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Gillham Main Neighborhood Association + Kansas City (Westport), Missouri

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Kansas City will again this year hold public hearings to acquaint the community with the budget and to get ideas on how City dollars should be spent.

All persons with specific ideas on how the City should budget its funds are encouraged to attend one of these meetings:

- 1) Wednesday, January 12 7:30 p.m.
Northgate Jr. High, 2117 N.E. 48th St.
- 2) Monday, January 17 7:30 p.m.
Linwood Multi-Purpose Center Auditorium
3200 Wayne
- 3) Tuesday, January 25 7:30 p.m.
Center High School - 8715 Helmes Road

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- Makes you a bad neighbor.

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Call 274-1811 to make the arrangements.

Basically they pick up items such as sofas, refrigerators, stoves, and other such things no longer of use to you.

SCHEDULE THIS SERVICE IN ADVANCE. They will be out the day they say they'll come.

Usually this will be 1 to 3 weeks after you call. In the Gillham Main area this will usually be on a Tuesday.

YES, IT REALLY WAS A POSSUM!

To all of the people in the Gillham Main area who think you've seen something... There really are wild animals in the neighborhood other than dogs, cats, and children.

Squirrels, rabbits, mice, snakes, box turtles, shrews, opossums and owls have been seen near 41st & McGee in the past year. Reportedly deer and coyotes have followed Brush Creek into the Plaza and east in recent years.

A recent possum sighting (Dec. 7th) continues a series going back to 1969. A neighbor told of a litter of 11 in their garage in about 1972.

What animals have you seen recently?

When your neighbors' dogs start barking, maybe there is something interesting out there. - HAPPY ANIMAL WATCHING.

This Month's Meeting

Tuesday, January 11 - 7:30 P.M.

4235 LOCUST ST.

(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

Planning 1977

- 1) What do you want in your neighborhood?
- 2) What should Gillham Main do this year?
- 3) What will Gillham Main start this year?
- 4) What will Gillham Main finish this year?
- 5) What can you do to help?

We Want Members

GILLHAM MAIN NEEDS YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

This is the beginning of a new year and in large part the future of your neighborhood depends on your concern and involvement.

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association was formed in 1973 to let residents of our area (39th to 45th Streets, Main to Gillham) jointly share our concerns, our needs, and work together to make this a good, safe neighborhood in which to live and invest.

If you live in this neighborhood and want to continue to have a comfortable, safe place to live try being a part of it.

Help your neighborhood...

- *Come to meetings in the neighborhood;
- *Join us when we go to discuss our needs;
- *Write or call your elected representatives directly to let them know your concerns;
- *Go to public hearings and let your feelings be known.

AND yes we want more people to help in GILLHAM MAIN - to deliver NEWSLETTERS, attend meetings, serve on committees, help with special projects, and just generally help make your block a little nicer a place to live.

GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION dues are \$1 a year. Send your Name, Address & Phone along with \$1 to:

Eunice Collins, GMNA Treasurer

4040 Locust

K.C., Mo. 64110

AND COME TO OUR REGULAR MEETINGS ON THE 2nd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Visit the NELSON ART GALLERY

- FREE FILMS most Sunday afternoons 2:10
- CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT K.C. Philharmonic-FREE
- Sunday, January 30 3:30 Kirkwood Hall
- Sunday, February 13 3:30 Kirkwood Hall
- MU PHI CONCERTS 3:30 Atkins Auditorium
- Sunday, February 6 & Sunday, March 27
- FREE GUIDED TOURS

Other FREE or low costs events regularly take place at the K.C. Art Institute, the UMKC Conservatory, and at many area Churches.

Explore the options and take part.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

Either residents or potential criminals are reading this column. We have recorded another improved month...less crime.

40th to 45th, Locust to Main:
November 1975 .. 23 reported crimes
October 1976 .. 18 reported crimes
November 1976 .. 16 reported crimes

In the last NEWSLETTER we suggested locking autos and houses more securely as thefts from autos and cars made up 17 of 18 reported crimes in October.

In November only 8 of 16 total were thefts from autos or residences. But there were 8 crimes in four other categories.

PARTICIPATE IN BLOCK WATCH. If you see a potential crime occurring call the Police Department at 421-1500 immediately.

Keep your eyes open and let's make this an even safer neighborhood.

SCHOOLS REPORT

Due to lack of money the Kansas City School District is considering closing more schools. Possible closings at the end of this school year include: ROLLINS, WEST HIGH & MANUAL HIGH.

For more information attend GILLHAM MAIN Meetings and watch for more articles.

ALSO

Many persons have been concerned about high school students on the streets, sidewalks, steps, and even front porches throughout the GILLHAM MAIN area.

If you have been coming to our meetings you have known how to deal with this for some time. But for those of you who haven't been able to attend recently...

The Schools - under State Law - only have responsibility for students on school grounds. Once these students leave the school they are citizens with the same rights to use the sidewalks as the rest of us.

Both Westport and Manual High Schools have been contacted regarding this problem but there is little they can legally do. If you can provide names or photos some action may be possible.

Mr. Stroud is the Vice Principal at Westport High - 931-3439.

Mr. Meadows is the Principal at Manual High - 531-4980.

If you observe a serious problem - too much congregation on your steps, vandalism - a phone call to the Police Department 421-1500 will get an officer there quickly.

However, after all this with 2500 students some problems may continue.

CORRECTION: Joanne Hambleton is new President of Rollins Boosters. Chairman of the Fall garage sale was Tracy Leonard.

GILLHAM MAIN member Walter Wells has been elected 1976-1977 President of the City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations.

NOW in Gillham Main

PREPARE YOUR 1977 CALENDAR NOW. Plan to come to all Gillham Main meetings. Regular meetings will be Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Rockhill Manor Hotel, 4235 Locust.

- Tuesday, January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14

Updated GILLHAM MAIN calendars will appear in this column in the future.

GMNA Holiday Party

The GILLHAM MAIN Holiday Social at St. Paul's Church was attended by thirty-nine persons.

Among those present were City Councilman Richard Berkley, Margaret McGregor-Rollins Assistant Principal, & Dusty Cunningham - new Editor of Westport Magazine.

Coffee, cider, fruitcake, donuts, and cookies were enjoyed by all.

GILLHAM MAIN extends special thanks for their contributions to: J & G Market, 43rd & Oak; Milgrams at 40th & 50th on Main; Manor Bakery; & the Speas Company.

With this many people showing interest there may be more social events over the year - both day and night events being possible.

TOO MANY UNITS!

On Tuesday, December 28 the Kansas City Board of Zoning Adjustment had a case brought before it regarding 4322 Warwick (Case # 7365-A).

The City Codes Administrator had found the property to be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

The City Staff Report found that only 2 of 6 units were legal and that the cars parked in the front yard were also in violation of parking requirements.

A lawyer representing the owner requested a 90 day continuance to have the zoning changed. The Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) denied the continuance and subsequently the appeal was withdrawn without a BZA ruling.

The two basic issues were 1) parking of vehicles in the yard, and 2) having more units than the zoning permitted.

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- V.P....Carl Wilson...4144 Warwick...756-0365
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- George Armstrong..4020 McGee.....531-1824

The GILLHAM MAIN NEWSLETTER wants to carry items of interest to the neighborhood - information, news, meetings, etc. If you have ideas or some time to help with the NEWSLETTER - Please call the Editor Walt Wells at 561-8981. THANKYOU.

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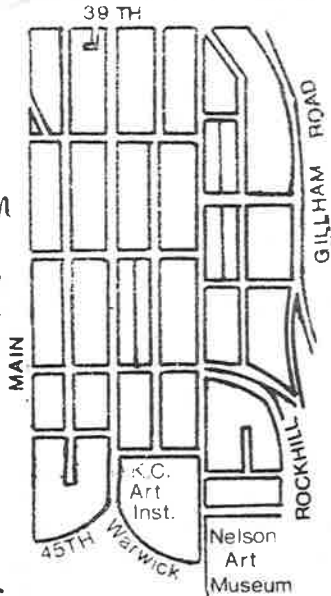
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MEETINGS

All GILLHAM MAIN MEMBERS are encouraged to attend any or all of these March meetings.

- 7th WESTPORT CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
Westport Roanoke Community Center
3601 Roanoke Road 7:30 p.m.
- 8th GILLHAM MAIN GENERAL MEETING 7:30
Rockhill Manor - 4235 Locust
- 14th WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL 7:30
Westport Roanoke Community Center
- 16th GILLHAM MAIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Call 561-8075 for location
- 17th K.C. SCHOOL BOARD 1211 McGee 3:00
- 23rd CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS 300 E. 36th/Rear 7:30
- 28th WESTPORT PLAN COMMISSION 7:30
Harris Home - 4000 Baltimore/Rear
- CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES every Thursday at 2:00 City Hall 25th & 26th Floors.
- CITY COUNCIL Fridays 3:00 26th Floor

Special Notice: To everyone who didn't get a February NEWSLETTER. There wasn't one. The Editor was looking for a job and time went more quickly than expected. Apologies to the persons who missed it. THE EDITOR.

