

# The G.M.N.A. Newsletter

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The city is currently considering the southern part of our neighborhood for designation as a National Historic Area. Most of the homes in the area south of 43rd Street were built around the turn of the century, and Mrs. Gaylord's home at 420 E. 44th dates back to 1889. Many of the city's most noted citizens lived in the area at one time, including August Meyer, who was instrumental in planning the city's boulevard system and for whom Meyer Blvd. was named, and of course, William Rockhill Nelson.

Anyone who is interested in discovering more about the history of our neighborhood can help. We need volunteers who are willing to dig through old city files to find water records and building permits which will establish such vital information as dates of construction and original owners. This work must be done during normal business hours when city offices are open.

If you are interested in helping, or if you have information which would be useful in our research, please call Dennis Pierce at 561-5381 between 6 and 10 p.m.

## Your Block is Organizing!

One of the directions Gillham Main is going this year is to establish block organizations throughout the neighborhood.

Coordinated with this program will be a crime prevention program and effective NEWSLETTER delivery that reaches everyone who wants to get a NEWSLETTER on a regular basis.

Gillham Main needs volunteers to work on this on the blocks where they live - volunteers to visit their neighbors, new & old, and encourage them to participate.

To be a part of your block organization contact Bruce Cerone, 4041 McGee.

To do something about crime & safety contact Walt Wells, 4061 McGee, 561-8981.

To deliver the NEWSLETTER or make sure you get one contact George Armstrong, 4020 McGee, 531-1824.

## This Month's

### Gillham Main Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 P.M.

KC Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Blvd.

### PROGRAM THE FUTURE OF 39th & MAIN

Mark Shapiro Director of Westport Tomorrow will discuss the city's plan for the 39th & Main business area...

with a mention of the Werby Bldg. future...

and the Brush Creek Plan.

A REPORT TO GILLHAM MAIN ON WHAT'S HAPPENING THAT AFFECTS YOU! Please attend if you live in Gillham Main OR shop or own a business in the 39th & Main area. It's in your interest.

## DOGS

One dog running loose alone is just illegal. But 3 or 4 make a pack, could be dangerous and tear up trash.

If you are having trouble with dogs, call city animal control at 861-0123 and report, if possible, where the dog lives, a description, and the time that it runs loose.

TO ALL PERSONS WITH DOGS: Get them indoors, in a fenced yard, or on a chain. There is a city leash ordinance and a number of persons have complained of lax enforcement. Gillham Main representatives have contacted the City Animal Control and asked for a stronger effort to be made picking up dogs running loose in this area.

ANIMAL CONTROL 861-0123

## Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - ON YOUR BLOCK?

The Westport Crime Prevention Commission has been dormant for the last six months.

Beginning in January we will be working with individual neighborhoods in Westport to try to tailor a program to meet each neighborhood's needs, interests, and capabilities.

If you are interested in preventing crime in your neighborhood please contact the appropriate person in your neighborhood (in Gillham Main - Walt Wells 561-8981).

All persons who indicate an interest will be kept informed regularly of meetings of the Westport Crime Prevention Commission.

A regular monthly meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 preceding the 8:00 meeting of the Westport Community Council at it's meeting location.

A second meeting will be held each month in different neighborhoods at a time convenient to that neighborhood to deal with the specific concerns of neighborhoods.

We will first meet with those neighborhoods which contact us and then with the others.

WESTPORT CRIME PREVENTION  
c/o 4061 McGee  
K.C., Mo. 64111

## Police Emergency 421-1500

Call the POLICE if you are suspicious. Care about your neighborhood and it will be better.

## MEETINGS

Open to all interested persons. You need not be a member to attend. Just be interested.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOODS. Exec. Comm. 3663  
Jefferson 7:30

Thursday, Jan 12 WESTPORT TOMORROW Quarterly Meeting Westport Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 CITY BUDGET HEARING 7:30  
Boone Elementary School, 8817 Wornall

Monday, Jan 23 CITY BUDGET HEARING 7:30  
Covenant Church, 5931 Swope Pkwy.

Tuesday, Jan 24, GILLHAM MAIN Exec. Comm.  
4320 Oak, 7:30

Wednesday, Jan 25 CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOODS, 300 E. 36th 7:30

Wednesday, Jan 25 CITY BUDGET HEARING 7:30  
LINWOOD MULTIPURPOSE CENTER 3200 Wayne

Monday, Jan 30 WESTPORT CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION 7:30 Westport Library  
118 Westport Road.

## NOW in Gillham Main

Join your Neighbors now & help make our neighborhood a better place. GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. DUES ARE \$1. Send to:  
Jim Watt, Treasurer 4001 Oak, K.C., Mo. 64111

3916 McGee is being demolished. Vacant for 2 years without anyone being found to purchase it & make needed repairs. Demolition is well underway. Now we will have another vacant lot trash dump or a parking lot?

Condolences to Linda Eckinger - Westport Librarian - on the recent death of her mother.

Also in December Al Vaughn - long time Westport activist passed away. At the time of his death Al Vaughn was Treasurer of the Westport Roanoke Community Center Board and a member of the Westport Community Council, the Volker Neighborhood Assn., and the Westport Crime Prevention Commission.

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## What Is Your House Worth?

Do you know what your house is worth? Many people have put their house up for sale or will in the future. Others are considering buying in Gillham Main.

During recent years property values have been rising in Westport including the Gillham Main neighborhood. We do not intend to say what you should sell or buy a house for - but consider the following.

Houses along Warwick Boulevard have been selling in a price range of upper 20's to mid 60's. Some properties are now on the market with higher prices up to \$100,000.

Along McGee recent sales have been in the mid teens to mid 20's with prices in the low 30's being asked.

Some smaller houses have sold for \$10,000 or less. AND, of course, properties in poor repair or those that must be sold NOW have gone for lower prices.

Houses with old and/or unusual features will sell quicker than homes which have been over-modernized. Consider this when you make repairs or improvements.

While ten years ago it was difficult to borrow money to buy property in our area, this is no longer the case. A number of Westport area institutions appear willing to loan to people with good credit who can make a 10% to 20% downpayment. Also it is often easier to get a loan from an institution in which you have an account.

## Westport Library to Celebrate 80 Years

All Gillham Main people are invited to celebrate the 80th anniversary of our Westport Public Library, 118 Westport Road.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

5:00 Library Open House

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner at Westport

Presbyterian Church across the street from the library.

7:00 Speaker: Harold Jenkins, Director  
Kansas City Public Libraries

If you are coming to the Pot Luck please call 561-6161 or 753-1315. This is a chance to show appreciation for our library. And check out a book this week.

This Month's  
Gillham Main Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14  
7:30 P.M.

KC Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Blvd.

**PROGRAM** ENERGY CONSERVATION - WHAT YOU CAN DO IN YOUR OWN HOME A speaker from the Gas Service Company

AND  
AN UPDATE ON CODE ENFORCEMENT - Where is our inspection program headed. Are there any problems. When do we have to get things done? Come and bring all your questions. City staff has been invited to participate in this discussion.

