

ON THE ROAD

Brightside's first-ever native plant garden tour featured multiple gardens and green spaces across the city. Garden leaders, as well as representatives of the **Missouri Department of Conservation, Forest ReLeaf and City of St. Louis**, talked about the important role of native plants and green spaces in any community.



Liam Connolly and Evan Parker, Missouri Department of Conservation and Elizabeth Dasenbrock, City of St Louis Forestry Division at Bellerive Park.

The tour showcased the beauty of native plants and highlighted many unique spaces. While the gardens are all across the city, they share a common theme – the ability of community green spaces to connect people with nature.



Rebecca Hankins, Forest ReLeaf Partnership Manager at Triangle Park.

It was also a great opportunity for everyone to learn from the garden leaders as they shared some success stories. They shared some of their challenges, too, that we all soon found out were not exclusive to those particular gardens.

The tour was a great experience for everyone. Thank you to all of the presenters who shared their expertise and experiences with us. Everyone walked away from the bus tour enthusiastic with the comforting reminders that every garden has a history, every garden leader learns a great deal through the process and *every garden is always a work in progress.*

Miss the tour? A "self-guided" tour flyer is available. Contact Brightside for more info.

Stay up-to-date with Brightside news to get info for next year's tour: brightsidestl.org/email-newsletter-signup/

CONGRATS MARY LOU



Congratulations to Mary Lou Green on her 35th anniversary as Brightside's Executive Director!

In her 35 years, Mary Lou has led Brightside's efforts to beautify and clean up St. Louis, including graffiti removal from many thousands of vandalized public and private spaces across our city.

Mary Lou says the best part of her job is helping people make their neighborhoods better! She loves helping make St. Louis cleaner, greener and more beautiful for everyone!

WORKING HARD FOR ST. LOUIS

Over the past year, Brightside's graffiti removal crew painted over or power washed more than 240,000 square feet of graffiti throughout the city.

Without their hard work and dedication, St. Louis would look very different! If you see the crew working to rid our city of unwanted graffiti, please let them know you appreciate their efforts!



Report graffiti to Citizens' Service Bureau 314-622-4800

ST. LOUIS CLEANS UP

Many St. Louis neighborhoods were devastated by the May tornado. Thousands of volunteers mobilized to help. Whether it's cleaning up after a storm or an alley that needs some sprucing up, Brightside stands ready to help!



For more than 40 years now, Brightside has been supporting efforts to clean up city neighborhoods. If you wish to borrow tools for a neighborhood clean up, you can request your supplies online: brightsidestl.org/blitz-registration or by calling Brightside at 314-772-4646.

SINCEREST THANKS!

Each year more than 6,000 volunteers invest time and energy to clean up city neighborhoods, sow flower seeds, plant and care for Blitz Blooms annuals and Neighbors Naturescaping native perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees. Thank you to all of the volunteers who help clean up and beautify our city!



In addition, we want to extend our special thanks to all of the volunteers who help care for Brightside's Demonstration Garden. More than 600 hours are invested each year maintaining the garden. Thank you! Your hard work ensures that every visitor has the opportunity to relax and enjoy the beautiful native plants, connect with nature and maybe even learn something new.

To all of our volunteers, we could not do what we do without you!!

VOLUNTEER GROUPS NEEDED



Brightside works with many organizations throughout the year that want to do community service projects.

While some of the company teams, college students or service organizations volunteer in Brightside's Demonstration

Garden, others are teamed up with organizations that care for public spaces and community gardens in their area.

Let us help find a project for your group! Call us at 314-772-4646 or email info@brightsidestl.org to discuss options.

NEIGHBORS NATURESCAPING

Brightside's Neighbors Naturescaping program enables community groups to improve public and nonprofit spaces by establishing or enhancing community green spaces with native plants.

To apply for Neighbors Naturescaping, potential applicants must develop a solid plan, recruit a committed group of volunteers and participate in educational opportunities.

Interested in learning more about Neighbors Naturescaping? Visit: brightsidestl.org/neighbors-naturescaping

ST. LOUIS URBAN GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

Another successful SLUGS, thanks to the presenters who shared their experience and expertise with participants. Special thanks to our partner the **Missouri Department of Conservation**.

Our keynote speaker was **Dr. Ed Spevak**, Curator of Invertebrates at the Saint Louis Zoo and Director of Saint Louis Zoo's WildCare Institute Center for Native Pollinator Conservation.

Green **Jean Ponzi** was our featured Partner Showcase speaker. Jean shared 25 years of the EarthWays Center at Missouri Botanical Garden.



In addition, several other experts shared their knowledge with participants. Special thanks to **Elizabeth Dasenbrock, Mark Grueber, Sean Gunsten, Rebecca Hankins** and **Evan Parker**.

Thanks also to **Holly Records** and **Ronda Anson**, St. Louis Master Gardeners for providing such expert advice. Future questions can be answered by the Master Gardeners who staff the **University of Missouri Extension's Garden Hotline, 314-400-7657**.

Thanks to everyone who helped make SLUGS a great learning experience! We thank you - and so do the pollinators!

If you were unable to attend SLUGS, you can still access the presentations of Dr. Ed Spevak and Sean Gunsten. Both are available on our website: brightsidestl.org/demonstration-garden/

VISIT CONSERVATION CORNER

Stop by our Conservation Corner for a visit to Brightside and our green partners, **Missouri Department of Conservation** and **Forest ReLeaf of Missouri**. There's a lot going on here and you can be a part of it!

