

Southmoreland News

Kansas City Cultural Center

January, 1987

CHRISTMAS IN SOUTHMORELAND BRINGS A RECORD TURNOUT

The Simpson House sparkled with Christmas lights and poinsettias Tuesday night, December 9, when over 100 members and guests assembled for the annual Christmas in Southmoreland party. As host, Vice President, Lou Steele greeted arrivals and directed them toward Secretary Susan Trost and Treasurer, Eddie Edmondson, who kept attendance and gave tickets for the drawing for prizes.

Colonel Allen and David Lockett dispensed beverages during the informal half-hour preceding the buffet dinner. Co-chairmen Debbie Thompson and Suzi Lockett, assisted by Ruth Allen supervised the festively decorated tables where an elegant spread of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, breads, salads, entrees, relishes, and desserts tempted appetites. Everyone enjoyed multiple samplings and the consensus was that the neighborhood has the best cooks in Kansas City!

Following the meal, drawings were held for the large number of prizes that had been contributed by neighborhood and city businesses. Suzi Lockett presided in her inimitable style, giving credit to donors as she did so. Elizabeth Dobson won the TV set, while Dr. Alex Filip won the lamp given by Jennings Interiors. These were the two major adult prizes, with dozens of others going to lucky members. Youth top prize was won by Cassidy Ross; it was a \$20 gift certificate for the Westport Book Store. All 12 children present were awarded children's prizes.

Mayor Dick Berkley and Council members Frank Palermo and Jim Heeter with Mrs. Heeter came to represent City Hall.

Debbie Thompson with the help of husband Bob, and Suzi Lockett co-chaired the party, one of the best Southmoreland has ever had according to those who attended.

Special thanks go to:

The businesses and individuals who contributed merchandise, gift vouchers, and other door prizes for the party. Your generosity toward our neighborhood is much appreciated.

Co-chairmen Debbie Thompson and Suzi Lockett, and their husbands, Bob and Dave; Colonel and Ruth Allen, who supplied all the beverages and went the second mile to supply more when the supply ran low, and all the others who brought food, etc.

To All Souls Unitarian Church, and especially to Jane Gilbreath, who arranged for our use of the Simpson House for the party, warm thanks for giving us the opportunity to use this beautiful facility and to enjoy its seasonal decor.

To our guests from City Hall for honoring us by taking time from their busy schedules to share our evening, and to all the Southmoreland members who

brought neighborly enthusiasm along with tempting food for the buffet dinner, thank you and best wishes for this holiday season.

To the officers of the Association who assisted in making the party a success, to all who stayed to clean up afterwards — Lou Steele, Col. and Ruth Allen; Dave, Buffy and Suzi Lockett; Bob and Debbie Thompson, Susan Trost, Matt Hale, and Mary Beth and Dr. Filip — a hearty thanks!

Peace and good will to each of you!

Ruth Harbour would like to thank all the officers and members who contributed to the success of the Christmas party. She regrets that she was unable to participate, having been called to northwest Iowa by the death of a close friend Monday, but she extends greetings for a blessed holiday season to all.

K.C. COUNCIL OKAYS SPECIAL REVIEW DISTRICT

On Thursday, December 11, the Kansas City Council approved the creation of a Special Review District which will allow for a board to enforce design standards for new businesses and building developments along Main Street. The board will be made up of citizens drawn from the corridor and nearby neighborhoods to review plans for commercial developments and changes. The seven voting members will be property owners or lessees in the review district.

Southmoreland Neighborhood is affected because our western border, Main Street to Walnut Street and reaching from 39th to 47th Streets, is in the new district. This is prime real estate which should have the highest quality of development.

A Special Review District establishes specific standards for an "overlay zoning district," a zoning classification that adds requirements to the normal process when building permits are sought. Among these specifics are building setbacks from the street; size of facade; coverage of lot area; location of windows and entrance; types of building materials, landscaping, location and screening of trash and garbage receptacles; number of driveways; location and screening of parking; and location, type and size of signs. Adherence to these standards will provide protection for adjoining residential streets, and quality development will provide a progressive and attractive front door to Southmoreland on the west.

As developers share projections with our zoning committee and with the executive board before they take projects to the new Special Review District board and to the City Council, Southmoreland needs a corps of residents and businessmen who are willing to share the responsibility of studying projects, attending hearings, and testifying on behalf of the neighborhood. For many years Southmoreland has relied on a dedicated group of officers and chairpersons to represent them in this way. It is time that

additional residents volunteer to help. If you can devote some time and thought to this important phase of Southmoreland's development, get in touch with Pat Kroll, chair for zoning and development, or with one of the officers. Your suggestions and help will be appreciated as we work together for a better neighborhood.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MET TO DISCUSS S.N.A. GOALS

Five members of the goal-setting committee met December 7 to consider ideas submitted by several neighborhood members and to organize suggestions into a list that will be discussed at the January 13 meeting of the Executive Board. There is still time to submit your suggestions. Among those that will be considered are the future of the Main-to-Walnut corridor, 27th to 47th, recently included in a new Special Review District; the problems of trash, litter, and illegal signs; the problems of neglect by absentee owners or by careless tenants; ways to involve more neighborhood residents in the work of the Association; block parties to get acquainted and to plan neighborhood cooperation; ways we could support the schools; and how as individuals we can make this a crime-free neighborhood.

There are plenty of problems for us to solve; we just need your help and that of every neighbor to find the best solutions.

ART NOTES

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
4525 Oak Street, 561-4000

Current Exhibitions:

LeBrun's **Portrait of Marie-Gabrielle de Gramont, Duchesse de Caderhousse, in Kirkwood Hall**

Stephen Posen's **Cooper Square, 1974**, an American modern painting on display in the Parker-Grant Gallery, second floor

John Thomson's **A Window to the Orient**, Victorian photographs, displayed in the Loan Galleries

Surrealist Prints from MOM in N.Y. City, Japanese popular ceramics, and Old Master Drawings will continue through December.

The Holiday tree in Kirkwood Hall is on view through December 28, with 25 Italian creche figures beneath it; white poinsettia trees grace Rozzelle Court.

Unitarian Gallery
561-5206

Anita Toby's watercolors of the Southwest, until January 2 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Forum Committee invites all to attend "**Peaceful December**," a series of FORUM presentations on the topic of Peace, to be held each Sunday in December at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Kansas City Art Institute

Hal Elliot Wert, who has served as acting dean of the Institute since August, has been appointed Dean of the College. Mr. Wert has been a faculty member since 1971.

CORRECTION: Mary Beth Filip is a resident of Sophian Plaza, not Oak Hall as stated in the November newsletter.

SNOW SEASON PROCEDURES

Whether we are ready or not, one of these days we will need to think about that white stuff. Here are some facts about snow removal in Kansas City:

Not all streets can be cleared immediately. Main streets and arterial streets carrying heavy traffic have precedence.

The city begins residential plowing where there is an accumulation of over 3 inches of snow. Plowing is contracted out on the 1500 miles of residential streets in Kansas City, Missouri. The contractors are required to plow only 12-foot paths in the middle of the road, not from curb to curb.

All residential streets should be cleared within 12 hours after a snow storm has ended. If your street has not been plowed within that time, call 274-1662. In case of a valid medical emergency that warrants immediate attention, call the Police Department at 911.

Winter Emergency Items: Keep these in your vehicle during the winter months to save inconvenience and possible expense: •ice scraper/snow brush; •tow chain/rope; •booster cables; •flashlight with extra batteries; •a box or bag of sand or gravel, shovel; •first aid kit; •overshoes or galoshes; •a warm blanket.

Be prepared for icy streets with all-weather tires or snow-studded tires.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

All the excitement of unwrapping gifts is over. The ribbons and papers are scattered from attic to basement. What to do with them, and with the tree?

Many of us carefully store the nicest ribbons or paper that might be used again. But the rest? **Do not** burn them in the fireplace, which might start a chimney fire. Bundle it up, put it into a city garbage bag, and on collection day, it will be ready to put on the curb.

Live trees are another fire hazard if put into the fireplace, where the resin in pine needles and trunk can explode in showers of sparks. If you would like to use the tree as a shelter for small wild life, tie it down to a fence corner as soon as you take it out and occasionally put an ear of corn or birdseed under it. Otherwise, cut it into four-foot lengths and tie them as you would a dead tree limb, again, to place at the curb on Monday. A few minutes of your time disposing of these after-holiday items will make your home neater and safer.

If you have lights at windows or on trees, remember to disconnect them if you leave the room.

Keep your curtains drawn when the tree lights illuminate the room; don't give an invitation to anyone looking for an empty house or holiday gifts.