## INSURANCE CANCELED!

Unlike the improvement in loan money being available, several people in the area have had their home insurance canceled or not renewed with little or no warning.

If this happens or has happened to you-Gillham Main wants to know about it. Please write down all the details immediately: Your name, address, Insurance company, broker or agent, length of time the policy was in force, cancellation date, reason given for cancellation or non-renewal.

Keep a copy for yourself; send one to Gillham Main c/o Bruce Cervone, 4041 McGee, 64111; send a copy to: Division of Insurance, State of Missouri, 615 E. 13th Street, Room 419, K.C., Mo. 64106.

REMEMBER, you have not been singled out. This has happened to several of your neighbors and unless it is stopped it can happen to more of us.

Redlining isn't legal - but nothing happens unless a report is made. Help Kansas City neighborhoods enforce the law.

## Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

### LIGHTS ON

Lights are a strong deterrent to crime, BUT ONLY IF THEY ARE USED CORRECTLY. Lights used in the wrong ways encourage crime.

1st of all - lights that are used make it harder for a burglar to break into your house without being seen.

Many people turn on a light only when they are not home. This can be a beacon to someone who has watched you and your house and they will then break in.

Other people only turn on a light when they get home. This is dangerous because you are coming home in the dark and again anyone who watches you and your home knows that if your light is off you aren't home.

The best way to use light is with a timer or a photocell that automatically turns on a light inside and outside your home every night.

Yes, there is a cost for electricity. But most people buy insurance for their belongings. Think of light as insurance at 2¢ a day per light and remember the deductible in your coverage and remember that about 1 out of every 20 or 25 residences in our neighborhood was burglarized last year.

### MEETINGS

- 2/10 7:00 GMNA PROGRAM COMMITTEE 4320 Oak
- 2/14 7:30 GMNA GENERAL MEETING K.C. Art Inst.  
4415 Warwick Blvd.
- 2/15 7:30 CITY HEARINGS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS Westport Community Center  
3601 Roanoke Road.
- 2/17 7:30 GMNA BLOCK COMMITTEE 4061 McGee
- 2/19 1:30 STATE REP. KAREN BENSON  
U.S. SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON  
Westport Community Center, 3601 Roanoke
- 2/20 80th BIRTHDAY OF WESTPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
5:00 118 Westport Road POT LUCK
- 2/22 7:30 CITY WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION FORUM ON NEIGHBORHOOD Assistance Act, 300 E. 36th
- 2/28 7:00 GMNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Business Meeting at K.C. Art Institute
- 3/1 7:00 Westport Community Council at Westport Community Center, 3601 Roanoke

## NOW in Gillham Main

Gillham Main extends condolences to Forrest Spaun, 4324 McGee, on the recent death of his wife, Lois Spaun.

This is the month to join Gillham Main if you want your name to appear in the official 1978 roster. Send your \$1 annual dues to Jim Watt, Treasurer, 4001 Oak, 64111 or pay that \$1 at the meeting February 14.

Some members have never received a 1977 roster. Copies will be available at the February 14th meeting at the Art Institute.

Also we have copies of the G.M.N.A. By-Laws and all members are supposed to have a copy. Just ask at any meeting.

We would like to see all persons interested in Gillham Main at our meetings. If you need a ride or would like to come with a neighborhood call any Executive Committee member listed below and they will try to put you in touch with one of your neighbors.

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## Gillham Main Beautification This Month's Gillham Main Meeting

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

KC Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Blvd.

After discussion of various needs of the neighborhood, beautification has been established as the basic goal of our neighborhood for 1978.

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association after review of the activities underway or proposed in the area decided at the February 28 business meeting that some facet of beautification touched virtually every neighborhood interest.

A number of projects are underway or contemplated that will be a part of this goal: A special large item pick-up on Monday, April 3; new construction; Warwick Boulevard renovation; sidewalks and curbing south of 43rd; discussions with the Park Department, etc.

### BEAUTIFY GILLHAM MAIN WITH

#### LITTLE EFFORT AND LITTLE EXPENSE

Property owners and tenants can make a tremendous contribution to the appearance Gillham Main presents to the world by exerting only a little effort and at little or no expense.

An improved "face" for Gillham Main would attract buyers and tenants - people in the buying or renting market return for their "looking" to areas that are maintained - in short - eye-catching - even on a quick drive-through.

The APRIL phase of Beautify Gillham Main is a BULKY-ITEM PICK-UP scheduled for

#### MONDAY, APRIL 3

Items for the Pick-Up should be placed on the curb on Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2.

If you need help in getting your Bulky Item to the curb, please call one of the following:

Pat Kroll 561-5381  
Jim Watt 531-1949  
Walt Wells 561-8981

## Changes South of Gillham Main

CONDOMINIUMS\*NEW CONSTRUCTION\*POST OFFICE

In recent weeks several major announcements have been made about the area just south of 45th Street to Brush Creek between Main and Oak.

The Sophian Plaza and Oak Hall Apartments both on Warwick in the 4500 Block have been purchased for conversion into condominiums. This will change a substantial number of units from absentee landlord-tenant status into owner occupied units and probably will increase the stability of that area.

In addition to this, plans have been announced to build 42 new townhouse/condominium units in the 4500 block of Walnut - just east of the Plaza Inn. As a

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**PROGRAM** The meeting from February has been rescheduled due to that snow storm.

- \*ENERGY CONSERVATION - WHAT YOU CAN DO IN YOUR OWN HOME - A speaker from the Gas Service Co.
- \*AN UPDATE ON CODE ENFORCEMENT - Where is our inspection program headed? Are there any problems? When do we need to have things done? Come and bring all your questions. City staff have been invited to participate in this discussion.

## ABOUT OUR MEETINGS

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association would like all residents, property owners, and business persons at all our monthly meetings to share their concerns for our neighborhood.

All meetings are at the main building of the K.C. Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard. Come directly in the main drive from Warwick and ask for directions at the switchboard just inside the door.

General meetings including a program of interest are held on the 2nd Tuesday monthly.

Business meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday monthly.

These meetings keep us together and sure that everything is being done that should be.

## MEETINGS

\*\*\*EVERYONE IS INVITED\*\*\*

- 3/14 All day workshop on Tax Shelters for historic buildings. Info Call 274-1844.
- 3/15 City Wide Coalition of Neighborhoods Executive Com. 7:30 3663 Jefferson.
- 3/18 K.C. Ballet Atkins Auditorium, Nelson Art Gallery 3:30
- 3/22 CITY WIDE COALITION General Meeting - 7:30 300 E. 36th Program on Housing & Neighborhood related services of the City.
- 3/28 G.M.N.A. Business Meeting 7:00 K.C.A.I.
- 3/31 G.M.N.A. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE 7:00 4061 McGee
- 4/1 & 2 GILLHAM MAIN SPRING CLEAN-UP
- 4/3 Special Bulky Item Pickup by City. Have everything at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Monday 4/3
- 4/5 WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL 7:00 Westport Roanoke Community Center 3601 Roanoke Rd.
- 4/9 K.C. Philharmonic at the Nelson Gallery

## More Than Just Parks

It's actually the Parks And Recreation Department and there's a lot more than just parks.

