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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Words (cont.)

A sidewalk and curb replacement plan may be presented to the City Council this month. It may propose that government funds cover the cost of bad curbs and that property owners be assessed the cost of bad sidewalks.

Despite the low attendance, our annual Christmas Party was very enjoyable. A special thanks to Denise Coppedge, Chairperson. Those people not attending missed the revealing blueprints of something very special underway now in Gillham Main. Thanks to the persons responsible for bringing the prints. Look for details in the near future.

Keep those porch lights burning and make sure your house numbers are legible from the street day AND night. This will aid firefighters, police, paramedics, postal carriers, delivery persons, cab drivers, and guests.

WARNING!!! Watch your speed on Rockhill Road from 43rd Street south. Enforcement is underway. 4208, 4210, and 4212 Walnut - The proposed demolition of these homes should come up for discussion at City Hall this month.

THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Words from Watt GMNA President

At our general meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Art Institute, we will hear from, and speak to, candidates for city offices.

A special meeting of the Executive Board will follow the general membership meeting Tuesday to respond to a questionnaire from Westport Tomorrow.

Register to vote NOW for the February election. Phone 842-4820 for information.

Candidate/citizen forums sponsored by the Westport Community Council will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 503 at Penn Valley Community College Campus Center, 3201 Southwest Trafficway, on January 31.

February 12th candidates for mayor will be present.

GMNA MEETING
Tuesday, Jan. 9
7:30 p.m.
KC Art Institute
4415 Warwick Blvd.

Congressman Richard Bolling's Mobile Office will be at 39th and Harrison Parkway January 29.

Rollins school has been purchased by St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

We are delighted to see the Warwick street lights burning shortly after the strike with K.C.P.&L ended.

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November News In GMNA

The past two Gillham Main general meetings have covered a wide variety of topics, all of concern to persons living in the Gillham Main Neighborhood.

Why not attend the January 9th meeting and voice your concerns???

The following topics were some of the highlights of the November meeting:

Gillham Main members voted to be named plaintiff in a suit against the Kansas City Art Institute due to their unkempt littered lawns.

The city be contacted by the President about city owned vehicles being parked on new curbs.

The President contact the Police Department regarding enforcement of the speed limit on Rockhill Road south of 43rd street.

Jim Watt, President, contacted the city regarding the posting of a speed limit on Rockhill Road from 43rd at 45th streets.

Gillham Main members opposed the proposal of the Mental Retardation Project in Hyde Park. G.M.N.A. opposed rezoning at 4208, 4210, and 4212 Walnut for the proposed Bremson parking lot.

Enjoy Winter at Westport Roanoke

The winter program at all community centers began January 8.

Westport Roanoke Community Center, 3601 Roanoke Road surely has a course for you.

Selections include, aerobics to music, backgammon, jogging, yoga, belly dancing, home maintenance workshop, disco dancing, cooking, crafts, photography and painting.

Call the Community Center today and begin a new hobby.

COMMITTEES

G. M. N. A. COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP -

Ray Barta, Chairman
Ruth Allen, George
Armstrong, Ilene
Griffith, Pat Kroll

FINANCE -

Ruth Allen, Jim Watt,
Co-chair, Ilene
Griffith

BEAUTIFICATION -

Dan Bowman, Jim
Spencer, Co-chair,
Pat Kroll, Denise
Coppedge

BLOCK ORGANIZATION -

Denise Coppedge,
Chairperson, Pat
Kroll

HOSPITALITY -

Dorothy Hale,
Chairperson

CITY DIRECTORY

Action Center	274-2222
Alcohol Rehabilitation	861-1212
Better Business Bureau	421-7800
Dead Animal Pickup	274-2463
Dog Licenses	274-6672
Driveway Questions	274-1667
Food Stamps	274-6245
Fun Phone	474-9600
Health Department	274-1381
National Weather Service Recorded Information	471-4840
Police <u>COMPLAINTS</u>	842-9595
Public Information Office	274-2601
Share-A-Fare Transportation	274-1803
Street Lighting Problems	471-0060
Voter Registration (Jackson County)	842-4820
Welfare Information	274-6245
Zip Code Information	374-2421

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emotion, express, favor,
February, feelings, flowers,
friendship, give, happiness,
heart, hope, hug, kiss, love,
loyal, me peace, remember,
Saint Valentine, sentimental,
thank, touch, true you.

NEWS IN

THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Volume 8, No. 2

February, 1979

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BITS and PIECES

YOU ARE BREAKING THE LAW if you do not shovel snow off your sidewalks.

The Renaissance Development Group will present their modified "Westport Common" project plan February 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the church at 3600 Walnut. The plan involves the Werby Building as well as the area from 39th to 40th streets, Main to Warwick. You are encouraged to attend.

February 12th is the date and 7:30 p.m. is the time to be at Penn Valley Community College, 3201 Southwest Trafficway to speak with the mayoral candidates.

If you are not receiving the WESTPORT MAGAZINE by now, please do so. The magazine features articles of neighborhood people, places, and events. Phone 753-3884 for more information.

GMNA MEETING
Tuesday, FEB. 13
7:30 p.m.
KC Art Institute
4415 Warwick Blvd.

PROGRAM

PROPOSED NEW CITY ZONING ORDINANCE AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Tune In To...

With the bad weather upon us, 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.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

REMEMBER TO VOTE FEBRUARY 27TH!!!

CODE REMINDER

At the request of GMNA, the City of Kansas City began a systematic inspection of the exterior and grounds of all property within the neighborhood. This inspection began about a year and a half ago, at which time many properties were found to be in violation of at least one of the City Codes.

Residents were notified of their existing violations and given a time schedule to bring their properties into compliance. Since that time, many property owners have corrected their violations, however, there are some who have yet neglected to abide by these Codes.

The City has written court summons to approximately twelve property owners within this neighborhood. If your property is one still in violation, please contact Ken West and notify him of your arrangements to make the necessary repairs.

The correct process is long and costly and you will eventually be made to have the repairs done. Why not save yourself and the City a lot of trouble by cooperating with the systematic code inspection.

Improving the properties in the neighborhood will benefit everyone by increasing the pride in the area as well as property value.

If you have homeowners insurance with Allstate and are not completely satisfied, Colleen Keady would like to hear from you. Call 923-5111.

PARKERS BEWARE

Vehicle parking in the neighborhood is a necessity which must be controlled. It is important that fire equipment be able to get through our streets especially with snow on the ground.

Below is a list of areas where no parking laws will be enforced by the City. Violators must pay a ticket, claim their car at the tow lot, or both.

Vehicles parked illegally at:

A. VACANT LOTS

- 1. 4115 Main
- 2. 4133 Walnut
- 3. 3910 Warwick
- 4. 4156 Warwick
- 5. 40th & McGee (N.E.)
- 6. 40th & McGee (S.E.)
- 7. 41st & Oak (S.W.)

B. FRONT YARDS

- 1. 4037 Warwick
- 2. 4063 Warwick
- 3. 4032 Locust
- 4. 4123 Locust
- 5. 4216 Locust
- 6. 4221 Locust
- 7. 4229 Locust

C. LOADING ZONES

- 1. 4127-33 Locust
- 2. 4201-03 Locust

Due to the weather, the Executive Board meeting for January was canceled. It is rescheduled for February 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Art Institute.

Copies of the "Brush Creek Valley Project Plan" are now available by writing to the Community Development Department of City Hall, K.C.Mo., 64106. The plan has been adopted by our City Council and it is hoped that it will have some positive impact in the southern portion of our neighborhood. There is no charge for a copy.

A free Home Maintenance Workshop class is now being conducted at the Westport-Roanoke Community Center. Phone the center at 531-4106 for additional information.

Victory came January 9th for the tenants of 4208, 4210, and 4212 Walnut and other neighbors. These homes, owned by Sam Schwartz, were to be demolished for a Bremson parking lot. A re-hearing has been asked for Schwartz's attorney.

Is crime a big business? You can be the judge and the jury. As Santa made his rounds in December, so did others. The cold, hard, facts:

- 1.119 Burglaries
- 210 Robberies
- 40 Purse snatchers
- 278 Stolen Autos
- 783 Auto Accessory & Larceny Theft
- 579 Malicious Destruction of Property

Congratulations Pat!

Pat Kroll, an active GMNA member and former President, was featured in the January 7th Star* Magazine. The article 'Grand Old Homes' acknowledged Pat's beautiful Georgian English home, 4320 Oak, and his endless efforts to beautify our neighborhood.

SNOW REMOVAL

GMNA members and friends, do you want to have your sidewalks and streets fairly free of snow the next time we should have a big storm? Well, so do I.

I am asking for GMNA members and friends to think of ways we could do this.

Do you have shovels, small snow removal machines, vehicles or trucks?

Individual owners can clean their property with shovels. Small snow removal machines or vehicles can clean the city sidewalks and driveways of snow. Trucks equipped with plows could clean the streets of snow.

If we all get out early before the snow accumulates, we could have a neighborhood relatively free of dangerous sidewalks and streets.

Comments asked for at the next monthly meeting.

Norma J. Rickel

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.

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GILLHAM MAIN GARAGE SALE

Our annual fall garage sale will again be held around Labor Day. If you can provide a location, phone our vice president, Ray Barta, at 931-9927.

We all should begin collecting items to donate for our sale. Since this is the main fund raiser project for our association, please begin selecting items now to make this year's sale a success.

ARTICLE XIV Ordinance Number 41525 Section 34.193

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street for the principle purpose of:
(A) Displaying such vehicle for sale
(B) Washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle, except repair necessitated by emergency
(C) Displaying merchandise for sale or for advertising purposes

NEWS IN

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BITS and PIECES

New city animal control ordinance: Some parts went into effect July 3, 1978 with the remainder becoming effective May 1, 1979.

