7pm, MO Botanical Garden

Gardenside Subdivision Special Business District (GSSBD) is a special taxing district, east of Kingshighway, where an additional property tax levy is collected to hire off-duty, secondary SLMPD police officers to patrol the neighborhood.

Every November, as a means of accountability, GSSBD must report its annual budget for the subsequent year to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen. In preparing that budget, GSSBD and its seven-member commission are required to hold a public hearing within the District for residents and other stakeholders to hear the proposed budget and have any of their comments heard by the commission.

In compliance with this mandate, GSSBD will hold a public hearing Monday, October 20, 2003, at 7pm inside the Ridgeway Center of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The 2004 proposed budget totals \$58,000 including estimates of \$52,400 for contracted security, \$600 for area substation utilities, \$100 for public notification to be published, \$1000 for insurance (Directors & Officers, General Liability, Public Policy), \$1000 for contingencies, and \$2900 for reserve fund.

In compliance with the Sunshine Law, notice of this hearing will also be published in the October 8th edition of the South City Journal.

## KINGSHIGHWAY BRANCH LIBRARY—CALENDAR OF FALL ACTIVITIES

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

### Children/Young Adults

Wed, October 22, 3-4 pm

Farmer in the Dell, ages 3-6  
Make the song characters

Mondays, October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 15, 10:30 am to 11 am

Pre-school Storytime, ages 2-5

Wed, November 5, 4-5pm,

Make a sand painting, ages 7+

Wed, November 12, 4-5pm

Musical rainsticks, grades 6-9

Thu, Nov 13 & Tue, Dec 16, 4pm

Sing Karaoke, all ages

Tue, November 18, 4-5pm

Bookmaking, ages 6 & up

Wed, November 19, 4-5pm

Indian Centerpiece, ages 7 & up

Wed, November 26, 4-5pm

Colored sand jars, ages 8 & up

Wed, December 3, 4-5pm

Make gift bags, ages 12 & up

Wed, December 10, 4-5pm

Ornaments & dreidels, ages 6+

Thu, December 11, 4-5pm

Make a collage, ages 7 & up

Wed, December 17, 4-5pm

Make 2004 calendar, ages 7 & up

### Adults

Wednesdays, 5:30pm

English as a Second Language  
Practice Discussion

Tuesday, October 21, 6:45pm

Book Discussion Group:

Ian McEwan's *Atonement*

Tuesday, November 18, 6:45pm

Book Discussion Group:

Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*

Tuesday, December 16, Noon-7pm

Library Holiday Open House

### Library Hours

Monday & Saturday: 9 am to 6 pm

Tue, Wed, Thu: Noon to 7 pm

Friday: 11 am to 6 pm

Closed Sundays

2260 S. Vandeventer (at South  
Kingshighway & Shenandoah)

Call 771-5450 for information and  
activity registration.

# HOLY INNOCENTS 2003 FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday,  
November 8, 2003**

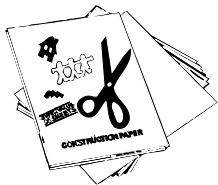
In the Parish Center  
4900 Reber Place  
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm



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TURKEY AND  
PORK DINNERS



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CHILDREN'S  
MAKE-IT & TAKE-IT  
CRAFT BOOTH

FOUR PRIZE  
RAFFLE

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THERE WILL BE  
SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE FROM  
1 TO 101

BRING YOUR  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
TO ENJOY DINNER,  
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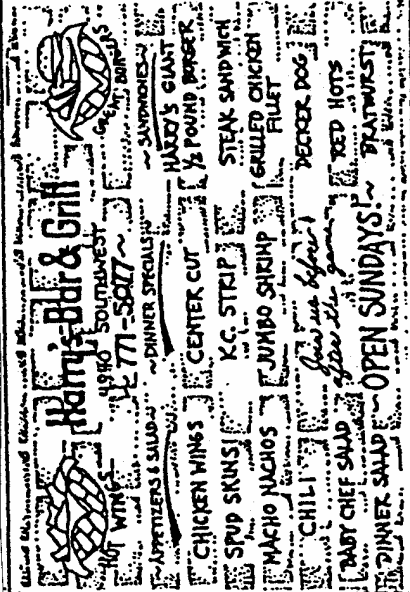




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# Support the businesses that support Southwest Garden Neighborhood.

