

The

Gillham Main Newsletter

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GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
(c/o 4001 Oak, K.C., Mo. 64111
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Gillham Main = 1976 Meetings

	DATE	TIME	PLACE
January...	Mon/12th..	12 Noon.	Rollins School
February..	Tues/10th.	7:30 pm.	Rockhill Manor
March.....	8th/9th...	Day.....	*
April.....	Tues/13th.	7:30 pm.	Rockhill Manor
May.....	10th/11th.	Day.....	*
June.....	Tues/14th.	7:30 pm.	Rockhill Manor
July.....	Tues/13th.	Day.....	*
August....	Tues/10th.	7:30 pm.	Rockhill Manor
September.	13th/14th.	Day.....	*
October...	Tues/12th.	7:30 pm.	Rockhill Manor
November..	8th/9th...	Day.....	*
December..	Tues/14th.	7:30 pm.	Rockhill Manor

This Month's Meeting 12 NOON

ROLLINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 41st & Main
MONDAY, JANUARY 12th
Meet the candidates you can vote for in
the January 20th School Board Election.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION Tuesday, January 20 VOTE

(The candidates listed below have been invited to these meetings - due to conflicts some candidates may not attend all meetings.)

MEET the CANDIDATES

Monday, January 12th - 12 Noon
Rollins Elementary School - 41st & Main

Monday, January 12th - 7:30 P.M.
Roanoke Community Center - 3601 Roanoke Rd.

Saturday, January 17th - 1:30 p.m.
Penn Valley Community College - 32nd & Pennsylvania (Parking from Broadway)

Learn what these candidates stand for:

Gillham Main residents can vote for one candidate for each of three positions.

1st District:

Mrs. Mary Roberson - 4011 Kenwood
Dr. Lois Huffman - 1115 Valentine Road
Mr. John A. Rodriguez - 3610 Baltimore

At-Large - 2 Years:

Mrs. Stella Helton - 500 Booth Avenue
Mr. Edward W. Scaggs - 2824 Benton Blvd.

At-Large - 4 Years:

Mr. E. Wiley Barker - 1400 W. 50th
Mrs. Joyce Ann Stark - 6327 Main
Dr. Malcolm E. Linville, Jr. - 7400 Wyoming

Rollins School is on 41st between Main and Walnut.

Rockhill Manor Hotel is at 4235 Locust.
* date, time, place = to be determined.

Next Executive Committee Meeting to be 12 Noon, Thursday January 22 at 4001 Oak.

NOTICE TO ALL DOGS (& THEIR OWNERS)

Kansas City requires dogs to be:

- 1) Kept on a leash or in a yard;
- 2) Vaccinated for rabies;
- 3) Licensed by the city.

The Gillham Main area is plagued by dogs running loose, tearing open trash sacks, attacking smaller dogs in their own yards and generally irritating people.

Association representatives are cooperating with K.C. Animal Control personnel to identify dogs and their owners - particularly in the case of dogs which run loose and tear open trash sacks.

If you wish to report a specific animal call K.C. Animal Control at 861-0123.

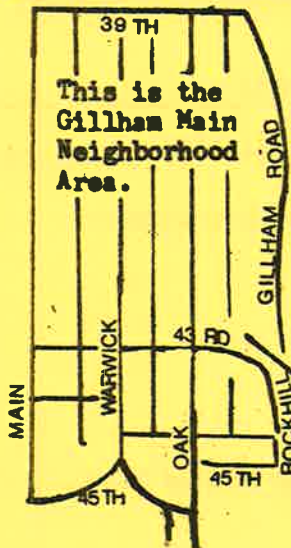
Give a description of the animal;
Location where last seen;
Name or address of owner if known.

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residents,
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business persons.
who care about our neighborhood.

G.M.N.A. is dedicated to making our neighborhood a good place to live, invest, & work.

If you care about this neighborhood - help us to make it an even better place.



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OR

Mail to:

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Gillham Main Neighborhood Assn.
4040 Locust
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Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

Could you identify all of the new gifts that have come into your home?

This is the time - RIGHT NOW - to mark all of your possessions so they can be identified if recovered after a loss.

The easiest way to do this is with an electric engraver.

Electric Engravers are available from Westport Branch Library, 118 Westport Road. They are checked out on your library card with a deposit for 1 week.

Make a list of your possessions and their serial numbers and put this away in a place that the burglar won't find it and use it as a shopping list for your home.

Engravers have been provided by the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association, the Westport Community Council, and the Friends of Westport Library.

Unfortunately (as those of you who have been reading the K.C. papers know) our neighborhood has rung in the new year with a continued crime problem.

More persons are needed who are willing to call the police immediately when they are needed - People who are willing to take an active part in our Neighborhood Watch Program.

Contact any member of the G.M.N.A. Executive Committee to volunteer and you will be contacted by the coordinator for your block.

WHISTLESTOP??

Whistlestop is a continuing program sponsored by the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association to get some assistance to people in an emergency.

Buy whistles for 75¢ at J & G Market 43rd & Oak, or at Westport Branch Library 118 Westport Road.

Blow the whistles if you have an emergency
Call the police if you hear a whistle blow.

NOW in Gillham Main

Beginning this month we will carry news (as we get it and if we get it) on births, marriages, new residents, and items on people in our neighborhood doing things.

G.M.N.A. congratulates over 150 property owners who made major improvements to their property during 1975. And a TCH-TCH to some 46 properties with major problems still to be corrected...

Construction will start this spring on a new swimming pool East of Gillham Road between 42nd & 43rd. The old pool will be used until the new pool is completed.

State Rep. James G. Baker, 104 E. 41st, is engaged to Miss Linda Ruth McCaughey.

Congratulations to Westport High Seniors named to ROTC City Wide Command: John Castro - ROTC City Colonel & Virgil Hughes - Command Sergeant Major.

USE THE ACTION CENTER 274-2222. Find out who in the city can help with your problem.

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Gillham Main Meeting on Warwick Project & Sidewalk-Curbing Project

Due to the large number of questions being raised at this time, GILLHAM MAIN is once again focusing on the issues involved in letters sent out by the City Public Works Department to area property owners.

During late January and early February 1976 members of the GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION have received numerous phone calls regarding the Warwick Boulevard Projects and repairs to sidewalks and curbs south of 43rd Street.

The City provided GILLHAM MAIN no advance notice that letters would be sent at this time.

However, previous public meetings arranged by GILLHAM MAIN and held in our neighborhood have given those persons who participated a chance to ask their questions directly of city staff regarding Warwick and the sidewalk and curbing replacement.

NOW GILLHAM MAIN has again extended an invitation to representatives of the Public Works Department and the City Council to be present at the February 10th meeting.

We hope that this program will provide answers to many of your questions.

PLEASE ATTEND!



WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Corrections, rehabilitation, and the ex-offender will be discussed at the Monday, February 9 meeting of the Westport Community Council at Westport Roanoke Community Center, 3601 Roanoke Road - 7:30 p.m.