MEMBERSHIP

**Application for Membership
in the Southmoreland
Neighborhood Association**

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

Please indicate:

Tenant/Student(\$3.00) _____ Senior Citizen (\$1.00) _____

Owner: for each property (\$5.00) _____

Church/School (\$25.00) Merchant/Developer (\$25.00) _____

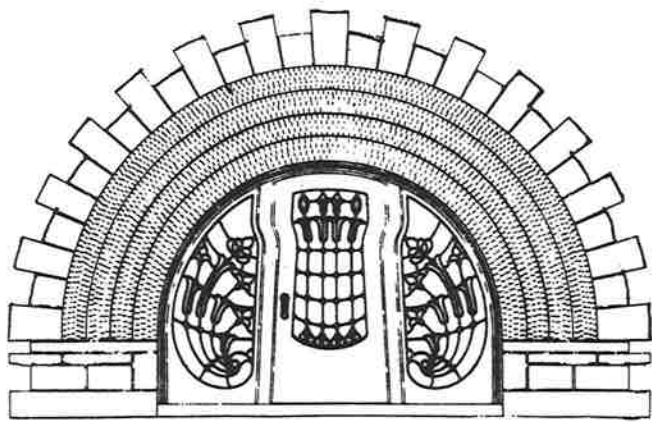
Friend of the Neighborhood _____ (\$ _____)

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Do you wish to be listed in the Directory? _____

Please mail newsletter (\$3) _____

Mail your application for membership to Mr. Eddie Edmondson, 4317 Oak, Kansas City, MO 64111.



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SOUTHMORELAND TO SPONSOR SCHOOL INFORMATION MEETING

Plans are being completed for Southmoreland to sponsor an informational program concerning Kansas City Schools' magnet school plan. This will be held on March 10 at 7:00 p.m., the night of our quarterly general meeting.

Final arrangements will be announced in the March 1 newsletter. However, tentatively, we expect to meet at Westport Junior High School, where there is ample lighted parking off McGee, and where we can host other neighborhood associations adjacent to our area. We expect to have representatives of the elementary schools, a Board member, and other resource people on hand to explain the plan and to answer questions from the audience.

We hope to have a large attendance; this is a topic of tremendous interest that will have impact on Southmoreland's future as a desirable place to live and do business. Plan now to attend March 10, and watch for further information about the time and place.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR CITY ELECTIONS

If you have not already registered to vote in Kansas City, Missouri, you have only a short time remaining to do so before the March elections.

Requirements for voting in a city election include: you must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years old, and registered at least 30 days before the election. You must have been a county and state resident for at least 30 days. You should supply identification showing your name and address; a driver's license is sufficient.

Contact the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners, 1331 Locust, Kansas City, Mo., Monday-Friday, 8-5, or telephone 842-4820.

ALL SOULS SINGLES TO ORGANIZE FEB. 6

If you are interested in being part of the All Souls Singles group, you are invited to attend the organizational meeting to be held Friday, February 6th, at 7:30 sharp in Conover Auditorium at the church. The group seeks to meet the needs of single through a program of activities at All Souls, 4500 Warwick.

The February Executive Board meeting will be at Lou Steele's house February 10th.

MAIN STREET CORRIDOR HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Main Street Corridor Development Corporation held its annual meeting program "The Making of Main" Thursday, January 22, at the Kansas City Marriott Plaza Hotel, 4445 Main.

MainCor honored Sharon Blevins, who has guided the organization since its beginnings as an outgrowth of Westport Tomorrow through a dramatic development and improvement program on Main Street. The group also welcomed its second executive director of MainCor, Patricia Velton, who began work at the MainCor office January 12. She has had nine years experience with Neighborhood Reinvestment as a redevelopment consultant and specialist.

Southmoreland extends best wishes to Sharon Blevins in her future endeavors and congratulates her on a job well-done. We welcome Ms. Velton to her position of leadership with MainCor and look forward to cooperating with her in achieving her goals for the area.

NEW SERVICE BUSINESS IN SOUTHMORELAND

Four neighborhood women will open the new office of their professional house cleaning service, DomesticAide, in February in the former Bremson Photo Building, 110 E. 43rd Street.

The partners, Annette LePique and Barbara K. Bailey (Hyde Park residents), Julia Purdy (Longfellow), and Rosemary Smithson (Southmoreland Neighborhood member and resident), have incorporated under the name Broad Horizons. They purchased the DomesticAide franchise territory that includes Kansas City east of State Line because of the company's outstanding cleaning systems and high regard for crew members. The company began in 1976; the women joined it in September 1986 and have been operating since then.

DomesticAide furnishes crews of two well-trained cleaning people who bring their own equipment and supplies. They will clean your home or office on a regular basis or for special occasions. Call Julia, the managing partner, at 753-3838, for a free estimate by phone.

WELCOME, WORLD

Little Margaret Eva joined parents Darrell and Rudi Zapf-Meadows January 7 at 4328 McGee. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and has dark blue eyes and dark hair. Her mother is a December graduate of the K.C. Art Institute, while Dad is with Arvey's Paper and Supplies. Congratulations!

WESTPORT WINTER FESTIVAL PLANS WINTER RECREATION

You are invited to set aside time Friday, February 6, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. to join in the Westport Winter Festival sponsored by the Westport Roanoke Community Center at 3601 Roanoke Road. This one-day festival is planned to bring Westport residents and friends together for recreation and fellowship and to foster the sense of neighborhood for which Westport is known.

There will be healthy, wholesome recreational activity for all ages. There will be three areas of activity: indoor games including board and carnival-type games; outdoor games in adjacent Roanoke Park (3601 Roanoke Road), and dancing and food in the "Alpine Room," --- the gymnasium, decorated and equipped with chairs and tables, a good sound system, and a dance floor. Good food and hot drinks will be provided for a nominal donation.

Additional helpers are needed for food preparation and service, decorating, and supervising and general management. If you can volunteer to help in advance of the festival or during it, call 531-4106 and ask Greg, John, or Anne, who are on the staff, for particulars. Southmoreland will be represented, and we would welcome your help. If you can help and need a ride, call Ruth Harbour at 753-4107. Let's join in the fun February 6!

CHILLY DAY, CHILI DAY COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Westport Tomorrow continues its traditional Chilly Day, Chili Day feast on Saturday, February 28, 1987, from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Guardian Angels School cafeteria. The cost is \$3.00 per person in advance or \$3.50 at the door. Let's join all our Westport residents and friends on the day!

SAFETY REMINDERS

A city ordinance requires every residence and apartment to have a smoke detector outside the sleeping area, installed and functioning properly. Fire statistics prove that smoke detectors save lives; there have been no fatalities in Kansas City where a smoke detector was found to be working properly, since 1983.

Shoveling the sidewalk that borders your property is also required. So far, most sidewalks have been shoveled, permitting passersby to walk safely to work or school. Let's keep the walks clear.

No residential refuse will be collected Monday, February 16, a designated holiday.

Southmoreland Neighborhood Association Officers

President: Ruth Harbour	4334 McGee (64111)	753-4107
Vice President: Lou Steele	4330 Rockhill (64110)	931-6099
Treasurer: Eddie Edmondson	4317 Oak (64111)	756-1533
Secretary: Susan Trost	3939 Warwick (64111)	753-5975

The executive board meets on the second Tuesday of the month. A reservation is necessary to appear before the board. Contact an officer before the first of the month.

Committee Chairpersons

Beautification: Kenneth Young	318 E. 43 (64111)	561-0753
Condominium Homeowners: Mary Beth Filip	4618 Warwick (64112)	561-0050
Crime Prevention: Jim Watt	4001 Oak (64111)	531-1949
Historic District: Louis Steele	4330 Rockhill (64110)	931-6099
Membership: ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS		
Neighborhood Signs: Wolfgang Trost	3939 Warwick (64111)	753-5975
Newsletter:		
Editor: Ruth Harbour	4334 McGee (64111)	753-4107
Distribution: Dana Wogan and Bob Bowlin	3931 Walnut (64111)	931-8044
Tenant Rep: Bob & Debbie Thompson	4011 McGee, #3 (64111)	753-6206
Trash & Litter: Evalyn Lee	3948 McGee (64111)	931-2141
Zoning, Codes, Redevelopment & Planning:		
Pat Kroll	4320 Oak (64111)	561-5381

CANDIDATES' FORUM AT MIDWEST INSTITUTE MAG CENTER

The Historic Kansas City Foundation, Old Northeast, Inc., Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, and Volker Neighborhood Association are sponsoring a Candidate's Forum on Tuesday, February 17th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Midwest Research Institute's MAG Center, located at 425 Volker. Southmoreland has been invited to be a participant and sponsor.

The meeting will focus on neighborhood and preservation issues. A panel consisting of Aggie Stackhaus, Barbara Langley, Don Maxwell, Ken Coit and Linda Gill Taylor will ask questions of the candidates. After the panelists complete their questions, the public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Your officers feel that this candidates' forum fills an important need for our getting more information as we face the job of filling vacancies left as our two 4th District Councilmen choose not to run again for their Council seats. Please take the time to attend the meeting and get the candidates' views about the conduct of Kansas City's affairs.

K. McCARTHY HOLDING FORUMS CONCERNING LEGISLATION

Legislator Karen McCarthy will be holding community forums on the fourth Saturday of each month during this year's legislative session. The meetings will be held at the Westport Allen Center, 706 West 42nd Street, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, and June 20.

These forums continue the monthly in-district meetings McCarthy has held during each session. Matters of concern to Westport residents are topics of discussion, and the input of the residents is valuable as needed statutory revisions and reforms are considered.

ARTS

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art • 4525 Oak • 561-4000
The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 5 and on Sundays from 1 to 5. Educators, students, and those 18 and under are admitted free, adults \$2.00. All are admitted free on Sundays.