Highlights of the new law include: ALL DOGS AND CATS over 90 days MUST BE LICENSED! (RABIES SHOTS REQUIRED).

No more than four dogs and/or cats in a home.

No wild animals in residentially zoned areas.

Animal owners may now be ticketed if their animal:

Attacks another animal or a person;
Rips open trash bags;

Makes enough noise to disturb neighbors or,

Defecates on public or private property and the owner does not clean it up.

YOU MAY GET MORE INFORMATION BY CALLING 861-0123 Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 P.m.

GMNA MEETING Tuesday, march 13

7:30 p.m.

KC Art Institute
4415 Warwick Blvd.

PROGRAM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 13, 1979 7:30 PM at the Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard

Representatives from the Renascence Project will be speaking on the Werby Building and the Westport Common Project.

Our first comprehensive membership drive will take place this spring. We hope to go door to door in our efforts to let people know we exist, what our association does, and to encourage new members.

Following the drive, a new neighborhood phone directory will be published.

GILLHAM MAIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS VOLUNTEERS

The New Gillham Main Executive Committee elected at the October general meeting is:

PRESIDENT: Jim Watt
4001 Oak
531-1949

VICE PRESIDENT Raymond Barta
4320 McGee
931-9927

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

TREASURER Gertrude Riley
4101 Warwick
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

CWCNO

George Mack 753-1603
N. J. Rickel 561-8075
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

HYDE PARK FESTIVAL, MAY 19th & 20th.

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

Please become involved with this newsletter. As stated at the last Executive Board meeting, I desperately need ideas, articles, notices of all varieties. Without your cooperation, the newsletter will meet its demise.

Please let me hear from you! Contact Ellen Purdy, Editor, at 531-8377 (evenings) or mail items to 815 West 39th Terrace. All articles must be received by the 20th of each month for the preceding months newsletter.

MONDAYS ARE TRASH PICKUP DAYS!!!!

Some of our residents do not know that MONDAY is our trash pickup day. It is our job to inform residents of this fact so they will not put their trash sacks out on other days of the week, allowing dogs to strew trash all over the neighborhood.

The ideal time to set trash out is before 8:00 a.m. each MONDAY. Besides making the neighborhood a shamble, trash collecting in yards and streets is also ILLEGAL.

There are several self-discovered ways of treating your bags so animals will refrain from dispersing your trash over the neighborhood. If you would like to share your recipe with us, send it to the newsletter editor.

Gillham Main has sent a letter to City Wide Coalition requesting their assistance in getting new county legislation passed to prevent the sale of real estate for back taxes when present owner occupies the structure and has not been properly notified.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANS UP APRIL 2ND

In Westport, the city and neighborhoods cooperate in a comprehensive annual neighborhood clean out. The city provides trash bags, trucks and man power. It is our job to provide the trash, unwanted cars, junk, and other undesirable products.

This year, Gillham Main and Broadway Gillham neighborhoods are scheduled for the week of April 2nd.

All items must be on the curb MONDAY APRIL 2ND. What is not picked up that day will be picked up the following day. If an item is too large for a trash bag, such as a chair or old television, phone 274-1811 weekdays BEFORE April 2nd.

If you are one of several residents who have a junk car parked illegally on your property, phone 274-2521 weekdays for FREE removal.

Block watchers - Keep up the good work of watching and reporting.

Gillham Main has sent a letter to City Wide Coalition supporting their application for a federal grant to fight crime.

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SYSTEMATIC CODE ENFORCEMENT

A Systematic Inspection of all properties has been taking place in the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association. for the past year and a half.

Many property owners have so far been notified of their existing violations. To date, many of these violations have been corrected. If you have not yet corrected your violation(s), please do so at once.

The City is beginning to prosecute those property owners who remain in violation of the systematic code enforcement. On March 16th, 1979, the owner of 8-10 East 44th Street was found guilty of two code violations; a) peeling paint on the apartment building, and b) peeling paint on the garages.

Judge Hughes of the Municipal court fined the owner \$250.00 for EACH violation and sentenced him to 60 days in jail for EACH violation. The owner is currently on a \$2,000.00 bond awaiting an appeal.

The City will see to it that the codes are enforced in all neighborhoods, INCLUDING THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD. Please cooperate with this program and make the Gillham Main a better place to live. Don't wait for your court summons to correct your violation(s)!!!!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 24, 1979

7:30 p.m. Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard.

MEETING

May meeting of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association
Tuesday, May 8, 1979 at 7:30 p.m., Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard.

REMINDER

COPY FOR MAY NEWSLETTER DUE

IMMEDIATELY. Please call

Editor, Ellen Purdy, 531-8377, evenings with any information; or mail items to 815 West 39th Terrace, K.C. Mo., 64111.

NOTICE

Future issues of the newsletter may be varied due to the lack of participation on correlating news and ideas suitable for publication. After discussing this matter in length at two GMNA meetings, I am receiving minimal news and absolutely NO report of action taken at EITHER the General monthly meeting or the Executive Board Meeting.

Issue sizes will be adjusted as to the variety of news and the cooperation of you, the "concerned" GMNA residents.

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TENANTS ONLY

The renter is an important individual making up the majority of persons in the Gillham Main Neighborhood.

We encourage tenants to attend our meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard.

Even if you are not interested in becoming involved in this association, there are several things you can do to make your neighborhood more pleasant and attractive.

* Pick up any existing litter in your front yard

* Sweep the walk in front of your building

*Vacuum the hallways inside your building

Clear all windows of clutter - make sure the draperies and blinds hang straight

*Use off the street parking if at all possible.

Obey the leash law - not allowing your dogs to roam and possibly destroy the property of your neighbors.

Basic courtesty and respect for your neighbors will make Gillham Main a more enjoyable place to live for all.

THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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VIOLATORS LISTED IN GMNA

The following properties have been notified that they are in violation of City Codes as a result of the Systematic Code Inspection operating within the GMNA.

If your property is one of those listed, it would be best to make the necessary repairs immediately.

GMNA is encouraging the City to prosecute each property owner found in violation.

A. Active files listed below - subject to issuance if summons if existing violations not corrected:

WARWICK

- 4124 Warwick
- 3966 "
- 3933 "
- 3925 "
- 3918 "
- 3950 "
- 3919 "
- 4109 "

Locust

- 4123 Locust
- 4132 "
- 4235 "
- 4213-15"
- 4015 "
- 4104 "
- 4260 "
- 4225 "
- 4345 "
- 4115 "
- 4025 "

MAIN

- 4401 Main
- 4409 "
- 4411 "

MOGEE

- 4055 McGee
- 3951 "
- 4140 "
- 4121 "
- 4151 "
- 4109 "
- 4152 "
- 3944 "
- 4046 "
- 4029 "

WALNUT

- 4041-45 Walnut
- 4131 "
- 4200-02 "
- 4414 "
- 4208 "
- 4118 "
- 4116 "
- 4112 "
- 4017 "
- 3929 "
- 3944-46 "

OAK

- 3944 Oak
- 4306 "
- 3942 "
- 4012 "
- 4039 "

MAY GENERAL MEETING OF THE

GMNA: Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard.

B. Active files that now have summons written on them for failure to comply with city requests for abatement of Housing Violations.

OAK

- 4009 Oak

WARWICK

- 4145 Warwick
- 3940 "
- 3916 "
- 3936 "
- 4121 "

LOCUST

- 4012 Locust
- 4039 "
- 4123 "

WALNUT

- 4202-06 Walnut
- 4131 "
- 4320

MOGEE

- 4025 McGee
- 4052 "
- 4016 "
- 4151 "
- 4121 "

EAST 43rd Street

- 400-06 East 43rd

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETS WITH GEORGE EIB

Last month the GILLHAM MAIN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE met with George L. Eib, Superintendent of Forestry and Landscaping for the Parks and Recreation of Kansas City. He presented a landscape plan for the corner of 43rd and Rockhill.

This plan includes the installation of evergreen shrubs and flowering trees scheduled this spring.

The shade trees will be installed along Rockhill Road, 4300-4400 Block, within the next year.

KCAI TO HOST MEETING WITH GMNA

All members, in addition to residents who live near the KC Art Institute, are invited to a meeting with officials of the Art Institute, Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30 P.M. in the Board room of KCAI. Refreshments will be served at 6:30, and the meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:30.

The discussion will be of past, present and future maintenance of the KCAI grounds.

MORE NEW CURBS AND SIDEWALKS!!!

The City Public Works Department is presently working on implementation of the "EAST GILLHAM MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT". This is the first phase of a three year project plan to replace all the remaining substandard curbs and sidewalks in our neighborhood.

Work this summer will be on Locust and Oak from 39th to 43rd.

Property owners are to pay for any sidewalks replaced, which a Federal Community Development Block Grant will cover the cost of any new curbs.

Ruth Allen and Jim Watt submitted the master plan to the city for consideration and were very

pleased to learn that the proposal was approved. Our sincere thanks to them for their efforts.

NOTES FROM APRIL 24 MEETING

1. GMNA adopted the enforcement of City Zoning and code ordinances as the number one priority for the neighborhood.
2. The Executive Committee reviewed the list of properties which are currently in violation of the city exterior codes (see list printed in newsletter).
3. The Executive Committee moved that the Membership approve a \$150 donation to Westport Tomorrow Inc.
4. The Committee stated that residential burglaries is the primary crime problem in the neighborhood. A Block organization program would be effective in reducing this problem.
5. The committee officially extended an appreciation to Ruth Allen and Jim Watt for successfully lobbying for a curb and sidewalk project for the neighborhood north of 43rd St. A tremendous amount of time and effort was put into this project, which is scheduled to begin this summer.