The panel will include corrections personnel from the state, a penal educator, and an ex-offender.

This Month's Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
7:30 p.m.

4235 LOCUST ST.
(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

Discussion of Warwick Boulevard Project
Discussion of sidewalk & curbing replacement south of 43rd - City representatives have been invited.
(If time, discussion of the proposed Rockhill Bus Line expansion)

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Coffee following the meeting.

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- 4200 block of LOCUST
- 4300 " " ROCKHILL
- 4300 MCGEE
- 3900 MCGEE
- 3900 WARWICK
- 40th between Walnut & Warwick
- Any & All of WALNUT

We would like you and your neighbors to get the NEWSLETTER...BUT we need you!

To volunteer call Walt Wells, GMNA Secretary at 561-8981.

GMNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet
will meet
Thursday, February 26th at 12 Noon
at 4001 Oak
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.

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Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

Crime is a problem in almost every part of the metropolitan area.

GILLHAM MAIN is no exception...

GILLHAM MAIN is having:

- Automobile breakins,
(Lock your car, take in your CB radio),
- Front porch rip-offs
(Lock up your bikes & porch furniture),
- HOUSE & APARTMENT BREAKINS
(Particularly apartment buildings where few people are home and where doors, windows & locks are inadequate.)

BUT THERE ARE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE:

The GILLHAM MAIN WHISTLESTOP and OPERATION IDENTIFICATION Programs are continuing.

A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Program is now being set up. Some items will be announced at the February 10 meeting. WATCH FOR Details in the March NEWSLETTER.

A FREE Police Department HOME SECURITY CHECK is yours with a call to the Kansas City Police Department - 842-6525 - and ask For the Linwood Information Center.

Crime Prevention in WESTPORT

Crime Prevention programs in and for the Westport are will be discussed at a meeting of the Westport Crime Prevention Commission on Saturday, February 7 at 1:00 at Westport Public Library, 118 Westport Road.

The Westport Crime Prevention Commission was established in mid 1975 by the Westport Community Council to share concerns about crime with all groups - residential and business - in the Westport community.

Membership is open to all persons with an interest in crime prevention in Westport.

Future meetings of the Westport Crime Prevention Commission will be on the 1st Saturday of each month at Westport Public Library. The March 6th meeting will be a discussion of volunteer involvement with ex-offenders.

NOW in Gillham Main

(News about people from our neighborhood)

We would like to (belatedly) congratulate EUNICE COLLINS, 4040 Locust, on her election to the Northwest Jackson County Advisory Board to the Human Resources Corporation and her subsequent election as an alternate to the Human Resources Corporate Board which has final say on the budget - this year 1.4 Million \$\$\$.

CARL WILSON, 4144 Warwick, is engaged to Ms. Victoria Rojas.

Congratulations to Ms. CELENIA COURTNEY, 401 E. 42nd, on her election to the University of Missouri Extension Council for Jackson County. The Council advises on the budget and needs for extension services in Jackson County.

WALT WELLS, 4061 McGee, is now a full time worker with the Westport Community Council working with all groups in the Westport area to develop crime prevention programs.

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Gillham Main Is Watching!

The GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION is beginning a "Block Watch" program to make our neighborhood safer through prompt reporting of crimes and other emergencies.

We need you to be a part. Call 561-8981 to volunteer and we will have the leader on your block come by to explain the program to you...(on many blocks we are still looking for block leaders.)

The general procedure is fairly simple:

First, get to know - at least by sight- those people who live near you.

Secondly, exchange phone numbers with some of your neighbors.

Thirdly, call immediately if an emergency occurs. (Emergency numbers should be kept near the telephone or attached to it.)

Everyone will also be encouraged to:

- 1) Participate in a workshop session on home security; and
- 2) To have a free home security check carried out either by the Police Dept. or trained volunteers.

Security of your home reduces the possibility of your being a victim.

And, unfortunately burglaries are a problem everywhere today.

POLICE	421-1500
FIRE	842-2121
AMBULANCE	471-1111

WHISTLESTOP

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This Month's Meeting THURSDAY, MARCH 11 12 NOON Rollins Elementary School

(41st & Main - Parking on the Street)

The KANSAS CITY FIREFIGHTERS present their concerns and answer your questions.

Based on the large number of persons who have expressed concerns - we hope you will attend and bring a neighbor.

Coffee after the meeting.

All GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION members are receiving a copy of the NEWS-LETTER in the mail this month.

IF you don't and think you should:

- 1) Check first to make sure your name is on the current member list. Call Eunice Collins, Treasurer 753-3763.
- 2) The Editor may have goofed. It happens.
- 3) When was the last time the postal service was late?
- 4) Come to the March 11th meeting and complain.
- 5) At least you are reading this so you got a NEWSLETTER.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Large trash pick-up(FREE).....	274-1811
City Animal Control.....	861-0123
City Council Office.....	274-1321
City ACTION CENTER.....	274-2222
Environmental Inspections.....	274-2521
Jackson County Ombudsman.....	881-3670
K.C.School District Information HOT LINE.....	474-9438
Metropolitan Information and Referral Center.....	421-4980
Federal Information Center.....	374-2466

Warwick Project & Sidewalk-Curbing Project

A report on the status of our requests and inquiries to the city will be made at the March 11th meeting.

A summary of this report and additional information received will appear in the April NEWSLETTER.

A brief summary of the two projects:

The WARWICK SPECIAL PROJECT is to upgrade Warwick - street, curb, gutter, and parkway (grass & trees).

The SIDEWALK-CURBING PROJECT is part of a continuing city program to inspect and repair sidewalks in the city.

Many of you have by now seen the red and yellow X's and arrows on the sidewalks.

The normal funding source for repairs to sidewalks and curbs is the owner of the adjacent property.

The GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION and a number of individuals have been working to find a source of funds to pay for a portion of these projects.

But we need even more people to assist in this. WE NEED YOUR TIME. Please come to the March 11th meeting or call a member of the GMNA Executive Committee.

GILLHAM MAIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
will meet next on
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(NEWS about people from our Neighborhood)

Congratulations to the new officers of the ROLLINS BOOSTERS. The BOOSTERS replaces the PTA which was started about 2½ years ago. The major difference is that the membership is open to everyone interested in Rollins Elementary School at 41st and Main.

- PRESIDENT.....CARON WELLS
- 1st VICE PRESIDENT...LUCILLE SNYDER
- 2nd VICE PRESIDENT...JOYCE MAPES
- SECRETARY.....NOREEN RANDALL
- TREASURER.....FLORA HALL
- CHAIRPERSON/ROOM PARENTS..MARILYN PAYNE

From Roger Hochstedler - Troop 60 - 3939 Oak "Life Scout working on his EAGLE project requests neighbors to help provide toys for Mercy Hospital. For pickup call 753-1972." DEADLINE 3/12/76.

Congratulations to the WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM on playing itself into the Missouri 3-A quarterfinals.