The Open Door Program uses community facilities such as Penn Valley College for classes. Beginning in March (Call 274-1239) Karate, Canoeing & Back Packing, Upholstery, Tennis, Exotic Dance, and others...

## Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

We want a safe neighborhood, but many things and many people must be involved to develop a feeling of security.

Have you taken the precautions that you can to protect yourself and your property?

Do you use light effectively to cause the potential burglar to pass on by your house and go to another?

Have you participated in Operation Identification and marked your belongings?

Have you had a home security check of your house or apartment by the Police Department?

Have you talked with your neighbors about watching each others homes when you are away?

Would you like help in starting a Crime Prevention Program on your block with your neighbors?

If so call Walt Wells at 561-8981 between 5 and 7 any day or come to any Gillham Main meeting with your concerns.

## CITY WIDE COALITION

The City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations announces the establishment of an office at 3119 Troost.

This office will function as an information and resource center for neighborhoods from across the city.

Office hours will be announced soon.

C.W.C.N.O. is now advertising for two staff persons...A CETA grant will allow hiring two community workers who will work with neighborhoods from this office. Applications are currently being accepted.

If you know anyone unemployed for 15 weeks and looking for a job, resumes should be sent immediately to: C.W.C.N.O., P.O. Box 8805, K.C., Mo. 64109.

## WESTPORT TOMORROW

WESTPORT TOMORROW has a new Director. Mark Shapiro, Director, since there has been a staff has moved on to another position.

Greg Patterson, formerly of the Community Development Division at City Hall and a resident of the Valentine Neighborhood, took over on March 1.

Greg has been working closely as the City liaison to community groups on the West Side, in the East area of the city, and to the City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations.

Sharon Blevins, the Assistant Director is also a relative newcomer to the organization. Sharon is a resident of the 49/63 Neighborhood.

Westport Tomorrow provides staff assistance and information to Westport area neighborhood and business groups.

If you want to know more, call Greg or Sharon at 753-2611 or drop by their office on the 2nd Floor of the West wing of the historic Harris Home at 4000 Baltimore.

## NOW in Gillham Main

**WANTED: AN EDITOR FOR THIS COLUMN.** For about a year this column has been carrying items of interest about our neighborhood. Recently an increasing amount of information about the neighborhood has been contributed in articles.

"NOW IN GILLHAM MAIN" needs a person or persons to collect information on births, deaths, new owners, new residents, new members, and the like.

All persons with time to help with the NEWSLETTER are urged to contact Walt Wells at 561-8981. Please also plan on attending the Newsletter Committee Meeting Friday 3/31 at 7.

**RIDES TO GILLHAM MAIN MEETINGS:** Do you need a ride to our meetings? First of all check with your neighbors to see if they are going.

If you come with someone you know from your block you can be sure we will focus on your concerns and there is some safety in traveling together.

Secondly, if no one is coming from your block call any member of the Executive Committee and they will try to arrange a ride for you.

(Continued from page 1 column 1) part of the planning of this approximately \$7 million dollar project the zoning has recently been changed to R-5 from R-6.

Nearby owners and residents feel this is a good development. All persons interested in the area are encouraged to watch as construction begins later this spring. The architect for this project designed the well known "Habitat" at the Montreal World Fair.

The U.S. Postal Service had proposed to build a new Post Office on Oak across from Volker Park. This proposal has now been dropped following opposition from neighboring residential organizations including G.M.N.A.

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## Gillham Main Beautification

### The April Phase Yards and Porches

What was under the snow? It seems to be just about everything!

PAPER	CARTONS	NEWSPAPERS
CANS	BRICKS	PLASTIC BAGS
BOTTLES	ROCKS	TOYS
AUTO PARTS	LEAVES	SHINGLES
TIRES	TWIGS	SIDING
RAGS	BRANCHES	PLASTER
SNOW SHOVELS		
LADDERS		
BROOMS		
SALT SACKS		

Property owners and tenants can give a big boost to BEAUTIFY GILLHAM MAIN —

it won't take much time and won't cost much either.

1. Pick up the litter, put it in city provided trash sacks and put it on the curb — MONDAY IS THE GILLHAM MAIN PICKUP.
2. Scrounge the "junk" out from under the shrubbery and sack for pickup.
3. Tie up the twigs and branches in four-foot bundles and put on the curb for regular Monday Pickup.
4. Find an inconspicuous place to store those valuable rocks and bricks and put them there.
5. Put the snow shovels, brooms, ladders, and salt sacks back in the garage or basement — and put gardening tools away between uses.

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## This Month's Gillham Main Meeting

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

KC Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Blvd.

### PROGRAM Block Organizing!

HOW IS IT DONE?

WHY DO IT?

Bob Curry, Director of the 49-63 Neighborhood Housing Office will meet with Gillham Main to tell how the 49-63 Neighborhood Coalition went about organizing.

Come and learn with your neighbors.

### What is Block Organizing

It's the people on the block working together to have a better neighborhood to live in.

It may be a get acquainted party, a pot luck dinner, a street party, a holiday celebration or other social event.

It may be working together to clean up the block or help a neighbor.

It may be a block watch program or some other crime prevention activity.

It is living in a better neighborhood without moving.

We hope to see you at our meeting on Block Organizing — Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Main building of the K.C. Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard.

### ARE YOU A G.M.N.A. MEMBER?

Gillham Main is as strong as the residents and property owners in our area want it to be. If Gillham Main is doing the things you want to be done — are you showing your support by joining? AND IF YOU WANT DIFFERENT THINGS DONE, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN AND BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

**Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood**

We've said it before and we know it is repetitious BUT...

YOU can help stop crime in our neighborhood.

YOU can serve as the eyes and ears of our professionals - the K.C. Police Department.

If you see or hear anything suspicious call it in. 421-1500

The police would prefer to run a false alarm than not get a call at all. And the chances are much, much higher of solving a crime if you call the police immediately.

During March some of us in the neighborhood did not watch carefully enough.

We had 3 residence burglaries, 3 robberies, a stolen auto, and 2 thefts from autos.

That wasn't a high crime month but any is too many.

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And if after all of this and the Bulky Item Pickup you still have "stuff" left over maybe several neighbors can get together and have it hauled away.

AND GILLHAM MAIN IS MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL.

**FREE Large Item Pickup**

April 1 & 2 was our Spring Cleanup and the City did a good job cleaning up mounds of Trash on Monday, April 3.

But if you still have some large things to get rid of - call the city Refuse Division at 274-1811 to arrange an individual FREE pickup.

Help Beautify Gillham Main!

**JOIN GILLHAM MAIN**

Gillham Main Dues are \$1 a year. Send them to:  
Jim Watt, Treasurer  
4001 Oak  
K.C., Mo. 64111  
or bring them to any meeting.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

And feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee with your concerns.

