

Gravois Park



New Neighbor Information Packet



About the Association

Gravois Park Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit organization that meets in The Rita Ford Community Center. GPNA was started in 1999 with original President Rita Ford and continues with resident volunteers.

About the Neighborhood

Gravois Park is a historic^[2] neighborhood in St. Louis. The namesake park dates from 1812 (a grant made by the US government^[3]), and was praised for its beauty in the nineteenth century already,^[4] and in 1914 was part of a walking tour of the city meant to show off the City Plan Commission's "idealized view of the shape of the city."^[5]



Important Reminders

Monthly meetings occur from January to November on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6pm.

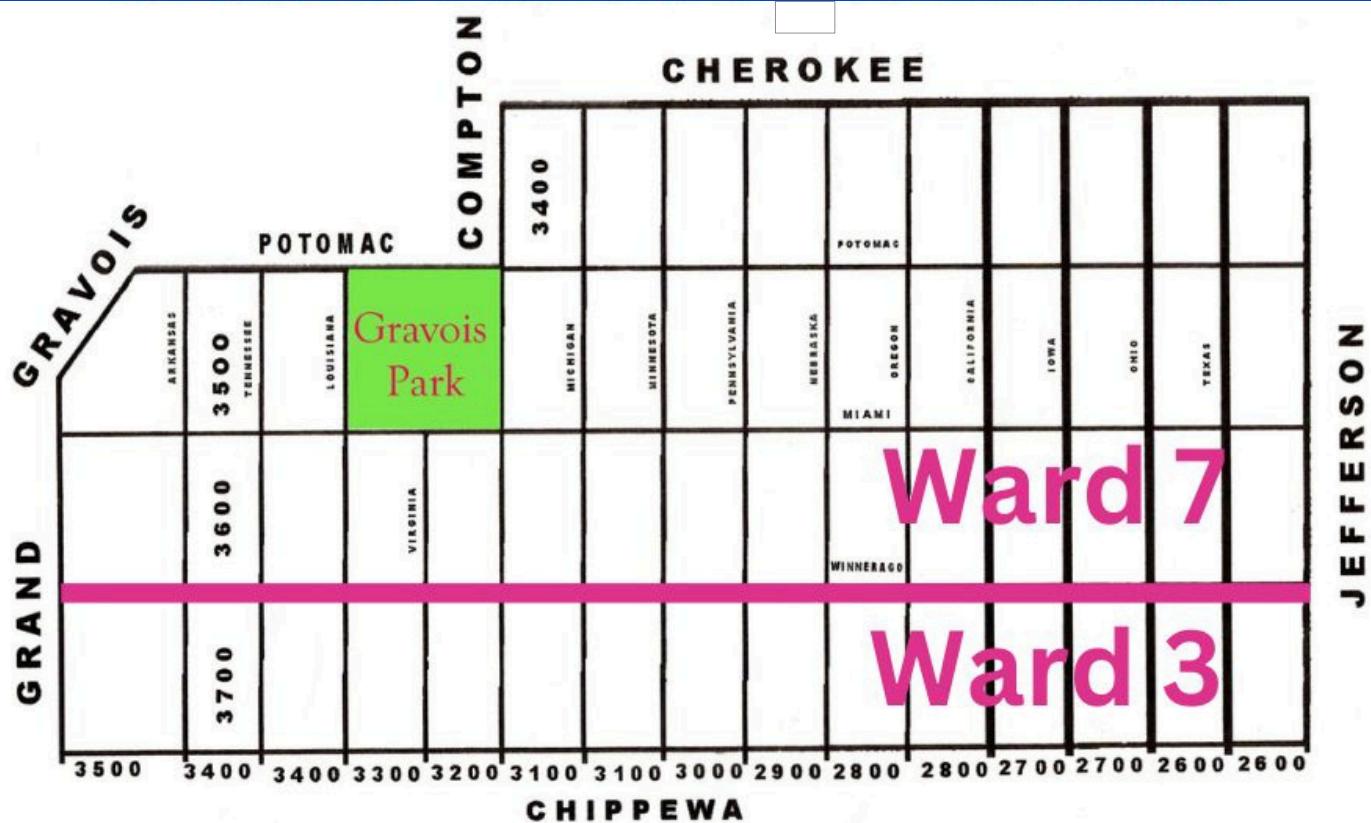
Location: 3353 California Ave.

Sign up for the newsletter to receive reminders and updates on events.