JOIN WITH US NOW

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PROGRAM SETTING GILLHAM MAIN GOALS FOR 1977

Where do we go now?

We've had a code enforcement resurvey and another inspection has been requested for this Fall or next spring.

PAINT UP PROGRAM is again available to our area.

Sidewalks are to be repaired.

Possibility of Federal EDA funds for curbs.

Swimming pool to be dedicated this spring.

Rezoning is still in the works...

COME TO THIS MEETING AND LET US ALL SHARE OUR CONCERNS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REPORT

Many rumours, and questions have been heard by members of the Gillham Main Resident Advisory Committee.

A QUICK SUMMARY: Gillham Main asked for City \$\$\$ to make public improvements in our area. The City designated a "Neighborhood Improvement Program area" 35th to 45th, Main to Gillham. A committee was appointed by councilmen representing this area.

This committee saw the biggest problem to be dangerous sidewalks and decided which had most need of repair.

The City took this list, surveyed the sidewalk, estimated how much could be done for \$75,000 and gave us the results to be done:

- Locust Street 39th to 43rd
- Oak Street 39th to 45th
- 43rd Street Walnut to Locust
- 40th Street Walnut to Oak
- 41st Street Main to Walnut
McGee to Oak
- McGee Street 39th to 44th

This is approximately where we are. We have been told (from the beginning) that the City will pay the initial cost, but that 50% of this cost will be repaid by the property owners into a hardship loan fund available for use in our area.

To learn more come to the GILLHAM MAIN meeting Tuesday, March 8 at 4235 Locust

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ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

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Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

The GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION continues to promote the WHISTLESTOP program we began in 1974. To date we have distributed about 700 whistles.

Currently whistles are available at J & G Market and Westport Library for 75¢. Call 561-8981 if they are out.

Well Done Neighbors!

In January 1977 with an assist from the cold weather we did it! Between 40th and 45th, from Main to Locust there were NO REPORTED RESIDENCE BURGLARIES for the entire month (The only area in Westport without any!!) With 3000 residential units in GILLHAM MAIN this is a record that won't be repeated too often, but it looks good as a goal.

All together there were only 8 reported crimes including 2 car thefts & 3 thefts of auto accessories (CB radios?).

One year ago, January 1976, there were 25 reported crimes.

One month ago, December 1976, there were 13 reported crimes in this area.

BUT...

To keep crime down all of us need to continue our efforts to look out for our neighborhood.

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City ordinance requires that cars not be parked in yards. This is a recurring problem in our neighborhood on almost every street. Warwick is the worst.

Particularly in front yards this is a blighting influence on the neighborhood.

The Association will be sending letters to all property owners where this is occurring and if the problem cannot be resolved specific complaints will be filed with the City by GILLHAM MAIN.

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NOW in Gillham Main

GILLHAM MAIN wishes to express its sympathy to Mike Greene Vice President of the K.C. Art Institute on the death of his son in an auto accident.

GILLHAM MAIN now has 103 members. These are the most recent members: Elisabeth Mitchell
 Irene Barta Mrs. Cecil F. Moore
 Mr. Dick Berkley Mrs. Hilda Nekuda
 Dr. Melba Carter Prof. Paul J. Revitt
 Billie Conner Betty Ross
 T.H."Dusty" Cunningham Miss Lucille Rowley
 Joseph Dierkes Dorothy Shanafelt
 Larry Downs Mrs. Pauline E. Sills
 Edward W. Fellhauser James E. Summers
 Ellen M. Fowler Rebecca L. Summers
 Carlynn Hartmann June R. Turner
 Rector W. Verdery Kerr Mrs. Ruth Turner
 Mrs. Hedwig Krause Stella B. Waltmer
 R. Michael Lowenbaum Kate O. White
 Nancy Mayn Mrs. Esther Williams
 (ATTN MEMBERS: A directory will be available this spring to members only.)

FRIENDS OF THE GALLERY GROUNDS will be back at their volunteer work at the Nelson Art Gallery on Saturdays & Sundays from 9 to Noon beginning March 5.

As you may remember this group is dedicated to making the Art Gallery grounds look like a place this City (and our neighborhood) can be proud to show.

"Bring your kids and clippers. If you need more information call Bob Flynn at 531-8487 or George Scoular at 444-3876."

NEW SWIMMING POOL

While winter is still with us, the snow is melting a little quicker.

With spring coming the Park Department will be dedicating the new water experience (fountain & swimming pool) at 42nd & Gillham.

Plan on attending - we'll try to let you know when as soon as we know.

WESTPORT TOMORROW INC. has a new home. Offices are now in the Harris Home, 4000 Baltimore. The Harris Home was acquired last year by the Westport Historical Society for a Museum and offices.

WESTPORT TOMORROW will be a tenant with 3 rooms on the 2nd floor of the south wing. An open house will be held Friday afternoon April 1 to show everyone who wants to come.

Is anyone in the neighborhood interested in the ideas of a plant exchange, garden club or the like in our neighborhood. It has been discussed for the last 4 years. If there is any interest, come to the meeting March 8 at 7:30 at 4235 Locust & let it be known.

The ATA after nearly 2 years of planning is preparing to begin installation of people shelters at major bus stops.

47th & Main will have a shelter, many downtown locations will have shelters. 39th & Main which needs a shelter has a special problem in the sidewalks being too narrow to allow more than a 4 foot width after the standard bus shelter is installed. Perhaps the ATA and the Werby building owner can get together.

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The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners

Richard L. Marr
Jeremiah Cameron
Carl Migliazzo

cordially invite you to join them
for the Dedication of

The Gillham Fountain Gillham Park

Saturday morning, the second of April
at 10:00 o'clock

41st and Gillham Road
Kansas City, Missouri

MEETINGS

DURING APRIL

ALL GILLHAM MAIN MEMBERS are encouraged to
attend all or any of these public meetings.

- 1st - 3 to 6 p.m. WESTPORT TOMORROW Open House in their new office in the Harris Home - 4000 Baltimore, 2nd Floor, rear.
- 2nd - 10 a.m. DEDICATION OF NEW GILLHAM PARK FOUNTAIN & POOL 42nd & Gillham
- 4th - 7:30 p.m. MEETING WITH YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT (Penn Valley Jr. College, Pioneer Jr. College etc.) - MR. HAROLD JOHNSON at All Souls Unitarian Church - 4500 Warwick.
- 4th - 7:30 WESTPORT CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION Monthly meeting at Westport Roanoke Community Center 3601 Roanoke
- 11th - 7:30 WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Anne Blond & John Al Rodriguez, School Board Members from Westport will explain Desegregation Plan 6C adopted by the School Board including the closing of Rollins & Norman Schools in Westport.
- 12th - 7:30 GILLHAM MAIN MEETING 4235 Locust
- 14th - 7:30 NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE COMMITTEE Is there justice between the courts and the citizens? The effect of the judicial system on crime. At St. Paul's Church 40th & Main.
- 23rd - Saturday 10 a.m. to Noon. 1st Meeting of the WESTPORT EDUCATION COMMISSION. All persons with an interest in good education in all schools attend. At Westport Library, 118 Westport Rd.
- 25th - 7:30 WESTPORT PLAN COMMISSION at 4000 Baltimore.
- 27th - 7:30 CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS. What can neighborhoods do to affect the cost of energy? 300 E. 36th - entrance to ground floor meeting room from lighted lot on North.
- MAY 10 - 7:30 p.m. Gillham Main General Meeting at 4235 Locust.

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PROGRAM Report from the Resident Committee on our N.I.P. grant of \$75,000.
PAINT - UP: How it works, etc.
CODE ENFORCEMENT: When our new exterior code enforcement program begins & other details.
BARS, PORNOGRAPHY, PROSTITUTION: What can we do to improve businesses in our community?



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NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

During April meetings are scheduled in the area between Broadway and Gillham Road from 31st to 39th to see if there are enough people interested to form one or more neighborhood associations within this area.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 7:30 Redemptorist Church Linwood & Broadway. Meeting for persons living between Broadway and Gillham, from 31st to Armour.

MONDAY, APRIL 18 7:30 Westminster Congregational Church, 36th & Walnut. Meeting for persons between Armour & Street from Main to Gillham Road.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 7:30 Hyde Park Christian Church, 38th & Wyandotte. Meeting for persons between Armour & 39th Streets from Broadway to Main.

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE LIVING IN THESE AREAS ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND THE MEETING NEAREST THEM AND HELP FORM A NEW ASSOCIATION.

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Warm spring and summer weather is on the way and more of our friends and neighbors will be walking to the store and to visit after dark.

And maybe the criminals will like to work in this warm waether?

Let's work to keep the crime rate down in Gillham Main.

Listen for unusual sounds.

Learn Police Dept. phone 421-1500.

Look outdoors whenever you can.

Leave on an outdoor light in front and/or in back.