**NOW in Gillham Main**

Gillham Main wants to use this column to let neighbors know about the good things happening in our neighborhood and to our residents...AND WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO HELP US.

Who are your new neighbors?

Who had a birthday, marriage, anniversary? Are there new children, property owners? Did someone get a promotion?

All of this news brings our neighborhood of 5000 people a little closer together.

If you have some information to share -

- 1) Write the G.M.N.A. NEWSLETTER  
c/o 4061 McGee  
K.C., Mo. 64111
- OR
- 2) Call 561-8981 with your news.

PLEASE \* WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.  
The Editor.

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# The G.M.N.A. Newsletter

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

## Gillham Main Beautification

## This Month's Gillham Main Meeting

### The MAY Phase: WALKS -- STEPS

With a little time and not much expense Gillham Main can be the only 6 by 6 block area in Kansas City with edged walks and cleaned out cracks and joints.

Take a look at the rest of the City.. edging and crack cleaning seems to have become a lost art.

But in the few areas where this "art" is practiced the over-all beautification effect is astounding.

**WALK EDGING:** If you have an electric edger -great- use it!

If you have a manual edger - fine - use it!

If you have neither an old, wide blade butcher knife (those things you keep pushing to the back of the drawer) or a flat trowel will do very well. (If you lack the know-how for sharpening a knife or trowel ask up and down your block - there's very probably an old-time whittler who has the knack and will be delighted to show off his skill - let him practice on yours.

If you are using the butcher knife-trowel method, don't push the arthritis and high blood pressure by trying to do the whole project at one time. A couple squares a day and suddenly you are finished.

### CRACK AND JOINT CLEANING:

Equipment needed - old strong paring knife for the tough areas (have to dig under) and fingers for pulling up the tender new growth.

**STEPS:** Clip the weeds and high grass by the steps which escapes even the most efficient grass mower.

This is a good project for a nice spring evening. You can sit on the steps, talk with the neighbors and clip as you sit.

This doesn't require fancy grass clippers - old scissors do fine.

Then sweep the walks and steps, sack the cuttings, and let the City haul it. (continued on page 2, column 1.)

Tuesday, May 9 - 7:30 P.M.

**K C Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Blvd.**

### **PROGRAM** Historic Development of Gillham Main

LYLE KENNEDY, longtime Westport resident and activist will present slides and discussion of our neighborhood's past and present.

Lyle was recently honored by the Westport Community Council for his outstanding contributions to Westport. Former Assistant Dean of the U.M.K.C. Conservatory, he is now writing a history of U.M.K.C. development.

In the process he has collected many old photos, maps, and records showing the development of our neighborhood.

Come and see why Gillham Main south of 43rd is being considered for inclusion on the National Register. Learn our history!

AND as we beautify and maintain our homes - SEE PHOTOGRAPHS OF HOW THE HOMES USED TO LOOK.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW.**

G.M.N.A. is establishing a grounds crew to help improve the appearance of the K.C. Art Institute grounds. Get your exercise while contributing to the improvement of your neighborhood. Anyone interested in donating a couple of hours work on a late Sunday morning will be given a free brunch. Contact Pat Kroll 561-5381.

## **G.M.N.A. BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**

The G.M.N.A. Beautification Committee will be selecting a "property of the month" award to be presented at each General Meeting. If you would like to nominate a property for consideration for this month's award, contact Dan Bowman 561-3743.

Look for the winner in next month's G.M.N.A. NEWSLETTER.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

**NOW in Gillham Main**

**RIDE ALONG**

The Kansas City Police Department has a "RIDE ALONG" program if you would like to spend all or part of a shift seeing our community from inside a police car.

If you would like to "ride along" call the Police Department at 842-6525 and ask for the metro station or better yet drop by the station on 63rd Street just East of the Metro Shopping Center. YOU MUST ARRANGE A RIDE A COUPLE OF DAYS IN ADVANCE. YOU MUST SIGN A WAIVER FORM AND BE 18 YEARS OLD.

**From K.C.-Mo. Traffic Code**

(To be enforced by the Police Department.)

Article XIV Ord.No.41525 Sec. 34.132.  
The Driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon any sidewalk, parkway, park or any other public property where no provision therefore has been made.

Article XIV Ord.No. 41525 Sec. 34.192.  
No person shall park a vehicle on any street in the same place continuously for a period of time longer than 48 hours.

The City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations has now established Associate Memberships so that individuals who want to know what is happening in other neighborhoods can be on the mailing list. Annual dues \$5.  
For more information or to pay your dues write: CWCNO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP, P.O. Box 8805, K.C., Mo. 64109.

(Continued from page 1, column 1)  
Take the lead in your block - get out there and edge and clip and make a big thing of what you are doing - this sort of thing is catching - you'll soon have your neighbors hunting out the old knives and scissors.

The first time is the hardest - once it is all edged, clipped and swept, just a little maintenance will keep it going for the summer.

Dry the tools before you retire them to basement or garage - a light coat of oil (cooking oil is fine when you can't locate the machine oil) will keep them in shape for next time.

Belatedly Gillham Main has been notified of the death of Betty Ross a long time Gillham Main member and resident of the 4300 block of Walnut.

Betty was hit by a car while crossing at 43rd and Main and never fully recovered.

THE CONTRACT WAS LET BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN APRIL AND WORK SHOULD BEGIN SOON ON THE WARWICK BOULEVARD PROJECT. This means new curbs and sidewalks from 39th to 43rd on Warwick.

An article in the Kansas City Star/Times of March 16th listed Gillham Main as one of 5 areas in the city being considered as a possible location for a Neighborhood Strategy Area. This proposal is made to H.U.D. by the K.C., Mo. Office of Housing And Community Development headed by James I Threatt.

Neighborhood Strategy Areas are a federal concept to provide new and rehabilitated rental units for low to moderate income persons.

**GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee**

These people represent you. Contact them with your concerns for our neighborhood. And attend our monthly meetings - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

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  - Norma Rickel..315 E. 43rd..561-8075
  - Caron Wells..4061 McGee..561-8981

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## HOUSE of The MONTH

4005 Warwick Blvd.

The First Gillham Main "House of The Month Award" was presented at the May meeting to Richard Haitch, a representative of the Terra Corporation, a subsidiary of the Renaissance Library headquartered at 3609 Walnut.

Terra Corporation has been renovating the house as an apartment building. They have used a very imaginative color scheme with a four color exterior. Tasteful use of landscaping has enhanced the front lawn.

It is well worth a drive or walk by the house. We are all looking forward to the completion of the building and Gillham Main extends our appreciation to the Terra Corp. for the positive example they have set for the Gillham Main Neighborhood.

## ZONING VICTORY

Gillham Main obtained a major victory recently in the enforcement of the city zoning regulations in the 4300 block of Warwick Blvd.

Three properties - 4314, 4322, & 4340 Warwick - had been cited by the City for violating the existing R-2a zoning. One house had 10 apartments in a building that was legally zoned for 2.