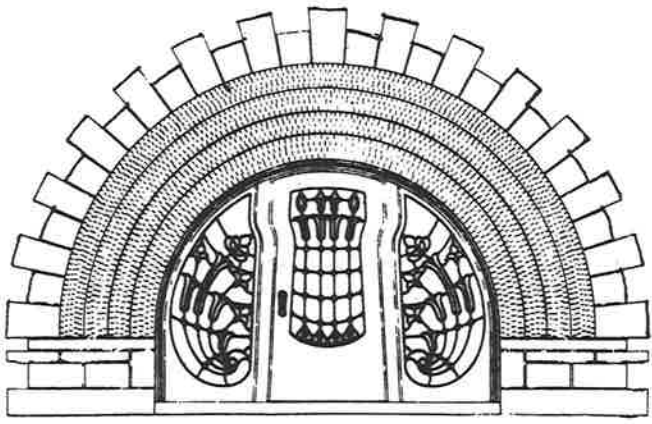
Jan. 17-Mar. 8 Exhibit of bent wood and metal furniture: 1850-1946, including works by Belter, Thonet, Hoffman, and van de Rohe.

The Kansas City Art Institute • 4415 Warwick Blvd. 561-4852, ext. 291

Thursday, **February 5**, at 7:30 p.m., Robert Morris will present a public lecture in Epperson Auditorium. His gripping black and white exhibition, consisting of pieces of varying sizes including one 16x8 feet, is a one-man show running **January 17-February 15** at the Charlotte Crosby Kemper Gallery. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon until 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Monday.

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GENERAL MEETING MARCH 12 FEATURES MAGNET SCHOOLS

The general meeting of Southmoreland Neighborhood Association will be held Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Westport Junior High School. Please note the **change of day**.

The purpose of the program will be to provide information about the magnet schools that will be functioning in the next school year. A panel of three education-oriented speakers will describe the plan and its implementation. Arthur Benson, III; Mrs. Mary Arney; and Mrs. Rayna Levine, Principal of Volker School where some Southmoreland children are students, will give us an overview and take questions from the audience.

Good schools that meet the needs of students and community are essential. Several other neighborhood associations have been invited to attend. We urge you to make it a priority. There is ample parking on the Westport Junior High School lot directly across the street from the entrance on McGee.

As a part of the general meeting, Southmoreland committees will report on the progress of the neighborhood signs that will soon be installed; the pamphlet that is in the development stage, to be distributed to encourage new residents and further development; and the cleanup committee's plans for a litter pick-up day.

There will be an opportunity to pay your membership dues if you have not already done so. The membership year extends until October 1st.

There is a lot going on in Southmoreland Neighborhood. Get out a pencil, check the date March 12 on your calendar, and meet your neighbors at Westport Junior!

LARGE TRASH PICKUP APRIL 6

It's time to get at that garage, basement, and attic if you will have large articles to be picked up in the city's large trash collection Monday, April 6.

All items must be placed beside the curb. Loaders will not collect items left on porches, sidewalks, or driveways. Place loose items that might scatter in boxes, garbage bags, or tie them tightly in bundles.

Tree limbs or odd pieces of lumber must be cut into four-foot lengths and tied with twine or wire.

Trash should not be put at the curb before 4 p.m. on Sunday. Collection begins at 7 a.m. and will continue until all trash has been removed.

If any loose paper, broken crockery, etc., is left behind, get it ready for the next regular pickup. Let's keep Southmoreland clean!

AREA POLITICAL ACTION GROUP MAKES ENDORSEMENTS

A newly formed, neighborhood-based organization of 150-plus members, the Westport Citizen's Action Coalition, (WCAC), made its endorsements for Mayor and City Council recently. The group does not represent any neighborhood association, but includes members from Westport's fourteen neighborhoods. It is independent and non-partisan.

WCAC was started by neighborhood leaders because they felt Westport did not have the political clout it needs and because many other area political organizations have not been involved in solving critical problems. In addition, many are heavily influenced by money from candidates and their organizations. WCAC accepts no money or contributions in kind from candidates or their organizations.

WCAC endorsed Mayor Richard Berkley; for 2nd District City Council At-large, Frank Palermo; for 2nd District City Council, Pat Shaughnessy; for 4th District At-large Council, Katheryn Shields; and for 4th District City Council, Dan Cofran.

AUTO HITS URN: URNS WINS

A careening automobile leaped over the curb into the narrow park that separates Rockhill Terrace and 43rd Street at Oak early Saturday morning. Unfortunately for driver and car, it hit the monumental concrete urn that ornaments the park at that point. The impact sent the upper vase part of the urn flying to the ground. It also sent those in the car (one or more) to the hospital in an ambulance after half a dozen police cars converged on the scene. Damages for repair of the urn will be sought.

The repair of the urn and replacing it on its pedestal is a matter for the K.C. Department of Parks, on whose property it was located. Dieter Trost gave the urn to the association while he was a resident here, and it was then placed in the park. It is quite an antique, not easily replaced. Association members, including Pat Kroll most recently, kept it filled with vines and flowers. We hope it will be ready for the traditional May planting.



GRACIAS, MANY THANKS!

We want to acknowledge the contribution the carriers and distribution team have been making to get the Southmoreland newsletter out each month. It is not always easy. The sun does not always shine, and sidewalks are not always cleared. But these folks have given a lot of time to their neighborhood in spite of the inconveniences. A hearty thank you to each one!

To Dana Wogan and husband Bob Bowlin, for the many hours of counting, bundling, and delivering, a job well done!

To Edith Woods, Br. Joseph McGlynn, Elizabeth Brown, Rick Wikholm, the doorman at Oak Hall, Mary Beth Filip at Sophian Plaza, Ruth and Col. Arthur Allen, Ilene Griffith, Carolyn McDill, Michael Barnett, Evalyn Lee, George Armstrong, John and Debbie Ruth, Ray Barta, Suzi and Dave Lockett, Ruth Harbour, Dennis Pierce, J and G Market, Kenneth's Hair Fashion, Ann Wiley, Jim Watt, Susan Malland, Joe Rogers, Nancy Lowry, The O'Connells, and Bill Foster, many thanks!

And to the businesses that have allowed us to leave bundles for drop-ins, and to the many other members and friends of the neighborhood who have assisted in the past with distributing the newsletter, we appreciate each of you!

WITH THE ARTS

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art • 4525 Oak Street
Phone: 561-4000**

Mar. 1 - April 12 Robert Cottingham Prints

Mar. 20 - 22 Surface Design, a design competition sponsored by Hallmark Cards; sixty selected designs on view.

Mar. 28 - May 24 Mounted Oriental Porcelain: 60 examples of porcelains mounted with elaborate metal work synthesizing Eastern and Western art.

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Feb. 21 - Mar. 15 Alice Aycock exhibit of drawings and sculpture; C.C. Kemper Gallery on KCAI campus.

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DATES SET FOR JUNE PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Arrangements have been made for the annual Southmoreland in the Park picnic to be held on June 9 at 6:00 p.m. Particulars will follow in a later issue of the newsletter.

The Kansas City Art Institute has granted permission for our use of Vanderslice Hall on its campus for the Christmas party December 8 at 6-8:30 p.m.

We need chairpersons for these two events. We also need helpers. If you can volunteer, call Ruth Harbour, 753-4107.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR IS ILL

Ruth Allen, a faithful officer, committee member, and Southmoreland booster, has been hospitalized for several weeks at St. Luke's. She will undergo treatment at K.U. Med. Center February 24. We hope Ruth (Mrs. Arthur Allen) will be back home by the time you read this. Why not remember her with a note today?

TRASH AND LITTER DAY EVERY DAY

As the snow melts, we need to tidy up our lawns, curbs, and gutters if paper, cans, etc., has been littered by pedestrians or automobile occupants. This is a nuisance. So are the numerous flyers that multiply as soon as we have a sunny day — sales, dances, whatever. But the alternative — a messy, ugly view from our windows — is much worse than developing the habit of removing signs or litter.

Application for Membership in the Southmoreland Neighborhood Association

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

Please indicate:

Tenant/Student (\$3.00) _____ Senior Citizen (\$1.00) _____

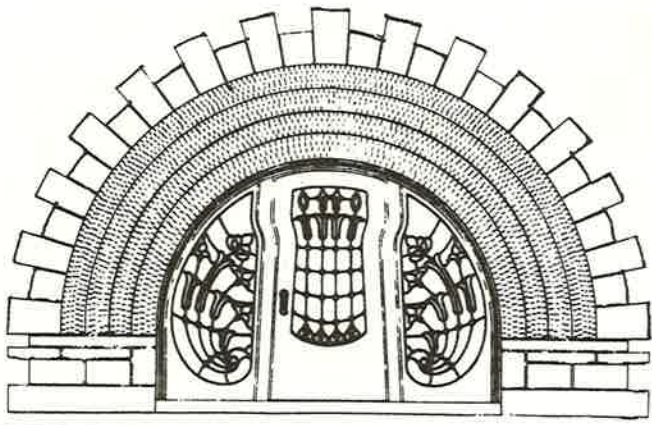
Owner: for each property (\$5.00) _____

Church/School (\$25.00) Merchant/Developer (\$25.00) _____

Friend of the Neighborhood _____ (\$ _____)

Mail your application for membership to Eddie Edmondson, 4317 Oak, Kansas City, MO 64111

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MAY 1987

JOIN US JUNE 9 AT THE ANNUAL SOUTHMORELAND IN THE PARK

Put a big circle around June 9 on your calendar! That is the date of our annual picnic in the park, and everyone is welcome. Along with the customary gourmet food, there will be croquet and softball, visiting and attendance prizes.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. to allow folks to get there after work, and the food will be ready about 6:30. This will be a potluck meal featuring your contributions--- casseroles, vegetables, salads, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts---with fried chicken being supplied by our friends at Jackson County Bank. Cold beverages will be on hand and paper plates, cups, and plastic tableware will be furnished.