WEBSITE



Gravois Park Map Ward 3 & 7



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

Yoga - free!!
Jan 17, 2026 at 9 am
The Ford Center
3353 California Ave 63118

GPNA Meeting 1/13 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

February

Tentative SLU group Volunteer -
Alley pick up

GPNA Meeting 2/10 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

March

GPNA Meeting 3/10 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

April

GPNA Meeting 4/14 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

EasterEggstravaganza
4/4 at 11 AM - 1 pm
Location: Gravois Park

May

GPNA Meeting 5/12 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

June

GPNA Meeting 6/9 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

July

GPNA Meeting 7/14 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

August

National Night Out - August 4,
GPNA encourages residents to
host an event - <https://natw.org/>

<https://www.missourigoodneighborweek.com/>

GPNA Meeting 8/11 at 6:00pm
Location: The Ford Center

To keep up with the rest of the year, sign
up for the newsletter on our website!

General Contact and Information

General Numbers

- Ameren Missouri
 - alley lights Call with address and STLA tag number 314-342-1000
- Missouri Dept. of Transportation (MoDOT)
 - 1-888-275-6636 (Gravois, Chippewa)
- Parking Enforcement (street cleaning)
 - 314-622-3690
- Street Department
 - (traffic signals out, whole circuit of street lights out) 314-647-3111
- Water Division (open hydrant)
 - 314-771-4880

Gravois Park Block Link Neighborhood Association

Location: 3353 California Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118

Phone number: 314-771-3353

Website: www.gravoisparkneighborhood.org

Board of Directors:

- President Daniel Petty
 - 314-393-7537 daniel.petty@yahoo.com
- Vice-President Larry Atherton
 - 314-308-0653 lavatherton@sbcglobal.net
- Sergeant at Arms Kirsten Petty
 - 314-397-7222 kirstenpetty79@gmail.com
- Secretary Dale Sweet
 - 314-771-5030 dale@dalesweet.com

Alley Bins

BROWN bins are for trash/ landfill

GREEN bins are for yard waste only - leaves, branches, grass clippings

BLUE bins were for recycling, but are now going away!

Recycle Drop-Off Spots

You can now take your recyclables to designated drop-off spots. Below are a few locations, check <https://stlcityrecycles.com/> for additional information

- Engine House #1 - 2910 South Jefferson
- Virginia and Utah - just south of Utah
- Cherokee Recreation Center - 3200 S Jefferson Ave
- Ripple Glass drop off - behind Roosters off Grand

Alley Pick Up

Trash (brown bin): Tuesday

Yard waste (green bin): Wednesday

Yard Waste collection is discontinued in the middle of December and resumes in the middle of March. Call CSB if you need leaf bags picked up.

Large bulk items: Week of the 2nd Monday of the month

Citizen's Service Bureau

WHAT IS THIS FOR?

Did you see a fallen tree? A street light that is out? Find a stray or injured animal? Need a lot of leaf bags picked up?

Call 314-622-4800

OR Scan QR code



Check out Following Page for more details!!

Neighborhood Improvement Specialist

Do you have a question or concern regarding the neighborhood and not sure who to call? Our neighborhood improvement specialist can help!!