After many hearings before the Board of Zoning adjustment, City Planning Commission, and Municipal Court all three properties have been reduced to two living units each.

Overuse of property creates a number of problems: (1) Parking problems; (2) stress on building utilities; (3) maintenance problems; (4) Noise pollution.

Overuse is often the first stage in deterioration of a neighborhood. Such deterioration is accompanied with falling property values. Eventually, redevelopment may take place.

To combat this trend, Gillham Main supports city codes and zoning enforcement such as is occurring with the properties in the 4300 block of Warwick Blvd.

WATCH FOR MORE ON THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD

RUMMAGE SALE - COMING SEPTEMBER 9 & 10.

This Month's  
Gillham Main Meeting

Tuesday, June 13

7:30 P.M.

KC Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Blvd.

**PROGRAM** LEARNING HOW TO LOCATE THE HISTORY OF YOUR PROPERTY

Last month Lyle Kennedy told us about the history of our neighborhood and a few of the houses.

Now - if you want to find out about your house or block - JANE FLYNN OF THE K.C., MO. LANDMARKS COMMISSION will discuss the process of researching the history of your property

What do you know about your home? What rumors have you heard? What stories have been passed down to you from a relative or a neighbor? Learn how to check these things and find out All the details.

## Your Block is Organizing!

One of the directions Gillham Main is going this year is to establish block organizations throughout the neighborhood.

Coordinated with this program will be a crime prevention program and effective NEWSLETTER delivery that reaches everyone who wants to get a NEWSLETTER on a regular basis.

Gillham Main needs volunteers to work on this on the blocks where they live - volunteers to visit their neighbors, new & old, and encourage them to participate.

To be a part of your block organization contact Bruce Cerone, 4041 McGee.

To do something about crime & safety contact Walt Wells, 4061 McGee, 561-8981.

To deliver the NEWSLETTER or make sure you get one contact George Armstrong, 4020 McGee, 531-1824.

### Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

**YOU CAN DO SOMETHING TO STOP CRIME.**

Improve your locks. Get a Home Security check. Leave your porch lights on & get your neighborhood helping to watch.

**HELP WITH BLOCK WATCH.** If you see anything suspicious - **CALL THE POLICE** - right then not later. Call **HA1-1500**. Give Your name; address (or location where you are); Who is doing what; Why it is suspicious?

This is a time of year that we can expect to have some house and apartment breakins. AND Auto CB radios are a big item now. Tell your neighbor when you expect to be away & watch when your neighbor is away.

New residents in the area are advised to spend the money -less than \$5 usually- to have the locks changed on their doors.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The city is currently considering the southern part of our neighborhood for designation as a National Historic Area. Most of the homes in the area south of 43rd Street were built around the turn of the century, and Mrs. Gaylord's home at 420 E. 44th dates back to 1889. Many of the city's most noted citizens lived in the area at one time, including August Meyer, who was instrumental in planning the city's boulevard system and for whom Meyer Blvd. was named, and of course, William Rockhill Nelson.

Anyone who is interested in discovering more about the history of our neighborhood can help. We need volunteers who are willing to dig through old city files to find water records and building permits which will establish such vital information as dates of construction and original owners. This work must be done during normal business hours when city offices are open.

If you are interested in helping, or if you have information which would be useful in our research, please call Dennis Pierce at 561-5381 between 6 and 10 p.m.

## NOW in Gillham Main

Gillham Main is temporarily without out two of its active members due to illness / accident.

Ruth Allen is in St. Lukes Hospital for an indefinite stay. Please check with Ilene Griffith if you have zoning questions.

Caron Wells is in the K.U. Med Center Burn Unit for about a 30 day stay. Please refer questions on City Wide Coalition to Ray Barta or Norma Rickel.

**NEEDED: BABYSITTERS**

Needed full or part time babysitters for children from Kindergarden to 2nd grade. Two or three mothers would like someone (teenagers would be fine) to care for their children while they work. Flexible hours.

Please contact Ms. Brodie at 531-5636.

Many thanks to the contributors to this and other recent issues of the Gillham Main Newsletters. Particular thanks to: Ruth Allen, Pat Kroll, George Armstrong, Caron Wells, Jim Watt, Dennis Pierce, and Norma Rickel.

All these articles are making the Gillham Main NEWSLETTER a lot easier to get out.

### GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee

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# your Gillham Main Neighborhood Association

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

The NEWSLETTER will be out late this month. Get a copy at the Meeting July 11 or at J & G Market after July 12.

The WARWICK BLVD. PROJECT has finally begun. See 3900 & 4000 block of Warwick.

Welcome home to Ruth Allen & Caron Wells - both home from the hospital and recuperating.

Crime is up the last couple of months in Gillham Main. Block watchers needed.

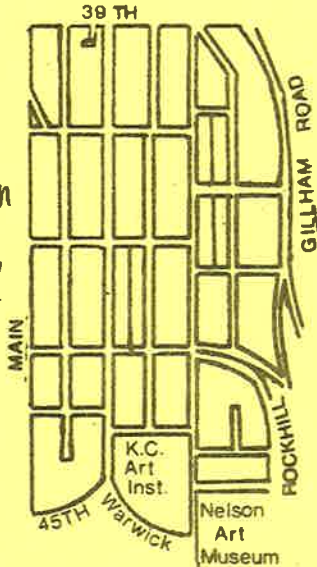
BLOCK ORGANIZING: Call Pat Kroll 561-5381.

GILLHAM MAIN BEAUTIFICATION: June was a catch up month. July is "Clean Your Windows" month.

GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE: Scheduled for September 9 & 10. Please start setting things aside. More information in the Newsletters.

Gillham Main residents and the K. C. Art Institute have been meeting to get the Art Institute cleaned up.

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 JIM WATT, TREASURER  
4001 Oak, K.C., Mo. 64111

## Tuesday, July 11 Meeting Agenda 7:30 P.M. KC Art Institute 4415 Warwick Blvd.

- I. FIRE PREVENTION: A systematic fire inspection of the interior of all buildings in Kansas City is in progress at this time. Learn how this program can help you while saving lives.
- II SOUTH GILLHAM MAIN CURBS AND SIDEWALK PROJECT: The City Public Works Department will be presenting information on the curb and sidewalk project for Gillham Main south of 43rd Street. Learn the particulars of how many \$\$\$ it will cost you. This project is scheduled for completion THIS SUMMER.

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WELCOME BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD to all Kansas City Art Institute Faculty and Students.

## Block Organizing! What is it ?

Block organization is a systematic way of getting to know your neighbors and in the process making your neighborhood a safer and more pleasant place in which to live.

All that is involved is to go door to door, meet your neighbors on your block and invite them to meet with you and the other neighbors at a time and place of your choice.

From there, anything is possible: organize a plan to watch each others houses (very effective), start a clean up project on your block, or just have a good time.

If you would be interested in organizing your block, call Pat Kroll - 561-5381.