A 3 point overtime loss against St. Joseph Lafayette finally stopped the season ending surge leaving Westport with a 15-12 winning record.

Maybe a few more facilities and WESTPORT would have some more winning teams. What about a RUNNING TRACK IN GILLHAM PARK for the community and the school?

Be watching for the exact date of the ROLLINS SPAGHETTI SUPPER in early April.

Hopefully EUNICE COLLINS will be back with us by the March 11th meeting. A recent fall and visit to the doctors has her head in stiches.

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X's & Arrows on our Sidewalks

Most people in the neighborhood have seen markings on their sidewalks and curbs over the last 6 weeks or so.

THE EXPLANATION: Good News...

The City thinks our sidewalks and curbs need upgrading and that everything marked needs to be replaced.

However, due to funding only that sidewalk in the worst condition will be dealt with this year. And that means that not all that is marked will be repaired.

NOW THE BAD NEWS:

Under the City Charter repairs to the sidewalks and curbs are a responsibility of the adjacent property owners to repair or pay the City to have repaired.

GMNA'S REACTION:

GMNA through Executive Committee members and many neighborhood residents have been in touch with the City Council and other city representatives asking for matching \$\$\$ to pay part of the cost as has been done in other parts of the city. To date we have not received any \$\$\$.

APPROXIMATE COSTS: (estimated)

Only an estimate is possible until bids are let & work is done, but...

Sidewalks \$10 a running foot

Curbs \$8-\$10 a running foot

Driveway Inlets \$2 a square foot

Compare with the marked areas along your property for an approximated cost.

FINANCING:

If the City does the work, the cost can be paid for over a 6 year period at 6% interest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GMNA or Call the City at 274-1467.

BIDS HAVE BEEN LET FOR WARWICK BOULEVARD
Curbing at \$6 +16% = \$6.96 a foot
Sidewalks about \$2 a square foot
WORK TO START ABOUT MID SUMMER.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

From time to time the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association requests persons concerned about the Gillham Main Neighborhood (39th to 45th, Main to Gillham) to indicate their concerns using a questionnaire.

The Association encourages residents, property owners, or persons employed in the area to express their concerns to the Association at ANY time.

The Association works with members and others in the area to make our neighborhood ever safer and more desirable a place to live, work, or invest.

We invite everyone to attend our monthly meetings and consider the possibility of joining. An active dues paid member (\$1 a year)

- 1) Votes on who serves on the Executive Committee;
- 2) May serve on the committee of their choice;
- 3) May participate in votes on proposed Association actions.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE....

FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE REVERSE SIDE AND RETURN TO:

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Results will be published in the June Newsletter.

This Month's Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1976

7:30 p.m.

4235 LOCUST ST.

(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

(Parking available along 43rd Street)

AGENDA

- REPORTS ON: Request for funding:
Warwick Boulevard Project
Sidewalk Repairs
- DISCUSSION OF: Animal Control
Crime Prevention

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Coffee following the meeting.

REGISTER TO VOTE APRIL 17

in Your Own Neighborhood

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
40th & Main
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association offers a free ride to any resident of our neighborhood. CALL ON APRIL 17th:
9 until 2 753-3763 / 2 until 6 561-8981

Register NOW to vote in the August primary. Bring identification which includes your name and address.

WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday, April 12 - 7:30 p.m.
WESTPORT ROANOKE COMMUNITY CENTER
3601 Roanoke Road

The use of the new style voting machines will be discussed and demonstrated.

CITY WIDE COALITION of NEIGHBORHOODS

General Meeting - Wednesday, April 28th
at 7:30 p.m. at the Chancery, 300 E. 36th.
MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL
PLEASE ATTEND!

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OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

This is a program to mark all your property so that if it is recovered following a theft it can be returned to you.

Every item you own can be easily marked and the serial number recorded.

Unfortunately this often does not happen and persons are unable to prove that an item which looks just like theirs belongs to them. Thus the criminal or fence is able to retain the item.

The number you use - but NOT a list of the items marked - is listed with the Police Department and they can quickly check an item on the computer to see if it is a reported stolen item.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ... call 561-8981 or pick up information at Westport Public Library, 118 Westport Road.

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Congratulations to PEGGY WALLACE, 4133 Locust, on election as Recording Secretary of the Westport Community Council.

ROLLINS SCHOOL DINNER

Set aside FRIDAY, APRIL 23 at 6:00 p.m. for a SPAGHETTI DINNER at Rollins School, 41st and Main sponsored by the Rollins Boosters. A Fund Raiser for our neighborhood school.

CARON WELLS, 4061 McGee, is serving on the ADVISORY BOARD OF WESTERN MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH CENTER and recently attended a statewide conference in Columbia on collaboration between Mental Health facilities and their boards.

JAMES DAWSON is working at PROJECT EQUALITY 4049 Pennsylvania.

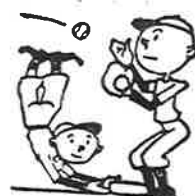
DOTTY DOLL, STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THAT PART OF GILLHAM MAIN SOUTH OF 43rd is holding a public meeting on Saturday, April 10 2 to 4 at the Plaza Library. Attend and express your concerns.

SPECIAL WESTPORT LIBRARY PROGRAMS: FREE:

Puppet Show - Saturday April 10 - 10:30
Pre School Stories- Tuesday, April 13, 10:00

AUCTION: Saturday April 10 11 a.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal School 4005 Main

RUMMAGE SALE: April 9 & 10
Westminister Congregation Church
3600 Walnut



SOFTBALL ANYONE ?

For the last two years Westport neighborhood softball teams have played each other in a summer softball league

Last summer Gillham Main didn't participate as few people were found to play.

If you are 14 to 60 (or more maybe) live in Gillham Main and want to play softball this year: CALL: Evanna Burns on Tuesday or Fridays after 6 at 561-2409.

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GIVE YOUR OPINION

Check the five issues you think most important or add your own.

- Parks/Recreation
- Vest Pocket Parks
- Schools/Education
- Libraries
- Childcare
- Traffic/Traffic signs
- Bus Service
- Bus Shelters
- Insufficient parking/Need for more
- Mortgage loans
- Rehabilitation/repair Loans
- Property Values
- Insurance (on property)
- Housing rehabilitation
- Curbs & Sidewalks
- Streets
- Trash Pickup
- Enforcement of existing building and zoning codes.
- Animal control/LEASH LAW ENFORCEMENT
- More Advance Knowledge of Plans affecting neighborhood
- Services to elderly
- Health Services
- Mental Health Services
- Community Social events
- Public Safety/Crime
- More permanent residents

OTHER (PLEASE LIST) :

Include your name and address and you will get a copy of the results in June.

NAME

ADDRESS

(Return to address on other side)

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May & June 1976

BE AN ACTIVE PART OF YOUR Gillham Main Neighborhood

BOUNDARIES: 39th Street to 45th Street, between Main Street & Gillham Road.
WHO CAN JOIN: All residents, property owners, and persons employed in the area.