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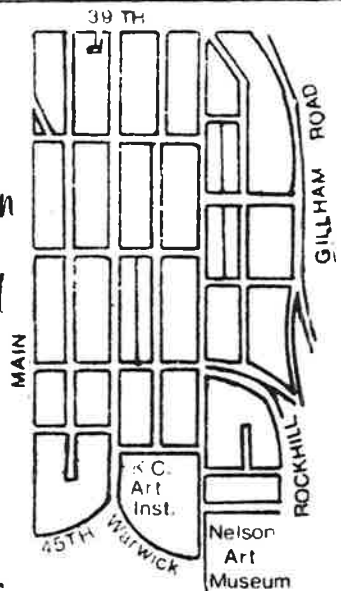
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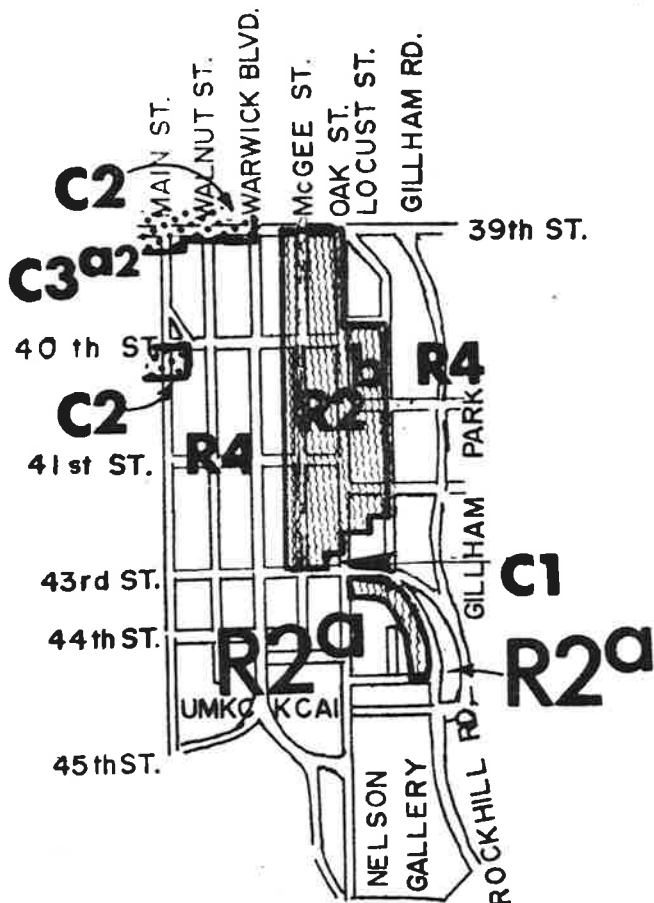


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REZONING IS STILL IN THE WORKS FOR GILLHAM MAIN - THIS MAP SHOWS THE PROJECTED EFFECT.

WHERE ARE YOU?



cartography: n. putnam

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OK Folks, Here Comes Spring!

FLY - By - Night Unincorporated

offers cheap bargains in sidings,
painting,
pest controls,
roofing,
& so forth...

Don't get caught with poor quality materials and workmanship on your property. Be very cautious about offers to work on your home by telephone, mail, or door-to-door solicitation. If you want work done talk to your neighbors and find out who did their work. Check the telephone book and ask the people in your hardware store.

Spring is HERE! Is there an interest in a garden column to talk about plants for trading, improvements made or needed in Gillham Main. If so we need someone to write this - a Volunteer?.

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The Association will be sending letters to all property owners where this is occurring and if the problem cannot be resolved specific complaints will be filed with the City by GILLHAM MAIN.

This Month's Gillham Main Meeting

Tuesday, May 10 - 7:30 P.M.

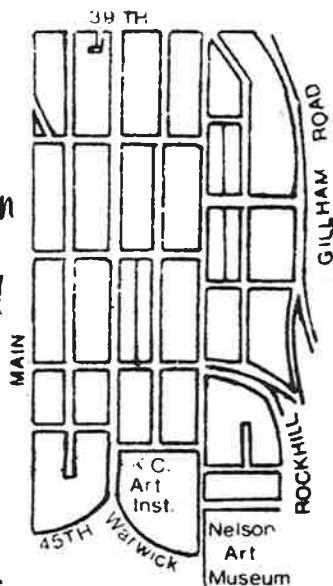
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(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

PROGRAM WHAT SHOULD OUR ASSOCIATION DO?

What are your problems and concerns? How can Gillham Main become an even better place. This month we want to listen to ideas and react to gripes. Bring all the ones you have been saving up & let's get something done about them.

This is the
Gillham Main
Neighborhood



The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association is the people around you who have paid their \$1 to show they care about where they live,

that they want to know what is going on, and that they want to help the area.

Not all of these persons are active, not all of them attend meetings, and we often have more than one opinion on an issue, but on the basic issue of having Gillham Main be a good place we agree.

We would be happy to see more of you filling out the membership form below.

Please show your name as you wish it to appear in the Gillham Main Membership Directory - Mrs., Miss, Ms., etc.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU AT OUR MEETINGS ON THE 2nd TUESDAY EACH MONTH.

Send your dues (\$1 each) to:

Eunice Collins, Treasurer
Gillham Main Neighborhood Assn.
4040 Locust
K.C., Mo. 64110

HYDE PARK FESTIVAL - JUNE 4+5 - PLAN ON ATTENDING
HOMES TOUR / KC PHILHARMONIC JAZZ: CALL 753-2611.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

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To have the Newsletter mailed to you there is an additional \$2 charge.

CHECK HERE IF YOU WANT THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

NOW in Gillham Main

Gillham Main residents have worked hard for the last four years and the results were most evident in January of this year when our efforts combined with the cold weather produced a month with NO reported residence burglaries.

CODE ENFORCEMENT WILL RETURN TO GILLHAM MAIN THIS SUMMER. An exterior systematic code enforcement program will begin in late summer.

A major change from the previous inspection program will be the availability of low interest loans for those persons unable to get a loan for needed repairs.

With about 3000 residential units in our neighborhood we have gone from near 20 residential burglaries in a month to 0, 4, 4 for the last three months.

But this will continue only if we all stay alert for possible crimes.

We are glad to report that 3800 McGee was boarded up in a satisfactory manner after a Gillham Main representative talked with the owner's attorney.

PARTICIPATE FOR A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Following is a brief summary of the crime prevention programs you can and should participate in:

GILLHAM MAIN is just completing an updating of the ownership list for the Gillham Main area and we can report that several properties which have been owned by non-residents are now owned by persons living within our neighborhood.

What is Block Watching?

Watch & listen for strangers, strange cars, strange noises, etc. Call the Police at 421-1500 to check them out

Also being completed is a roster of our members which will be available to all current members.

WHISTLESTOP

Carry a whistle with you always. Blow it in an emergency. Call the police 421-1500 if you hear a whistle blow. Buy whistles at cost at J & G Market, 43rd & Oak.

Be looking for this during May and you will then be able to call that person you met at the last meeting.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

Engrave your social security number on your belongings - put a decal on the door. Check out an engraver at Westport Public Library.

Visit the NELSON ART GALLERY

The SACRED CIRCLES Exhibition now at the Nelson is major exhibit of indian art that may never be equaled.

LIGHTS ON

Help light up your neighborhood. Leave a light on - inside & out. Criminals don't like to work where they can be seen.

Come and view a part of your country's cultural heritage a short walk from your home.

HOME SECURITY CHECK

Call the Police Dept. at 842-6525 and ask for a free Home Security Check. Make sure you have done what you can to make it difficult and time consuming for a potential burglar to break into your home.

Enter: Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays 10 to 3:30
Sunday 2 to 4:30

The complete exhibition takes about 1 1/2 hours to view. Admission is 50¢.

RIDE ALONG

Arrange to ride in the police car that patrols our neighborhood. Call Police Dept. at 842-6525/South Patrol to make arrangements.

There are also a large number of special events taking place during this exhibit. Drop by the Gallery and pick up a list of these.

NEW SWIMMING POOL

The new WATER EXPERIENCE (Pool/fountain) in Gillham Park at 42nd & Gillham was dedicated Saturday morning, April 2. Mayor Charles B. Wheeler, Jr. spoke and turned on the fountain.

Others who spoke and attended included members of the City Park Board, Councilman Dick Berkley, Park Dept. staff and a number of Hyde Park & Gillham Main residents.

MEETINGS

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- Monday, May 9 7:30 p.m. WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Westport Roanoke Community Center. 3601 Roanoke Road.
- Thursday, May 12 7:30 METROPOLITAN DESEGREGATION FORUM/U.M.K.C. Education Bldg. Room 115 52nd & Holmes
- Wednesday, May 25 7:30 CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS Monthly meeting 300 E. 36th - Rear meeting room.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MAY 26th 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. RATE HIKE HEARINGS - KANSAS CITY POWER& LIGHT at Missouri State Office Bldg. 615 E. 13th

TUESDAY, JUNE 14th 7:30 Gillham Main Meeting at 4235 Locust. Put next month's meeting on your calendar this month.