## About The New Curbs

All over the city where new curbs are being put in the work seems to be getting done just a little better where the residents get out and watch the work being done. Sidewalk superintendents get the best results. Be sure just dirt fill is used and be sure to water the new grass.

**GILLHAM-MAIN**  
Neighborhood Association

**GARAGE SALE**

**SEPTEMBER 9-10**  
9am to 6pm each day

4307 Warwick Boulevard · Front and back porch

This Month's  
Gillham Main Meeting  
Tuesday, September 12  
7:30 P.M.

K C Art Institute  
4415 Warwick Blvd.

## PROGRAM: Summer's End - An Update

Construction work on Warwick.  
Meetings about KCAI cleanup.  
National Registry for Gillham Main?  
Condominiums on our southern edge.  
Zoning - Victories and the future.

An open letter of concern about our neighborhood newsletter ...

## OUR NEWSLETTER HAS PROBLEMS!

Do you want to continue receiving a Gillham Main Neighborhood Newsletter?

### WE HAVE PROBLEMS ...

The Editor is resigning effective with the next issue - October 1978.

Five years as a volunteer editor is coming to an end.

Several blocks in the neighborhood no longer have regular newsletter delivery.

Some people have moved from the area & others have just quit delivering. But as an example of something extra - George Armstrong delivered 9 blocks in June. Other people regularly deliver 2 or 3 blocks.

### WE HAVE NEEDS ...

- 1) Some people to collect the news.
- 2) Someone to do the typing.
- 3) Someone to do the paste-up.
- 4) Someone to take the Newsletter to be printed and bring it back to the neighborhood.
- 5) About 10 or 15 more people to deliver the newsletter.

### THERE ARE OPTIONS ...

- We can stop the Newsletter.
- We could mail the Newsletter (to members and raise the dues to \$2)
- We could let everyone pick up their Newsletter at a central location.

What do you think? Are you concerned? Do you have ideas? Are you willing to volunteer?

Please call Pat Kroll, President 561-5381, or George Armstrong, Newsletter Delivery at 531-1824, or Walt Wells, Outgoing Editor at 561-8981.

## 39<sup>TH</sup> & Main - What's Happening?

A proposal - "The Westport Common Project" - has been assembled by the Renaissance Development Group over the last several months. Estimated cost of nearly \$7 million includes rehabilitation of the block from 39th to 30th & Main to both sides of Walnut.

The proposal was covered as the lead article of the Sunday Star business section of 8/13. If you are interested in the future of Gillham Main you should see this article.

Renaissance has kept Gillham Main informed as the plan has developed and has met twice with the membership. Gillham Main is generally supportive but opposition was strongly expressed when parking on the West side of Warwick was proposed.

The project would close the 3900 block of Walnut to provide parking. Included in the proposal is a new grocery store, drug store plus 100,000 square feet of retail space, an enclosed mall, and offices. Part rehab and part new building would result in increased parking with Main Street access.

## Gillham Main Meetings

Gillham Main Meetings have been held regularly over the summer.

In JULY we heard about the newly instituted Fire Prevention Inspections of the interior and exterior of all buildings in Kansas City.

In AUGUST Gillham Main heard from the Director/Head Master of St. Paul's School 40th & Main about their interest in acquiring Rollins School to allow St. Paul's School to expand. School Board members Joyce Stark and Mary Roberson were present to react and discuss schools. Gillham Main voted support for St. Paul's use of the school if Rollins isn't operated as a public school.

Next month (OCTOBER) is the Gillham Main Annual Meeting and the Nominating Committee is now looking for volunteers for next year's Executive Committee. Call Pat Kroll at 561-5381 with suggestions.

## Crime is UP Folks

Breakins - Houses & Apartments & Autos.

We need you to help us watch. Possibly we have only 1 or 2 persons being the cause of most crime.

Here is a description of one individual seen over 6 months or more breaking into apartments from near 44th & Rockhill to (Most recently - last week in August) the 4000 block of McGee:

Young, black, about 6 feet tall, slender, wears dark clothes (often black shirt & pants), tennis shoes, and has carried a flashlight. He probably lives in our neighborhood so some of you may have seen him. Think about it - BUT remember this description also fits at least one of the victims. Be particularly watchful between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. If you see something suspicious call 421-1500 immediately.

## NOW in Gillham Main

The Weekend of September 9-10 is the time of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association annual garage sale. Members and friends of our neighborhood are hereby asked to save and be on the lookout for items to be sold.

We need: Furniture ...  
Dishes ...  
Odds & Ends ...  
Sheet Music ...  
Kitchen Utensils ...  
Clothes, shoes ...  
Appliances ...  
Picture Frames ...  
Anything you think will sell.

Bring your Garage sale donations to 4307 Warwick (Rear 43rd Street). Items will be received 12 Noon to 7 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday, September 5 thru 8.

For information, pickup, etc. call:

Norma J. Rickel 561-5912/561-8075  
Jim Watt 531-1949  
Ruth Allen 931-4998.

TO PEOPLE LIVING IN THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD: We live in a unique neighborhood. We are within walking distance of the Plaza. We have good bus service and other transportation service. We live in one of the early suburban neighborhoods of Kansas City filled with different small parks to which we can repair during the warm months of the year.

Think what this neighborhood could be like in the next five, ten or fifteen years. If we all worked to make this a more livable neighborhood to live in, we would have an enviable neighborhood that would be a mecca for people to move into.

LOOK AROUND YOU AND ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU COULD DO TO MAKE YOUR HOME ATTRACTIVE AND DESIREABLE.

## JOIN WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Become a Gillham Main Member.

If you live, work or own property within the Gillham Main neighborhood, we want you as a member.

Boundaries are: 39th to 45th, Main Street to Gillham Road & Rockhill.

Annual dues of One Dollar (\$1) are due now.

Please return the blank below with your dues to: Jim Watt, Treasurer

4001 Oak  
K.C., Mo. 64111

or bring your dues to this month's meeting and get an update on our activities.

Meetings are regularly held at the K.C. Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Blvd. at 7:30 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## stalled or stolen auto?

City Ordinance permits the City to haul away any car left on a city street for more than 48 hours. If there is such a car by your house, call the Police Department, 421-1500 and report the car. You may be assisting in the recovery of a stolen auto.

October, 1978

## Roaming dogs present danger

One dog running loose is just illegal, but three or four make a pack. They could be dangerous and tear up trash.

If you are having trouble with dogs, call city animal control at 861-0123. Report if possible, a description of the dog, where it lives, and the time that it runs loose.

### TO ALL PERSONS WITH DOGS

Keep them indoors, in a fenced yard, or on a chain. There is a city leash ordinance and a number of persons have complained of lax enforcement. Ignorance of the law is no defense.

Gillham Main representatives have contacted the city Animal Control and asked for a stronger effort to be made picking up dogs running loose in this area.

## RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

The Kansas City Police Department has a "Ride Along" program if you would like to spend all or part of a shift seeing our community from inside a police car.

If you would like to "Ride Along" call the Police Department at 842-6525 and ask for the metro station.