JOIN your Association

SEND YOUR \$1 DUES TO : The GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
c/o Eunice Collins, 4040 Locust, K.C., Mo. 64110

**Attend Our Monthly Meetings / Discuss Your Concerns With
Your Neighbors / Help Make Decisions About Our Neighborhood!**

MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 11TH 12 NOON

ROLLINS SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - 4043 Main
A general report to the neighborhood.

Tuesday, June 8TH 7:30 p.m.

ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL - 4235 Locust
A discussion of PARKS in our area.

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Care About Your Neighborhood

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Come to This Month's

GILLHAM MAIN MEETING

Tuesday July 13th

7:30 P.M.

4235 LOCUST ST.
(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

PROGRAM: Discussion of Neighborhood Improvement grant - \$75,000.

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Decisions on what to do with the money will be made by a citizen's advisory committee appointed from the area by the Councilmen who represent the area.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC !

Outdoor Entertainment !

JULY 18 The Duke Ellington Band will play at Brush Creek on the Plaza - 7 p.m.

THEATER UNDER THE STARS - Loose Park
Thursday - Sunday at 9 p.m.

LITTLE ABNER July 15 -18
1776 July 22- 25

Paid for by the Parks & Recreation Dept.

◆◆◆ YOUR Tax \$\$\$ at Work ◆◆◆

GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee Vacancies

Due to a promotion and move from Kansas City by Julie Cooper and impending sale of his property in our neighborhood by James Dawson...

There are two vacancies as Gillham Main representative to the City Wide Coalition of Neighborhoods to serve until GMAA annual elections in October.

Any member wishing to serve in this position should contact the Association Secretary: Walt Wells at 561-8981 NOW!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CITY COMPLAINTS	
(ACTION CENTER)	274-2222
COUNTY COMPLAINTS (OFFICE OF CITIZEN'S COMPLAINTS & HUMAN RELATIONS)	881-3670
POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY	421-1500
FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY	842-2121
AMBULANCE	471-1111
ANIMAL CONTROL	861-0123
LARGE ITEM TRASH PICKUP(FREE)	274-1811

GILLHAM MAIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

will meet next on
Thursday, July 29 at 12 Noon
at 4001 Oak.
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.

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7:30 P.M.

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NEED HELP ?

- ? TRASH IN THE YARD?
CLEAN UP A LOT?
TRASH IN THE STREET?
HOLE IN YOUR SIDEWALK?
HEDGE OR A TREE OVER SIDEWALK?
NEED TO THROW OUT AN APPLIANCE?
NEED MINOR EXTERIOR REPAIRS?
?

HELP is available at no charge to assist older persons, or physically limited persons, or persons unable to afford labor.

Limited to Gillham Main residents.
(No money or materials available.)

Assistance will generally be on a first come - first served basis. (Exceptions may be on a most needed basis.)

BEGINNING NOW.....

AVAILABLE: Monday thru Friday
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment.

Please call the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association as soon as you know of a need yours or anyone's. We will schedule as we receive requests.

CALL: Jim Watt 531-1949 or
Walt Wells 561-8981.

Aid is being provided by

- A) Volunteers from our neighborhood who care what it looks like and will help a neighbor; and
- B) Two High School students who are paid minimum wage by the City.

You will be expected to help to whatever extent you are able. We are just providing an extra hand or two to our neighbors to help them and our neighborhood.

Gillham Main Neighborhood Association
Kansas City, Missouri

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Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

One of the most effective tools in preventing crime is stopping it before it happens. Recently in the Gillham Main area we have been having some success at this.

The key is a program called "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH".

You look out for your neighbors and they look out for you. Several arrests have occurred through timely calls to the police.

When you see something suspicious **CALL THE POLICE**. It is better that they be called when they are needed. **THEY DO RESPOND!**

MEET U.S SENATE CANDIDATES

Candidates for the U.S. Senate have been invited to speak at a special meeting of the WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Penn Valley Community College (Little Theater of the Science & Technology Building).

Jerry Litton, James Symington, and Charles Wheeler have indicated they will attend. It is hoped the schedules of John Danforth and Warren Hearnes will allow them to attend as well.

It is understood that schedule conflicts or changes may not allow all candidates to attend.

Everyone is invited. Come one and all.

Next Month's Meeting

The August 10 meeting of Gillham Main at Rockhill Manor will focus on schools and education as they affect our neighborhood. We will consider:

- 1) Quality of education and its effect on neighborhood stability;
- 2) The effect of proposals to desegregate the school district;
- 3) Families with children and their willingness to locate in our area;
- 4) Safety;
- 5) The variety of schools in the area; and
- 6) Anything else related to education.

Please plan on attending this meeting at 7:30 p.m. August 10 at 4235 Locust.

We hope to see you as some part of this issue affects everyone.

GMNA PRIORITY POLL RESULTS

We are limited by space and thus a complete report will be available at meetings, from the Secretary & mailed to those who participated in the poll.

PRIORITY & per cent of frequency.	
ANIMAL CONTROL	75%
PUBLIC SAFETY/CRIME	75%
MORE PERMANENT RESIDENTS	58%
ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING BUILDING AND ZONING CODES	50%
HOUSING REHABILITATION	33%
HOUSING REPAIR LOANS	33%
SCHOOLS & EDUCATION	33%

Other responses appeared on less than 1/3 of the returned questionnaires

NOW in Gillham Main

We've been a bit behind in Newsletters and now we have a lot to catch up with...

With regret we offer our condolences to the family of J. J. Ireland, 4124 Oak who died of a heart attack early this month.

Belated congratulations to RAYMOND HALL (12) of 3939 Oak for winning first place for the largest kite to get off the ground at the annual city-wide kite flying contest.

Rollins School had something about it in kites this year, as the daughter of Principal Rupert Bullard won 2nd place.

Congratulations to CARL & VICTORIA (ROJAS) WILSON on their marriage May 22 at Guardian Angels Church. Now home in Gillham Main.

Congratulations to: New Officers of the Westport Community Council. Mike Dorsey, President; Charlotte Musgrave, WALTER WELLS & Robert Zane, Jr., Vice Presidents; MARGARET WALLACE & DAVID WESTFALL, Secretaries; and John Piepho, Treasurer.

A belated THANKYOU is due to Den 1, Pack 45 CUB SCOUTS for their clean up work in our neighborhood. About 10 or 12 scouts from our area have helped to make our neighborhood cleaner - lets all keep it up. Thankyou also to DENNIS AND NOREEN RANDALL for their leadership.

Note the road improvements on West Gillham at 43rd just behind Rockhill Manor Hotel.

Since there have been many recent questions regarding zoning... we again bring it to your attention that Gillham Main has a copy of the city zoning code for anyone who wishes to look through it. Call the Secretary -Walt Wells at 561-8981.

NEW GILLHAM PARK POOL

Construction is under way on the new pool at 42nd & Gillham.