In case of a pouring rain, June 16 will be a backup date. But let's be optimistic and expect a sunny, gorgeous June day on the ninth, and we'll see you there!

ST. PAUL'S BEGINNING EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

Kent Maughan, business manager of St. Paul's Episcopal church, an anchor of the neighborhood at intersection of Main Street and 40th Street, shared plans for the renovation and new construction that will be undertaken at the church beginning this May, when he met with the Southmoreland Board, April 14.

The Gothic gray stone church, built in 1906, will be made accessible to the handicapped through the modification of the entrance on the south side and the addition of elevators that will service all four floors. A roofed drive-through entryway from Walnut to the parking lot and Main Street exit will be the new entrance for most purposes. On the northwest corner, a garden room will add interior space for special activities, and modifications affecting about 19,000 square feet will provide space for an infant nursery room and early childhood center, an art center, and a teachers' work area. The plans will make it possible to have all young children on the lower floors of the building.

Further plans call for a new multipurpose building north of the

church school formerly known as the old Rollins School. The building will provide for a gymnasium, stage, and eventually a dining hall, libraries, and meeting space. The long-term project will require about \$3 million for completion.

The Southmoreland Association is pleased to have this historic place of worship within our neighborhood and look forward to seeing their plans take shape.

SOUTHMORELAND NEWSLETTER DELIVERY TO BE CHANGED

Do you sometimes consign your newsletter to the wastebasket without reading it? Do you ever get upset because you do not get a newsletter, although you have paid your membership? Does your newsletter arrive too late to make use of the information it contains? Whatever your category, be aware that a change is about to happen.

For several years, the association has paid for having 1800 newsletters printed. A distribution team has written copy, gotten it to the printers, counted, bundled, and delivered for the 40 carriers, and then they have delivered their assigned routes.

Sometimes the system breaks down. It is nearly impossible to locate volunteers to 1) write the copy, 2) get it from printer to carriers, and 3) carry it to houses and apartments. At least five requests for help made in the past year have gone unanswered.

Your officers have voted to handle the problems in a different way. A bulk-rate mailing rate has been secured through Westport Tomorrow. Beginning June 1, the newsletter will be mailed at this bulk rate to all paid-up members. Everyone whose membership is paid as of May 28 will receive this service.

If you are not a member of the Southmoreland Association but would like to have a copy of the newsletter, the following drop-off points have been arranged, and approximately 100 copies will be delivered to each point as near the first of the month as possible. (We cannot provide additional copies.) You can get your copy at J and G Grocery, 43rd and Oak; Kenneth's Hair Fashions, 43rd and Oak; Merchants Bank, 43rd and Main; Quik-Trip, 39th and Warwick; Quik-Trip, Main Street; Old Westport Cash Saver, 40th and Main. Sophian Plaza and Oak Hall will have delivery

for the use of the residents there.

The procedure will be evaluated after six months. We ask for your cooperation, and we hope you will become a paid member and share all the benefits of the Neighborhood Association. An application is printed on the back page, and Eddie Edmondson, Treasurer, 4317 Oak, will be glad to put you on the membership roll.

NOTICE OF REFUSE COLLECTION

There will no residential refuse collection on Memorial Day, Monday May 25, or on Independence Day or Labor Day. Collection customarily is delayed one day. Watch newspaper for announcements.

Call the street maintenance division (274-1662) when a hauling project has trucks that are spilling debris or materials onto the roadway. Report large bulky items that appear to have been abandoned (set onto curb or drive and left) or unscheduled for collection to the solid waste division (274-1811.)

Place your refuse out for collection on your scheduled collection day prior to 7:00 a.m., or no earlier than 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

THANKS TO THESE BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS

The following businesses and institutions have given loyal support to Southmoreland Neighborhood through their membership. A hearty thank you, neighbors! Let's give them our patronage.

All Souls Unitarian Church, All Star Awards, Frank Jennings, Hilltop Company, Hilton Plaza Inn, J and G Market, Jackson County Bank, Kansas City Art Institute, Kenneth's Hair Fashions, McDonalds, Oak Hall Association, Property Company of America, Sailors and Co., Sam Schwartz, St. Conrad Friary, Sophian Plaza, and Soreal Design.

KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE

4415 Warwick Blvd.: 561-4852, ext. 291

John W. Uhlmann, a member of the Board of Trustees at the Kansas City Art Institute for 11 years, has been named chairman of the college's governing board. The new chairman is a native Kansas Citian and business leader.

MAIN STREET'S NEW LOOK

Main Street is coming alive! Our part of Midtown shares in the excitement with projects and renovation at 45th and Main. The result is a new Marriott Hotel, a remodeled Hilton Plaza Inn, One Main Plaza, and Fountain View, all on Main. A bit further east, All Souls Church has made improvements at the historic Simpson House and their drives, and Montreux's handsome complex fronts Walnut.

On 43rd Street, renewal of the Bremson Building as Walnut Place is nearly complete, maintaining a traditional facade while updating all the interior. New paint has enhanced the businesses on 43rd near Oak, and apartment buildings in that area are proceeding toward occupancy after complete renovation.

IN MEMORIUM

Raymond S. Culp, 75, a longtime resident, died March 26 at his home. Mr. Culp was a printer. He was active in his professional organization and in the Masonic orders. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Culp and his family.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Steele welcomed a daughter Julie Wilmot Steele, March 16. She measured 20 inches tall and weighed 7 lb. 7oz. She is the Steele's second daughter.

Ruth Allen (Mrs. Arthur) has been at her home the past month as part of her recuperation after a hospital stay. Ruth appreciates notes and letters and an occasional quick telephone call. Her many friends wish her improved health to get her back in circulation in our neighborhood.

The latest word from the Nelson-Atkins Museum's Rozzelle Court, one of the favorite luncheon and tea spots in our area, is that their opening is now being planned for early May.

SOUTHMORELAND NEIGHBORHOOD MARKERS NEARLY COMPLETED

Wolfgang Trost, the architect who has contributed his time in designing and contracting the fabrication of the

Southmoreland markers, reports that work is nearing completion. The markers, funded by a grant through Neighborhood Development, will be set up at seven locations around the perimeter of our area. They will feature the logo, an adaptation of the doorway of Mineral Hall on Oak at 44th, with the name Southmoreland.

Special thanks go to Wolf, Suzi Lockett, Eddie Edmondson, and other members who have helped with this project.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MEETING

Residents of the Kansas City Council's fourth district have been asked to suggest capital improvement projects for their neighborhoods. The Southmoreland Executive Board has decided to ask for curb and gutter repairs, street lights, shade trees on parking lots, and permanent containers to hold trash barrels. The president and others will attend an April 23 meeting to present these requests.

The improvements lists of all districts will be combined, prioritized, and presented to the voters in November when a funding proposal will be on the ballot. This funding would supplement the city's half-cent public improvement sales tax, which is in its fourth year. The requests made by neighborhoods cost at least 10 times as much as the \$20 million the sales tax raises annually. This would indicate that there are some hard choices to be made---the improvements have their price.

If you have comments, mail them to the Citizens Committee for Capital Improvements, 29th Floor, City Hall, K.C., Mo. 64106

LITTER AND SIGNS

In every survey of the most urgent needs of our neighborhood and our city, the issue of improved cleanliness ranks first or second. Thus it follows that we should give a high priority to keeping our neighborhood free of litter and that unsightly clutter that appears weekly on the telephone poles and signs in our area.

At the April meeting of your Board, a motion was passed to make the first Saturday morning of each month, 9:00-11:00 a.m., our official litter pick-up day. We ask each resident to take time to patrol his or her own block in cooperation with neighbors and to remove paper, bottles, and cans.

Your officers will be on hand at the corner of McGee and 43rd to pick up the trash on 43rd, one of the main cross-street, and as far north and south as time permits.

Thanks to Dave, Suzi, and Buffy Lockett, who worked several hours on April 4, all the signs and posters were stripped from poles in our area and as far west as Broadway. At the same time, Ruth Harbour and Grandson Jason covered 43rd Street, parts of Walnut, Warwick, McGee, and 44th, picking up three large garbage bags of litter.

We need lots of help. Please join us May 2nd and keep Southmoreland clean!

NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART
4525 Oak Street: 561-4000

Now through May 24: Mounted Oriental Porcelain Exhibit.

Apr. 26-May 31: Wanderlust: Contemporary Photographs from the Hallmark Collection.