<p>(314) 778-5773</p> <p><b>We Rent It</b></p> <p>2616 Brannon Ave St. Louis, MO 63139</p> <p><b>Tools, Concrete &amp; Equipment</b></p> <p>Patrick Wampler</p> <p>(314) 664-RENT Store (7368)</p> <p><b>President</b></p>	<p><b>Sure Shot</b></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><b>Harry's Bar &amp; Grill</b> 4940 Southwest St. Louis, MO 63110 77-5817</p> <p>APPETIZERS &amp; SALADS: DINNER SPECIALS</p> <p>CHICKEN WINGS CENTER CUT SPUD SKINS K.C. STRIP MACHO NACHOS JUMBO SHRIMP "CHILI" (Give us a flavor) BABY CHIEF SALAD DINNER SALAD</p> <p>HARRY'S GIANT 1/2 POUND BURGER STEAK SANDWICH GRILLED CHICKEN FILET DECKER DOG RED HOTS BRATISLAVA</p> <p><b>OPEN SUNDAYS!</b></p>
<p><b>BAKEMARK</b></p>  <p>2701 Hereford St. Louis, MO 63139</p> <p><i>is pleased to support the Southwest Garden Neighborhood</i></p>	<p><b>ST. ROCH SCHOOL</b> 6040 Waterman 314-721-2595</p> <p>Pre-School Currently Enrolling Ages 3, 4, &amp; 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><b>SOUTHWEST COIN LAUNDRY</b></p> <p>5351 Southwest Ave St. Louis, MO 63139 314-773-9100</p> <p><b>"On the Hill for over 25 years"</b></p> <p><b>buy a wash; get one free</b> toploaders only one coupon per visit</p>
<p><b>Express Valet, Inc.</b> 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><b>Free Appetizer</b></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><b>SKETCHERS</b> 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><b>THE TROPHY ROOM</b></p> <p>5099 ARSENALE CORNER of ARSENALE at BRANNON 664-4810</p> <p><b>HOURS: 6:00 A.M. - 1:30 A.M.</b></p> 



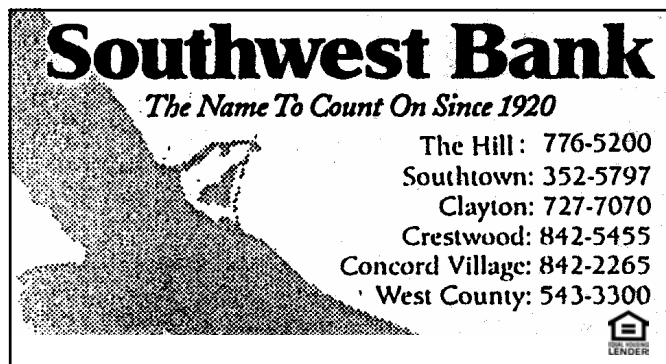
**Business Owner:** You too can be recognized for your support of SWGNA. Call 772-6082 for more information.



## 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.

In addition to regular services for all landlords, Grand-Oak Hill offers specialized services for problem properties. Properties may be referred to Grand-Oak Hill's management assistance program for two-year oversight, as 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).



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 completion of our new community room.

## Expect a Closed Arsenal Bridge in Near Future

By next year, the Arsenal Street bridge immediately east of Brannon Avenue will be closed for reconstruction. By the time of our October 27th general membership meeting (see front page), more details for a preliminary timeline should be available. At this time, it appears two detours will be marked, designating Fyler and Southwest Avenues as alternate routes. Local traffic seeking access to Schnuck's will have to travel Arsenal east of the blockade or Hereford. The neighborhood association will seek "Local Traffic Only" signs on Columbia and Hereford to minimize cut-through traffic.

## Car Clubs Still Available to 8th Ward Residents

Any Southwest Garden resident within the 8th ward (generally east of Macklind and north of Arsenal) is invited to purchase a car club for only \$7.50, significantly less than the retail price. Clubs can be bought with proof of residency by visiting Surprise Florist on the corner of South 39th Street and Flad Avenue in the Shaw neighborhood. The subsidy for the clubs were acquired by the Garden District Commission.

## Good Neighbor Guide Tips for Better City Living

### Alley Maintenance and Lighting

Property owners are responsible for keeping their half of abutting alleys free of litter, weeds and overgrown trees, as well as in safe and sanitary conditions. The City, through its contract with Ameren UE, is responsible for the maintenance and replacement of bulbs. To report any alley or easement light out, call Ameren UE at 342-1000.

