CONSERVATION CORNER

At the intersection of nature and neighborhoods. The southeast corner of Kingshighway and Vandeventer continues to grow as a conservation hub.

Brightside’s headquarters, adjacent to our Demonstration Garden, now includes the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Just two doors down from Brightside at 4640 Shenandoah is MDC’s Howard Wood St. Louis Urban Outreach Office.

A delightful dedication ceremony brought regional partners and MDC experts from across the state to Brightside’s Demonstration Garden, including MDC Director Sara Parker Pauley.

MDC’s collaborative space serves as a central hub for staff with expertise in urban wildlife, fish, forestry and conservation education. Free MDC publications on a variety of conservation topics are available for visitors – in the MDC office and at Brightside. Hunting and fishing licenses, as well as Conservation Calendars, are also available for purchase.

For hours of operation, call the Howard Wood Urban Outreach Office at 314-301-1504.

But wait - there’s more! We also welcome Forest ReLeaf of Missouri to our conservation corner. Once renovations are complete, Forest ReLeaf’s main office will be located between MDC and Brightside at 4642 Shenandoah.

We are excited to have such great neighbors!

SIMPLY FANTASTIC SLUGS!

A fantastic St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium that is! More than 80 people – gardeners of all skill levels – gathered at the Brightside Demonstration Garden on a beautiful Saturday morning to expand their knowledge of Missouri native plants and beneficial pollinators.

We were all invigorated by special guest speaker, Dave Tylka! He shared his wealth of knowledge as a biologist and professor on Landscaping for Bees, Butterflies and Other Pollinators. Continued on pg. 2

GOOD NEIGHBORS

This year’s Neighbors Naturescaping grant cycle kicked off with a special presentation and breakfast at the St. Louis Urban Gardening Symposium. It was a resounding success. More than 60 neighbors participated representing 40 different neighborhoods and organizations. We’re excited to see what beautification projects these groups have in store.

Neighbors Naturescaping is a small grant program through which neighborhood groups and community organizations can request up to $1,500 in native plants, shrubs, trees and grasses to enhance a public space in St. Louis City. This program is supported in part by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Forest ReLeaf and the City of St. Louis.
KEEPING ST. LOUIS CLEAN

Brightside’s graffiti eradication team has been hard at work. Over the past year, the team has removed or painted over graffiti from more than 225,000 square feet. How big is that room you have been putting off painting??

Brightside removes graffiti from vandalized homes, businesses and public spaces all across the city at no charge to the property owner. As long as we can safely access it, we can remove it. Thanks to all who donate to Brightside so we can secure the needed supplies to continue this important work.

As always, report vandalized properties in St. Louis City to the Citizens’ Service Bureau by calling 314-622-4800 or online at StLouis-Mo.Gov/CSB.

NEIGHBORS HARD AT WORK!

With help from more than 5,500 volunteers over the past year, thousands of bags have been filled with trash from neighborhoods across St. Louis.

Volunteers also planted more than 150,000 flowers to beautify public spaces including 40,000 daffodils in honor of Brightside’s 40th anniversary.

WOW! Thanks St. Louis! Amazing what a little help from our friends can do!

Plan your own Blitz cleanup or beautification project today! Request needed tools from Brightside at BrightsideSTL.org/Blitz.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DEMO GARDEN VOLUNTEERS!

Many hundreds of volunteer hours were invested right here in Brightside’s Demonstration Garden.

It’s only through the hard work of volunteers that we are able to maintain the garden as an inviting green space. Spring through Fall, you’ll find them tending the garden to ensure every visit will be beautiful.

It’s always great to see volunteers having fun while working hard knowing they are making a difference! Thanks to St. Louis Master Gardeners, STL Volunteers plus the corporate and community groups who make time to give back.

Special thanks to our Thursday team of volunteers who regularly share the chores and their gardening knowledge.

Sign up for our Thursday morning gardening activities or learn about other Brightside activities through STLVolunteer.org. We can also help you organize a service project for your friends, coworkers or community group. BrightsideSTL.org/volunteer.

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Jean Ponzi, green resources manager for Earthways Center at Missouri Botanical Garden, made learning about mosquitoes fun and helped us all understand how to safely keep them away. Be a part of citizen science by getting the Mosquito Alert STL app from your app store.

Dave Tylka also took attendees on an engaging tour of the Demonstration Garden while experts from the Missouri Department of Conservation spoke on Plant Health Care and Soil and Urban Fishing Opportunities. Thanks Mark Grueber, community forester, and John Schulte, fisheries management biologist.

We appreciate all of our experts including St. Louis Master Gardeners’ Holly Records and community resource specialist, Angie Weber. Everyone spent lots of time answering gardening questions.

Everyone left with a smile on their face and most had a native plant or two!
Special thanks to these individuals, companies, organizations, foundations and governmental agencies. It is through your generosity and grants that Brightside is able to enhance the quality of life in St. Louis neighborhoods. Your support is making St. Louis better for everyone.

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Don’t be fooled by clever advertising, plastic bags never go in the Blue Bin!

What if my item can’t go in my blue bin? Check our online database for places to recycle or donate unwanted items!

Go to STLCityRecycles.com/database and search your item to find dropoff locations. Let’s Recycle Responsibly to create a better region for everyone!

Since you know how to do an excellent job recycling, the next step is to “Close the Loop” by purchasing items made from recycled materials! We are fortunate to have abundant resale shops and local retailers in St. Louis dedicated to providing sustainable products! Find them at: STLCityRecycles.com/where-to-buy.

City Residents can request a FREE in-home recycling bin and accepted materials stickers for alley dumpsters by emailing recycle@stlouis-mo.gov. Learn more at STLCityRecycles.com

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Your generous gift can help Brightside continue to make a difference in our community.

quiry gift amount:

- $2,500
- $1,500
- $1,000
- $500
- $100
- $50
- $25

Name:____________________________________________________________
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- $2,500 Sponsors an educational workshop in our Demonstration Garden and Learning Center.
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Block Soon! Order Form

Our premium bulbs, direct from Holland, are comparable to wholesale prices and make the perfect gift for family, friends, schools and other organizations!

☐ Lot(s) Midwest Mix Daffodil Collection @ $17/lot _______
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Order Total _______

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Up to $30 – add $9 _______
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Total Bulbs & Plants _______
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Total Amount Due _______

Brightside St. Louis requests that all orders be received by September 26, 2023. All prepaid orders will be available for pick up at the Greenhouse in beautiful Forest Park, October 6 and 7.

Friday, October 6 - 11am - 4pm
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Fragrant, yellow large cup heralds the return of Springtime in St. Louis. Our daffodils are particularly striking when planted in abundance.

Will grow 16-20” tall.
Plant 6-8” deep and 6-8” apart in full sun or light shade.

Bulb size: 14-16 cm.
Bloom: March-April
Lot: 30 bulbs only $17

Brightside Red Tulips
Rave reviews for the “Brightside Red” Hybrid Darwin tulip. Exclusively through Brightside, this very large, vibrant red tulip will add awesome color to your spring garden.

Will grow 22-24” tall
Plant 6-8” deep and 6-8” apart in full sun or light shade.

Bulb size: 12/+ cm.
Bloom: April
Lot: 30 bulbs only $17

Pink Impression Tulips
The Hybrid Darwin Pink Impression is both beautiful and strong. Sturdy, long stems help these vibrant tulips withstand spring weather.

Will grow 20-24” tall
Plant 6-8” deep and 6-8” apart in full sun or light shade.

Bulb size: 12/+ cm.
Bloom: April
Lot: 30 bulbs only $17