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

News submitted for the next month's newsletter must be mailed and received by MAY 20. Send items of interest to Ellen Purdy, Editor 815 West 39th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. 64111; or phone 531-8377 evenings with news.

YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUIRED.

GILLHAM MAIN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 22, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.,

at the Kansas City Art Institute,
4415 Warwick Boulevard.

GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD -----
IT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION

Our association may not be the greatest there is but it's all there is. The present attitude of government on all levels is that they will deal with a neighborhood only through some sort of organization.

Of the 5,000 (plus or minus) persons owning property, living, and/or working within Gillham Main, about 150 are dues-payign members of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association, about 20 carrying the active burden.

Any success of the organization has in improving conditions in the area is to the ultimate advantage of everyone.

You can be of tremendous help to yourselves as well as to your neighbors without becoming involved over your head by doing some very simple things:

- 1. Pay your dues, \$1 per year--mail to:

Gertrude Riley, Treasurer
4101 Warwick
Kansas City, Missouri 64111
931-4252

along with your name, full address and telephone number.

- 2. Attend each year at least ONE General Meeting (second Tuesday of each month) and/or ONE Executive Board Meeting, (fourth Tuesday of each month), both at the Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Boulevard, at 7:30 p.m. Come and introduce yourselves, meet the active members, and express your like and dislikes of the community. Voice what things you would like to see accomplished. It's much easier to work with people you've met.

- 3. Maintain minimum maintenance of the area in which you live, work, or own property. Pick up the litter, (the City will carry it away each Monday), cut the grass, sweep the walks, get rid of junk, construction materials and old furniture. Trim shrubs and clean under them. These simple maintenance projects don't take much time, cost almost nothing, and do make a tremendous impact on the appearance and atmosphere of the neighborhood.

- 4. Get acquainted with your neighbors, talk about your own block, have a block meeting.

Just get a little involved!!!!!!!

The end result will be increased property value, greater interest to people seeking places to rent, and an area with a proud name--Gillham Main.

It's your neighborhood, your home, your property, and your business. Why not help yourselves???????

JUNE GENERAL MEETING OF THE GMNA -
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1979 at 7:30p.m.,
at the Kansas City Art Institute,
4415 Warwick Boulevard.

This meeting will feature representatives from the Kansas City Fire Department speaking on the various types of home smoke alarms and their effectiveness in your home. Also precautionary safety measures for avoiding fires in your home will be discussed.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Larry Downs presented the First annual Joseph B. Shaughnessy Jr. Memorial Award

Congratulations to Larry Downs, a Gillham Main resident, who received the First Annual Joseph B. Shaughnessy Jr. Memorial Award at the Westport Tomorrow Meeting. An architect, planner and teacher, Downs was noted for his activism in the Westport area. He was one of the founders of Westport Tomorrow and chairman of the Westport Planning Commission.

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER
News submitted for the next month's newsletter must be mailed and received by June 20. Send items of interest to: Ellen Purdy, Editor, 815 West 39th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri 64111; or phone 531-8377 evenings with news and other information.

YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUIRED!!!!!
GILLHAM MAIN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING,
Tuesday, June 26, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.,
at the Kansas City, Art Institute,
4415 Warwick Boulevard.

Plan to attend.
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PEOPLE NEWS IN GMNA

Dr. and Mrs. Russell W. Sumnicht have bought 200 East 44th Street --the big brick house on the northeast corner of 44th and Warwick. Dr. Sumnicht is with the UMKC School of Denistry. Mrs. Sumnicht says they hope to be in by June 1.

Bette Lind has recently moved into our neighborhood. She is the Public Relations Director for Pasternak-Higbee Advertising and Public Relations. She occasionally co-anchors Noon Edition on KCMO-TV, Channel 5.

The Kelley Deli is now open on Oak around the corner from the J & G Market. If you haven't been there yet, listen to Norma Rickel, who says the sandwiches there are great. She was there the first three out of four days the deli opened. By now surely she has broken the deli trek track record.

Ann and John Hayward have bought the 24 unit apartment building at 112 through 122 East 43rd Street, that's the northwest corner of 43rd and Warwick. Ann says they have already completely rejuvenated one unit and that we're all going to see some changes on that corner.

Ward Everhart is doing an absolutely class "A" job of painting his apartment building at 301-303 East 43rd Street. It's located on the southeast corner of McGee and 43rd. Take a look at it.

Peter and Susan Malland moved into 4001 Locust in September, 1978. While they were able to accomplish a great deal on the inside, one of Kansas City's "worst winters" thwarted any attempt to bring the outside and yard under control. With spring here, now the exterior of the house and the yard show the results of a lot of forethought and effort.

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CRAFTSMEN ROSTER REPORT

A few months ago we ran an item in the newsletter relative to home repairs. Now that the weather is permissible to paint up, fix up and clean up considerable work is yet to be done.

If you need a craftsman to assist you with your improvements, call 531-1824.

George Armstrong has a list of numerous specialists whom he will put you in contact with. The person who need may be living right in your own block or just around the corner.

To those of you who have had satisfactory work done recently, please call George and give him the name and phone number of the contractor who did the work. This program is already helping our neighbors.

CONGRATULATION??????????????????

The May 25th issue of City Limits cited the City's top trash crew for collecting a record breaking amount of rubbish from 43rd to 55th Streets and from State Line to the City limits. This breathtaking record could not have been accomplished without including a portion of Gillham Main. Congratulations, we're holding our own in keeping up with the City's litter count.

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GMNA AND KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE COMMITTEE TO PLAN SCULPTURE DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE

On May 22, 1979, at the regularly scheduled executive meeting of GMNA, John Lotter, President of the Kansas City Art Institute, agreed to form a committee of three representatives of GMNA and three representatives of the KCAI Board. These two groups will work toward formulating long range plans for the Sculpture Department at KCAI. The heart of the concern between GMNA and the KCAI centers on the fact that the Sculpture Department utilizes heavy industrial equipment to build the large outdoor metal sculptures. This program created both visual and noise pollution to the surrounding residents for several years. This situation became a focal point a little over one year ago when the City cited KCAI for several code violations as a result of their operation.

KCAI presented a plan to the residents last summer. This plan consisted of screening the operation with shrubbery. The residents rejected this plan regarding it as inadequate. It was at this time a petition was submitted to John Lotter and the Board requesting that there be an effort made to work together for some long range plans. This meeting is the first response the residents have had to that petition.

GMNA welcomes the opportunity to work with the Board of KCAI in developing a mutually acceptable plan for all concerned. We view KCAI as a real plus for the neighborhood but also expect them to do their part in the continuing revitalization of the neighborhood.

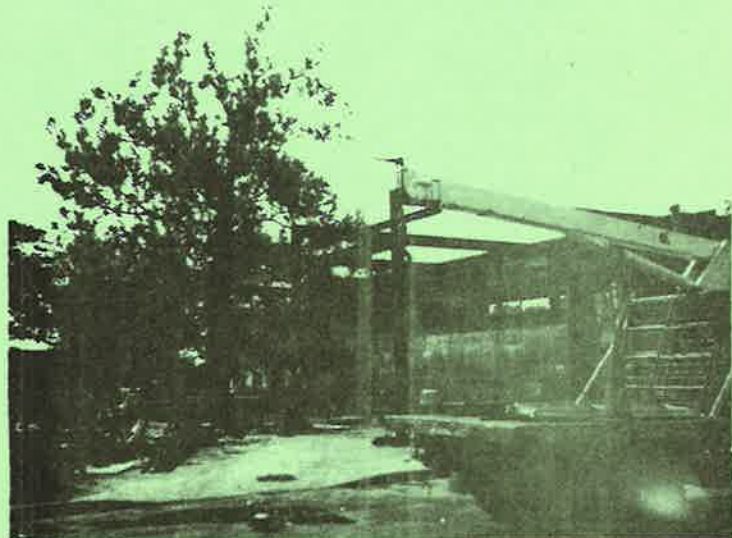
GMNA ENDORSES PROPERTY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

GMNA has endorsed the five year property conservation program. Formulated by Westport Tomorrow, this plan will involve all Westport Neighborhoods in receiving the systematic code enforcement on a revolving basis. The next scheduled inspection for GMNA would be 1983.

GARAGE SALE * * * * * Anyone willing to help in any way with the preparation of the annual Garage Sale, please contact Norma Rickel at 561-5912 (work) or home - 561-3075.

JULY GENERAL MEETING OF THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: TUESDAY, JULY 10 7:30 p.m. - KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE - 4415 Warwick Blvd.

JULY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF THE GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: TUESDAY, JULY 24 7:30 p.m. - KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE - 4415 Warwick Blvd.



View of KCAI Sculpture Work-yard showing the accumulation of materials and the industrial crane.

GMNA VICTORIOUS IN ZONING BATTLE

GMNA won the zoning battle at 4208, 4210 and 4212 Walnut. After the eight month struggle, it was decided at the Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting June 26, 1979, that these houses will not be torn down and become yet another parking lot.

Special thanks to Arthur Benson, attorney for the neighborhood association and all the neighbors attending the hearing.

We're continually working together to improve our neighborhood.

SECE PROGRAM

Summer breezes ruffling the flaking paint on the house across the street? Lulled to sleep by loose, thumping gutters or forced to cancel that coveted backyard barbeque because one more "picturesque" view of the cracked stucco and weathered, crumbling brick of the house next door was just too much? Well, these are just a few of the violations which the Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SECE) is designed to remedy.