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ROLLINS SCHOOL REUNION

A reunion is being scheduled at Rollins Elementary School for late June or early July for everyone who has had an interest in the building over the years since 1904.

Former students, parents of former students, and former employees are being encouraged to come by and visit the building.

Tentative plans would have the school open from noon or 1:00 until 7 or 8 p.m. with a formal program early in the evening. The Rollins Boosters will sponsor punch and cookies throughout the day.

For the exact date of the open house call the school 931-1613 or Walt or Caron Wells at 561-8981 after June 15.

Summer Meetings

Due to the heat at Rockhill Manor Hotel and various vacations, etc. Gillham Main General meetings in the summer will be as follows:

June 14th at St. Paul's Church—air-conditioned - regular meeting.

July 12 Pot luck picnics in Gillham Park & at 42nd & Gillham. Possibly the

August 9 pool can be opened late these nights. Time to be set - watch for next month's newsletter.

SPECIAL MEETING: On a Saturday later in the summer just before code enforcement begins to answer questions on code enforcement. **DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

Visit the NELSON ART GALLERY

SACRED CIRCLES: 2000 YEARS OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ART. Until June 19th/ evening Hours until the end of this show.

SUMMER INVITATIONAL - Art for Sale by artists working in mid-America today June 12 to September 11

DUANE HANSON RETROSPECTIVE - 15 works by the man responsible for the sculptures of the museum card and the artist now in the Friends of Art Collection at the Nelson. July 20 to August 14.

AMERICAN MINIMALIST PRINTS July 20 to mid-September.

This Month's Gillham Main Meeting

Tuesday, June 14 - 7:30 P.M.

St. Paul's Church

40th & Main

PROGRAM

Roger Mihalko supervisor of the Housing Code Enforcement program of the City will answer questions about our coming inspections.

Code Enforcement Returns

The Gillham Main area (39th to 45th, between Main Street & Gillham Road) will again undergo Housing Code Inspections beginning this summer.

The Basic purpose of these inspections is to let the property owner be aware of health and safety problems and potential or actual structural damage on the exterior of your property.

When Gillham Main began its first inspection program in 1974 we asked that re-inspections occur. Following a series of public meeting beginning in September 1976 the decision was made to ask for this program now.

If you have specific questions about Code Enforcement please plan on attending the Gillham Main General Meeting on Tuesday, June 14th at St. Paul's Church, 40th & Main. This is an air-conditioned location in recognition of Kansas City's warm summer.

JOIN WITH US NOW

Everyone who owns property, lives in, or works between Gillham Road and Main Street from 39th Street to 45th is eligible to join. Annual dues are \$1.

Everyone interested in the Gillham Main area regardless of membership is invited to attend the regular monthly meeting - the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Send your dues to:

Eunice Collins, G.M.N.A. Treasurer
4040 Locust
K.C., Mo. 64110

What Is The Future Of 39th & Main As A Shopping Area ?

One of the needs in having a strong stable neighborhood is the need to have a strong neighborhood business area.

What businesses would you like to have within walking distance of your home?

What are the concerns within our neighborhood regarding: Bars, pornographic oriented businesses, prostitution, and the like?

If we want other businesses maybe some of our residents will have to work to get them into the area and we will all have to support them at the cash register.

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Assn. wants to hear from you.

Gillham Main wants to see 39th & Main once again become a strong shopping center.

Please fill out the questionnaire on the reverse side and return it to:

Gillham Main Neighborhood Association
c/o 4061 McGee

Kansas City, Missouri 64111

If you have further comments than the questionnaire allows space please attach them on additional paper.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

Hear it or See it--- Report it!

Report all suspicious sounds and sights to the Kansas City Police Dept. 421-1500.

ATTENTION LANDLORDS:

You can do much for crime prevention in the neighborhood.

According to the police most burglaries in every neighborhood are caused by people who live in the neighborhood.

When a neighborhood reduces the crime rate and is a safer place to live it is easier to rent at the prices you want.

- 1) Check out carefully references;
- 2) Try to respond to your neighbors concerns
- 3) Maintain your buildings so your tenants will want to stay
- 4) Change the locks or the tumblers in the locks when tenants change
- 5) Consider locked exterior doors to reduce breakins in your buildings
- 6) Cut away shrubs that cover up doors and windows
- 7) Put in and use exterior lighting

Many of the above cost you money but a secure building can command a higher rent.

AND neighbors and current tenants will reccomend a well maintained secure building over one that is not.

Old Car in Yard

The city hauls away junk cars for Free. Call 274-2521 to make arrangements.

Abandoned Vehicle

City ordinance permits the city to haul away any car left on a city street for more than 48 hours without being moved. If you suspect that someone has dumped their old clunker in front of your house or if any car has been parked a while without being moved call 421-1500 (the Police Dept.) and report the cars. You might even be helping in the recovery of a stolen auto.

The City has recently increased the number of city staff persons involved in this work and hopes to get many abandoned cars off streets and out of yards & lots. WWW

NOW in Gillham Main

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, 4538 Warwick Boulevard, a long time resident of the Gillham Main area and a member of Gillham Main from near its beginning passed away recently.

KELLY JAMES, 4147 Locust, 6 years old and a 1st grader at Rollins died recently in an accident at 41st & McGee. Gillham Main extends its sympathy.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Identify yourself as a current member of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association and receive a 10% discount on all but sale items at Johnson Bros. Hardware, 3421 Main.

(Current Gillham Main members have a card showing their membership expiring in September 1977.)

Newly moved to Main Street, Johnson Bros. Sentry Hardware wants to cooperate with surrounding neighborhoods to maintain the area.

In addition to weekday hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Johnson Bros. Hardware is open on Saturday from 9 to 5 AND ON SUNDAY from 10 until 4.

Welcome to the neighborhood to Robert Steinshover new resident owner of 4024 McGee. We hear that much improvement is going on, some of it is quite visible.

Visit the new pool in Gillham Park at 42nd.

Westport Library

When was the last time you went to Westport Public Library, 118 Westport Road?

A recent federal grant has led to new books at the library and some funds for additional books.

Are there any books you think might be needed? Let the Library know what you think is missing.

The Westport Library is in need of some additional paperback books on a variety of subjects. If you have a few books that you have finished the library would be delighted to furnish a new home for them. And your neighbors might enjoy some of these books.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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 yes no

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yes no
A. If yes--list those stores where you shop... or
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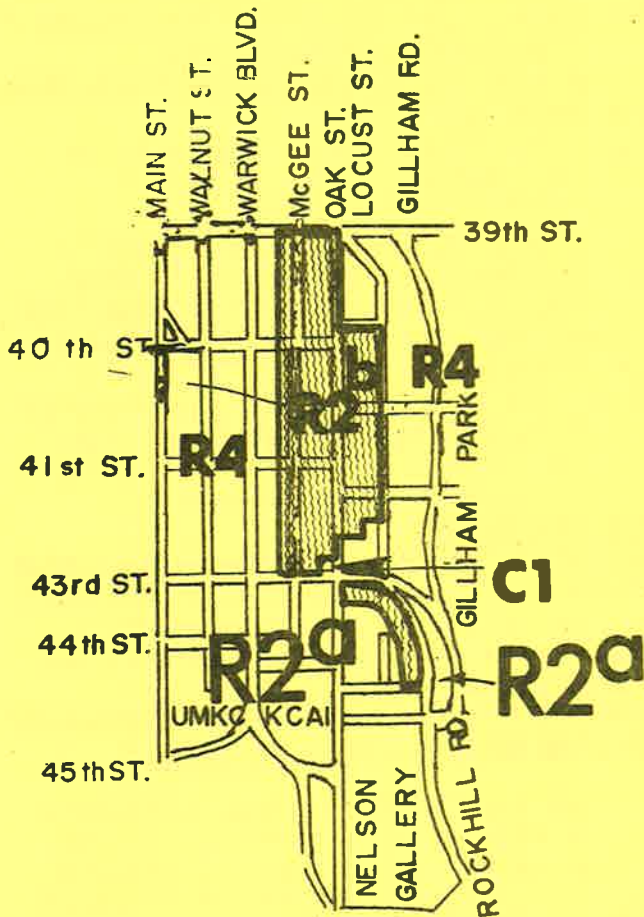
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PROPOSED ZONING



ONLY PATTERNED AREAS ARE AFFECTED

The effect of this zoning change is to limit new construction and conversions in the shaded area to single or duplex use as is now the zoning in most of the area south of 43rd Street.

All existing apartments and legal uses will remain legal uses under this zoning change.

This Month

Gillham Main Neighborhood

POTLUCK PICNIC

Tuesday July 12th 6:00 P.M.

In Gillham Park at 42 & Gillham

(The new POOL will be open until 7:00 p.m.)

BRING:

1. Plates, utensils & drinks; and
2. Enough of a main dish for your family or group.
3. Enough of ONE Side Dish (Salad, vegetable, or desert) to feed twice the size of your family or group.