Until the new pool is ready, the existing pool at 41st & Gillham is operating.

Despite requests that the pool be open later and on Sundays the schedule continues as in previous years:

Monday thru Friday 11 to 5
 Saturday 12 to 5
 SUNDAY.....CLOSED

Items for the Newsletter should be mailed or delivered to Walt Wells, 4061 McGee by the 25th of each month, Newsletter delivery about the 1st of each month.

More Volunteers needed to deliver the Newsletter. Call George Armstrong 531-1824.

GILLHAM MAIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRES...Jim Watt.....4001 Oak.....531-1949
 V.P....Normal Rickel...315 E. 43rd..561-8075
 SEC....Walt Wells.....4061 McGee...561-8981
 TREAS..Eunice Collins..4040 Locust..753-3763

**A BENEFIT PORCH SALE FOR
your Gillham Main
Neighborhood Association**

 **AT 4121 MCGEE** 

**SEPTEMBER 11 SATURDAY 10 until 6
12 SUNDAY**

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

BRING DONATIONS TO 4061 McGee OR FOR PICK-UP
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The G.M.N.A. Meeting will be August 17

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE AUGUST GILLHAM MAIN MEETING ... ONE WEEK LATER

Tuesday, August 17, 7:30 P.M. at ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL, 4235 LOCUST ST.

PROGRAM: Westport High & Rollins Elementary Schools are in our neighborhood. What can the schools and the neighborhood do for and with each other?
The Principals or their representatives and the Presidents of the parent organizations at both schools have been invited to this meeting.

ROLLINS SCHOOL OPENS AUG.31

Rollins Elementary School will operate this year at it did last year with grades Kindergarten through seventh.

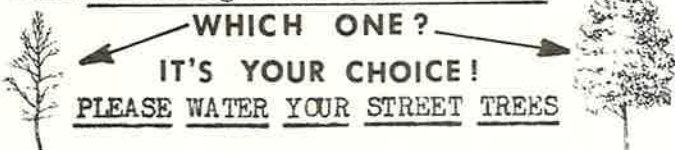
Classes begin Tuesday, August 31 at Rollins School, 41st & Main.

The Principal at the school this year will be Yvonne Wilson who will share her time between Rollins and Nelson Schools.

Margaret McGregor will continue as the Assistant Principal at Rollins.

Mrs. Wilson was the Principal at Rollins during 1974-1975.

Register Your Children NOW!



WHICH ONE?
IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
PLEASE WATER YOUR STREET TREES

The city has planted trees throughout our neighborhood. Unfortunately there is not enough of our tax money to water these trees daily or even weekly.

If you care about our neighborhood and your shade - water these trees every week or ten days. A hose turned on just a little bit and run for a couple of hours is the best way to water these trees.

AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN WATERING YOUR TREES - THANKYOU It makes a difference. We can see your concern showing in the green of your trees.

GILLHAM MAIN GARAGE SALE - COMING SOON.
Watch for Flyer - Save your Contributions.

What To Do With \$75,000 ?

The City Councilmen from our area are presently appointing a nine member resident committee from our neighborhood to make recommendations to the city on how to spend the \$75,000 grant that has been allocated to our area.

These nine people will hold meetings (Open to the public) for discussion of what are the most needed projects in our neighborhood. These people will serve for the duration of this "Neighborhood Improvement Project Program".

We hope everyone with ideas will attend these meetings when they are announced and participate.

The September GMNA NEWSLETTER will probably carry the names of all committee members.

ROLLINS BOOSTERS

The parents organization at Rollins School wants more active members. Start planning now to spend some time working with and for the youth of our area.

For more information contact Caron Wells, president at 561-8981 after 5.

C.W.C.N.O. INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Chuck Reed, Deputy Director of the K.C., Mo. City Development Dept. will speak on the established planning areas to the City-Wide Coalition of Neighborhoods on Wednesday Aug. 25, 7:30 at 300 E. 36th.

Annual Meeting

including

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Return your suggestions as soon as possible to: NOMINATING COMMITTEE
c/o Norma Rickel

315 E. 43rd
K.C., Mo. 64111

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

One of the most important things to remember about Crime Prevention is that individuals can do something.

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Lighting your yard better will keep away prowlers as they will go where there is less light for them to be seen by.

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Watching for unusual activities in the neighborhood and then calling the police to come and investigate is important. Keep the Police Dept. emergency phone number near your phone ..421-1500..

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Is your home secure or is it easy to break into? A free service of the Kansas City Police Dept. is a home security check to show you how a potential burglar could easily get in your home and what you can inexpensively do about this.

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Crime usually happens to those who are least prepared for it - BE PREPARED!

INFORMATION

Most people who buy or sell a home are not experts at this process. NEITHER ARE WE. However several persons who make a living in the sale of property suggest the following for consideration.

An exclusive contract to sell your home often limits the number of persons showing your home.

When selling property...consider using multiple listing, non-exclusive contracts with real estate agents, etc.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

Elections for the new Executive Committee will be held October 12. To vote you must be a dues paid member. \$1 a year payable October 1. The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association is a way for all persons concerned about our area to work to conserve and improve our neighborhood.

Send your dues for the 1976-1977 year to: Eunice Collins, Treasurer
4040 Locust
Kansas City, Mo. 64110

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NOW in Gillham Main

WELCOME to Kevin Michael Baker new son (Born July 20) of Jim & Cris Baker, 4063 McGee.

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Welcome back to Rollins School this year as Principal to Mrs. Yvonne Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was Principal during 1974-1975.

THANKS TO THE JOY PROGRAM:

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During this summer two high school students have been working for the Gillham Main Neighborhood helping in our neighborhood.

They have been working 25 hours a week at minimum wage with their salaries paid for by the City Job Opportunity for Youth Program.

This summer they have helped to paint three houses, cut weeds along the street, in vacant lots and in our parks. Also some repairs have been made such as rebuilding some concrete steps, a couple of times trash has been picked up throughout the area and lots of small jobs where an extra hand was needed.

Our thanks to the city for providing the salaries for these two young men.

TO ALL PATRONS OF WESTPORT BRANCH LIBRARY:

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On display at Westport Branch Library is a drawing of suggested remodeling of the interior of the Library.

All patrons of the Library System are encouraged to drop into the library and look at the drawing and the detailed list of suggested improvements.

Most of all everyone who looks at the list is encouraged to comment on them:

Please address your comments to:
Librarian - Linda Eckinger
Westport Branch Library
118 Westport Road
K.C., Mo. 64111

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Anyone who has items of interest to the neighborhood, items for this column, or questions about the NEWSLETTER should give the Editor a Call:

Walt Wells, Editor 561-8981

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MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Discuss areas of support & cooperation between Rollins Elementary School and the Gillham Main Neighborhood Assn.
- 2) Discuss the \$75,000 grant made to the Gillham Main area and how it might be spent...
- 3) Discuss duties of members of the GMNA Executive Committee to be elected at the annual meeting in October.