The program offers more than a remedy for unpainted and ill-kept property-- increased property revenues and improved neighborhood image. According to Paula Schwach, KCMO office of Housing and Urban Development, the two factors which often mark a shift from a less to a more desirable neighborhood are: (1) exterior code enforcement, and (2) new curbs and sidewalks.

Hyde Park's turnaround is a prime example of the effect noted by Schwach. Interestingly enough, the SECE Program actually began in Hyde Park in 1977, the same time it began in GMNA with one significant difference - while this was the first time that Hyde Park had participated in the program, it was the second time for GMNA. Five or six years earlier a similar program was used in GMNA, but, as one city official noted, with minimal effectiveness due to less stringent codes and an understaffed inspection unit. Apparently owners in Hyde Park have more readily complied with SECE than owners in GMNA, due to a conviction on the part of the GMNA owners that if they "wait it out" this SECE Program will eventually go away too.

This illusion should be shattered this month however, as about 60 GMNA owners are served court summons for violations reported under the SECE Program. Stiffer Codes and an expanded staff have given the program new clout. While failure to bring property up to code can result in a fine or imprisonment, both the City and GMNA are primarily interested in a correction of the violation.

GMNA has identified SECE as the number one priority in the neighborhood and has requested that the City continue the inspection program until all of the violations are corrected. Owners can continually be prosecuted for the same violation until it is corrected.

The City Inspection Procedure, which falls into eight steps, can be halted at any point by the city if a violation is corrected. The eight steps are: (1) Initial Inspection of the exterior of the property, (2), Inspection results are communicated by the owner, (3) Contact with the Inspections Office by the cited owner, (4) Reinspection to document correction of the violation, (5) Notice and Order Letter sent to owner for failure to correct violation, (6) Appeal by owner to the City's Property Maintenance Appeals

Board if the owner believes that the violation is unjustified or that correcting it will cause a personal hardship, (7) Reinspection to verify if the violation has been corrected or if work is underway, (8) Municipal Court, where the owner can be fined or imprisoned by the judge for violation of a city ordinance.

Residents who wish to report property which does not meet the City's Property Maintenance Code may do so by contacting Ken West, City Code Administration, 3410 Troost, KCMO, (274-1386). Residents who have been cited for exterior code violations but who cannot afford to make the necessary repairs, may qualify for a low-interest Home Improvement Loan. These loans are available through the Community Services Office. Don Hoops of the Community Services Division of City Hall (274-1541) can supply criteria for and information about these loans.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Guy C. Davis, 4316 McGee, long time resident of GMNA who died Sunday, June 24th. Mr. Davis was a good friend and neighbor in this area for 30 years.

DISCO FOR GMNA???

Application for a full liquor license has been received for the former Chutes location restaurant, the Northeast corner of 43rd & Main.

Partners are anticipating opening in October.

JOIN GMNA

Would you be interested in becoming a Gillham Main Member? If you live, work or own property within this neighborhood, we want you as a member. Contact Gertrude Riley, Treasurer, 4101 Warwick, K.C.Mo. 64111 or phone 931-4252. Annual dues are \$1.

General meetings are held at the Kansas City Art Institute, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month. Executive Board meetings are held at KCAI 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month.

NEIGHBORHOOD!

News in the Historic Gillham-Main Neighborhood

August 1979

Sources not revealed:

STRIPPERS I HAVE KNOWN (AND RELATED TOPICS)

This news bulletin comes to you direct from the tar pits of Rockhill Road. These "pits", however, harbor no skeletons of archaeological interest, but rather something of living value--a neglected beauty almost restored to her former glory.

Unearthing the skeleton of an aged oak floor, this stage of restoration--removing linoleum laid with a tar adhesive over oak during the fifties, when hardwood floors were passé and carpet "in"--marks the final phase of a long process.

Originally built in 1906, one of the host of homes constructed at the request of William Rockhill Nelson, 4332 Rockhill Road was the first house built on this block. A charming example of "mission" architecture, it must have originally been surrounded by trees and shrubs, a fittingly rustic setting for a "mission" house.

By modern standards, however, there is little even remotely spartan about this dwelling now resplendent with polished wood, glistening brass and gracious sweeping floor plan.

This glowing description--obviously written by a doting owner--hardly fits the house which we walked into scarcely a year ago. Broken down into six apartments, walls had been erected to block the flow of the house, cracks created a modern design on peeling walls, it was anyone's guess what lay under the linoleum and paint, and modern (à la K-mart) fixtures sprouted from walls and ceilings.

Disfiguring alterations made by former owners have been painstakingly removed layer by layer, accompanied by conferences at every level in order to return the house to its original condition.

The disorienting maze of walls, added by other owners to make the two main floors into four units, have now been removed. Oak and walnut ceiling trim, exposed beams, chair rails, baseboards and elaborate window frames throughout the first floor, hidden for untold years under more than ten coats of paint, now glow in wood-grained glory. A geometrically patterned tin ceiling in the spacious kitchen has been repaired and painted its original gold to resemble more expensive brass versions.

Leafy garlands, held by fluttering bowstwine across the tin ceiling in a half bath, and are repeated in the stucco relief on the walls circling the roof. Light filtering through oak bannisters up an angled staircase in the entry foyer to the second floor.

There, a snazzy gold tub, more brass, and an enclosed sunporch highlight ample suites of rooms. More tin ceiling, wallpapers and fireplaces finish out the attic and basement areas.

Throughout, old fixtures, many carefully sought-out replacements, echo the original "hippie" spirit of the house--shiny, lacquered brass, they offered the dual convenience of gas jets above and electric bulbs below at a time when power outages were more frequent.

GMNA Calendar

Tuesday 14 August	General Meeting--Open Discussion with Police Dept.
Tuesday 28 August	Executive Board Meeting--Open Meeting

Sound like only minimal problems were involved in this miraculous metamorphosis? Not so! Take long hours of haunting salvage companies and the dilapidated structures they were wrecking (no sources revealed tho' till it's all done), hands swollen with paint stripper, and seemingly endless complications at each little step, add the task of repairing the exterior of the house and landscaping the yard which now looms before us, and you have many moments of despair.

Is the warm and inviting living space re-emerging from this "excavation" worth it all??? Well, Here's to the Strippers I Have Known!

news notes

Wondering what to do with that old chest and those boxes of odds and ends? Donate them to the ANNUAL GMNA GARAGE SALE, to be held Saturday, and Sunday, September 8-9, 9:00-6:00! Please contact either Jim Watt (531-1949) or Norma Rickel (H:561-8075; O:561-5912) the last two weekends in August or the first weekend in September for pick-up of donated items. Your support is appreciated! Proceeds benefit your Assn!

The East Gillham-Main Curb and Sidewalk Project has been marked and construction may begin in September. Curbs and driveway entrances marked in red will be replaced at City Expense (Community Development Block Grant Funds), sidewalks (yellow markings) at owner's expense.

Opinion on the Rockhill Homes Area roadblocks is divided--some residents oppose them, annoyed at through routes being clipped; others support, seeing this as a possible solution to GMNA's traffic problems (i.e. more blocks in this area). What say ye?

ENTRE NOUS

personals by ruth allen (931-4998) and susan mallard (561-5844)

Dr. and Mrs. William McCowatt have bought 4300 Warwick. They, with son Cory, moved in in June. Dr. McCowatt is with the Westport Chiropractic Offices, 4225 Baltimore.

Mark Ray, 202 E. 43rd Street, is the young man who appears as a fireman in a Fimco Jacuzzi TV commercial and also is seen sitting in a booth in a Hi-Boy Drive-in commercial. Two ~~more~~ commercials are on the way.

Bob Brimer has bought 3943 Oak. Bob is a florist.

For the H. Dieter Trosts, 4325 McGee, it's a daughter--Lyndee.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron L. Payne, 4142 McGee, have bought 4108 McGee. The plan--deconvert from three units to single family.

For the Michael Wilsons, 206 E. 43rd, it's a son--Christopher Michael.

Connie Coutellier and Beth Shirk, who came to Kansas City with the Camp Fire Girls, have purchased 3940 Locust and are deconverting to single family. The Camp Fire Girls moved its National Corporate Headquarters to Kansas City about two years ago. It is located at 4601 Madison.

Wolfgang Trost, an up-and-coming architect, has sold his home in Lawrence to move to Gillham Main. He has bought 3939 Warwick and plans to make it a nationally recognized show place. Yes, he's Dieter's brother.

Jim and Lyn Walkley have bought 3954 Oak. They have one son, Kit.

The Hacienda, NE corner of 41st and Warwick has presented a development plan to the City Plan Commission to change from rental to condominium.

Edith A. Woods, 4114 Walnut, bought a jumpsuit at a GMNA garage sale to wear while gardening. Judging from the spectacular flowers in her yard we should all have jumpsuits!

Feedback Request!

The GMNA Board has been discussing with the City the possibility of making Walnut one way southbound from 41st to 44th. Your comments pro or con are essential. Please put your feelings in writing as soon as possible and mail to Jim Watt, President, GMNA, 4001 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo., 64111.

The couple sitting in front of 4136-38 Warwick are Powell and Ilene Griffith. They appear to be reading. Actually they are supervising play time for Atlas--a daschund so miniature that you may miss him at first. Look again!

Seen at St. Paul's Rollins School Open House--Velna Fox, Norma Rickel, Ann Wiley, Paul Sisk, Pauline Sells and son Devin, and many others. Enjoyed the refreshments and conversation but will really enjoy seeing children around the big red schoolhouse again.

