

**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT-ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Police Department Partners with Agencies for Operation Safe Zone**

### *Community Volunteers Needed for Clean-Up Day*

The Metropolitan Police Department has partnered with Area F Council, Probation and Parole, Operation Brightside and St. Louis Caring Communities Neighborhood Connections for Operation Safe Zone in the Walnut Park Neighborhood. On Saturday, May 19, 2007, beginning at 8:00 a.m., the Department along with its community partners and residents will hold a neighborhood clean-up to remove trash and graffiti and target abandoned buildings for board-up.

The project modeled after a highly successful program in Baltimore, Maryland is designed to restore security in troubled areas. In the coming weeks, health fairs, job seminars and other community-oriented events will be held in Walnut Park.

The goal of Operation Safe Zone is to get the citizens in the Walnut Park Neighborhood to play an integral role in restoring their neighborhood and helping to rid it of criminal activity. The Department will also offer the opportunity to create Neighborhood Watch programs. Volunteers are needed. If anyone is interested in participating, contact Pam Boyd of St. Louis Caring Communities at (314) 383-0592 or Police Officer Cedric Hendrix at (314) 444-0051.

**Who:                   The Metropolitan Police Department**

**What:                 Operation Safe Zone Clean-Up**

**When:                Saturday, May 19, 2007, beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

**Where:               Dwight Davis Park  
(East of the intersection of Riverview & Lillian)**

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