Brightside's headquarters is adjacent to our Demonstration Garden and Learning Center at Shenandoah and South Kingshighway. As our sign says, at the intersection of Nature and Neighborhoods.



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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TAKE THE GUESS WORK OUT OF RECYCLING: DOWNLOAD RECYCLE COACH!

Simply snap a photo or search for any item to discover if it can be recycled in your Blue Bin. Explore the "Drop-Off Locations" feature to find spots for item reuse and recycling beyond the Blue Bin. Engage with the app through fun quizzes and stay informed with in-app service notifications.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS!

We want to help city residents Recycle Responsibly. Invite STL City Recycles to your next community meeting or event! Visit: STLCityRecycles.com/invite-us



We are able to reach many more people thanks to our dedicated Recycling Ambassadors. These volunteers provide invaluable service at community meetings and events. We are truly grateful! Learn more: STLCityRecycles.com/ambassador-signup

KEEP ELECTRONICS OUT OF THE LANDFILL



STL City Recycles partnered with the Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) to host two electronics recycling events. Combined, 48,807 pounds of electronic waste were diverted from the landfill.

Fall event: 10/25/2025.

Sign up for our newsletter to stay informed: STLCityRecycles.com/e-newsletter-signup

Project funded in part by the **St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District** and the **MO Department of Natural Resources**.

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY 6 STICK WITH THE 6

Keep items clean, dry, & loose
(no plastic bags)



USE RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

Take advantage of the City's 26 residential recycling drop-off sites. You can find a drop-off site near you by visiting:

STLCityRecycles.com/dropoff



FREE IN-HOME RECYCLING BINS



Great way to keep your recyclables

LOOSE | CLEAN | DRY

City residents may pick up a FREE bin at the Brightside office, 4646 Shenandoah Ave 63110. Open Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

HAZARDOUS WASTE IN YOUR HOME?



Household hazardous waste can include unwanted items like batteries, paint, fuel and more! It is important to keep these items out of all bins.

Make a FREE appointment online at hhwstl.com to safely dispose of your unwanted items.

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN YOUR RECYCLING



Plastic bags and wraps are the #1 contaminant in single-stream recycling. Give your plastic bags a second life. Visit: nextrex.com

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Please consider a donation to Brightside to support our cleaning and greening initiatives which help make St. Louis more thriving and vibrant. It's easiest to 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. You may also donate by credit card by calling the Brightside office at 314-772-4646 or mail a check using this form and the enclosed envelope.

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

☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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☐ My company's matching gift form is enclosed

Credit card payments will be accepted over the phone by calling the Brightside office at **314-772-4646**, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

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This gift is in honor of _____

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\$2,500 Sponsors an educational workshop in our Demonstration Garden and Learning Center.

\$1,500 Provides plants and tools to establish a neighborhood garden.

\$1,000 Removes graffiti from 10 vandalized homes.

\$500 Buys flowers for one garden bed at City Hall.

\$100 Provides supplies for a volunteer work day.

\$50 Buys two tools for a neighborhood project.

\$25 Provides four Missouri native plants for a community garden.



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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 @ \$18/lot _____
Lot = 30 Bulbs

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Lot = 30 Bulbs

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Lot = 30 Bulbs

Order Total _____

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SHIPPING INFORMATION

If you choose to have your order shipped please add shipping charges to order total

Shipping charges based on order total:

Up to \$30 – add \$9 _____

\$31-40 – add \$14 _____

\$41-60 – add \$16 _____

Over \$60 – add \$18 _____

Total Bulbs & Plants _____

Shipping Charge _____

Donation _____

Total Amount Due _____

Brightside St. Louis requests that all orders be received by September 26, 2025.

All prepaid orders will be available for pick up at the Greenhouse in beautiful Forest Park, October 10 and 11.

Friday,
October 10 - 11am - 4pm

Saturday,
October 11 - 9am - 12pm

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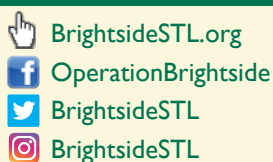
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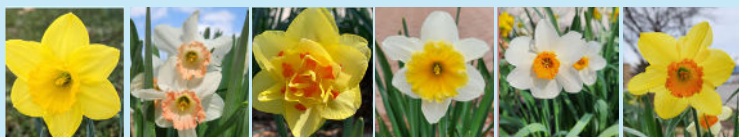
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You can order securely online: BrightsideSTL.org and pay through PayPal
using your credit card or call Brightside at **(314) 772-4646** or mail in a check
payment with the order form on the reverse side.

ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE FOREST PARK GREENHOUSE ON FRIDAY, OCT. 10 FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. & SATURDAY, OCT. 11 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



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Bulb size: **14-16 cm.** Bloom: **March-April** Lot: **30 bulbs only \$18**

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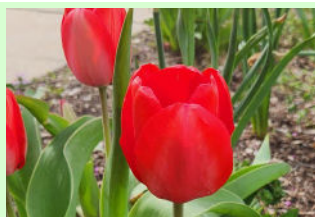


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Will grow 16-20" tall.
Plant 6-8" deep and 6-8" apart in full sun or light shade.

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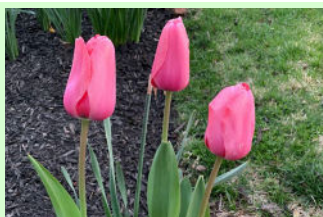


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Rave reviews for the "Brightside Red" Hybrid Darwin tulip. Exclusively through Brightside, this very large, vibrant red tulip will add awesome color to your spring garden.

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 \$18



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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
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