STRICTER ANIMAL ORDINANCE NOW IN EFFECT

The recently passed comprehensive revision of the Kansas City, Mo. animal and fowl ordinance affects most pet owners as follows:

- Dogs must now be physically restrained (by fence, chain or leash) even when on the owner's property, a provision intended to prevent dogs from roaming at will, biting people, tearing trash bags and creating other nuisances.

- Beginning May 1, 1979, the following new license fees will be charged: \$8 per year for unneutered dogs and cats; \$3 per year for neutered dogs and cats. This is to encourage people to neuter their pets and stop the serious pet overpopulation problem.

- After May 1, 1979, the number of dogs and cats in a home will be limited to any combination of four. Exceptions are granted only if pets were licensed prior to that date, the home is zoned for agriculture or is licensed as a commercial animal establishment, or the owner has a Domestic Animal Avocation Permit to breed cats or dogs. This provision is aimed at decreasing health and nuisance problems created when a large number of pets is maintained at any one residence.

Violations of any part of the ordinance can result in an appearance in Municipal Court with fines ranging from \$15-\$500 depending on the number of offenses.

If you have questions about these or any of the other sections of the new ordinance, please call the Animal Control Division, Community Services Department, City of Kansas City, Missouri, 861-0123.

INVITATION TO A PREVIEW

Atrium on the Plaza
Between 45th and 46th Streets
on Walnut
Sunday, August 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD!

SOME MODERN INSULATION UNSUITABLE FOR OLDER HOMES

Decreasing heating and cooling costs is a major concern of every bill payer today--but if you are reevaluating the energy-efficiency of a building or home built before 1940 then recognizing that most of the current research and product development in the weatherization field is directed toward new construction (houses built since 1940) may save you dollars and make sense.

Government studies show that older buildings, built to maximize natural sources of heating, lighting and ventilation, use less energy for heating and cooling and hence probably require fewer weatherization improvements than do newer structures. Many popular weatherization measures are not cost-efficient for older homes:

Also, in historic buildings, measures such as adding insulation and storm windows or caulking exterior building joints can result in inappropriate alteration of important architectural features, or perhaps even worse, cause serious damage to the building materials through unwanted chemical reactions or moisture-caused deterioration.

A Department of the Interior study suggests, in order of importance, three broad areas to effect energy conservation in older buildings: (1) Historic Methods, (2) Passive Measures and (3) Preservation Retrofitting. Outlined below, these areas are discussed in greater detail in *Preservation Briefs No. 3, Conserving Energy in Historic Buildings*, which is available free from the Department of the Interior. Copies have been ordered for GMNA members.

alterations to the structure nor introduce potentially damaging new materials, can save up to 30% of the energy used in a building. Included are: lowering the thermostat in the winter, raising it in the summer/controlling the temperature in those rooms actually used/

**Tuesday Executive Board Meeting **
**11 Sept. Open **
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**Tuesday General Meeting--Discussion **
**25 Sept. with Police Dept. **
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**All GMNA Meetings are held in Vanderslice **
**Hall, Kansas City Art Institute, at 7:30pm **

reducing the level of illumination and number of lights (maximize natural light)/using operable windows, shutters, awnings and vents as originally intended to control the interior environment (maximize fresh air)/ having mechanical equipment serviced regularly to ensure maximum efficiency/cleaning radiators and forced air registers to ensure proper operation.


Preservation Retrofitting can save another 20-30% of energy. But remember that technologies change and measures should be limited to those which achieve reasonable energy savings at reasonable costs with the least intrusion or impact on the character of the building. The three most common problems in historic structures caused by some retrofitting actions are (1) inappropriate building alterations, (2) moisture-related deterioration problems, (3) damage caused by materials that are chemically or physically incompatible with existing materials, or that are improperly installed.

The following measures, recommended with reservations, are listed in order of importance: air infiltration/attic insulation/storm windows/basement and crawl space insulation/duct and pipe insulation/awnings and shading devices/ vestibules. Wall Insulation is generally not recommended in a wood frame building because the costs are high and the potential for damage to historic building materials is even higher. Replacement windows actually have a lower thermal value than a window with a storm window assembly.

Specific solutions must be determined based on the facts and circumstances of the particular problem.

To clean and preserve woodwork or furniture, a product is available at Old World Antiques called Kotton Klenser and it does not mar the finish. Apply with paint brush, buff with shoe polisher.

CHIM-CHIM CHEROO



1 If shaking a chimney sweep's hand brings good luck, then your lucky day may be at hand! Sweep John Evelyn, a new area resident uses traditional craft along with a modern power vacuum to remove dangerous soot buildup from chimneys--no mess for your home. One resident had four chimneys inspected, and none needed cleaning. What better recommendation! Free Inspections

Cheshire Chimney Sweeps
Greg Harlan & John Evelyn
967-6863, or 942-6708.

Historic Methods include the use of interior or exterior shutters, interior venetian blinds, curtains, drapes, exterior awnings and painting exterior walls dark colors (which helps minimize winter heat loss).

Passive Measures, particularly appropriate for historic buildings because they neither require



ENTRE NOUS

PERSONALS BY RUTH ALLEN (931-4998) AND SUSAN MALLAND (561-5844)

news notes

Crime Prevention and Related Problems will be the subject of the Sept. 25 GMNA General Meeting. The Community Relations Officer for the Metro Police Station and a Crime Prevention Officer will answer questions at the meeting, which has been scheduled for the fourth Tuesday this month, instead of the regular second Tuesday, in order to accommodate the police department.

The Neighborhood Justice Center (NJC) offers an alternative to court hearings for local disputes -- a legally binding "Consent Agreement", reached through arbitration or mediation, provides a free, quick (hearings are scheduled within 15 days), workable solution to conflicts including restitution for damages. A representative of the NJC will speak at the Oct. 9 GMNA meeting. NJC/Community Services Department/American Bank Building/1 West Armour Blvd., Suite 305/KCMo./274-1895.

Westport Community Council has altered its meeting format to include a "Neighborhood Roundtable Discussion". Quarterly sessions for neighborhood association board members will focus on issues you indicate are of interest. "How to Make City Hall Work for You" was the subject of the first program, held August 27. Notice of future sessions should be received in time for pre-meeting publication.

Longing for a wrought-iron fence or balcony? Try H&M Metals, owned and operated by master craftsman Melvin Perkins. Superior quality and a 5% discount (on already low prices) to GMNA members! H&M Metals/1508 Hardesty/KCMo. 64127/241-1485

PERSONALS

Our sincerest sympathy:

To the family and friends of Donald Mitchell, 19, 200 East 43rd, who drowned August 10.

and

To the family and friends of William G. Sadler, 200 East 43rd, who died August 17 of a heart attack.

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Sue Griffith, daughter of Powell and Ilene Griffith, 4138 Warwick, and John Cunningham, son of Bill and Martha Cunningham, 4443 Belleview, were married August 10. Home for Sue and John is 4145 Warwick.

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Ken and Anne Hutcherson and their daughter, Joy, bought 4136 Locust last March. Ken

works for the Kansas City Public Health Department. Anne is a part-time business student, full-time mother, works as a medical secretary and has spent her spare hours this summer repainting the exterior of their house. Looking good, Anne! We welcome them as new GMNA members and neighbors.

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Bette Lind is the new (mid-August) Society Editor of the Kansas City Star. This could keep her rather busy and should be great fun.

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Sorry Atlas Griffith! You're going to have to share the spotlight with Penny Cervone, dachshund in residence with Bruce and Kathy Cervone. Penny's favorite spot--right between Kathy's feet. But even more interesting than Penny is Penny's family. Penny shares home with Dawn and Danny Cervone, daughter and son of Bruce and Kathy Cervone, 4041 McGee. Kathy Cervone is the daughter of Bill and Juanita Armstrong, 4039 McGee. Bill Armstrong is the son of George and Helen Armstrong, 4020 McGee. That's four generations! And there's more. Juanita Armstrong is the daughter of Jack and Helen Bucher, 4021 McGee. GM must be a good place to live to have that much of one family all in one block.

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One of GM's most admired long-time residents, Albert DeCrow, known to most of us as DeeDee, has moved from 4316 McGee to Independence. Mailing address: 9316 E. Independence Ave., Independence, MO, 64053/Phone 461-8677.

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Gillham Main was represented at Governor Teasdale's August 14 neighborhood meeting by Jim Watt, Ray Barta, Norma Rickel, Gertrude Riley, Dorothy Hale, Ilene Griffith, Pat Kroll, and Ruth Allen. The two-hour information exchange was part of a neighborhood commercial revitalization workshop held at the Midwest Research Institute.

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There's a new beauty shop in the making in Kelley Center, 300 block on East 43rd. Interior reconstruction is being done by Stacy Hale, 4004 Locust and David Hale, 4010 Locust, both sons of Don and Dorothy Hale, 4101 Locust. We keep it all in the GM family. We'll update on shop personnel and opening date later.

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The Kansas City Star has given excellent coverage to the rehabilitation and revitalization of the Uptown Theatre, Broadway and Valentine Rd., and to the two young men masterminding the project. But the Star failed to point out that the two talented men are Gillham Main's own Danny Socolof and Richard Melzer. We wish them all success.

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NEIGHBORHOOD!

NEWS IN THE HISTORIC GILLHAM-MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD

OCTOBER 1979

FACELIFT--NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD LADY

This change is more than skin deep--Neighborhood! has been experimenting with mastheads, headings and columns in the last three issues, but we've also tried to fill the newsletter chockful of stories and items about our exciting neighborhood!