### Illegal Dumping

If you witness illegal dumping in an alley, on a street or sidewalk, in a vacant lot or in someone's yard, call 231-1212 and give the license number and description of the vehicle used. If the information you provide results in the conviction of a suspect, you may be eligible for a \$100 reward. If the dumping already occurred, report the location and items dumped to NSO David Hiatt by calling 772-3927 so an investigation may be conducted by the City's Trash Task Force.

### Parking for Trucks, Buses and RVs

Commercial trucks and buses are not permitted to park upon any public or private street where the abutting land is zoned for residential use (A-F districts). The only exceptions are vehicles rendering service or loading or unloading materials to an abutting address and pick-up trucks with clean or covered beds, without advertising or bumpers higher than 26 inches from the street. Recreational motor vehicles over 24 feet in length may not park on residential streets between 2a.m. and 7a.m. and may only park for 30 minutes between 7a.m. and 2a.m. In addition, tractors, trailers or homemade trailers, coupled or uncoupled, cannot be parked or stored on any street or alley in a residential area. Where streets are marked with "commercial vehicles prohibited" or "no trucks" signs, all truck traffic is prohibited except while rendering service or loading and unloading.

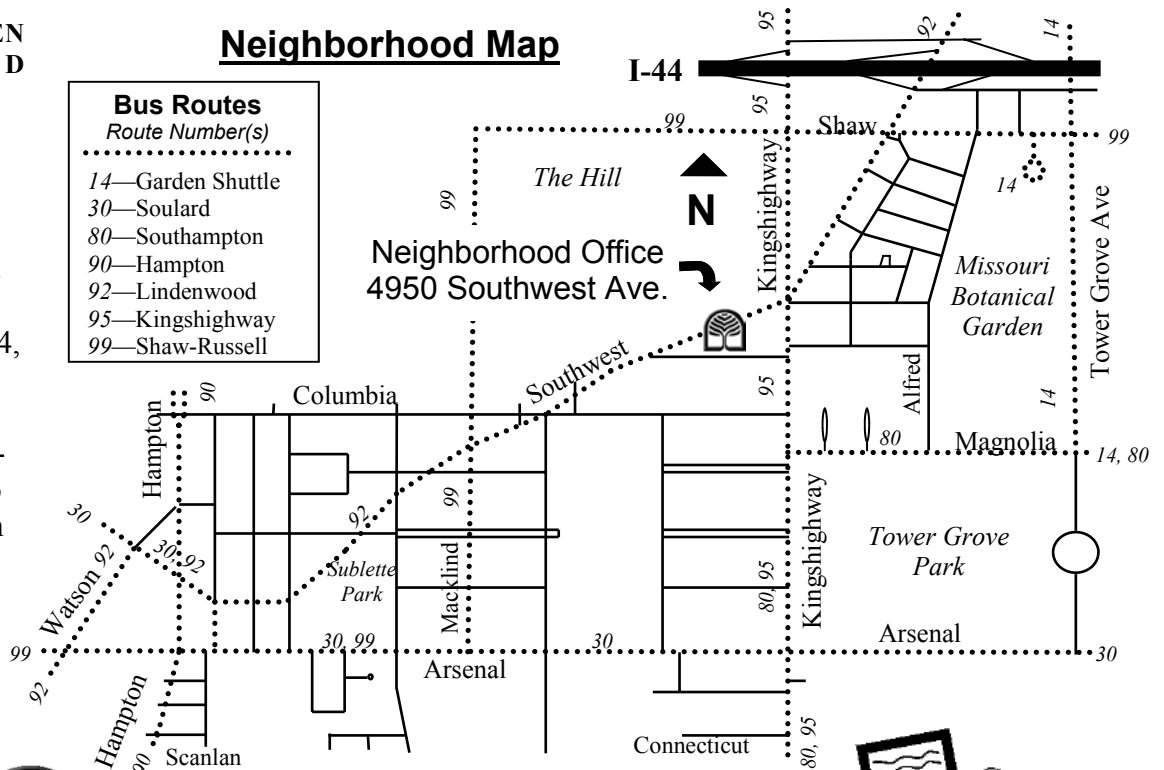
**SOUTHWEST GARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES:**

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



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 Visit us on-line at: [stlouis.missouri.org/souththwestgarden](http://stlouis.missouri.org/souththwestgarden)



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

2004 will mark 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 (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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