Apr. 25-June 14: Jim Dine's Prints: 1977-85. The first major exhibit of Dine's work since 1978 at MOMA in New York. Included are 75 works in lithography, etching, and woodcut.

Sunday, April 26: Free lecture: Jim Dine--Inventions in Print.

June 7 -July 19: Red Grooms: The Graphic Work 1957-1981

June 6-June 28: Mid-Four Annual Juried Art Exhibition--Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska.

Sat. May 2, 1:30-3:30: Atkins Auditorium free films: Henry Moore

Sun. May 7, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., Chinese Sculpture Gallery---Free Concert: The Early Music Consort.

Open to the public. The Museum is open Tues.-Sat. from 10-5, Sundays 1-5. Educators, students, and those 18 and under admitted free; adults, \$2.00. All admitted free on Sundays. Closed Mondays.

The Rozelle Court restaurant will reopen at a time to be announced in May.

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JUNE 6TH

LITTER CLEAN-UP

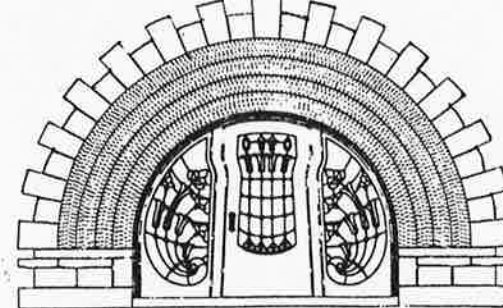
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BRING GARBAGE BAGS

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WIDE RANGE OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT ART INSTITUTE

A wide range of learning opportunities for artists of all ages is being offered this summer by the Kansas City Art Institute's continuing education program.

Forty-eight courses, ranging from credit classes to non-credit workshops to high school workshops and young artist programs will be presented over the six-week period of June 8 to July 17.

For the first time ever the Art Institute is hosting a summer studio residency program for high school juniors and seniors in two 2-week sessions, June 14-27 and June 28-July 11.

High school workshops will be held on weekday mornings coinciding with the high school summer studio residency program.

The young artist program will be presented in three sessions offering programs in mixed media drawing, relief printing and inflatable sculpture. The young artist program is for students entering grades 4th through 8th.

The college is also offering graduate courses in painting and photography this summer. An advanced photography class on intensive investigation into personal imagery will be taught by Gary Sutton, a professor in the college's photography department.

A painting course dealing with alternative approaches to image making will be taught by Shirley Luke Schnell, also of the KCAI faculty. The graduate courses will be presented June 8-26.

Continuing education students have access to all campus facilities including the 33,000 volume library and slide library; the media center which provides technical services and instruction in the use of audio, visual and multi-media equipment; and the art supply store offering a wide range of materials and supplies for studio classes as well as books on art technique, art history and literature.

Registration is currently underway. For information and free brochures on any of the summer programs call the college at 816/561-4852, ext. 293, or mail requests to KCAI, 4415 Warwick Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64111, or stop by the continuing education office during business hours.



JUNE -- FLAG DAY

CELEBRATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS JUNE 9 AT SOUTHMORELAND IN THE PARK

Check your calendar---the annual Southmoreland in the Park date is Tuesday, June 9! At 6 p.m., friends and neighbors will be joined by our elected city and county representatives for an evening of good food and fun.

The meal will be a potluck, for which we ask you to bring one item of food to serve 10-12 persons. This might be a salad, hors d'oeuvres, a hot casserole, a meat dish, or a dessert. Delicious fried chicken will be the main dish, contributed by the Jackson County Bank.

The Association will furnish cold beverages, along with the necessary paper goods and disposable silver. You may want to bring along a lawn chair.

It is now possible to park along the west wall adjoining the park. No Parking signs had not been removed as of May 12, but we are advised that parking will be permitted.

A special feature of the evening, which is also our quarterly meeting, will be a drawing for three attendance prizes. Be sure to register with Secretary Susan Trost when you arrive.

Plan to come June 9 and join in the fun and fellowship. If it is raining hard prior to 6 p.m., the backup date is June 16.

CURBS, GUTTERS ASSURED; TRAFFIC ISLAND BEING PLANNED

Jim Watt, Susan Trost, and Ruth Harbour attended the capital improvements meeting at Central Methodist Church April 23 and presented the Southmoreland recommendations for 1987-88 projects. Included were completion of the curbs and gutters south on Warwick to Brush Creek, additional street lights, parking shade trees, and permanent trash barrel containers.

Recently, the Parks Department has advised that funds are available to complete the curb-gutter project this summer and to install a traffic island at the intersection of 45th and Warwick. This improvement is much needed. Placed as the intersection is, opposite the entrance to the K.C. Art Institute, and adjacent to the music building, All Souls Unitarian Church, and the new commercial developments on Main and 45th, the traffic flow has more than doubled. The lack of direction for north-bound traffic on Warwick makes driving there as exciting as the Indy 500. We commend Parks for their interest. If you have suggestions, get in touch with Suzi Lockett.

MAST SERVICE PLAN

For the first time the MAST Membership Plan, which provides one year of unlimited ambulance service for just \$59 per household, regardless of the number of times it is needed, is available for all residents, regardless of age.

Members of the plan, Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust (MAST), receive no more bills and no more claim forms after becoming members for the initial cost of \$59.00. MAST handles all the insurance and Medicare paperwork.

Call Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust at 361-1700 for details.

NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART PLANS HENRY MOORE SCULPTURE PARK

Nine monumental sculptures and two to four working models by the late English artist, Henry Moore, will be situated in a newly designed park adjacent to the Nelson-Atkins Museum. The Henry Moore sculptures are on long-term loan to the museum from the Hall Family Foundations' collection.

The site consists of 36 acres extending south from the Museum to Volker Boulevard, and from Rockhill Road to and including Southmoreland Park.

Deborah E. Scott of the Museum will be Curator, and the sculpture park will be overseen by the Kansas City, MO Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

Prior to the completion of the sculpture park in Fall 1988, seven of the largest sculptures will be placed for preview at sites throughout Kansas City. Already in place are *The Sheep Piece* and *Relief No. 1* at the Nelson-Atkins Museum. Other sites are KCI Airport, City Hall, Loose Park, Swope Park Zoo, and the Nelson-Atkins Museum. The works will be installed the summer of 1987.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES: WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Treasurer Eddie Edmondson reports that 14 new memberships were received through May 12. We hope to reach 200 paid memberships by June 9, when you can pay your dues if you have not yet done so.

Recently, a neighborhood resident asked, "What does the Association membership do for me?" Here are some answers.

The Association, through its officers, committees, and contributing members, communicates with city officials and boards and then brings the information back to the members and residents. Last year, former president Suzi Lockett and the signs committee chair, Wolfgang Trost, worked through a maze of boards, rules, and fabricators to get Southmoreland street markers that will show the boundaries of this neighborhood. This is

a project that is being encouraged for other areas.

As a result of persistent efforts to stop the placement of signs for musical groups, tavern entertainment, yard sales, and other announcements, mostly from outside the area and placed on city property, utility property, and residential streets, city officials are cracking down on offenders. Suzi has led the opposition to this form of littering with the help of her family and others, removing signs and writing letters to the editor. We can all help by 1) removing the offending signs which trash our neighborhood, and 2) obeying the law---no signs of our own except on our personal property.

The trash and garbage ordinance sets out specific times and conditions for placing trash on the curbs. The newsletter has publicized these regularly, and the area is cleaner and more attractive as a result.

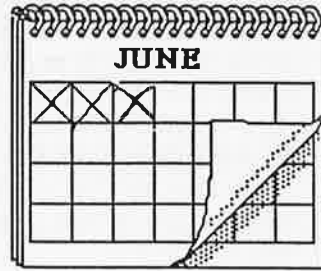
The officers or their proxies try to attend all meetings at City Hall that directly affect Southmoreland. These include zoning hearings. Residents who ask for advice on tenant violations or landlord violations are directed to the appropriate agencies. The officers and chairpersons form the nucleus of the litter clean-up group that meets the first Saturday of each month and removes litter for at least two hours.

When a building or renovation project is being planned in the neighborhood or adjacent to it, the developers meet with the board to describe plans and listen to our objections or suggestions. These reflect the opinions of our residents.

The Association extends communications throughout the area through its quarterly meetings (October, December, March, and June), public forums such as the school informational meeting held at Westport Junior High in March, and the newsletter. Area newspapers are informed of upcoming events. All city offices receive the newsletter, and communications from the city are reflected in its articles.

In these ways, your Association works to keep in touch with events and actions that affect our neighborhood, to pass the information on to you, and to articulate your wishes to our local officials.

The dues for the Association pay for publishing the Southmoreland newsletter, for stationery and postage, and for minor expenses at quarterly meetings. No officer or chairperson is paid. All are volunteers who are contributing up to 40 hours each month because they have the goal of a better place to live. If you are a paid-up member, thank you for your continued interest and support! If you are a paid-up working member, giving of your time as well as dues, a double thank you! And if you aren't a member but think Southmoreland Neighborhood Association is really worthwhile, won't you send your dues to Eddie Edmondson today?