IN CASE OF RAIN: The Picnic will be the following Tuesday, July 19.

REZONING PETITION

Residents and property owners in Gillham Main are currently circulating petitions asking that ordinance #4771 be passed to change the zoning as shown on the map on this page.

If you have not seen a copy of the petition and would like to sign it, or if you have any questions on the rezoning, call any officer of the Association and you will be referred to someone with a copy of the petition and more information.

The Ordinance was approved by the City Plan Commission in 1975.

Ordinance #4771 has been before the Plans & Zoning Committee of the City Council for over a year.

What Is The Future Of 39th & Main As A Shopping Area ?

The future of 39th and Main as a shopping area depends on the willingness of people to shop there.

What would the Gillham Main Neighborhood be like without having the shopping now existing at 39th & Main?

Last month in the Gillham Main NEWS-LETTER there was a Questionnaire about shopping at 39th & Main.

A total of 4 people have responded so far...So we are running it again.

In the past many people have told Gillham Main representatives that one of the reasons they like living in Gillham Main is convenient shopping.

Did those of you who have said this to others really mean that?

Gillham Main does need your responses if we are to encourage businesses to stay at or move to 39th & Main.

What types of stores does Gillham Main want nearby? Are you happy with adult book-stores, billiard arcades, bars, and empty stores?

If you want a different kind of business community at 39th & Main:

- 1) Start shopping there now for what you can buy there; and
- 2) Fill out and return the questionnaire on the back so Gillham Main can work with the business community to serve your needs in our neighborhood.

THANKYOU.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

A safe neighborhood is the result of many of the residents continuing to work together to get it safe and keep it that way. In Gillham Main we have seen the results in a dropping burglary rate but at the same time there has been an increase in vandalism.

Car windows have been broken, fires have been set, house windows have been broken & property damaged. Our BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM may be a part of the answer.

What is Block Watching?

Block watching is being aware and alert in your block of what is going on - who lives there and who is a stranger. When strangers, strange noises, unusual noises or happenings are observed write down what you have observed and call the police and report it.

Learn the police emergency number and tape it to your telephone. 421-1500.

The Police are our professionals, they protect us but it is impossible for them to be everywhere.

The 5000 residents of the Gillham Main Neighborhood if they work together can make this as safe and secure a neighborhood as any in the city.

All it takes is for you to care about yourself and your neighbor.

WATCH FOR A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD!

NOW IN PRINT!

THE 1977 G.M.N.A. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

(DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS ONLY.)

We've been promising this to you for a couple of months.

It's being distributed.

If you don't have your copy call Walt Wells, GMNA Secretary, at 561-8981 weekdays after 5:30 or on weekends and we'll see you get your copy.

www

NOW in Gillham Main

TO ALL PERSONS WHO DELIVER THE GMNA NEWSLETTER (And to all persons who happen to get an extra Newsletter):

Gillham Main has about 1000 Newsletters a month for a population of about 5000.

If you have extra Newsletters return them to George Armstrong, OR

place them in the box on the board in front of J & G Market at 43rd & Oak.

Discussions between members of the Board of Westport Tomorrow and the Kansas City Star have resulted in a Section in the Kansas City Star & Times Want Ads - a listing of houses for sale in Westport.

If you are buying or selling property in Westport be sure to take advantage of this service by the Star.

HOME FIRE INSPECTIONS:

Recently there have been more than a half dozen fires in or near Gillham Main. The city will provide you a free fire prevention inspection day (preferred) or night. Call the fire prevention office 274-1478.

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BULLETIN

REVENUE SHARING GRANT STATUS REPORT (NIP)
by Jim Watt Chairman, Resident Committee

Since our last update to you in the March '77 NEWSLETTER, our committee has had some tough decisions to make.

FIRST, from the beginning of April thru the middle of July we were waiting to see if we could get another federal grant to pay for curbs while we would use our original grant for sidewalks. However, as we learned last month, our 2nd request was not approved.

NEXT, since the city administration changed its policy regarding the curb and sidewalk funding formula, we had to make a decision as to how to comply with the new policy while at the same time, please our councilmen, and be fair with you, the residents and property owners in Gillham Main.

This decision did not come overnight!

Much deliberation was spent by our committee members to come to a realistic decision.

It is the decision of the committee by a majority vote to spend our grant on Warwick Blvd. only!

The work area is from 45th North to an intersection as far as the money will go. This may be 39th St. or it could be 36th St. As soon as the city staff lets us know we will pass the information on in the NEWSLETTER.

The work to be paid for 100% by the grant includes:

- A. Curb & gutter removal & replacement;
- B. Driveway approaches;
- C. Corner radii.

The work to be paid for 100% by property owners is:

- A. Sidewalk removal & replacement only!

This 100%/100% funding formula is the latest policy change from the city admin-

This Month

Gillham Main Neighborhood

POTLUCK PICNIC

Tuesday, August 9, 6:00 P.M.

In Gillham Park at 42 & Gillham

(The new POOL will be open until 7:00 p.m.)

BRING:

1. Plates, utensils & drinks; and
2. Enough of a main dish for your family or group.
3. Enough of ONE Side Dish (Salad, vegetable, or desert) to feed twice the size of your family or group.

IN CASE OF RAIN: The Picnic will be on the following Tuesday - August 16.

istration.

The committee decided to concentrate our first grant on one street only.

Warwick was selected because...

1. It is the most heavily traveled street in the neighborhood.
2. Curbs are non-existent in many blocks.
3. Our councilmen preferred it.
4. The committee expects the visibility impact to be in our favor with city hall should we apply for a future grant.

The priority list published in the March '77 NEWSLETTER is hereby rescinded.

No other curb & sidewalk work in the neighborhood will take place without prior advance notice given to our neighborhood association by the city.

The committee called upon Mark Shapiro of "Westport Tomorrow, Inc." for his expertise...

What Is The Future Of 39th & Main As A Shopping Area ?

Hi there, again... We are trying the questionnaire just one more time to remind you how important shopping/commercial areas are to adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Along with 3 times as many responses the second time around (from 4 up to 12 and this time ?) we have a letter giving credit for a "decent questionnaire" (!) and one complaining about assumptions.

A little background: Westport is generally defined as following the city limits of Westport when it was annexed to Kansas City 31st to Brush Creek & State Line to Troost. These have been the boundaries recognised by the Westport Community Council since its 1946 incorporation. While there are definitely problems with Troost - prostitution, crime, disreputable businesses, etc. there is also a Troost-Midtown Assn. that is beginning to turn the area around. Property values are holding or rising. Houses and

apartments on Harrison & Forest (both sides of Troost) are beginning to rise in value - one house on Harrison (1/2 block from Troost) sold recently for about \$40,000.

Right now 39th & Main doesn't have as strong a merchants assn. as Troost does and unless the Main Street merchants and nearby residents get it together, the businesses forced off Troost may just wind up on Main.

One person suggested that a closed shop is preferable to a porno-shop. However to the owner rent is preferable. Therefore if residents want to get rid of porno-shops, etc. existing stores will have to be patronized.

Please send in your comments - they will be passed on to all commercial property owners in the 39th & Main area and also to currently operating businesses. YOUR input is going to help shape the future of the shopping opportunities in our neighborhood. THANK YOU.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood Be A BLOCK WATCHER.

NOW in Gillham Main

If you think there is something suspicious happening...

- 1. An unusual sight or sound,
 - 2. Something dangerous or illegal,
- CALL THE KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police are professionals at protecting our people and property. Block watchers are extra eyes for the Police.

HELP STOP CRIME - BE A BLOCK WATCHER!

FIRE SAFETY

Recently concerns have been expressed about fires in and near Gillham Main.

While there have been about 1/2 dozen, they have started from different causes at different times - there doesn't seem to be any relationship between them.

A cigarette left smoldering, two electrical fires, one an attempt to conceal a burglary, one resulting from personal problems - these have been causes.

It would be wise to check your home for potential fire hazards such as piles of newspapers or rags or flammable liquids.

The K.C. Fire Dept. provides a free fire prevention inspection of your house or apartment. Call the Fire Prevention Office at 274-1478.

(Incidentally a rumour has come our way regarding 4001 McGee, a house recently torn down, that a fire had been set there. Several Gillham Main representatives were in the building prior to & during demolition. NEVER AT ANY TIME WAS A FIRE SET THERE. This was a case of poor maintenance of property over several years, a mortgage foreclosure and a decision to demolish rather than repair. The owner offered the house "as is" for \$18,000. It was a poor end for a nice house.)

G.M.N.A. Membership Directory

All members are entitled to a free copy of the GMNA Membership Directory. If you have not received yours yet - call 561-8981 after 5:30 p.m. or on weekends. THANK YOU.

NELSON ART GALLERY: If you haven't seen the Duane Hanson show go see it this week. It is scheduled to end August 14th.

MORE NEWSLETTER DELIVERY PEOPLE NEEDED: Call George Armstrong at 531-1824 to volunteer an hour during the first week of each month.

