

CLEANING GREENING ST. LOUIS SINCE 1982



Neighbors working together in 1982 to clean up their block. Project Blitz has continued for 40 years supporting neighbors cleaning up streets, alleys and vacant lots.



Thanks to Project Greenlot and the Operating Engineers Local 513, vacant lots were cleared, graded and seeded, transforming lots from eyesores into lots of potential.



Through Project FlowerShower, millions of daffodils were planted along area highways.



Operation Brightside's Circus Recycling Center was the City's first multi-material recovery facility.



In Spring of 1982, Mayor Vince Schoemehl announced a threeyear campaign to clean up city neighborhoods. The goal was to recruit 100,000 volunteers and develop a long-range plan to use the combined resources of business, labor, government, civic and neighborhood volunteers to keep the city clean.

The hope was that at the end of the three-year campaign that people would be able to see a substantial change in the city's environment. And they did! By 1985, thousands of tons of trash had been removed from vacant lots, alleys and other dumping grounds; hundreds of vacant lots had been cleared, graded and seeded; millions of daffodils had been planted along area highways and St. Louis' first recycling center had been opened.

No one envisioned in 1982 that in 2022, Operation Brightside would be celebrating its 40th anniversary. While the programs have evolved, the organization's commitment to work with community leaders and neighborhood residents remains as strong as ever.

Visit our website **<u>BrightsideSTL.org</u>** to learn all about our programs and how you can volunteer to help make a difference in St. Louis!



Pictured in this 1982 St. Louis Globe-Democrat photo are Lucille Green, founding executive director, G. Duncan Bauman, publisher of the Globe-Democrat, Vince Schoemehl, mayor of St. Louis and Robert Hermann, founding chair of Operation Brightside.

Thanks to generous support from the Hermann Family Foundation, the lobby at Brightside will now be dedicated to Robert R. Hermann, Sr.

TODAY, BRIGHTSIDE'S EFFORTS TO MAKE ST. LOUIS BETTER CONTINUE



Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our community by educating, engaging and inspiring St. Louisans to make our region cleaner, greener and more environmentally sustainable.

Special thanks to **VP Community Service Initiative** for 18 years of planting at City Hall. This year, VP CSI planted along with volunteers from AmeriCorps and other volunteers through <u>STLVolunteer.org</u>.



Special Recognition!

We thank Douglas Poynter, the Graffiti Eradication Team Supervisor, for his hard work and dedication to Brightside and St. Louis City over the past 30 years. We wish Doug much happiness in his new position with the City's Parks Department!

BRIGHTSIDE TRIBUTE GIFTS

In memory of Robert R. Hermann, Sr. Hermann Family Foundation

In memory of Neville F. Vatcha JoAnn Vatcha Lana Stein

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40,000 X 4 = BEAUTY EVERYWHERE!



To celebrate our 40th anniversary, Brightside volunteers sowed 40,000 dianthus, 40,000 marigold and 40,000 celosia seeds which grew in the St. Louis City Greenhouses in Forest Park this spring. These Blitz Blooms made their way to nearly every neighborhood across the city as neighborhood volunteers organized Blitz clean-up and beautification projects to plant the flowers.

Special thanks to the **Philpott Family Foundation** for their sponsorship of Blitz Blooms.

In the fall of 2022, Brightside volunteers will plant 40,000 daffodils to beautify St. Louis. To learn more about this project and to volunteer to help, please visit Brightside's website or <u>STLVolunteer.org</u> and search for keyword "Brightside".

In memory of David Blucker Francie Futterman

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In honor of Lucille Green & Vince Schoemehl James Page, 5th Ward

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In honor of Tower Grove Heights Block Captains Debra Knox Deiermann

In honor of Mary Lou Green Chris Adelman-Adler Beth MacKenzie Pamela Fournier Mark and Chanaya Jacobs

THANK YOU DONORS!

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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It is more important than ever that we place only the items that are accepted in our blue recycling dumpsters or rollcarts. Items that do not belong in the Blue Bin can cause harm to people and the operations at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).



Contamination is when things end up in the recycling bins that do not belong. Contamination is caused by "wish-cycling" and misuse of City alley dumpsters. Contamination can ruin valuable recyclables and shut down the sorting process. **Simply, if you don't see it on the list, don't put it in the bin!**



Plastic bags and film/wraps are the biggest contaminants found in the Blue Bin! These items get wrapped around the sorting gears at the MRF. Stretchy plastic bags and plastic film can and should be recycled at a local grocery or retail store. Plastic bottles and containers are the only plastic items accepted in the City's blue bins.

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 <u>STLCityRecycles.com</u>

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RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY: STICK WITH THE SIX!

What: Search our database for places that accept your unwanted items for donation or recycling. Electronics, lights, clothing, kitchenware and many more items!

Where: STLCityRecycles.com/Database

Why: Repurposing, reusing, repairing and recycling items and textiles keep them out of the landfill, reduces our need to make and purchase items with raw materials.



Before you trash it...

St. Louis City recycling Dropoff Locations:

Find 25+ recycling dropoff locations that are open for city residents 24/7. STLCityRecycles.com/Dropoff

Additional Resources:

- Saint Louis Household Hazardous Waste: Schedule an appointment to dispose of hazardous materials (old cleaning supplies, oil-based paint and other hazardous liquids) at <u>HHWstl.com</u> or 314-622-4800
- Monthly Bulk Pickup: 3 large items can be placed outside your residence once a month. Find more information at STLouis-MO.gov/ my-pickup or call 314-772-4646.
- Operation Brightside Recycling Center: Electronics recycling and paper shredding services. Operated by Earth Circle Recycling: EarthCircleRecycling.com or 314-664-1450.

NO BAGS IN BINS, PLEASE!

PLASTIC BAGS ARE CREATING A HUGE PROBLEM. SKIP THE PLASTIC BAGS TO IMPROVE RECYCLING!

To recycle plastic bags, bring them back to your local grocery or retail store. Plastic bags require different processing equipment than your regular recycling.

Please consider a donation to Brightside to support our cleaning and greening initiatives which help make St. Louis more thriving and vibrant. You can donate using the enclosed envelope or donate through our website **BrightsideSTL.org**. Donating online is safe and easy with PayPal even without a PayPal account. Just click on the Donate tab on our home page, select your donation amount and add it to your cart.

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Brightside's exclusive "Midwest Mix" collection of six varieties of fine daffodils includes five bulbs from each of these exceptional daffodil varieties: Carlton, an outstanding and sweetly fragrant, all-yellow cup; Pink Charm, an ivory-white, pinkrimmed large cup; Tahiti, a showy, yellow and orange heat-resistant double; Slim Whitman, a flamboyant white and golden-orange, pinwheeled large cup; Barrett Browning, a white and glowing tangerine small cup; and Suada, a brilliant yellow and exuberant orange-ruffled large cup.



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



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