You must arrange a ride in advance. You must sign a waiver form and be at least 18 years of age.



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## Another Election Coming

The election of new officers for the GMNA Executive Committee will be held October 10, 1978. It is vital for the continued existence of the GMNA Association that you, the residents, be willing to serve our association.

We desperately need people who wish to serve as officers and committee chairpersons.

GMNA's goal is to improve all facets of life in the neighborhood. Through GMNA volunteers, officers, and members, several projects have been undertaken this year, all with a special emphasis on improving the physical appearance of GMNA's neighborhood.

New curbs and sidewalks on Warwick Boulevard have been built, the Kansas City Art Institute has cleaned up their "littered lawn", and four houses in the 4300 block of Warwick were reconverted. Systematic code inspections have been followed up, and a curb and sidewalk project for the south end of GMNA has begun.

I am hopeful that you will show your support by volunteering

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1978**  
**7:30 p.m. at the**  
**KC ART INSTITUTE**  
**4415 Warwick Blvd.**

for a position at the general meeting Oct. 10. Remember, if we, the residents, don't show we care about our neighborhood, nobody will.

Patrick L. Kroll  
 GMNA President

## MEETINGS

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association would like all residents, property owners, and business persons to attend our monthly meetings to share concerns for our neighborhood.

All meetings are held at the main building of the KC Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Blvd.

General meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month with business meetings the 4th Tuesday of the month.



# WILL KCAI COOPERATE ?

The Kansas City Art Institute has been notified by the surrounding community that the welding, heavy industrial equipment and smelting furnances used by the Sculpture Department are in violation of the R-2 zoning.

The residents have offered to work with KCAI in order to develop a mutually acceptable plan.

KCAI has not responded to the offer of improving the appearances of the campus.

## meeting's program

The October 10 meeting will feature the election of new executive officers for GMNA Association, Charlotte Musgrave, Republican Jackson County Legislator for the Second district will clarify her position of issues, and there will be a celebration of GMNA members, celebrating our five year anniversary.

## HOUSE OF THE MONTH

The home of Mrs. Gertrude I. Riley and Mrs. Albert J. Irwin, 4101 Warwick Blvd., was chosen as "House of the Month" at our August general meeting.

Built at the turn of the century, this home has been maintained and is in excellent condition. Since 1944, the home has been beautifully kept and we are proud it is in our neighborhood.

# gmna—the first Years WE'VE COME A LONG WAY

In 1973, a few neighbors in the area between Gillham and Main met through their membership in the Westport Community Council.

They realized that though they lived within a block or two of each other they had never met, and in June a small picnic was held.

On July 4, there was a larger picnic held in the backyard of 4001 McGee--now a vacant lot.

The first evening meeting was held July 11, 1973 with over 10 persons attending. City staff members were present to describe the Westport Plan and the City Code Enforcement procedures.

A majority of those present voted to form an association. A temporary chairperson was elected and a committee was elected to write By-laws.

The name Gillham Main was chosen in November.

This month Gillham Main will have its official five year celebration for current members at our Oct. 10 meeting.

Please come and bring along some cookies and help remember the past and look forward to the future of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association.

# THANK YOU RESIDENTS

The annual GMNA Garage Sale held Sept. 9 and 10 at the home of Col Arthur C. Allen, his wife, Ruth Allen, and Mrs. Price Wickersham, was a great success as over \$700 was raised. We extend a special thanks to the following persons for their contributions: Norma J. Rickel, Chairperson, Mrs. Ann Wiley, Vice chairperson, Mr. P. Christy, Mrs. Gertrude L. Riley, Raymond Barta, Mrs. Dorothy Hale, Jim Watt, Illene Griffith, Susan Coleman, Mrs. P. Christy, Jan Melumey, Dennise Coppedge, Keith Rose, Bruce Cerone, Chris Hedges, Ward Everhart, Julia Galvin, George Armstrong, Stephanie Ganong, Methew Hale, Don Hale, Ann Wilson, Dave Pfefer, Stephen Sidelinger, the Kansas City Art Institute, the Conservatory of Music, and John Kelley, of the J and K Market.

# REPORT FOR GMNA

Do you have the desire to test your reporting skills? Do you know of any issues concerning this neighborhood you would like to see written about in this newsletter? Do you know of any upcoming events or news of persons in this area? Birth, marriage, or death announcements?

If you would be interested in contributing articles or just have some ideas for upcoming issues, please contact me, April Lee McLellan, Editor, at 531-8377 or mail items to 815 W. 39th Terrace K.C. MO. 64111.

Please help make this newsletter interesting and pertinent to all individuals in this area.

Emergency Calls	
Police.....	421-1500 Tornado..... 471-1147
Fire.....	842-2121 Ambulance..... 471-1111
Doctor .....	
Services Calls	
Water Service .....	274-1256 Electric Power..... 471-7000
Trash Collection .....	274-1811 Gas Leak..... 221-3300
Animal Control .....	861-0123 Sewer Maintenance.. 274-1551
Illegally Parked Cars .....	274-2521 Street Repair..... 274-1662
Local Government Calls	
Action Center City Hall.....	274-2222
County Courthouse .....	881-3000
Election Board .....	842-4820
Board of Education .....	221-7565
DIAL A RIDE.....	252-0787
MEAL ON WHEELS.....	254-9568



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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec 29

Come spread the holiday spirit with your neighbors and friends. Our annual Christmas party will be Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. til noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church parish hall, 11 E. 40th.

Denise Coppedge is the chairperson of the committee.



## NEWS IN

# THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## The President Speaks

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! That statement may seem premature when you look at your calendar however, this begins the SIXTH year of our neighborhood association.

I am the first person to serve as president twice. I believe this position should be passed around so therefore this will be my last term as president. Here's hoping the year ahead will be more successful than those past.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!!!

Whether you are a student, tenant, or property owner, invest a buck for a membership by contacting our vice president or treasurer listed on page 2. Attend our general monthly meetings on the second Tuesday, and our executive board meetings the fourth Tuesday. Meetings are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the board room of the Art Institute.

## GMNA MEETING Tuesday, Nov. 14 7:30 p.m.

### KC Art Institute 4415 Warwick Blvd.

## PROGRAM

SPEED BARRIERS ON ROCKHILL ROAD??? Yea or Nea.

VOTERS! If you need a notary public for your absentee ballot, I will do it FREE. The rest of you, go to the polls. It's free too!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY Come one, Come all, details on page four.

CLIP & SAVE New list of executive board members, Pg. 2.

JOGGERS For safety and just more enjoyment, let's run together. Anyone wishing to organize, let it be known.