The G.M.N.A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE will be voted on at the September 14 meeting.

WESTPORT ROANOKE COMMUNITY CENTER FALL PROGRAM BEGINS

Open House and class registration is September 6 thru 11.
Classes include: Chair Caning, Tennis, Oil Painting, Weightlifting, Jazz Dance, Weaving, Volleyball, Pottery, Fencing, Yoga, Belly Dancing, Macrame, Badminton, Chess & Backgammon. Lots more.
For more information: Drop by the WESTPORT ROANOKE COMMUNITY CENTER at 3601 Roanoke Road or call 531-4106.

JOIN WITH US NOW

The membership year of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association begins on October 1st. Annual dues are \$1.
Everyone who lives, owns property, or works between Gillham Road and Main Street from 39th to 45th is eligible to join.
WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU AT OUR MEETINGS HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.
Send your dues to:
Eunice Collins, Treasurer
Gillham Main Neighborhood Assn.
4040 Locust
K.C., Mo. 64110

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 HAL-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.

Another Election Coming

Election of persons to serve on the Area Advisory Boards of the Human Resources Corporation (HRC) will be held on Tuesday, September 21. Every person over 17 may vote in the area they reside in.

The persons elected on September 21st will then elect members of the Board of Directors of HRC which has a budget of over \$2 million.

The pupose of HRC is to assist the youth and elderly, the handicapped and the poor of Jackson, Clay, & Platte Counties to get needed education, training and services.

A list of polling places will appear in the newspaper before the election. Or for more information, to become a candidate (BEFORE SEPT. 15), etc. Call 923-7907.

Visit the NELSON ART GALLERY

September 1 -26 "Laura Gilpin Retrospective" 100 photos from 1910 to 1974.

September 12 - October 3 "Friends of Art Retrospective" Forty years of contributions to the Nelson collections.

September 26 - November 7 "Weaving by Egyptian Children" For viewing & buying. SEE YOU AT THE NELSON!

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NOW in Gillham Main

TO ALL K.C.A.I. STUDENTS & STAFF

The neighborhood welcomes you back for another active Art Institute year.

All students and staff are welcome to participate in Association activities and become members if they choose.

Membership is \$1 a year and enables you to participate in decisions that affect the area where the school is located.

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How do you feel about a throw away economy?

Recently BOB & EUNICE COLLINS, 4040 Locust had their freezer break down. After checking with several major firms they were told the solution was to throw it out and buy a new one.

A neighbor -Henry Simpson, 4115 Locust- fixed it for them easily. ???

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ROLLINS SCHOOL OPEN

Register Your Children NOW!

Teachers are assigned on the basis of enrollment during the first three weeks of school. If you register them later, you could cause an overcrowded classroom.

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Many people have asked questions about how to get involved, how to volunteer, how to get needed help. Beginning with this NEWSLETTER we will carry some answers.

HAVE FREE TIME? / WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Call the Voluntary Action Center at 421-2565. Located in Union Station VAC tries to match volunteers and their interests with needs for volunteers.

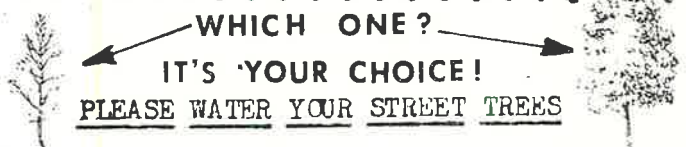
THEY ALWAYS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.

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MUSIC AT THE NELSON

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FREE OF CHARGE. The Kansas City Philharmonic will present concerts at the Nelson Art Gallery at 3:30 p.m. in Kirkwood Hall on Sunday, September 19 and Sunday, October 3.

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Annual Meeting

On October 12 members of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Assn. will elect officers and representatives of the Association.

These people will be speaking out for us expressing the concerns of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association.

PRESIDENT - Chairs Assn. meetings, sets programs & agendas, is the primary spokesperson for the Assn.

VICE-PRESIDENT - Is responsible for expanding & retaining membership. Replaces the President as needed.

SECRETARY - Keeps records of the Assn, Takes minutes of Assn. meetings.

TREASURER - Keeps records of Assn. finances collects & disburses funds, receives dues, & maintains membership records.

TEN POSITIONS ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR ASSOCIATION presenting the concerns of Gillham Main to other organizations in which we have membership. Representatives also keep Assn. members informed of actions & activities of these organizations.

Generally representatives attend Gillham Main Regular & Executive meetings plus one organization meeting a month.

The WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL (2 Reps.) was established in the 1940's to deal with concerns in the Westport area - formerly the Town of Westport boundaries, 31st to Brush Creek, Troost to State Line). Regular meetings - 2nd Monday monthly.

THE WESTPORT PLAN COMMISSION (2 Reps) grew from concerns of the Westport Community Council about planning the future of Westport and the effect zoning had on this planning. Each Westport neighborhood has 2 reps and the Chairperson is appointed by the Westport Community Council.

The WESTPORT CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION (1 Rep) was established by the Westport Community Council in 1975 to work with individuals and groups in Westport to expand crime prevention activities - Monthly meetings - 3rd Monday at Westport Library.

The BROADWAY WESTPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (2 Reps) was established

This Month's Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1976

7:30 p.m.

4235 LOCUST ST.

(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

7:30 PROGRAM: Howard Weiss will speak on Proposition # 1 to be voted on Nov. 2. This proposal would provide group homes & sheltered workshops for physically & neurologically impaired Jackson County residents.

8:00 Annual reports to the membership
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Election of Officers & Representatives
Old Business
New Business

Last Month's Meeting

The Treasurer reported 111-1976 members. More people are needed to deliver the Newsletter. Call George Armstrong at 531-1824 to volunteer. Need to strengthen Neighborhood Conservation Committee. Concern expressed about the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the rewriting of the City Zoning Ordinance. Discussion of \$75,000 grant and status.

in 1974 by a group of persons representing residential & business interests in Westport. This non-for-profit corporation provides a three person paid staff to work with community groups. A membership board is composed of representatives of Neighborhood & Business Assns. & meets every 3 months. The Executive Committee meets at least monthly.

The CITY-WIDE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS (3 Reps.) is composed of member organizations from across the city working together on issues of mutual concern. General meetings monthly on the 4th Wednesday.

WARWICK PROJECT SET ASIDE THIS YEAR!

Action on Warwick Blvd. Project appears to be halted for this year. Come to the Oct. 12 GMNA meeting for more information.

VOTE NOVEMBER 2!

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GMNA PRIORITY POLL RESULTS

For some time we've promised an article on the Neighborhood Priority Poll carried earlier this year in the NEWSLETTER. Here it is and we would like to hear your reactions at our meetings, by mail, or over the telephone.

OF THOSE RESPONDING TO THE POLL:

- 50% were members
- 42% were non-members
- 8% were anonymous

75% of the responses listed ANIMAL CONTROL and PUBLIC SAFETY/CRIME.