K.C. NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE MAKES POSSIBLE OUR NEW LOOK

The newsletter which you are reading was produced at the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance with the use of a MacIntosh Plus Computer and a Royal 1803-Heavy Duty Copier. The new four-page format, graphics, and variety of type are just one example of the designs that can be obtained with this equipment.

K.C.N.A. administers the Neighborhood Small Grant Funds which assist more than 50 Kansas City area neighborhoods in revitalizing projects. The Center is located at 616 W. 26th Street and is directed by Jessica Henderson.

The Southmoreland Board has given careful consideration to using the newsletter services of the Alliance for several months. At the May 12 meeting, the Board voted to try the plan, which involves having several persons trained in using the equipment and producing the newsletter at the Center. Ruth Harbour suggested that Tricia Collier be asked to become one of our trainees and volunteered to take the training also. The two women have taken part in two sessions, and Tricia is responsible for typing this newsletter into the MacIntosh Computer, with Ruth responsible for writing and for mailing.

Besides the flexibility which the new system offers in the way of size and format, there is a saving in cost. Because of the grant funds, the Alliance, a not-for-profit corporation, provides free training and use of all equipment. The newsletter costs will include paper over 1200 copies and the bulk mailing charge of seven cents per copy. We will have a nominal fee each month for the services of our computer typist. We estimate savings of about one-half our previous monthly cost.

If you like the new format, please say so! If you do not, call and tell us how to improve. And if you have time on your hands, we would be happy to enroll you in the training program or accept your help in getting the paid members' copies into the mail.

ART OF THE '50S AND '60S TO BE SHOWN AT THE NELSON-ATKINS

The major exhibition Made in U.S.A.: An Americanization in Modern Art, the '50s & '60s makes its only Midwestern stop at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri, from July 25 through September 6, 1987. Included in this exhibition of over 100 paintings and sculpture from the years following Abstract Expressionism are two of The Nelson-Atkins's celebrated works, *Tracer*, 1963, by Robert Rauschenberg, and *Still Life #24*, 1962, by Tom Weselmann. AT&T is the corporate sponsor of the Kansas City showing.

The works in the exhibition, drawn from museums and corporate and private collections across the United States and Canada, reflect American culture of the '50s

and '60s. Many of the works have not been on public view in recent years and some have never been seen publicly.

The exhibition is arranged around six themes: American Icons; Cities, Suburbs, and Highways; The New American Landscape; American Food and American Marketing; American Mass Media; and The American Dream/The American Dilemma. Artists featured include: Arneson, Artschwager, Bearden, Celmins, D'Arcangelo, Estes, Indiana, Jess, Johns, Kienholz, Lichtenstein, Marisol, Thiebaud, and Warhol.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 5 and on Sundays from 1 to 5. Those 19 years of age and older must pay \$3.00 to enter the Museum; those six years of age to 18 pay \$1.00. Students, with proper I.D., pay \$1.00. Children five years old and under are admitted free. All are admitted free on Sundays.

SUPPORT YOUR SOUTHMORELAND ASSOCIATION BUSINESSES

Six businesses have become members of the Association since the last listing: Ward Everhart Apartments, Wolfgang Trost Architects, Seville Plaza Motel, Old Westport Cash Saver, Terra Realty Inc., and the Kansas City Marriott Plaza. Thank you, neighbors!

THE HILTON PLAZA INN held open Open House to showcase their remodeling that will enlarge the capacities for dining and for large meetings, and the renovation and refurnishing for all rooms. The Inn, at 45th and Main, is another of the group that makes Southmoreland an increasingly vital part of Kansas City. We commend Philip Heyl and his staff for making the Hilton Plaza Inn a fine place to stay and a top dining experience.

LITTER CLEAN-UP JULY 11

The monthly SNA clean-up of litter will be held Saturday morning, July 11, from 8:00-11:00 (set your own time) instead of the regularly scheduled first Saturday, which falls on July 4. Last month we had seven workers. Let's do even better; will you take responsibility for your one block, along with your neighbor? Call Evalyn Lee to volunteer.

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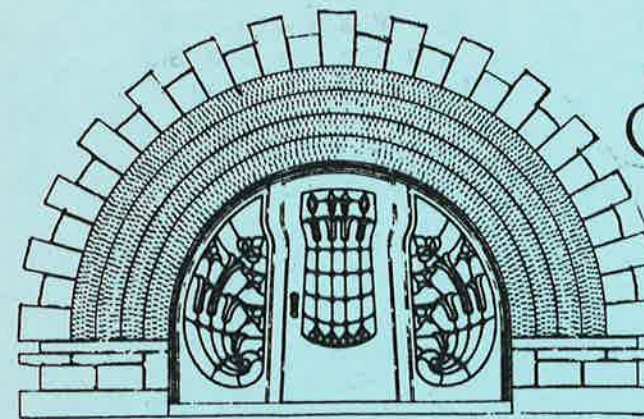
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NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS INSTALLED

On Saturday, June 13th, a work crew of neighborhood volunteers installed the Southmoreland neighborhood signs at six locations. Wolfgang and Susan Trost arrived with a trailer of pre-mixed concrete at the 40th and Main Street location. The volunteers were Gary Allen, Ivan Hays, Terry Trout, Bob Thompson, Jess Thompson, Jim Watt, Dave Lockett, Suzi Lockett, Elizabeth Lockett, Edith Woods, Dorothy Hale, and Bill Rankin. Due to skill, experience, tools on hand, and camaraderie, all six signs were installed in less than two hours. (Special thanks to John Kelley at J&G Market for donating soda pop for the work crew!)

Jim Watt and Susan Trost spent Friday afternoon putting the poles and the tops of the signs together in preparation for Saturday's "Sign Day." Jim Watt also returned to the six locations on Sunday morning to remove the braces and blocks from the signs.

The holes for the signs had been prepared by Parks and Recreation (Steve Lampon) on the Friday before "Sign Day." The locations had been decided by Parks and Recreation working with the neighborhood. The signs were designed by Wolfgang Trost and constructed at Midwest Fabricating, Inc. Dana Foster of Sign Graphics Services was instrumental as the sign broker, and Tom Osborn and Bob Baker at Midwest Fabricating are thanked for their help in producing our beautiful signs.

The Neighborhood Sign Committee had worked on this project for the past two years. Initial funding was obtained through the half-cent sales tax revenues for 4th District. A grant was obtained from Neighborhood Alliance to use as up-front monies for the signs and then for us to receive reimbursement through Parks and Recreation, who were holding the initial monies. When we are reimbursed, the money will be used to produce a neighborhood brochure to promote Southmoreland as a residential/cultural neighborhood.

A ceremony has been planned for 6:00 p.m.,

Monday, June 22, at the 40th and Main Street location. City officials and neighborhood representatives will dedicate the signs in a festive manner, marked by colored balloons and streamers.

- Suzi Lockett, Sign Committee

ANNUAL PICNIC WELL ATTENDED

Clear skies and balmy weather set the stage for the annual June meeting and picnic at Southmoreland in the Park June 9. There were many newcomers as well as long-time participants present, and getting acquainted was very enjoyable.

We were honored to have among our guests three members of the Kansas City Council--Kathryn Shields, Chuck Weber, and Frank Palermo--as well as representatives from Rep. Alan Wheat's office, City Hall offices, and the Parks department. Their attendance and interest is greatly appreciated, and we feel that they really care about neighborhoods.

A bountiful spread of hot dishes, cold salads, yummy desserts, and lots of fried chicken provided for a delicious meal. Susan Trost, Mary Beth Filip, and Ruth Harbour served on the committee to set up the tables, and many others lent a hand at cleanup afterwards. We especially thank Lorrie McEarchern and her fellow workers at Jackson County State Bank for their help in providing the chicken and for their attendance.

Wolfgang Trost (who designed the signs) and Jim Watt set up one of the new Southmoreland neighborhood signs for an early preview. The signs bear our logo representing the doorway of Mineral Hall. We can be proud of them. Recognition was given Wolfgang and Suzi Lockett for their work in getting the signs completed.

An attendance drawing was held, and Raymond Barta, Mary Beth Filip, and Charlotte Kullman were awarded prizes of one year's paid membership in the Association.

The regular July meeting of the Executive Board will be held July 14 at the home of Eddie Edmondson. Anyone who wishes to make a presentation is welcome; please call the secretary or president so that you may be placed on the agenda. The next general meeting will be October 13, the place to be announced later.

LITTER PICKUP SATURDAY, JULY 11

Evalyn Lee, chairman of the committee on keeping Southmoreland free from litter and trash, announces that she has secured help through Neighborhood Assistance for the litter pickup held the first Saturday of each month. Also, because the first Saturday in July is the Fourth, we will hold the pickup July 11 from 8:00-11:00. If you prefer getting out while it is cooler, come at 8:00, otherwise, at 9:00. There will be a large group working as many streets as possible. Bring trash bags, please.

NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART 4525 OAK STREET: PH. 561-4000

June 17 - July 19: Red Grooms' flamboyant art, in a variety of media, including three-dimensional pieces.

July 25 - Sept. 6: Made in U.S.A.: An Americanization of Modern Art, the '50s & '60s. This includes over 100 paintings and sculptures in the era following Abstract Expressionism. Among the artists are Jasper Johns, Robert Arneson, Richard Estes, R. Indiana, J. Rosenquist, W. Thiebaud, R. Rauschenberg, and Andy Warhol.