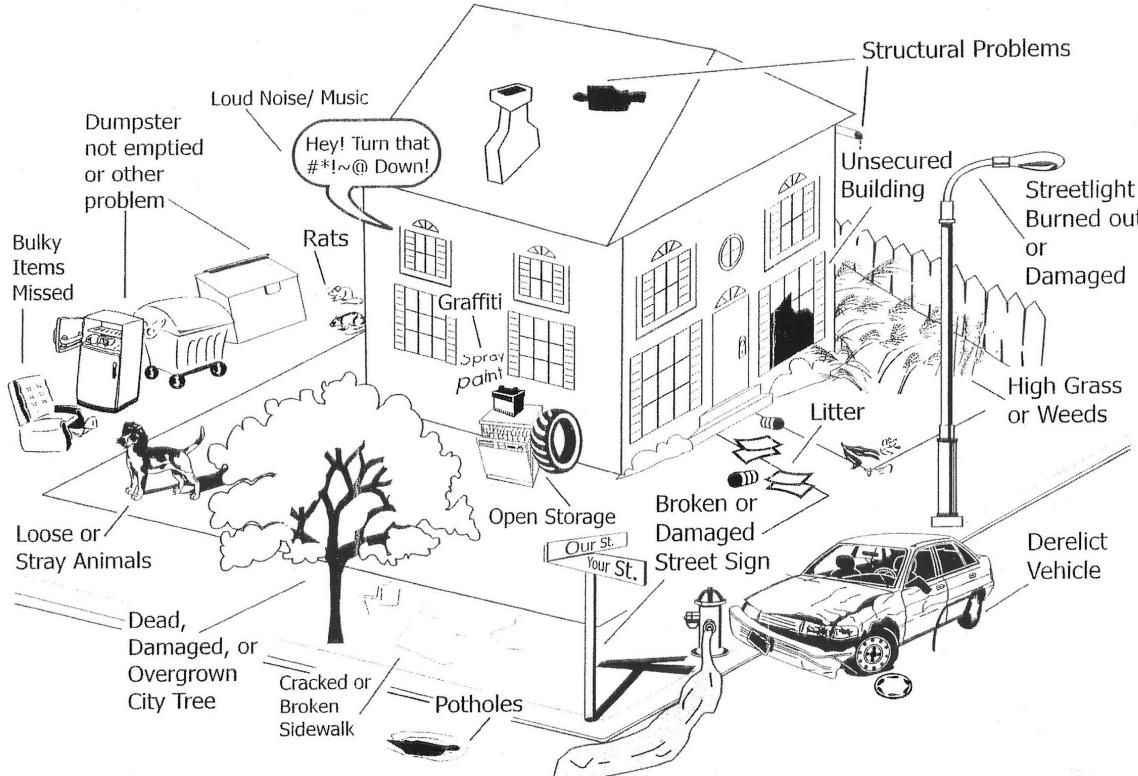
Email Dena at hibbardd@stlouis-mo.gov

Calling the Police

Call 911 for emergencies but also if you hear gunshots or If you see illegal dumping in action.

For non-emergencies: [314-231-1212](tel:314-231-1212)

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



Your Representatives

ALDERPERSONS



Alisha Sonnier
7th Ward



Shane Cohn
3rd Ward

STATE REPRESENTATIVE



Marty Joe Murray
78th District

SENATE DISTRICT



Steven Roberts
5th District



Have you Checked out the

Our neighborhood's park, Gravois Park, between Miami, Compton, Potomac and Louisiana, is beautiful and historic, it was established in 1812. Several residents pass through the park every day!

The park is open to everyone but please keep in mind a few guidelines:

- Trash goes in trash cans. Please put your own trash in the barrels, and please pick up trash left behind by others.

Our neighborhood has a major litter problem. Be a good example- let other people see you picking up trash.

- No unleashed dogs, drinking or drugs.
- Park curfew is 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. No one is allowed in the park between these times.
- No vehicles in the park.
- Graffiti, broken playground equipment, burned-out lights, dead tree limbs, etc. are all handled through the Citizen's Service Bureau, (314) 622-4800 or tweet at Citizens' Svc Bureau @stlcsb
- Questions about events and upkeep can be directed to the Parks Dept (314) 289-5300.

Periodically the park has clean up and gardening events. Please email Gravois Park Neighborhood Association at GravoisParkNeighborhoodList@gmail.com, or like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GravoisPark and join our Gravois Park Neighborhood group, if you like to join.



Enjoy the falling leaves in autumn, the green of spring, and the cool of the park's shade trees in the summer. Bring the grandkids, some sandwiches and a blanket. Whenever good people spend time in the park, criminals and gang members go on their way. Make Gravois Park a part of your life!



Trash Tips

Litter

Please be a good example for our children. Put trash in trash cans. Let other people see you picking up trash. Trashy streets and alleys are embarrassing for all of us. Besides, there are \$500-\$1000 fines and jail time for litterbugs. Property owners and residents are responsible for the condition of the street and alley.

Dumpsters

- Trash needs to go inside of—not on top of or around—the dumpsters.
- If your children take out the trash, make sure they are tall enough to open the lid.
- The lid has to be closed. No trash on or around the dumpster.
- Big items have to fit inside and can't stick out.
- If the dumpster's overflowing or the trash truck can't get to it because it's blocked by trash, then they just plain don't pick it up.
- Building material (plaster, drywall, tile, carpet, etc.) is not allowed.

Roll Out Carts

- On trash day (see what day it says on your cart), the cart needs to be rolled out to the alley or street for pick-up by 5:30 a.m., so please do it the night before. Put the handle toward the alley or street so the truck can empty the cart.
- Afterward, roll the cart back into your yard by 11 p.m. This keeps other people from misusing or even stealing your cart.
- All the other dumpster rules apply to carts

Illegal Dumping

- The City is getting really tough on illegal dumping.
- If you see someone dumping trash in violation of the rules, get a full description of the persons/vehicles (including license plate number whenever possible), and call 911.
- People in our neighborhood have received \$100 rewards for reporting trash violations.
- You may also report dumping to Citizens Service Bureau at 314-622-4800 or the Police Trash Task Force at 314-622-4800.