GILLHAM MAIN is sponsoring

- Whistlestop,
- Operation Identification &
- Block Watch Programs

along with providing information on home security inspections & other police department sponsored programs.

GILLHAM MAIN has had programs on Crime Prevention (6) and Animal Control (2) in addition to regularly running phone numbers in the NEWSLETTER.

While limited by law on entering private property, Animal Control does regularly patrol the neighborhood. And it does respond to requests...Call 861-0123.

58% of the responses listed MORE PERMANENT RESIDENTS.

This was a new category with this poll coming from a suggestion in a previous poll.

GILLHAM MAIN is beginning to deal with this issue via:

- 1) A list of all property owners;
- 2) A list of residents;
- 3) A current listing of properties for sale or rent
- 4) A survey being developed;
- 5) Support & encouragement of permanent residents by Association action.

MORE SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE WELCOME.

50% listed ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING BUILDING AND ZONING CODES

A Code Enforcement Program begun in 1974 continues with much improvement shown.

GILLHAM MAIN will in the future contact property owners or tenants directly when there is a code violation. A Property Conservation Committee has been formed for the specific purpose of bringing continued violations to the attention of the appropriate agency.

33% of the responses included:
A) HOUSING REHABILITATION;
B) HOUSING REHABILITATION/REPAIR LOANS;
C) SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

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This Month's Meeting

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

4235 LOCUST ST.
(ROCKHILL MANOR HOTEL)

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING with Reports on issues of interest to the Gillham Main area.

- Zoning Proposals;
- Sidewalk & Curb Repair;
- Code Enforcement;
- Formation of committees.

New GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee

The GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION elected the 1976-1977 Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting October 12th.

Elected President was Ms. Norma Rickel, 315 E. 43rd, 561-8075, past vice president. Other new officers and representatives are:
V.P....Carl Wilson..4144 Warwick....756-0365
Sec....Walt Wells...4061 McGee.....561-8981
Treas..Eunice Collins..4040 Locust..753-3763
(Westport Community Council)

Peggy Wallace...400 E. 43rd.....531-7783
Larry Downs.....4211 Locust.....931-4105
(Westport Plan Commission)

Ruth Allen.....4307 Warwick.....931-4998
Ilene Griffith..4138 Warwick.....531-7391
(Broadway Westport Comm. Development Corp.)

Jim Watt.....4001 Oak.....531-1949
Dorothy Hale....4103 Locust.....931-4643
(City-Wide Coalition of Neighborhoods)

Tracy Leonard...4326a Locust.....561-4674
Caron Wells.....4061 McGee.....561-8981
Ray Barta.....4320 McGee.....931-9927

GMNA Holiday Party

Coffee, cider, donuts, & fruitcake will be the agenda from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon on Saturday December 4th at a location to be set, Watch for the December GMNA NEWSLETTER.

Get the date on your calendar now for a chance to meet with other members of your Association for socializing and discussion of what we would like to do in 1977.

All members and potential members of the GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION are invited to attend.

Rockhill Bus Route to Change

The Rockhill Bus Route will be changed to the Rockhill-Ruskin Route about mid-November. Several of the rush hour service routes will be extended South along Rockhill Road, Holmes Road then East on Bannister & south along Grandview route to a loop in the Ruskin area.

This extension of the route is not going to change the amount of service through GILLHAM MAIN but will allow direct service to the South.

Come to the Gillham Main meeting on Tuesday, November 9 for more information about a proposed pinball arcade at 3917-19 Main. What kinds of businesses does GILLHAM MAIN want to support along Main Street and generally in the 39th & Main area?

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

WATCH - BE OBSERVANT - LISTEN
 See or hear anything unusual?
 Call the Police! 421-1500.
 Don't wait. Call immediately!
 Give your name, location & phone number.
 Describe the situation, but don't go get
 in it - YOU just called our professionals.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW!

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Everyone who lives, works or owns property within 39th to 45th, Main to Gillham is eligible to join.

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Send your dues (\$1 each) to:
 Eunice Collins, Treasurer
 Gillham Main Neighborhood Assn.
 4040 Locust
 K.C., Mo. 64110

GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee

The new GILLHAM MAIN Executive Committee met for the first time in a special meeting Tuesday, October 19th at 315 E. 43rd. to discuss the coming year's activities.

The regular meetings of the Executive Committee have been set for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at 315 E. 43rd. Next meeting will be November 17th. ww

Neighborhood Concerns

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Code Enforcement has brought about much rehabilitation. Paint was provided last year to 49 properties. Of 3 buildings vacant over 6 months; 2 have new owners and the third is for sale.

During the last two summers assistance has been provided to elderly and handicapped persons.

Very little action has been taken in the area of getting loans arranged. GILLHAM MAIN is not redlined and money is available but if not enough GMNA could become active in this. We have generally found that a good source of loan money is the bank with which you currently do business. If your bank is not willing to make a loan to you, you might shop around for a different bank to do business with. There are lending institutions which make loans in our area. Also a city sponsored hardship loan program is just starting up.

GILLHAM MAIN is a neighborhood of schools - at least six of them. The Association has been supportive of Rollins Elementary carrying meeting notices and holding some joint meetings. Westport High has received some support along with our concern about students wandering about the street. School Board elections have been publicized and candidates have spoken at our meetings.

GILLHAM MAIN is a member of the City-Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations which has continually reflected neighborhood concern about good schools. OWCNO has a representative on K.C. School District Task Force on School Desegregation.

Other responses/priorities appeared on less than 1/3 of the returned questionnaires. A new poll will be carried in the NEWSLETTER early in 1977. Let us hear from you then.

NOW in Gillham Main

The GILLHAM MAIN 1976-1977 membership year began October 1. As of the Oct. 25 there were 56 paid members.

1976-1977 paid members include:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Clara B. Allison | Gertrude E. Irwin |
| Col Arthur C. Allen (Ret) | Karl Kuchenmeister |
| Ruth Allen | Mildred Kuchenmeister |
| George Armstrong | Don Lograsso |
| Helen Armstrong | Madeline Mathews |
| Ray Barta | G.C. McLinden |
| Harriet Beeson | Martha V. McLendon |
| Dillard Beeson | Marilyn Moe |
| Gerald Barrett | Raymond F. Nekuda |
| Robert Collins | Miss Lucy Parrott |
| Eunice Collins | Gertrude I. Riley |
| Raymond S. Culp | Sanford Rediger |
| Anna L. Culp | Norma Rickel |
| Lois Daniel | Jeanne D. Robertson |
| Maurine Douthat | Gary Sapp |
| Elizabeth Dobson | Margaret Turner |
| William Dobson | Peggy Wallace |
| Anna E. Ericsson | Jim Watt |
| Lillian Frentrop | Caron Wells |
| Ethel Frazier | Walt Wells |
| Steve Fry | Mrs. Ann Wiley |
| Julia M. Galvin | Carl Wilson |
| Dorothy Hale | Victoria F. R. Wilson |
| David Hale | Dortha Wood |
| Stacy Hale | James Washburn |
| Edna K. Hersh | David West |
| Dorothy Hedin | Elaine West |
| Lois Hopper | K.C. Art Institute |

The above persons are the current members of the GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION entitled to participate and vote at meetings.