July 26 - Aug. 30: Recent Graphics from American Print Shops.

July 5 - Aug. 7: Municipal Art Commission Photography Competition

Exhibition--co-sponsored by the Municipal Art Commission of Kansas City, Missouri.

Sun., July 19: 1:15 p.m. at Atkins Auditorium: Gregory Black, UMKC, will present a free lecture: Made in U.S.A.: Films of the Fifties and Sixties.

Sun., July 19: 2:15 p.m. at Atkins Auditorium: A Place in the Sun (FREE).

Tue., July 21: 1:30 p.m. at Atkins Auditorium: The Steel Helmet (FREE).

Sun., July 26: 2:00 p.m. at Atkins Auditorium: Free Lecture: An

Americanization in Modern Art, Sidra Stich, presenter.

Tue., July 28: 1:30 p.m. at Atkins Auditorium: Invasion of the Body

Snatchers (FREE).

COMING: August 2: On the Waterfront;

August 4: Shane; August 9: Rebel Without a Cause. These are free U.S.A. Film Series.

DATES SET FOR WESTPORT NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Westport Tomorrow will again coordinate the neighborhood cleanup with the Public Works Department for the Westport neighborhoods. The area has been divided into three sections for pickup of bulk items the last week of July and the first two weeks of August. Southmoreland will be a part of the August 10 large item pickup.

Bulk items must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of the week (August 10) for Southmoreland. If all collections are not made on that Monday, collection will continue on Tuesday until all collection routes have been completed. However, routes will not be repeated.

To make the most of this service, follow these rules:

(1) Items must be placed on the parking next to the curb, not left on the driveway or next to the house or apartment; (2) Loose items must be placed in containers that can be handled by the men loading the truck, not allowed to lie loose on the parking; (3) Tree branches and limbs should be cut into four-foot sections and tied together in bundles; (4) Put the items at the curb after 3:00 p.m. Sunday and before 7:00 a.m. Monday.

Here is a tip from the Volker View newsletter: a little ammonia in trash bags will help keep dogs and cats from scavenging.

Why not start now to organize your basement, garage, and attic so that you will get rid of those bulky items that are crowding your storage areas? Then, come August 10, you'll be ready to join in the neighborhood cleanup.

If you have any questions, call Laura Batenic, at 753-2611, Westport Tomorrow.

ENJOY A WALK THROUGH SOUTHMORELAND

If you are a walker, Southmoreland neighborhood has many treats in store for you. Everywhere, beautiful trees are in their best form. The variety of sizes, shapes, and color is beautiful. Many young trees have been planted in the parking, and residents have added ornamental trees in their yards.

As you walk down Main Street near 41st beside Hardee's, observe the new Southmoreland sign on the right, facing Main.

If your walk takes you down Warwick from 39th Street, check out the many home improvements that have been made. Fresh paint, concrete drives, and plantings have given a new look to many homes. The apartment buildings are very attractive too. Angling west on 43rd, note the refurbished facade of the Bremson Building, now known as Walnut Place. New businesses there are a fine laundry and Domestic Aides, a cleaning service.

Moving east on 43rd, stop to enjoy the flowers planted in the urn at the tiny park on Oak at 43rd. Thank you, Eddie! The planters in front of the shops on 43rd are filled with blooms and add a bright touch of color that sets off the newly painted exteriors.

As you stroll or jog, take note of the color and beauty that is evident all through our neighborhood. It will brighten your day.

CRIME PREVENTION REQUIRES PLANNING AND COMMON SENSE

This is the season when residents are most vulnerable to break-ins, purse-snatching, assaults, and other crimes. Sometimes we become careless because we are in a hurry or because of the heat. Here are a few suggestions that may prevent your becoming a victim:

- (1) If you live alone in a house or apartment, do not put your first name on your mailbox; use your initials or last name only.
- (2) Do not give unnecessary information to a stranger who calls on the telephone. Sometimes break-in artists are verifying whether your home will be occupied. Never state that you are going away.
- (3) If you go on vacation, make arrangements to have your lawn mowed, the garbage placed at the curb, and the newspaper stopped or picked up by a neighbor. Automatic lighting inside is useful too.
- (4) Do not leave a note on the door stating when you will return if you leave the house. Do not leave your key under the door mat or in your wall mailbox. Try to arrange deliveries at times you can be at home, or ask a neighbor to accept delivery for you.
- (5) Never open the door to a stranger. Ask for identification of a workman whom you expect before admitting him.
- (6) If a stranger asks to use your telephone, direct the person to the location of street telephones in your neighborhood. Do not admit a stranger! A hard-luck story may just be bad news for you.
- (7) Keep your windows closed if possible; have them "pinned" so that they cannot be raised from outside. Police say that the double protection of

closed storm and window discourages many would-be prowlers. Do not leave doors or windows unlocked, especially at night.

(8) Call the police if your house appears to have been entered; wait until they arrive before you enter.

(9) When walking or driving alone, be alert if you appear to be followed. Proceed to the nearest lighted home or area to get help.

(10) Know your neighbors! Exchange telephone numbers and pay attention to suspicious activities outside your homes. Remember that good neighbors care about each other--be a good neighbor!

ATTENTION CAR OWNERS: NEW FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW

Beginning July 1, Missouri law requires you to have financial responsibility for motor vehicles you own. On or after July 1, you will be required to sign a statement when you register your vehicle. The statement, once you have signed it, will certify that you have and will keep liability insurance or other type of financial responsibility for each motor vehicle you own.

Any questions you may have are to be directed to your insurance company or the Missouri Department of Revenue, Post Office Box 200, Jefferson City, MO 65105.

THE METRO SENIOR CITIZEN CARD

If you are 65 or older and have a Medicare card, you can ride for half-fare on all regular Metro service (including Chiefs and Royals expresses) simply by showing the Metro driver your Medicare card.

If you don't have a Medicare card, call the Metro Information (221-0660) and ask for a Metro senior citizen reduced farecard application. Mail the application along with a certified copy of your birth certificate to The Metro. Do not mail any other form of identification. (You may bring your application with your birth certificate, driver's license or passport to The Metro's general offices, but no cards will be issued over the counter.) Bring or enclose \$1 cash or money order (no checks accepted) for your registration fee. Allow ten days to receive your card by mail.

HAVE A SAFE AND

HAPPY

4TH



WELCOME TO DR. GEORGE GARCIA! Southmoreland residents take pride in welcoming Dr. George Garcia, former Principal of Westport Junior High School, back to Kansas City as our new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Garcia served Westport Junior with high distinction, and we offer our support as he begins his task of providing creative leadership to our school district.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AUGUST 1

If you would like to attend a display and competition of garden products plus a food tasting contest, the 5th annual Harvest Festival at Gregg Community Center this Saturday, August 1, is for you. The Center at 17th Terrace and the Paseo will host visitors from 9:00 a.m., conduct the lunch/food tasting 11:30-12:30, and make awards at 12:30-1:30 p.m. You are invited to this celebration of community gardens.

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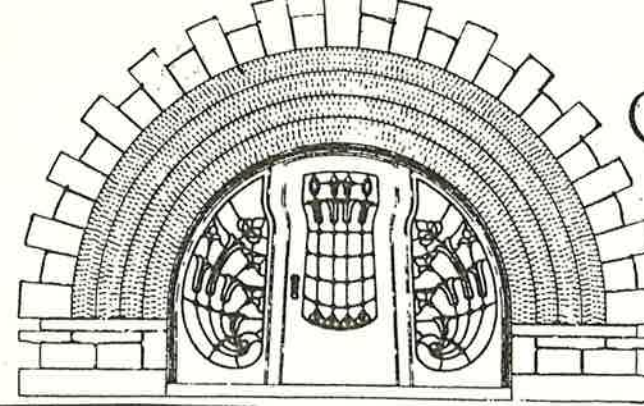
ADULT DAY CARE may be obtained by calling 421-6225 in Kansas City, Missouri, or 621-5500 in Kansas. Nine centers operate within the metropolitan area to provide competent and loving care for clients with many types of handicaps.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 1 . . . Litter pick-up day . . . **HELP IS NEEDED** . . . Call Evalyn Lee, 931-2141
August 10 . . . Bulk and large item city trash pickup day
August 11 . . . Kansas City Night Out . . . turn on your lights!
September 7 . . . Labor Day . . . no garbage trucks out until Tuesday, Sept. 8 (please **keep your trash off the curbs!**)

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LET'S MAKE IT A NIGHT OUT! JOIN FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

The date for the 4th annual **National Night Out** is **August 11, 1987**. This is a coast-to-coast crime prevention project designed to (1) demonstrate the value and effectiveness of police-community prevention programs; (2) generate support for and participation in local crime watch organizations; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit in the anticrime effort; and (4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods across the USA are organized and watching.

In Southmoreland, we ask that every resident take these steps to show support for anti-crime efforts. It is a fact that knowing your neighbors and looking out for each other's property can deter crime. So first, please meet your neighbor on either side and exchange greetings and names, if you do not already know each other. Second, plan to sit on your front porch, steps, or the lawn, from 8:00 until 9:00 p.m. (Have your back door locked and windows secure!) If you have a flashlight, carry it with you to shed light when needed. At 8:30, turn on all your exterior lights and enjoy the spectacle of a well-lit neighborhood.