We're awfully proud of our historic area--ranging from spacious 'mansions' to cost, picturesque bungalows, all within walking distance of 'necessaries' (like John Kelley's wonderful grocery, laundry and beauty salon!) and cultural institutions (gallery, music conservatory and art institute)--and we want to share the good news. So we've altered our format to include information which is of particular interest to residents in this neighborhood, news which is not readily available from other sources.

Articles of a general nature have pointed out the restoration trend in our area, shared technical information of particular interest to owners of historic (pre-1940) homes, and enriched our knowledge of local history (see the article on Turney's architecture in this issue). General notices under "News Notes" include info about meetings, recommendations, and miscellany. "Potpourri", designed to increase a sense of community through helping us to know our neighbors, features news of a more personal nature. Nestled here and there you'll also find helpful hints for the restorer and home owner.

Remember that we're a volunteer staff, and please season all comments with a little praise and a lot of tolerance! Remember, it's your Neighborhood!

Neighborhood!'s threefold goals overlap somewhat. They are to provide information which will help to: (1) Encourage preservation and restoration of this historic area, information both of a general historical nature about the neighborhood and of a specific technical nature (which may be used in restoration and maintenance of property); (2) Increase neighborhood pride and develop a sense of community through articles which recognize improvements and familiarize us with our community and its residents (for example, "Pot-Pourri"); and (3) Help to create a safe and healthy living environment through encouraging the enforcement of city zoning and exterior code standards, and by helping to draw attention to neighborhood problems and what's being done about them.

All that we can do, however, is to provide the information. You must act on it--that means that whether you collect or pay rent, you have to know how these subjects affect your living situation--and you have to do something about it. If the paint is peeling off your neighbor's garage, it falls right into your soup bowl. If you're in one of five apartments in a house zoned for two, you need to get out the old Brasso for the tarnish that's rubbed off on your name. Remember - it's your Neighborhood!

Avoid time-consuming, messy brush clean-ups on unfinished paint jobs. Simply wrap brush in plastic wrap, pop into freezer and thaw before continuing!

Save elbow grease--use electric shoe polish kit to clean and polish brass or copper with citric

Tuesday 9 October	General Meeting: Neighborhood Justice Center rep.; Elections
Tuesday 23 October	Executive Board Meeting
All GMNA Meetings are held in Vanderslice Hall, Kansas City Art Institute, at 7:30p.m.	

acid solution which is available at local drug-stores.

TURNEY'S ARCHITECTURE--VARIATIONS ON A THEME

by Dennis Pierce

Many of the finer homes in our neighborhood were designed by well-known Kansas City Architects. Among these are 4302, 4306, 4310 and 4314 Warwick. These four homes on the West side of the Boulevard were designed by Albert Turney in 1909, and were completed by late 1911 at a cost of \$8,500-\$9,000 each.

With the exception of 4314, which was recently gutted and remodeled, these homes remain much as they were when first built. This is primarily due to the fact that each has had relatively few owners during their 68-year history. The Galvin family has lived at 4310 for 49 years now.

While each of these four houses has its own distinctive character, their similarities make them easily identifiable with three other houses designed by Turney at 4320, 4324, and 4328 McGee, just one block east.

BUS ROUTE CHANGE

A proposed route change in the Rockhill Bus would affect the area south of 40th and Warwick. Benefits of the altered route would include full-day service to UMKC, Rockhurst and the Landing Shopping area; moving the bus from crowded neighborhood streets to larger traffic arteries; and moving the bus through our neighborhood faster.

The proposed change is: Warwick S. to Oak (by the Nelson Gallery), S. to Volker, E. to Rockhill, S. to 62nd, W. to Holmes, S. to 63rd, E. to Rockhill, N. to Volker, W. to Oak, N. to Warwick, N. to 40th.

Westport Tomorrow is organizing a meeting of area residents to discuss the change with A.T.A. representatives.



Pot-Pourri

Mixtures of dried flowers and herbs, pot-pourris were popular air-fresheners in our neighborhood fifty years ago. Special significance was added to these fragrant bouquets by the choice of herb and flower-- Rosemary is for remembrance, for example. For our Pot-Pourri we've chosen a special medley, representing some of the qualities that we hope you'll find in our neighborhood: Strawberries (esteem and love), geraniums (true friendship), oak leaves (hospitality) and

thyme (activity). That's what you'll find in this column, in abundance, every month--evidence of activity and hospitality and neighborhood!

Welcome home Denise Coppedge! Denise moved out of GM several months ago. We all told her she was making a big mistake. Now for the first and last time we will say "We told you so." Effective October 1 her GM residence is 3939 Warwick.

Color me blue and buff--color me green! That is exactly what Randy and Regina Hackett have done to 300 and 302 East 43rd. The Hacketts will not be living in GM, but the fresh exteriors, refurbished interiors and spruced up yards put them high on the non-resident landlord totem pole.

Steve and Chris Nicholson inherited 4000 McGee from her father in spring 1978. The house, which had survived hippie occupancy, was purchased by her parents for its convenient location, but all work was postponed because of her father's illness. So it wasn't until legal matters were settled and the house was all theirs in the spring of 1979 that the two began the big job. Miraculously the fireplaces, most of the woodwork and much of the hardware had escaped vandalism. Also, built-in bookcases and china closets, which Steve and Chris feel may have been added after the 1910 construction, remain in remarkably good condition. But the most fantastic feature is the flooring in the vestibule, living room and parlor--a parquetry of oak, that may be walnut and mahogany, and at least one other wood. They are tenderly and lovingly removing years of grime--by hand on hands and knees--and restoring the floor. There has also been carpentry, scraping and painting. According to Steve, Chris is the painter--she gets off work at 3:30 and he at 5:30--the light is better for her to paint! Steve is a field service engineer for an X-ray equipment company and Chris is administrator of the Plaza Nursing Home. They have four children. Like everyone working on an old house--all they need is a 48-hour day.

Doug and Nan Hann are the new owners of 4316 McGee. The ladders are rattling as they try to get the exterior paint in shape to withstand whatever winter presents. They are moving from a Plaza apartment. To quote Doug, "We're going to have more space here." Just three floors and a full basement more! Doug is in real estate exchanging--Nan is secretary for an electrical manufacturing company.

Please direct contributions for Pot-Pourri to Ruth Allen (931-4998) and Susan Malland (561-5844).

1980 MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGAN OCTOBER 1

If you live, work, or own property within the Gillham-Main Neighborhood (39th to 44th and 45th, Main Street to Gillham Road and Rockhill) we want you as a member.

Annual dues of One Dollar (\$1) per person (.50 under age 18) are due upon membership. For an additional \$1 you can receive the newsletter by mail.

Please return the blank below along with your dues to:

GERTRUDE RILEY, TREASURER
4101 Warwick
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

or bring your dues to this month's meeting and get acquainted.

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DO YOU WISH TO BE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY?

YES _____ NO _____

Office home to a number of people who spend many hours each week in GM carrying on the work of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is the Kansas City Stake Office, 4408 Warwick. We'd like to introduce John E. Wiley, president of Kansas City Stake, G. Everett Berndt, bishop, Beda M. Middleton, secretary, Shirley J. Blackman, secretary, Dee Ann Crangle, printer, Mary L. Williams, secretary, Ernestine Edwards, secretary/bookkeeper, and Perry M. Mair, evangelist. Walter T. Schwensen is presiding elder of the Central Congregation.

The beauty shop at 318 E. 43rd is open. White walls and ceiling provide an uncluttered background for black chairs and basins with touches of orange for color. There's a skylight and all new equipment. "Head" honcho is Larry Tommer, 4335 Oak.

NEIGHBORHOOD!

NEWS IN THE HISTORIC GILLHAM-MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD

NOVEMBER 1979

ACTIVE COMMITTEES KEY TO NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Any organization such as our neighborhood association must rely on the hard work and dedication of its members if it is to accomplish anything of lasting significance. GMNA currently has five standing committees which provide the structure for channeling the energies of our members into useful action.

[If you are interested in working to make our neighborhood a better place to live, contact one of these committee chairpersons and offer whatever help you can. A little effort by each of us will get the job done. *Neighbors working together to create a better neighborhood--that's Gillham-Main!*

1. The Zoning Committee, chaired by Ruth

WHERE RULE ONCE RULED

by Dennis Pierce

Ever wondered about the origin of the magnificent stone wall encompassing the block between Oak and McGee south of 43rd? Originally it marked the perimeter of the estate of W.A. Rule, a wealthy Kansas City Businessman and banker. The Rule home, a massive 20-room structure made of Carthage stone, included gables and a tower. Designed by well-known Kansas City architects Gunn and Curtiss, it incorporated many of Mrs. Rule's suggestions in the decorations, and was completed in 1899 at the then mammoth sum of \$100,000.

One of the more interesting features of the home was the dining room: "Here everything is massive. The west wall is unplastered and unpapered. Only the bare stone facings of Carthage stone project. Embedded in the stone wall is a china closet of heavy oak with brass finishings. The east wall, in contrast with the stone west wall, is covered with a dark tapestry." Other features of the house were a 32-foot living room, six bedrooms on the second floor, and one room decorated with Chinese coins instead of wallpaper. The entire house was lit by electricity!

Shortly after World War I, the value of the land surpassed that of the house. In 1922 the present apartment buildings were built on the lawn of the estate. These ten brick six-plexes with their three-story Corinthian columns cost \$20,000 apiece--altogether just twice what the mansion had cost in 1899. Now 63 families surrounded the mansion which was relegated to a small plot of ground between the buildings on Oak Street.

By developing virtually every available foot of the property, the chances of saving the house disappeared. It was used as a boarding house at first, and then became vacant and fell to ruin and vandalism. Eight years later, it was razed and eventually replaced by the little four-plex at 4306 Oak. Today the only reminder of the once magnificent estate is the original stone wall surrounding the block.