Jim & Barbara Watt, 4001 Oak, are the parents of a new baby girl, Kimberly Dianna, born Monday morning, October 25th.

ROLLINS SCHOOL

Rollins School has again changed Principals. Mr. Russell Hunter will divide his time between Rollins and Volker(3715 Wyoming) Schools. Margaret McGregor continues as the full time Vice Principal and Hazel Allen as the School Secretary. Enrollment this year is 161 - an increase of 20 children over last year.

Teachers this year are: Fay Eddy (K); Elodius Stevenson (1-2); Emma Catherine Smithson (2-3); Eunice Bonds (4-5); Jestine Johnson (6-7); and Beth Austin, Victoria Wilson, & Betty Byers (N.I. - Special Education).

ROLLINS BOOSTERS

Rollins Boosters will hold two planning meetings on Wednesday, November 3 so that everyone interested in Rollins can attend.

1:00 afternoon at Rollins School

7:30 evening at Westport Public Library

Rollins Boosters will elect officers this month. Everyone in the neighborhood who is interested in supporting our children is encouraged to join the Rollins Boosters.

Volunteers are needed at the school to help in the library and on special projects. Contact the school at 931-1613.

The Boosters are looking into buying permanent basketball goals that could be used after school by the whole neighborhood.

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What To Do With \$75,000 ?

Well... Here's a status report.
The Resident Committee

The Resident Committee (appointed by the City Councilmen from our area) has decided to spend our \$75,000 to upgrade badly deteriorated sidewalks.

As was reported to Gillham Main at the September, October, & November meetings the Committee was told in writing that 50% of this cost would be a grant to the property owner and 50% would be paid back by the owner.

On November 23rd, meeting at 4307 Warwick, the Resident Committee met with city staffers Cynthia Bland and Phil Dorman to discuss the Committee's decision to upgrade sidewalk's.

Ms. Bland confirmed that the 50%/50% split of the cost between the City and the property owners would be acceptable in our area.

Watch for our next report.

GILLHAM MAIN RESIDENT COMMITTEE

Chairman-Jim Watt - 4001 Oak
Vice Chair - Ruth Allen - 4307 Warwick
Secretary - Walt Wells - 4061 McGee
Members - Dillard Beeson - 3958 Warwick
Eunice Collins - 4040 Locust
Ilene Griffith - 4138 Warwick
Don Hale - 4101 Locust
Karl Kuchenmeister - 3821 Warwick
Forrest Spaun - 4324 McGee

THE WESTPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL will meet on Monday December 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Westport Roanoke Community Center, 3601 Roanoke Road to hear reports on Westport neighborhood actions.

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from G.M.N.A.

Come to our Holiday Party
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
10 to NOON
St. Paul's Church
40th & Main
(enter from South Parking Lot)

All MEMBERS, FRIENDS, and POTENTIAL MEMBERS of the GILLHAM MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION are invited.

Coffee, cider, doughnuts, & fruitcake will be the agenda.

This is an occasion to socialize with our neighbors, renew some acquaintances, and make new ones.

If you're interested in the neighborhood, come by and talk informally with everyone about what's happening.

Are You Concerned About:

Our Streets,
Fast cars,
Cars going the wrong way,
Cars that don't stop,
Too much fast, through traffic at rush hour,
Accidents,
Pedestrians & Children,
Bicycle riders
Too many trucks or busses on boulevards,
Chuckholes,
Need for stoplights or traffic signs?

THEN WE WANT YOU ON THE GILLHAM MAIN TRAFFIC AND STREETS COMMITTEE.

This Committee will look into at least some of these concerns and begin making recommendations for GILLHAM MAIN action.

Anyone wanting to get something done or willing to serve on this committee call a and leave your name and concern with Walt Wells, G.M.N.A. Secretary at 561-8981 and a Committee member will contact you.

Crime Prevention in OUR Neighborhood

So far in 1976 there has been a 20% decrease in residence burglaries in our neighborhood. But we still had 7 residence burglaries in October and during December 1975 GMNA had 12 -the highest monthly total in two years.

Another of significant crime is thefts from automobiles. NOT of cars but from cars - in October 5 thefts of accessories and 6 of items left in cars. So LOCK YOUR CAR and don't leave valuable or easily removable items in the car.

And let's get our block watch program working a little better. If your neighborhood block captain comes by to suggest you join, consider doing just that.

The more people in this neighborhood who keep their eyes and ears open, the better chance we have of reducing crime even further.

THANKS for the help of all of you whose calls to the police (HAL-1500) have reduced residence burglaries by 20% over last year.

P.S. The only other crime in October was 1 aggravated assault. NO purse snatch, stolen auto, strong arm or armed robbery, non-residence burglary or sex crimes. Looks good - let's all keep it that way.

Gillham Main Report

Copies of all minutes for Gillham Main meetings will be available at general meetings to all members who wish a copy.

This will provide more information to the general membership than there is room for in the NEWSLETTER.

Copies of some back minutes are also available. Ask at any meeting.

Also a letter file of all correspondence is available at every meeting.

Another Election Coming

A 27¢ Levy increase to benefit the Metropolitan Junior College District will be voted on in a SPECIAL ELECTION December 14.

To complete the District's proposed building program this levy if passed will raise the current 28¢ levy to 55¢ per \$100 assessed valuation on your real estate tax.

Plan on voting. This is a way that most of us can participate in our government.

NOW in Gillham Main

GILLHAM MAIN HAS MORE NEW 1977 MEMBERS.

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| B.G. Armstrong | Ralph Hawley |
| Juanita Armstrong | Lea Hirshberg |
| Robert Attaway | Mrs. Frances D. Hobson |
| Mrs. Marcene Darby | Mrs. Marion Hall |
| Denise Gonzales | Pam Mulcahy |
| Ilene Griffith | Albert Schmidt |
| Powell C. Griffith | Col. S.D. Slaughter |
| Jane Granmer Cross | Myrtle O. Sherwood |
| Flora Hall | Mrs. Price Wickersham |

This brings GILLHAM MAIN up to 71 paid members for a year that began October 1. We would like to have several more of you as members - say another 200 or 300 persons.

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Congratulations to the new officers of the ROLLINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOSTERS:

- President - Joanne Kableton
- 1st Vice President - Diana Hudson
- 2nd Vice President - Jeannie Kremer
- Secretary - Caron Wells
- Treasurer - Donna Fritchett

A reminder - membership is open to anyone interested in Rollins School.

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WESTPORT TOMORROW, INC. is a new name in our community for an older organization. The Broadway Westport Community Development Corporation has changed its name, but its objectives remain the same...Conservation and Rehabilitation of Westport as a great place to live and work.

The Newly Elected

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