REZONING HEARING ON GILLHAM MAIN: As printed in the K.C. Star the K.C. City Council Plans and Zoning Committee has been hearing public testimony on rezoning parts of Gillham Main from R-4 to R-2b. We may be able to report action taken in a future NEWSLETTER.

THANKS TO 200 PLUS PEOPLE who signed the petitions circulated in support of the zoning change. These have been delivered to the Plans & Zoning Committee.

10% DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS at Johnson Brothers Hardware, 3421 Main. Show your GMNA card.

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ADDRESS _____

ARE YOU: A Gillham Main member yes no
 resident owner absentee owner
 tenant work in the neighborhood

1. Do you shop in the Westport area 31st - 47th/State line to Troost?
 yes no

2. Do you shop near 39th & Main?
 yes no

A. If yes-list those stores where you shop... or
B. if no - why not?

3. What kinds of stores would you like to have available near your home?

4. Would you shop at 39th & Main if these kinds of businesses were located there? yes no

5. Would you walk to 39th & Main to shop?
 yes no

6. Would you use a bus to shop along Westport Road from Main to Stateline if there was bus service on Westport Road? yes no

(Return to: GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION c/o 4061 McGee, K.C., Mo. 64111

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Gillham Main Neighborhood Association + Kansas City (Westport), Missouri

BENEFIT GARAGE SALE
All Proceeds To
Gillham Main Neighborhood Association

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11 9 - 6

at **4307 WARWICK (Rear)**

(on 43rd Street just East of Warwick)

**WE WOULD LIKE YOUR
DONATIONS FOR THE SALE**

Bring Donations to the rear of 4307 Warwick between Noon and 7 p.m., September 6 thru 9.

THANKYOU - Every contribution helps the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association be a stronger representative of our neighborhood.

MEETINGS

OPEN TO ALL PERSONS WHO WANT TO ATTEND.

FUTURE GILLHAM MAIN MEETINGS/EVENTS

SEPT. 10 & 11 Garage Sale 4307 Warwick 9-6

SEPT. 13 General meeting at 4235 Locust

Program on Code Enforcement 7:30

OCTOBER 11 Annual Meeting, Election of

Officers. Program on Parks. 7:30

November 8 General Meeting

December 3 or 10 Saturday Annual Holiday
Party/Brunch

Wednesday, September 7 at Westport/Roanoke

Community Center, 3601 Roanoke Road

7:00 WESTPORT PLAN COMMISSION

WESTPORT CRIME PREVENTION COMM.

ADVISORY BOARD OF THE WESTPORT

ROANOKE COMMUNITY CENTER

8:00 WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PROGRAM: Glen Hopkins Asst. City

Manager to discuss proposed

City capital improvements

program.

Monday, September 19 at 300 E. 36th, 7:30

ZONING SEMINAR How to better understand

and use zoning. How to participate in

the coming public hearings. Sponsored

by City Wide Coalition of Neighborhoods

Wednesday, September 28 at 300 E. 36th,

7:30 p.m. General Meeting of the City

Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organ-

izations. Program; Redlining - what is

really going on in neighborhoods.

SPECIAL NOTICE: A notice from the City Plan Commission alerts us to watch a special on KCMO, Channel 5 on Sunday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. "The City's New Older Neighborhoods"

This Month's Gillham Main Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - 7:30 P.M.

4235 LOCUST ST.

(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

PROGRAM CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTIONS TO BEGIN THIS MONTH...

The Supervisor of City Housing Inspections - Roger Mihalko - will be present at our meeting this month to explain details of the program and to answer questions...

In 1974 we had inspections and at that time the Association requested inspections in future years to maintain our neighborhood as the first inspection left it. This is the first of what we hope are regular reinspections.

If you have questions...BE AT ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 7:30.

What To Do With \$75,000 ?

Confirming the decision of the Gillham Main N.I.P. Committee as announced in last month's NEWSLETTER is the following Memo from Mark Shapiro of Westport Tomorrow:

August 10, 1977

To: Gillham Main Resident Committee

From: Mark Shapiro

Subject: Warwick Curb and Sidewalk Project

We have received notice from Jim Threatt's office that the Warwick project has been approved under the terms you specified:

1. NIP funds will be used to pay the costs of curb, radius, and driveway entrance replacement.
2. Property owners will be assessed 100% of the cost of any sidewalk replacement, and they will have the option of paying the cost over 15 years.
3. Project boundaries are 39th to 45th streets with successive complete blocks north of 39th street included if funds are available.
4. The name of this NIP Program has been changed from Gillham Main to Warwick Blvd.

Public Works Department staff indicate that work should begin next spring. Please contact this office if you have any questions.

GILLHAM MAIN NIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

Jim Watt (Chairman) 4001 Oak

Ruth Allen (Vice Chair) 4307 Warwick

& members - Dillard Beeson, Eunice Collins,

Ilene Griffith, Don Hale, Karl Kuchenmeister,

Forrest Spaun, & Walt Wells.

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: A few of you still have not received your membership directories. Call 561-8981 after 6 p.m. to arrange to get yours.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood Crime RETURNS in Gillham Main

After improved crime statistics during the 1st quarter of the year the second quarter got worse and now it looks like Gillham Main has a problem.

TOTAL CRIMES Jan.-March(3 months)	35
TOTAL CRIMES April-June(3 months)	85
TOTAL CRIMES July ONLY (1 month)	54
HOME BURGLARIES	
January	0
July	16
STOLEN CARS	
January	2
July	9

This has to stop!
TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS.
Tell them you want them to be block watchers along with you.

What is Block Watching?

Block watchers are people who are alert for anything suspicious. When you see or hear anything unusual...CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY at 421-1500

LIGHTS ON

We have dark areas in the neighborhood where street lights are not enough. Leave your porch lights on all night long. It only costs 2¢ a night to leave on a light.

Visit the NELSON ART GALLERY

A major Kansas City cultural institution is part of the southern boundary of our neighborhood - the Nelson Art Gallery has many activities throughout the year in addition to its permanent collection. Some of the current & coming attractions:

- Through Sept. 18 AMERICAN MINIMALIST PRINTS
8 artist's etchings & aquatints.
- September 16 - November 6 300 YEARS OF NETSUKE - Japanese miniture carvings
- Through September PRINTS ON VIEW recent acquisitions including Durer, Miro, Manet, pissaro, & Toulouse-Lautrec.
- SUNDAY, September 18 3:30 K.C. PHILHARMONIC CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT - FREE ADMISSION
- SUNDAY, September 25 2:10 TWO FILMS
Anna Christie USA, 1930, 90 min. Greta Garbo & SADIE MCKEE, USA, 1934, 88 minutes Joan Crawford.

GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee

- PRES...Norma Rickel..315 E.43rd....561-8075
- V.P....Carl Wilson...4114 Warwick..756-0365
- SEC....Walt Wells..4061 McGee.....561-8981
- TREAS..Eunice Collins..4040 Locust.753-3763
(WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL)
- Peggy Wallace...400 E. 43rd.....531-7783
- Larry Downs.....4211 Locust.....931-4105
(WESTPORT PLAN COMMISSION)
- Ruth Allen.....4307 Warwick.....931-4998
- Ilene Griffith..4138 Warwick.....531-7391
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- Jim Watt.....4001 Oak.....531-1949
- Dorothy Hale...4101 Locust.....931-4643
(CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOODS)
- Tracy Leonard..4326a Locust.....561-4674
- Caron Wells....4061 McGee.....561-8981
- Ray Barta.....4320 McGee.....931-9927
- NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE..George Armstrong
4020 McGee.....531-1824

NOW in Gillham Main

The ANNUAL MEETING including the election of officers and representatives is in October.

Please send all suggestions for persons to serve to the GMNA Nominating Committee, c/o Norma Rickel, 315 E. 43rd, 64111.

Two of our long time residents have sold their property and moved from the neighborhood. We wish them well but will miss them.

Gudrun Luthy who had lived in this neighborhood - in the same house - since she was born more than 80 years ago.

Maurine Douthat found that running an apartment was a little more than she wanted after a number of years.

Both are in good health and still in touch with neighborhood friends.

Voter Registration in Gillham Main

The Kansas City Board of Elections mobile registration unit will be in front of Milgram's at 40th & Main on:

- Thursday, September 15 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Friday, September 16 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Saturday, September 17 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS - BE ABLE TO VOTE ON ISSUES WHICH CONCERN YOU SUCH AS TAXES.

JOIN GILLHAM MAIN

You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood. You just have to help the one in which you already live.

In Gillham Main this year:

A \$75,000 N.I.P. grant has been received and this spring Warwick will be brought up to boulevard standards.

About 1/3 of the neighborhood has been rezoned from R-4 (apartments) to R-2b (duplex).

About 140 people have paid their dues in the Association.

Property Conservation inspections will start this month.

Members of our Association were elected to or served on the Boards of the Westport Community Council, Westport Tomorrow, & the City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations, on the Broadway Corridor Committee, on the Westport Crime Prevention Commission, and the Westport Plan Commission.