Some of you may wish to carry your observance further--a picnic, sparklers, a cool beverage--and if you and your neighbors come up with something with pizzazz, have fun!

Kansas City Night Out is intended for everyone. Neighborhood organizations may compete for the most original observances. City Hall is working on promotion. The media will be out in force to record and broadcast. The most important message we can get across is that we are a united group of citizenry who want to do something about the minor and major crime that reaches down into our backyards and the streets in front of our homes. We have had incidents of breaking into automobiles, entering basements, and prowling this summer. It is important that we assert our determination to keep our homes and neighborhoods free of crime. So, get set for K.C. Night Out! Let your light shine!

BOARD MEETING JULY 14 REVIEWS PROGRESS, SETS CALENDAR

Meeting at the home of Eddie Edmondson Tuesday night, July 14, officers and committee chairpersons heard reports of committees and made plans for coming events.

Suzi Lockett, reporting for the Signs Committee, described the installation, dedication, and final costs of the project. Seven signs were fabricated for \$2,807.76. Six of these are in place, and the seventh is held for another installation spot. The group commended Wolfgang Trost, who designed the signs, Suzi Lockett, and Eddie Edmondson, Treasurer, who stayed with the project until it was completed.

A letter objecting to the improper use of a basement being used as a fourth apartment was read. The Association will investigate further and recommend that the instance be referred to City Codes and Zoning.

Chairman Evalyn Lee reported a successful trash and litter cleanup on July 11. In spite of the extreme heat, Evalyn, Dennis Pierce, and Eddie Edmondson were on hand to supervise the work of a team designated through Neighborhood Development Program and Sam McCorvey. These workers, supervised by neighborhood residents, are available to assist on Saturday mornings in such projects. Thank you, Sam!

Reporting for the Landlord-Tenant committee, Bob and Debbie Thompson explained a few of the calls they have received concerning both sides of rental properties' problems. Other calls with complaints included failure to provide for safe premises--no smoke alarms, no porch lights, inadequate locks; invasion of privacy--owner entering premises without notice, leaving apartments unlocked on leaving so that property is damaged or missing; doing repair work that interferes with tenant's living as usual; and tenants' failure to observe trash removal, etc. The responsibilities of tenants and landlords may be the topic for discussion at the October general meet-

ing. Get in touch with your officers if interested.

During new business, Eddie Edmondson distributed the newly completed Southmoreland brochures, a project which continued the special funding received from Neighborhood Alliance. The brochures, featuring four-color covers of neighborhood homes, apartment buildings, businesses, and other landmarks, and descriptive text, will be used to promote home buyers' and developers' interest in Southmoreland as a place to live and work. This brochure, first planned by a committee made up of Ruth Allen, Ruth Harbour, and Eddie Edmondson last July 1986, was completed with the assistance of Pat Kroll, who was appointed when Ruth Allen was unable to serve. The committee was complimented on an attractive and persuasive document that presents our neighborhood well.

Discussion continued on planning for Kansas City Night Out, Tuesday, August 11. (See special article.) A nominating committee for 1987-88 officers was named: Pat Kroll, Eddie Edmondson, and Susan Trost. Their nominees and others nominated from the floor at the October 13 general meeting will be voted upon at that meeting.

At the request of the editor of the newsletter, the board voted that the September 1 issue of the Southmoreland News be combined with the October 1 issue, to be distributed or mailed October 1. The August meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, August 11, at the home of Susan Trost. Members are always welcome to attend.

TENANTS AND LANDLORDS, YOU HAVE RIGHTS...

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LEARN ABOUT THEM AND USE THEM!

- Bob Thompson

During this year, we have had several requests for information pertaining to "Landlord-Tenants Rights." Common reasons for these requests are:

1. Pest Control
2. Upkeep of Property
3. Trash Removal
4. Owners or their representatives entering the rental property without cause and without prior notice to the tenant.

The relationship between the landlord and tenant does not end at the time one pays rent to the other. Both parties should be concerned about the condition of the property; the landlord, because it represents an investment and the quality of the property

reflects his or her sense of responsibility to the tenant and to the neighborhood.

The tenant should share the landlord's concern, since he or she also has a financial investment in the property when the rent is paid. The rented property is the tenant's home and deserves the same care as one the tenant may eventually own.

Many confrontations between the landlord and the tenant could easily be prevented through communication and corrective action.

We of the SOUTHMORELAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, share your concerns. We cannot represent the cause of the tenant nor that of the landlord in a dispute. We can, however, direct involved parties to the proper city agency.

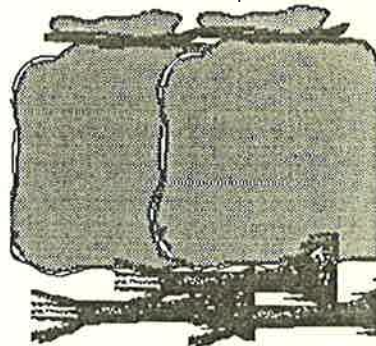
We encourage your membership in the neighborhood association. You may find you have much in common with the group.

GET SET WITH BULKY ITEMS FOR PICKUP AUGUST 10

We have the opportunity to dispose of large items again on Monday, August 10, when Southmoreland will join with all the Westport area in a neighborhood cleanup. (Some other parts of the Westport area have different dates.)

Follow the guidelines given in the July newsletter: place items on the parking next to the curb; place loose items that might disintegrate or blow away in trash bags or cardboard boxes that can be covered, cut tree limbs or branches into four-foot sections and tie in bundles, and put the items at the curb after 3:00 p.m. Sunday and before 7:00 a.m. Monday.

Note: Kansas City, MO, residents may dump pickups or trailers hauling large items in the Laidlaw landfill at 83rd and Indiana (85th and 71 Hwy) each Saturday for the special fee of \$2.00 per load. To get the special rate, the vehicle must have a city sticker, the trash must be covered, and the trailer must be 14 feet or less. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This may be a convenience if you are remodeling or disposing of many large items.



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Sun., Aug 9: Rebel Without a Cause;

Tue., Aug 11: Bonnie and Clyde;

Sun., Aug 16: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner;

Tue., Aug 18: Dr. Strangelove;

Sun., Aug 23: Easy Rider;

Tue., Aug 25: HUD

The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10-5 and on Sundays from 1-5. Fee for adults 19 and older, \$3.00; children 6 to 18 and all students, \$1.00. Sundays, contributions of \$3.00 and \$1.00 are suggested. If you cannot contribute or do not wish to do so, admission is still free on Sundays.

CITY SERVICES MOW AND CLEAN UP UNSIGHTLY WEEDS AND DEBRIS- COVERED LOTS, BUT THE OWNERS PAY

There are 14 vacant lots in the Southmoreland Neighborhood, bounded by 39th and 47th Streets, Main and Gillham-Rockhill Roads. In some other locales, these might be grassy areas where people walk or children play. Not so on these 14 lots. They are for the most part ugly eyesores that offend residents and passersby. They are owned by absentee owners who don't have to look at the hemp, sourdock, crabgrass, wild carrot, wild onion, and poison ivy that are rampant on the lots.

The city crews made their semi-annual mowing visit ten days ago, and for a short time, the weeds have been laid low. The cost of mowing the vacant lots is assessed to the absentee owners in the form of extra tax. This is as it should be. But wouldn't it be great if the absentee owners saw themselves as part of the neighborhood and took responsibility for their property? A few dollars spent on maintenance would enhance their property values. Some residents have expressed interest in having a neighborhood garden, which would put such property to a productive use. Others have suggested planting colorful plantings. Such proposals have merit, but the decision is up to the owner.

We often have the feeling that our individual opinion or action is too small to count. The ocean is made up of single drops of water; the continents are made up of single grains of soil and sand. Like those, we have enormous possibilities when we combine our strengths and talents. Speak up for what you believe in; your Association is making an effort to represent everyone who cares about our environment in Southmoreland. We need your voice and your support.

A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE

Have you heard the screaming sirens as fire engines race toward the site of another house or apartment fire this summer? According to the published reports, summer is not a time when we can relax our worries about fires that destroy property and kill or injure people.

Three facts stand out in reports of fires. First, *children* are curious about fire and play with lighters and matches. Second, *smokers* who are careless may set furniture or trash receptacles on fire. Third, thoughtless *management* of cooking oils and open flame stoves creates an explosive situation. These are major causes.

We all need to take adequate safety precautions so far as children's access to flammable items--matches and lighters. Smokers who smoke in an easy chair or in bed have a personal responsibility to keep themselves from going up in smoke. Attention to what's cooking can eliminate grease fires. Let's give the firemen a break this summer!

Another fact is often mentioned when a fire breaks out suddenly, and it is something we can all control. When there is no smoke alarm, or a faulty smoke alarm has been neglected, the warning that might alert residents and save lives is missing. City ordinances require that all owners install and maintain smoke alarms. If the owner of your building has not installed alarms, speak to him next time you pay your rent and insist that alarms be installed. Then help maintain them. If you live in a house you own, check on your smoke alarms to be sure they are in working order. *Your life may depend on it!*