BE CHRISTMAS CRIME CONSCIOUS  
Jim Watt, President

## Gillham Main Committee and

The new Gillham Main Neighborhood Association's Executive Committee elected at the October meeting are:

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4001 Oak  
531-1949

Vice President Raymond Barta  
4320 McGee  
931-9927

Secretary Norma J. Rickel  
315 E. 43rd  
561-8075

Treasurer Gertrude Riley  
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931-4252

The following persons were appointed to be GMNA representatives for the following organizations:

Westport Community Council

Patrick Kroll 561-5381  
and  
Harry Crissen 561-7195

Westport Planning Committee

Ilene Griffith 531-7391  
and  
Ruth Allen 931-4998

## Executive Volunteers

### CWCON

George Mack 753-1603  
N. J. Rickel 561-3075  
Caron Wells 561-8981  
Elaine Augustine 561-9408  
or 931-8350

### Westport Crime Committee

Denise Coppedge 753-3732  
or 531-2345

### Westport Tomorrow

Dorothy Hale 931-4643

## Rules and Regulations

City Ordinance No. 41525, Section 34.132 states the driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon any sidewalk, parkway, park, or any other public property where no provision has been made.

ARTICLE XI Ordinance 41525, Section 34.146 states no person shall throw or permit to blow or allow to be thrown, dropped or permit to be blown any litter from any motor vehicle onto any street or highway.

## A GMNA Request

Since there is continual improvement to property in the neighborhood and a shortage of qualified craftsmen, we would like to establish a roster of available people to do the work.

If you have a satisfying job done by carpenters, plumbers, paper hangers, painters, concrete finishers, tree trimmers, yard work, or any kind of a job that you are pleased with, call George Armstrong, 531-1824.

We are also interested in uncovering shoddy work and rip-offs.

Please take a few minutes to help your neighbors receive quality work on their property.

## HELP! HELP!

Please become involved with this newsletter. Since last month, I have received a few calls and contributions for this month from some GMNA members. Please let me hear from the rest of you. Let your voice be heard! Call April Lee McLellan, Editor, 531-8377 or mail items to 815 W. 39th Terrace. I'm looking forward to hearing from YOU.

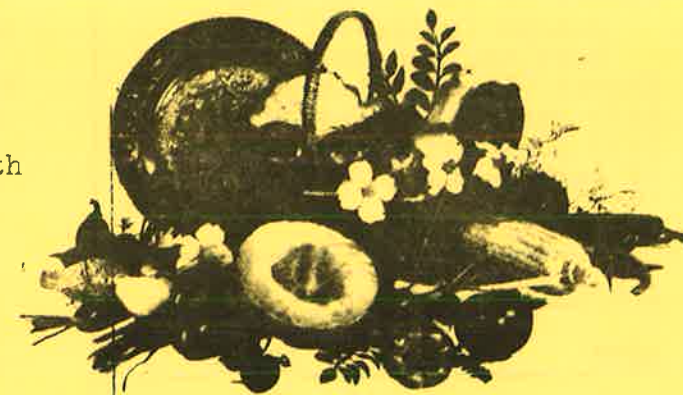
## THANKSGIVING

The month of November brings about yet another holiday to us all; Thanksgiving.

Upon the anniversary of our forefathers arrival in the new world, remember to be thankful for all you have, freedom, friends, and close neighbors who care about each other.

Take a few moments to show your neighbors how valuable they are to you; to thank them for their contributions to you life, and just to show you care about them.

H A P P Y T H A N K S G I V I N G



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SEASONS GREETINGS

## Caution!!

This is the season of rain, sleet, and snow; all which create hazardous driving conditions for everyone.

Whether walking or driving, accidents occur. Please remember to exercise caution while traveling and make this winter safer for all.

DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH, THERE WILL NOT BE A GENERAL OR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## Neighbors Unite

The City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations is a voluntary coalition of Kansas City neighborhoods working together on issues and concerns of mutual interest.

Neighborhoods may join as full members with a vote for \$15 a year, or neighborhoods, other groups, or individuals may join as Associate Members without a vote for \$5 a year.

For additional information, call City Wide Coalition Office, 931-0341 or 931-0294, or write City Wide Coalition, P.O. Box 8805, K.C. Mo., 64109.

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## Light Security

by Pat Kroll

Security is a vital issue in GMNA. We can all help to improve security simply by turning on our front porch lights. The neighborhood association requests that each resident turn their front porch light on EVERY night, leaving them on ALL night.

Studies show that crime is significantly reduced in areas where there is an active lights program. This is especially important when street lights are off.

Ask your neighbors to turn their lights on. Let's help reduce crime and protect our neighbors.

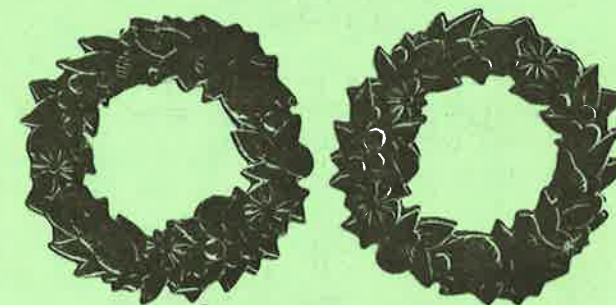
## Tune In To...

With the bad weather approaching, it may become necessary to cancel either a general membership meeting or an executive board meeting. Such notification will be broadcast on the following AM radio stations: WDAF 610, KCMO 810, and KMBZ, 980. If in doubt, call K.C.A.I. at 561-4852.

## Party Dec. 9

Our annual Christmas party will be Saturday, December 9, 1978 from 10:00 a.m. til noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 11 East 40th, in the parish hall. Come and spread the holiday spirit with your neighbors and friends.

## MERRY



## CHRISTMAS

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### Issues at hand

Current issues GMNA is involved with are:

1. Art Institute grounds dispute.
2. Proposed parking lot at 4208-12 Walnut.
3. Warwick Street lights out.
4. Future curbs and sidewalks.

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## ORDINANCE

#### ARTICLE XIV Ordinance #41525 Section 34.192

No person shall park a vehicle on any street in the same place continuously for a period of time longer than 48 hours.

## Handyman Hunt for Gmna

The response to George Armstrong's plea to establish a roster of qualified craftsmen was very well received.

Several qualified painters, window repairmen, and stucco workers have been found.

We are still in need of other craftsmen, carpenters, roofers, and persons who can panel walls.

If you are a qualified craftsman, or if you know of someone who is willing to work, contact George Armstrong at 531-1824.

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## ORDINANCE

#### ARTICLE III Ordinance #41525 Section 34.27

No person upon roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, sled, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and when so crossing, such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to pedestrians.

## REFLECTIONS

With the holiday season upon us, along with the anticipation of a new year approaching, there comes time for reflection. It is a time to assess our strengths and weaknesses and to evaluate our future objectives.

In this season of yuletide cheer, remember those persons who are so special to you. Remind them of their uniqueness with a smile, a telephone call, or a card. Best of all, why not present them with a priceless gift, that of your time and friendship?

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## A REMINDER

If you are not registered to vote, give yourself a free Christmas present. Register, then vote. Remember, the city council and mayoral elections are February.

Speaking of free Christmas gifts, the gifts you buy can be free to someone else just for the taking if: 1. They can be seen in your car, and 2. They can be seen in your home or apartment from the sidewalk.