JOIN GILLHAM MAIN NOW AND BE ABLE TO VOTE IN THE OCTOBER 11 ANNUAL ELECTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Send your \$1 to: Eunice Collins, Treasurer
4040 Locust
K.C., Mo. 64110

PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Show your name & address as you wish it to appear in the next neighborhood directory.

CHECK HERE IF YOU WISH THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU. There is a \$2 extra charge for mailing.

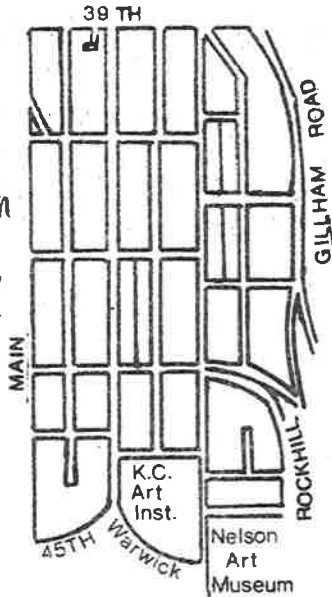
your Gillham Main Neighborhood Association

5TH ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 7:30 p.m. 4235 LOCUST ST.

ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. Persons who join the Association can participate in voting for the persons who will represent our Association during the coming year.

*This is the
Gillham Main
Neighborhood*



JOIN GILLHAM MAIN

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:
(Any ONE of the following)

1. Live in the area;
2. Work in the area;
3. Own property in the area.

Dues of \$1 a year should be sent to:
Gillham Main Neighborhood Association
c/o Eunice Collins, Treasurer
4040 Locust, K.C., Mo. 64110



Annual Meeting Agenda

- ELECTION OF OFFICERS: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer;
& PERSONS SERVING AS REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH GILLHAM
MAIN IS A MEMBER (Number of representatives to each in parentheses.):
- Westport Community Council (2)
 - Westport Plan Commission (2)
 - Westport Crime Prevention Commission (1)
 - Westport Tomorrow, Inc. (2)
 - City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations (3)
- REPORTS OF THE PAST YEAR
OTHER BUSINESS AS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP.

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New GMNA Officers Elected

At the Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 11 members of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association elected the 1977-1978 Executive Committee.

Patrick Kroll, 4320 Oak, 64111 was elected President. Pat bought his home about three years ago and has been active in the southern 1/3 of Gillham Main helping to stabilize the area through enforcement of city codes.

Bruce Cerone, 4041 McGee, will serve as Vice President this year.

Denise Coppedge, 4446 Warwick, is the new Secretary.

Treasurer this year will be James Watt. While the election was won by Eunice Collins by one vote, she felt it was time for a change and stepped aside in Jim's favor.

Other persons elected as Representatives to organizations in which Gillham Main holds membership are - Larry Downs, Kate O. White, Ruth Allen, Ilene Griffith, Dorothy Hale, Walter Wells, Ray Barta. Caron Wells, and Norma Rickel.

President's Message

Most of us who live within the Gillham Main Neighborhood want to make the area a better place in which to live. However, that concept means different things to different people. I perceive the GMNA as a potentially effective tool for collecting, organizing and directing these divergent concepts into a united force which will have a collective impact.

Such an impact will require the participation and cooperation of many. It will require each of you to get involved in helping to make changes for the better. The GMNA is not a one person show. The effectiveness of the GMNA will be measured by its ability to organize each of your desires for the neighborhood into effective action. I hope that my leadership will be helpful in attaining this goal.

The GMNA will hold its general meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except this November's meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday because of local elections.). Executive Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The general meetings will be scheduled for program presentations which will be geared to the interests of the residents. The executive meetings will be working meetings at which policy decisions will be made. All in the neighborhood are encouraged to attend both meetings.

Pat Kroll, President

Fireside Auction - KCAI

Saturday, November 12 9 to 5
Vanderslice Hall K.C. Art Institute
4415 Warwick Blvd.

This 32nd Annual Fireside Auction & Sale is an annual project to benefit the scholarship fund. Attend on Saturday and see where GMNA will meet on Tuesday.

This Month's Meeting

Tuesday, November 15 7:30 P.M.

Epperson Auditorium
KC Art Institute
4415 Warwick Blvd.

(See Map Below)

PROGRAM: Code Enforcement

Mark Shapiro, Director of Westport Tomorrow will discuss and show slides of the impact of Code Enforcement Programs in other areas.

ALSO: Discussion of low interest 312 Loans for home repairs...

If you have problems or questions regarding our Code Enforcement program - Please bring them to this meeting.



GET INVOLVED: WITH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The following are newly established committees within the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association. Pick your area of interest, call one of the committee members and get involved!

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Responsibility: plan & carry out programs for the monthly general meetings.

Members: Denise Coppedge 561-6470
Walt Wells 561-8981
Pat Kroll 561-5381

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Responsibility: Set up & coordinate a communication system within GMNA by establishing a block contact on every block within GMNA.

Chairman: Bruce Cervone, 4041 McGee.

(Continued on page 2 - see GET INVOLVED column 1 following "Crime Prevention")

JOIN GILLHAM MAIN

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association is a group of residents, property owners, & business persons in the area between Main Street and Gillham Road from 39th to 45th who are concerned about the area.

Regular meetings of the membership are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month with the location announced in the NEWSLETTER... (available about the 1st of each month at J & G Market, 43rd & Oak & other locations.)

All persons interested in the area are invited regardless of membership.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

Home burglaries in Gillham Main have been among the highest in the city for the last four months.

While many of these are in the apartments in the area, this is our neighborhood and in January we hit a four year low. We -all of us- need to watch our neighborhood for people who don't belong here.

TO ALL NEIGHBORS: When you are in the area watch & listen for anything that seems suspicious. Call the police at 421-1500 if you even begin to wonder about something.

Just before Christmas is a time that traditionally street crime and home breakins increase...

So with these last four months to learn from all of us need to be extra watchful.

Anyone in Gillham Main wanting more information on crime prevention measures they can take as individuals or as part of a neighborhood committee on crime prevention are urged to contact Walt Wells at 4061 McGee/561-8981 after 5:30 any evening.

GET INVOLVED - continued

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Responsibility: To publish a monthly Newsletter and distribute it to the Gillham Main Neighborhood.

Members: George Armstrong 531-1824
Denise Coppedge 561-6470
Walt Wells 561-8981

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Responsibility: To serve as a communication link between GMNA and the various educational institutions which serve the residents of Gillham Main.

Members: Caron Wells 561-8981

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Responsibility: Improve the physical appearance of the neighborhood by a) working with the city to improve public property within GMNA & b) establishing special projects within GMNA upon which the membership can focus.

Members: Denise Coppedge 561-6470
Dan Bowman
Mike Spencer

PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

The coupon below and \$1 (50¢ under age 18) when returned to the GMNA Treasurer Jim Watt at his home 4001 Oak, 64111 or at any GMNA Meeting will get you a membership card entitling you to vote on issues before GMNA, placement on the mailing list of the Westport Community Council and discounts at some area merchants.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
ZIP _____ PHONE _____

NOW in Gillham Main

Belatedly Gillham Main draws your attention to the efforts of Lark Cloe, 4009 Warwick, to beautify property he owns/manages on Warwick including his home at 4009 and the apartments on the Northeast corner of 40th & Warwick.

Would that the entire neighborhood was as well maintained and that other "garden apartments" looked as much like a garden.

Welcome to the neighborhood to the new owners and residents of 4057 McGee - Dave and Suzi Lockett & daughter Buffy.

GILLHAM MAIN will again this year have a Holiday Party - a Saturday morning brunch with coffee & cider, fruitcake & cookies.

Watch for date, location & time in next month's NEWSLETTER.

Members will get an invitation in the mail.

Plan on coming and talking with your neighbors. Meet people who are concerned about our neighborhood. And meet some of your political representatives who will be there.

MEETINGS

Sunday, November 13th 1:00 to 6:00 at the Jewish Community Center, 8201 Holmes. A workshop on Lobbying the Missouri Legislature.

Sunday, November 13 5:00 to 7:00. At Linwood Multipurpose Center, 3201 Flora THE INNER CITY ORCHESTRA *Free*

Tuesday, November 15 7:30 GILLHAM MAIN at Epperson Auditorium, 4415 Warwick

Tuesday, November 15 7:00 St. Stephens Church, Truman Road at Paseo, Citizen's Forum sponsored by HUD & area groups on New Regulations dealing with Community Development Funds, Citizen participation requirements, etc.