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Allen (931-4998). The people serving on this committee are providing a very necessary element of support to the city's efforts to enforce the zoning in our neighborhood. They have spent hours researching city ordinances and appearing at city hearings to testify as to the neighborhood's position on individual zoning violations and requests for zoning changes or variances.

Tuesday General Meeting: Mini-Old
13 November House Clinic

Thursday

● November 29 Executive Board Meeting

All GMNA Meetings are held in Vanderslice Hall, Kansas City Art Institute, at 7:30pm.

2. The Codes Enforcement Committee, is a new committee to be headed by Susan Malland (561-5844). The city is starting legal actions against property owners in our neighborhood who have neglected to maintain their properties and have allowed them to fall into such disrepair that they no longer meet the minimum standards of the city codes. This committee will provide the same support to the city's efforts to enforce the zoning.

3. The Neighborhood Beatification Committee is headed by Dan Bowman (561-3742). They have been successful in getting the city to upgrade some of our public areas by showing that we are concerned enough to devote some of our own time, money, and energy in helping the city to help us. The Committee also encourages the efforts of individual owners and renters to make their own properties more attractive.

4. The Crime Prevention Committee is another new committee. Pat Kroll (561-5381), will be forming a group of concerned neighbors in an effort to implement a system of block organizations to help the residents of each block in getting to know their neighbors better and to make them more alert to suspicious situations.

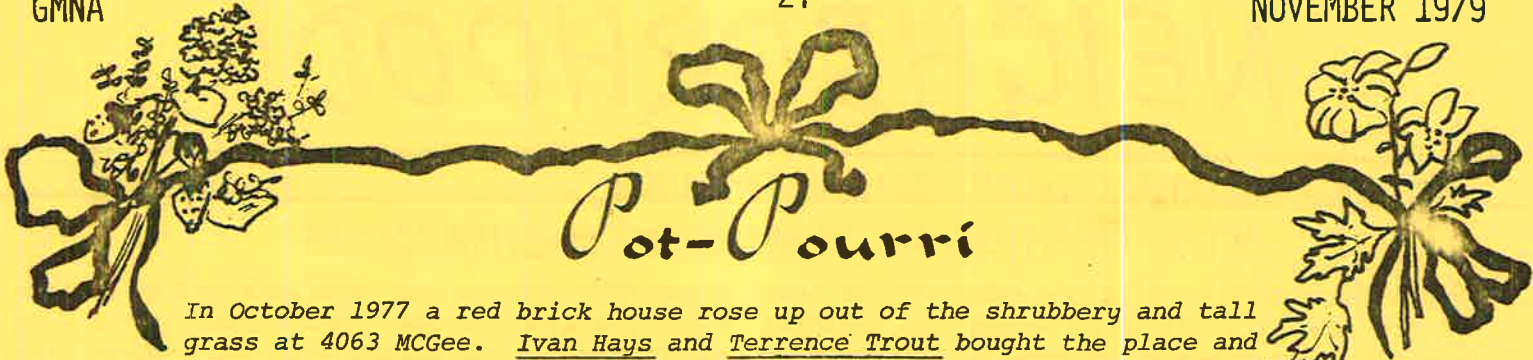
5. The Newsletter Committee, under the direction of Sally Hoover (531-8127), fulfills the very important role of keeping the members informed about events of concern to the neighborhood. It also provides a forum for articles of interest to the members and news about the people of our neighborhood.

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AIDS TO BURGLAR BUNGLING

Going out of town for the holidays? Leave several lights on, and ask a neighbor to change the height of shades every day or so. Also ask a neighbor to pick up your paper--paper throwers a couple of years ago burgled the houses they weren't throwing papers to! If requested, the police will do a "house-watch" increasing the frequency with which they patrol your property, while you're gone.

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In October 1977 a red brick house rose up out of the shrubbery and tall grass at 4063 McGee. Ivan Hays and Terrence Trout bought the place and immediately brought the out-of-hand yard into shape and returned the sidewalk to pedestrians. But that was just the beginning. Fortunately the house had never been converted so there were no partitions to pull down or extra plumbing pipes to hide--all the beading is still on the woodwork, the fireplace tiles are whole. But there was much cleaning of woodwork and polishing of floors and windows, sconces to be rewired and complete interior decorating. Hall, living room, dining room walls are terra cotta--looks wonderful with the oak. They say they had help from a decorator friend--but whatever--the whole effect is charming. And they echo the battle cry of inner city revival, "We still have a lot to do". Ivan is in social work and Terrence is with the Division of Employment Security.

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Hyde Park's loss--our gain. Donald J. Brown and Stephen K. Peterson, who much prefer to be known as Don and Steve, have bought 4326 Warwick and plan to continue the deconversion started by the previous owner with emphasis on restoration. At present they are still in the wall thumping, extraneous pipe tracing stage, but if their end result is as outstanding as that of their home at 3541 Charlotte (Hyde Park Festival Tour 1979) it will be a tremendous contribution to our area. Don is with Stine & McClure and Steve is a dentist with offices in Independence.

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The "Rollick'n follicle" (if you haven't seen all the advertising, that's the beauty shop at 318 East 43rd) has a new "head"-mistress (we promise that's our last bad pun on hair care)--Debbie Overman. Debbie comes from Excelsior Springs where she managed to complete her last year of high school and a full course in beauty school simultaneously. Debbie's husband, Paul, is in his first year at the University of Missouri School of Dentistry. Debbie had quite a summer in 1979--she graduated from high school, graduated from beauty school, was married, took her State Board Examinations

WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE?

What causes a declining neighborhood? A neighborhood is composed of individual houses owned and maintained by individuals. Yet if one or a few cease to care about their property, it not only affects that particular property but those adjoining and surrounding as well.

Home has considerably more significance than simply "just somewhere to hang your hat". It is a financial investment, security, a private retreat, a place to eat, sleep, enjoy friends, love, raise your children, and it helps us to retain a sense of stability in a world of uncertainty.

Not long ago our neighborhood was considered declining. Now, thanks both to long-term residents who have persevered and to the efforts of young people who have had the imagination and energy to realize this area's potential, Gillham-Main has a brighter future.

Let us all continue to improve by cooperation, participation and interest. Please join us at the next GMNA meeting--your community's life or death depends on you, its residents!

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in Jefferson City and was accepted by Larry Tommer to be his second in command. Debbie loves the beauty business, appears very capable, and is fun to talk with so when you have a chance drop by and ask her about the day she took her State Board Exam--that's quite a story.

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NEWS NOTES

A Mini-Old House Clinic will be offered at the November 13 GMNA General Meeting when Historic Kansas City Foundation Staffer Doug Wasama, an expert in restoration and renovation, speaks. Mr. Wasama is just completing an Old House Clinic for HKCF on how to seal up, straighten up, set up and spruce up the old home, and will be an invaluable resource person--ready to answer all questions or direct you to the right source! November 13, 7:30, Vanderslice Hall, KCAI.

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The City recently cited the property at 4029 McGee for violation of the city zoning ordinances. The problem was overutilization. The house had been converted into three separate apartments. The absentee owner appealed to the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Testimony given by neighbors and members of GMNA Zoning Committee emphasized our efforts to rehabilitate the neighborhood and the detrimental effect of overcrowded and poorly maintained properties. The BZA upheld the city findings and the property will have to be deconverted.

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The City's Transportation Department Traffic Control Division has reported that it has completed its opinion survey among residents regarding the proposed conversion to one-way southbound traffic on Walnut(41st to 44th Street) and McGee(43rd to 44th Street) and that the majority of the residents preferred the streets remain two-way. Therefore, no changes in traffic flow will be made in those areas at this time.

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An Invitation--from the newly-elected GMNA officers(Dennis Pierce,president;Bridget Helmholtz, vice-president;Gertrude Riley,treasurer;Elaine Augustine,secretary),to join them in the revitalization of our neighborhood. They have committed large blocks of their time to solving neighborhood problems. Won't you join us? Annual dues of \$1 may be sent to Gertrude Riley,4101 Warwick Blvd.,KC,Mo.64111,or brought to the General meeting. Include your name,address and phone.

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NEIGHBORHOOD!

NEWS IN THE HISTORIC GILLHAM-MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD

DECEMBER 1979

OBJECTIONS RAISED TO SACRIFICE OF WARWICK BOULEVARD

Strong neighborhood opposition to allowing a proposed development on the southeast corner of 39th and Main, formerly the site of the Werby Building, to extend all the way through to Warwick Boulevard was voiced by area residents at the last GMNA General Meeting.

While recognizing both the vital importance of the 39th and Main commercial strip to the GMNA Neighborhood and the city, and the importance to the area of attracting a high quality development, area residents feel strongly that allowing a development to raze the west side of the 3900 block of Warwick would permanently damage the Boulevard, the neighborhood "showpiece", and deleteriously alter the character of the entire neighborhood.

At issue is a proposed development for a large K-Mart Store on the site. City Councilman Jerry Riffel has been working closely with the would-be developers, and has insisted that any development plans be both of high quality and compatible with the historic character of the rest of the area.

While appreciation for these efforts was expressed, residents doubted that it was necessary to acquiesce to all of the K-Mart demands in order to find a suitable developer of the site--the power of land condemnation and a twenty-year tax abatement. For a prime development site--halfway between Downtown and the Plaza, and just a few blocks from Westport Square--surely a good developer could be found who would not expect the sacrifice of Warwick Boulevard in addition to tax concessions.