Bulk Trash

Mattresses, refrigerators, etc

- In Gravois Park, bulky items are picked up sometime during the week of the second Monday of the month. The schedule is on a sticker on your dumpster.
- Each house can put out up to three items, but you need to put the items out by Monday morning at 5:30. They have all week to pick up, however.
- Don't block the dumpster, carts or alley with the big trash.
- Take the doors off the refrigerator or freezer. Also, City residents can take trash to the dump just east of I-55 at Gasconade Street, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



New to St. Louis or the Neighborhood?!

Culture and Arts Activities

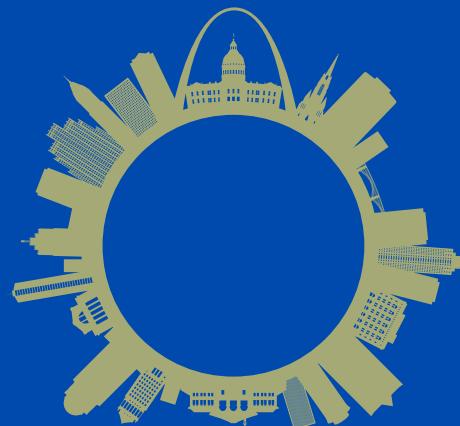
- On Cherokee Street
 - Cinco De Mayo
 - Print Bazaar
 - Brass Band Blowout
 - Jazz Crawl
 - Brewed Arts Festival
 - Trick or Treat for Halloween
- Grand Center Arts District
 - The Fox Theatre
 - The Sheldon
 - Powell Symphony Hall
- Downtown and Around
 - The Gateway Arch and Museum
 - The Old Courthouse
 - The Old Cathedral
 - Missouri Botanical Gardens

FREE Things To Do

- Yoga in Gravois Park
- Celebrate Saint Louis (4th of July) downtown
- St. Louis Zoo
- Contemporary Arts Museum
- St. Louis Art Museum
- Pulitzer Arts Foundation

Neighborhoods

- The Hill for all things Italian
- Central West End
 - shopping and dining
- Tower Grove and Shaw
 - the park and farmers market
- Midtown
 - sports!



Local Restaurants



Coming Soon

Local Cafes & Bakeries



Coming Soon

Local Businesses

Salons and Spas

- xx
- xx
- xx

Shopping

- xx
- xx
- xx

Grocery Stores/ Food Markets

- xx
- xx
- xx



Coming Soon

Did You Know?

Everyone involved in the organization is a neighbor and volunteer, so we still rely on donations to help us fill the gaps where funding does not.

This allows us to:

- Print newsletters like this
- Events
- Postage
- Yard Signs
- Plants for the Louisiana Bump Outs and Gardens
- Paper Products (envelopes, labels, copy paper, etc)
- Ink Cartridges
- Tools for alley and garden cleanups
- Supplies for Park Events

Our minimum donation ask....

Landlord/ Property Owner - \$24
Business Owner- \$24

If you are a resident in the neighborhood
Homeowner \$12
Renter \$12

If you can't donate, we would love to see you volunteer!
Check Facebook Group for Opportunities

Did You Know Part 2?

NEW TAX BENEFITS FOR YOUR 2026 DONATIONS

Good news for our community! Starting in 2026, you can reduce your taxable income by donating to local non-profits, even if you do not itemize your deductions.

The “Above-the-Line” Deduction is Back

For the 2026 tax year, individuals taking the standard federal tax deduction can claim a limited deduction for cash donations made to qualified 501(c)(3) public charities. This reduces your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) directly.

Deduction Limits for Non-Itemizers

\$1,000 — Single Filers

\$2,000 — Married Filing Jointly

Key Details for Taxpayers

- Eligible Contributions: Cash donations including checks, credit cards, and online payments made directly to public charities.
- Ineligible Contributions: Donations to donor-advised funds (DAFs), private foundations, or supporting organizations.
- No Carry-Forward: Contributions exceeding the annual limit cannot be carried forward.
- Documentation: Written acknowledgment required for any single donation of \$250 or more.

Support Your Neighborhood Today
Your contributions help us continue our mission in the community.
Gravois Park Block Link
Neighborhood Association
EIN: 91-2058616
3353 California Ave
Saint Louis, MO 63118

**This flyer is for informational purposes only. Please consult a tax professional or visit the IRS website for guidance related to your 2026 tax return.*