Thursday, November 17 7:00 Annual Meeting of the Friends of Art, Nelson Art Gallery

Tuesday, November 22 GMNA Executive Committee. For time & Place call Pat Kroll 561-5381

Wednesday, November 30 7:30 300 E. 36 CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee

- PRES. Patrick Kroll...4320 Oak561-5381
- V.P...Bruce Cerone...4041 McGee... -
- SEC. Denise Coppedge.4146 Warwick..561-6470
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- Norma Rickel...315 E. 43rd.....561-8075

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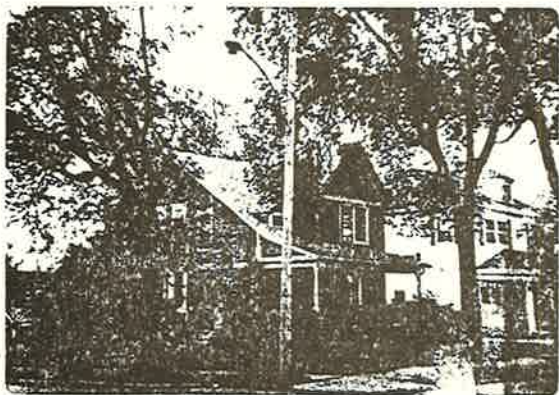
President's Message

The Systematic Codes Inspection is progressing rapidly. You will soon be receiving or may have already received a letter from the City's Codes Administrator listing the deficiencies found on your property. This is a very positive program for our neighborhood. Your cooperation is vital in order for this program to work.

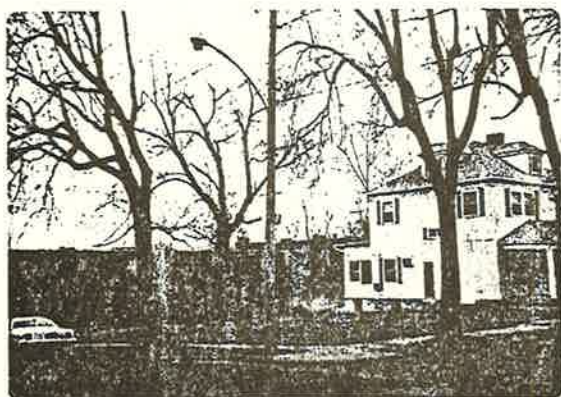
Since we are going to be seeing individuals improving the physical appearance of their property in the Spring, let's expand this positive impact and attack other problems in the neighborhood. You can do something to help improve Gillham Main. Attend one of the new committees formed by G.M.N.A. to attack a multitude of problems. We need more active committee members who are willing to get involved. Each of you can make a contribution. See the November 1977 GMNA NEWSLETTER for a list of active committees. Attend a meeting.

Patrick L. Kroll

Dear Neighborhood, If we all work together this is what our actions could prevent. Both of the photos below are of 4001 McGee. There was no fire, no vandalism, just neglect. BEFORE: This picture taken June 17, 1977.



AFTER: This picture was taken December 12.



Code Enforcement is an attempt to maintain the individual properties which make up our neighborhood. Hopefully with concern from the neighborhood no more properties will deteriorate this much & be demolished.

The Editor

GILLHAM MAIN MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These are scheduled to be held at the K.C. Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Blvd.

There will be no general meeting in December. THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 at 7:00. The AGENDA will include information on city sponsored plans - the Brush Creek Plan (Gillham Main south of 43rd & the 39th & Main business area (38th-40th, Baltimore to Walnut).

This program should be of special interest to Gillham Main as a followup to our poll earlier this year. WE ENCOURAGE ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS FUTURE OF THE GILLHAM MAIN AREA TO ATTEND.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The Executive Committee of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association meets regularly on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 4320 Oak.

All Gillham Main meetings are open and interested persons are urged to attend.

Warwick Boulevard

G.M.N.A. has been working with the City for the past year in an effort to have the curbs, sidewalks, and driveway entrances repaired along Warwick Blvd. This project is scheduled for completion this coming Spring. The Association will also be working with the Parks Department to improve the landscaping along Warwick. Both of these steps are a part of a total effort to improve the aesthetic and physical appearance of Warwick.

As a part of this effort to upgrade the major North-South artery through Gillham Main, the Executive Committee voted on November 22 to request that the Traffic Division of the Police Department enforce the ban on trucks which are illegally using Warwick. The Association requests that all residents who operate trucks within the neighborhood comply with the city ordinance dealing with trucks on the city boulevards.

FREE Large Item Pickup

The City trash service will pick up items that are too heavy or too large to fit in a regular garbage truck.

YOU MUST CALL TO ARRANGE THIS SERVICE. Call 274-1811 to make the arrangements.

Basically they pick up items such as sofas, refrigerators, stoves, and other such things no longer of use to you.

SCHEDULE THIS SERVICE IN ADVANCE. They will be out the day they say they'll come. Usually this will be 1 to 3 weeks after you call. In the Gillham Main area this will usually be on a Tuesday.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

Crime is a problem in our neighborhood and there are things we can do about reducing crime if we all work together.

Crime reports always climb during December. There would seem to be two reasons: #1 OPPORTUNITY - More people out shopping with loaded arms and loaded wallets. #2 NEED many people have extra needs and opportunity tempts.

So when you go Christmas Shopping go with someone else if possible and don't become so loaded down with packages that you become an obvious target.

Home burglaries in our neighborhood after beginning with 0 (zero) in January 1977 have shown as rise in the last half of the year with a high of 21 in September.

Police Emergency 421-1500

PUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER 421-1500 ON EACH TELEPHONE. In an emergency you may forget the number or need time to find a telephone book and a direct call to the police is faster than going through the operator. WRITE IT DOWN
421-1500

LIGHTS ON

Another step that can be taken is to help to light up the dark spots in our neighborhood under the name of LIGHTS ON.

We can all turn on a porch light or install a flood light if our yards or nearby areas are dark.

Check with K.C.P.L. on the cost of operating a light and you'll find you are discussing just pennies a day. Compare this with your increased security and peace of mind and you'll probably find it a good investment.

Also, leaving a light on makes the neighborhood feel more welcoming and alive to visitors and new residents.

Learning & Recreation

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Dept. sponsors many activities of interest to the community. Call or go by the Westport Community Center at 3601 Roanoke Road to get a listing of winter activities. For info call 531-4106.

Also in Westport this winter will be an "Open Door" program at Penn Valley Community College, 3201 Southwest Tfwy. Included in the offerings are sports, arts, income tax, & CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION training. For info call Debbie McHenry at 274-1239.

Contribute to the NEWSLETTER

The G.M.N.A. NEWSLETTER will try to keep you up to date. To do so we need to hear from you the readers about whats happening. For January 1978 NEWSLETTER information must be at 4061 McGee by December 30th. THE EDITOR.

NOW in Gillham Main



from G.M.N.A.

During this season Gillham Main wishes Happy Holidays to all our members and friends. We have enjoyed seeing many of you at meetings this year and hearing your concerns.

Special recognition has come this month to two long time Gillham Main residents and we wish to join in recognising their contributions.

Nettie Collins (Mrs. John) of 4101 McGee was recognized as "VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH" by Westport Cooperative Mission (W.C.M.I.) Her picture appears in the December Westport magazine.

Also appearing in the December Westport Magazine is a photo of the Jerome Walsh residence, 4339 Locust, first winner of the Westport Community Council SPIRIT OF WESTPORT AWARD for home architecture. Beginning with little more than a shell several years ago this house has been completely renovated.

The Annual Gillham Main Holiday Party was held December 3 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Coffee, cider, punch, & cookies were the fare of more than 30 persons including most of the new GMNA Executive Committee and State Representative Dotty Doll.

We had a successful garage sale September 10 & 11. Net proceeds were \$369.18. Many people gave of their time and we don't have the space to list all they did.

Many people donated items and bought items at the sale. Our Thanks!

The following people helped in some way with the 1977 GMNA Garage Sale: Judith Alcaez, Clara Allison, George Armstrong, Helen Armstrong, Juanita Armstrong, Raymond Barta, Helen Bucher, Kathy Cerone, Eunice Collins, Raymond Culp, Lois Daniel, Marcene Darby, Julia Galvin, Ilene Griffith, Jane Gross, Dorothy Hale, Don Hale, Frank Jennings, K.C.A.I.'s Ronald Cattellino, Gudrun Luthy, Martha McLendon, Dave Mathews, Ann Nelson, Ruby Oder, Dave Pfefer, Norma Rickel, Gertrude Riley, Steve & Mrs. Slaughter, June Turner, Jim & Barbara Watt, Caron & Walt Wells, Marci Wells, & Ann Wiley.

A SPECIAL THANKS go to Gertrude Wickersham and Arthur & Ruth Allen for the contribution of their garage, yard, & porch for the sale. Between them they put in over 100 hours to collect and coordinate this sale.

JOIN GILLHAM MAIN

Everyone who lives, owns property, or works between Gillham Road and Main Street from 39th to 45th is eligible to join.

Send \$1 dues to: Jim Watt, Treasurer
Gillham Main
4001 Oak
K.C., Mo. 64111

CITY BUDGET HEARING * JANUARY 5 * WESTPORT ROANOKE COMMUNITY CENTER * 3601 ROANOKE ROAD
Plan on attending. This is your chance to tell the City Council how to spend your money.