Generally, the position of the neighborhood association is that we do not want any further encroachments by the Main Street Commercial interests into the residential section of our neighborhood. This is where we live and the businesses should be limited to the major commercial streets.

Occasionally, however, circumstances are such that the neighborhood, the city, and the businesses would all benefit by allowing expansion through to Walnut Street. However, because of the possible adverse effect on properties on the east side of Walnut, we are very cautious when making exceptions.

Because the 3900 block of Walnut is rather isolated from the rest of the residential section because it is in need of redevelopment, and because of the importance of securing a good development for the area, we have advised Councilman Riffel that we have no objection to a good project expanding through to Walnut, or in this particular case, even across Walnut to include the properties on the east side of the street.

Unfortunately, K-Mart feels that they need even more room and would have to go clear through to Warwick Boulevard. We cannot allow this to happen. Warwick must remain residential! If we lose Warwick, we might as well write off the entire neighborhood.

Even though the city has never really done anything to improve the boulevard, it is the main lifeline of our neighborhood, a very visible and highly important asset.

Councilman Riffel assures us that he wants to "maintain the integrity of Warwick Boulevard". In our opinion, that cannot be done by simple landscape design. Once the residential character

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of a street is destroyed, its very soul is changed, and if this happens to Warwick Boulevard, the very heart of our neighborhood will be destroyed.

Frankly, we believe that there are other alternatives. The 39th and Main area is not going to be lost if K-Mart backs out. In fact, we might even get something better. Let's take time to study the alternatives. K-Mart wants the power of land condemnation and a twenty-year tax abatement. That's asking an awful lot! If we're willing to pay that price, surely we can find a developer who won't ask us to pay the added price of sacrificing Warwick! If they need that much, maybe we don't need them. #

"KNOWSY" NEIGHBORS WANTED!

Reducing crime--especially residential burglaries--is a major neighborhood objective. In order to do this, the GMNA Crime Prevention Committee has adopted a three-pronged approach: increase exterior lighting, develop block organization, and educate area residents.

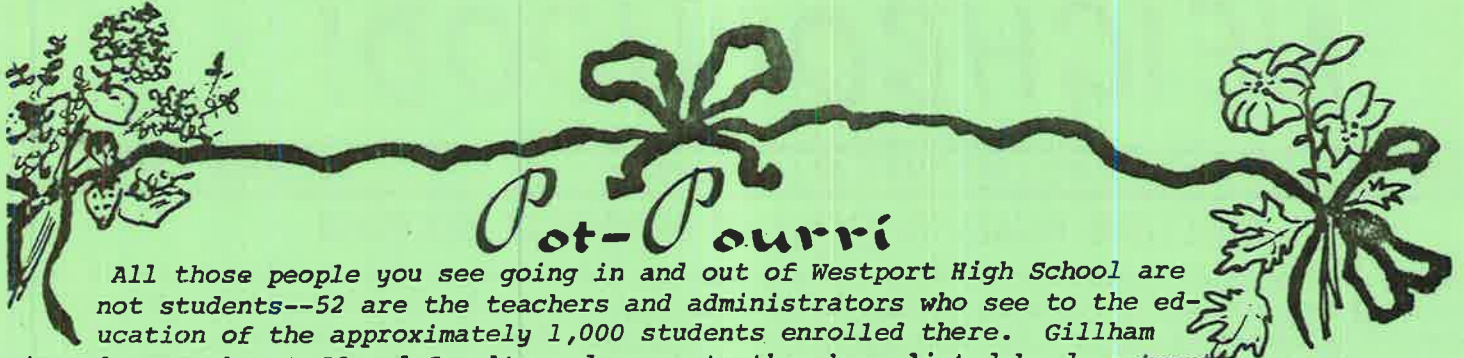
Increased exterior lighting has a direct relationship to reduced residential crime. Turn your porch light on every night and leave it on from dusk till dawn--only 4¢/day for 60 watts

"Block Organization" is the single most effective tool against residential crime, according to local crime enforcement officials. Pat Kroll (561-5381) will help you organize your block, if requested.

Block organization brings block residents together to get acquainted and to discuss mutual concerns. Effective block watchers emerge from such meetings--people who are familiar with their neighbors' habits, watch each others' property, and report any suspicious activity to the police. If you're concerned, and willing to organize a meeting of the residents on your block, contact Pat. #

CHOICE OF PAINT ACCENTS OR HIDES

If there is an architectural feature you'd rather hide, paint it the same color as the walls so it becomes less prominent. But if there is something you wish to accent, paint it a contrasting color to make it more noticeable.



All those people you see going in and out of Westport High School are not students--52 are the teachers and administrators who see to the education of the approximately 1,000 students enrolled there. Gillham Main welcomes the staff and faculty and presents them here listed by department:

English and Foreign Languages--Gilberto Alzate, Claudette Bartle, Marian Downing, Morssie Edgeron, Carl Hicks, Kathleen Johnson, Ola Kent, Patricia Stevens, Joyce Williams.

Mathematics--Eugene Champion, Rhese Davis, Terry Moore, Don Nelson, Willis Summers.

Science--Gerald Baysinger, Rex Nolen, Noverlene Stewart, James Woods.

Social Studies--Claudette Bartle, Patricia Neuhaus, Gwendolyn Ray, Patricia Stevens, James Voelker, Joyce Williams.

Business Education--Robert Ballantyne, Jessye Moore, Francis McClernon.

Fine Arts--Hubert McLeod, Glenn Pinnell, Richard Pond, Don Zimmerschied.

Home Economics--Nancy Gossett, Marjorie Harris.

Industrial Arts--Eugene Crawford, George Foster, Wallace Gross, Rembert Young.

Special Education--Adella Highes, Victoria Kippen, Judith Laughlin, Elbertdeen Madison, Taryn Todd.

Girls' Physical Education--Helen McDaniel, Noverlene Stewart.

Boys' Physical Education--Clifford Murphy, Rex Nolen.

ROTC--MSG Frank Champion, SFC J.U. Mathews.

Librarian--Barbara Jones

Counselors--Gladys Burtin, Clarence French, Marthajane Sell.

Health Center Registered Nurse--Mary Ella Porter.

Administrators--E.E. Curtis, Principal; William Stroud, Franklin Walker, Louis Ward, Assistant Principals.

pass through the hyacinth-colored door at 314 East 43rd Street, Kelley Center, and you will find Kathy Spain surrounded by what she terms Folk Art and Fun Stuff. Folk Art and Fun Stuff is a fascinating collection of pottery, basketry, jewelry, china, hand-made paper and paper items, women's clothing, and women's accessories. Most of the things are handmade and imported from all over the world. Kathy, who now lives in Westport, was born and grew up in Chicago and came to Kansas City three years ago to open just such a business. The shop, named OBJECTS, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 5. Go look! A stop there is a fun thing.

H. Brooks and Judy Herndon moved to 4033 Warwick two years ago as tenants in the first floor unit of the converted house. In June, 1979, they bought the property and have set themselves the gigantic task of deconverting--first to two units and eventually to single family. Their first job is curing the major problems to get through the winter--particularly removal of some badly installed unneeded plumbing which has a tendency to freeze.

Brooks says they are fortunate in that many of the fine interior features of the house are intact--though the second floor and kitchen woodwork and cabinets are buried under layers of paint. Dining room oak woodwork is intact as is the living room woodwork. The only things missing on the first floor are two wood columns from an archway--fortunately there is another column on the first floor which is still in place providing a model for reconstructing the other two. Trim for the missing columns and all the interior doors which had been removed was found under a pile of junk in the basement. The oak stairs and the balustrade have the original finish. Mantels and wood trim, as well as the tile, of the two fireplaces are in good shape. The worst problem of the fireplaces is that someone put concrete over the entire fireboxes including the dampers. Brooks has one friend who volunteered to restore the fireplaces and he is organizing anyone else he knows who has any old-house-restoration talents. Brooks, who has a whole clipboard full of lists and plans for the house went to Center High School, repairs flutes and makes classic guitars. Judy, a product of Paseo, is a flautist, teaches at the UMKC Conservatory of Music, and gives private lessons.

NEW FUTURE FOR ROCKHILL MANOR by Susan Malland

During a recent GMNA meeting, Rockhill Manor Director, Bob Scott presented members with interesting future plans for Rockhill Manor Hotel. What began as a routine follow-up interview with Mr. Scott at Rockhill Manor emerged into an enlightening visit.

Although I pass Rockhill Manor numerous times daily, my only impression had been rather hasty glances of a fairly neat red brick facade with unusual persons scattered across the lawn. Passing through those front doors I stepped into a different world. The main lobby furnished a setting of sedate, faded elegance for the bustling activity of resident guests. A maintenance man led me into the kitchen where Mr. Scott was busily attempting to repair a broken coffee pot, one of the many problems he must attend to during a normal day. (The cooking area was immaculate and was adorned with homemade pies fresh from the oven.)

After a warm welcome the interview continued in the office, where Bob disclosed plans for the forthcoming renovation and conversion of Rockhill Manor in more detail.

Proposals include interior and exterior painting a new face-lift, refurbishing homemade flooring new carpeting, front and courtyard landscaping, a modern fire-sprinkler and reliable alarm system. Estimated rehabilitation expenses will be \$150,000-\$170,000, to be completed hopefully with the aid of H.U.D. within a year.

A gradual transition to a home for the low-income elderly who are basically capable of self-care, is the main objective. The rooms will be private, designed for one resident each, with a main dining room providing meals. There will be recreational activities available.

Mr. Scott extended his gratitude to GMNA for their interest and support of Rockhill Manor's efforts. On leaving my only disappointment was not being offered a good cup of coffee and a fresh piece of pie!