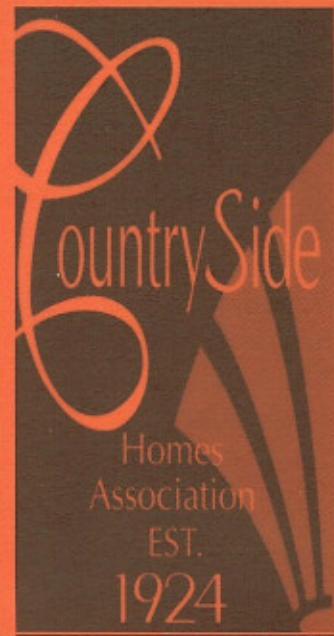


# CountrySide Newsletter

November 2006



## Presidents Corner

By Darryl Hawkins

Well? My favorite time of the year just came and went (when the leaves fall). I would like to thank the board for running with this years picnic (I heard the band **Spiney Norman** was great). I escaped to a NASCAR race that day, my new girlfriend surprised me with an early birthday present. I would also like to thank my

neighbors for all the wonderful comments in regards to my unique style of prose. (or lack there of). Positive comments from neighbors came up in my recent "**Pillars**" group meeting. (a select/elected group of emerging architectural professionals). Running my own architectural firm as been one the best things I've ever done in my life. ....and to my surprise, being president of this wonderful neighborhood is quickly becoming a close 2<sup>nd</sup>. I've met so many wonderful people, and sadly, even seen some pass away. This neighborhood never ceases to amaze me. I've seen them at work wonders at City Hall, congratulations. Terry Rodeghier has really stepped up to the plate (as acting secretary) laying out next years agenda. (see schedule). I think he now shares my passion for a big **100 year celebration in 2008** throughout CountrySide. Some people say we were established in 1924??? Well that would be true if we were talking just about the neighborhood association. There is information with CountrySide listed in abstracts before 1908, but it was 1908 that everything seemed to be coming together (critical mass). We already have markers that say 1908, so I'm going with 2008 as our centennial year, anyone that wished to celebrate another year, please feel free to do so. I can guarantee a wheelie several blocks down Main Street on my mountain bike in 2008. Not bad for an old man.

## Neighborhood Markers

For the last 2 years, the current board has been trying to create a plan for various identification markers. On islands, on power poles, at corner masonry markers (like on the corner of 52<sup>nd</sup> and Main). Due to recent push in time and funds to the Oxford House research we have not been moving this project as fast as we would like. Our neighbors to the south recently priced updating 30 of their "South Plaza" banners for what seems like a reasonable \$2,300.00 dollars. The last banners lasted 10 years. Just a thought, I also have a design using steel, obviously this would last for 10 times as long as a banner. We are also looking at volunteers to help maintain the island at 52<sup>nd</sup> & Wyandotte. (if nobody comes forward, this means Darryl and my other brother Darryl will have to come forward??) Please do not plant flowers or any permanent items such as trees or bushes without first communicating with the island maintenance coordinator or a CountrySide board member. If you would like to help with the island maintenance or planning, please contact the coordinator Martha Becker at 361-6525. EVERYONE in the homes association can participate in island maintenance by picking up any trash that you see on or near an island. These islands help beautify our neighborhood and be enjoyed by our residents, as well as people passing through. Lets work together to keep them looking nice.

## CountrySide Garage Sale Update

Once again, I think this neighborhood runs on autopilot (in regards to all the garages sales in October 2006). This ranked as my number one question from the neighbors. So once again, we will announce: This year our Annual CountrySide Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held in conjunction with St Teresa's TNT sale on **March 30 and March 31, 2007**. General neighborhood "Garage Sale" signs will be provided on Brookside Main and Wornall. A general garage sale ad will run in the Kansas City Star prior to that week-end. (and no we won't be putting signs in the Brookside Blvd right of way).



## Important Seasonal Phone Numbers

Power line Down	1(888) LIGHT-KC
Potholes	(816) 513-1313
Water Main Break	(816) 513-0209
Snow Removal	(816) 513-9364
Action Center	(816) 513-1313
Gas Leak	1(800) 582-0000

## New Resident Information

Are you new to the neighborhood? Are you unsure when trash is picked up, recycling or bulky items? Are you not sure where to vote? Would you like to know where the closest community center is located? All of these questions and more can be answered simply by a click of a button. Kansas City has a very helpful website at [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org) under the Residents section where many of your questions can be answered. General Citizen Services can also be reached by phone providing a recorded message system, or individual questions can be answered by calling (816)-513-3490. CountrySide Home Owner's Association has a website at [www.haccd.org/moassoc/Country\\_Side](http://www.haccd.org/moassoc/Country_Side) and is managed by the Homes Associations of the Country Club District that also hosts a website at [www.haccd.org](http://www.haccd.org) or can be reached at (816) 523-2440 to attend to you individual needs. We are planning to have an updated resident directory printed by the end of this year so be sure to look for it in the mail.

## Architectural Salvage @ West Bottoms

Some new friends of mine have opened a new architectural salvage company in the west bottoms called **FOUNDATION Architectural Reclamation**. They offer free workshops and seminars designed to inform, inspire and show people how to incorporate architectural treasures into their homes. I had an urban core group event there 2 months ago and since become a regular shopper. They even used my artwork on their website. Our next urban core group event will be at the Roasterie's new factory down near Southwest BLVD. For more information on either the Urban Core Group or FOUNDATION, please e-mail me at [arkitec35@aol.com](mailto:arkitec35@aol.com).

## Kessler Society/CountrySide Street Trees

We just wanted to remind you of our CountrySide Tree program, for more information contact Darryl Hawkins. Visit [www.georgekessler.org](http://www.georgekessler.org) for additional information in regards to tree plantings around town.

## New CountrySide Sidewalk Program

We are still currently in the planning stages for a new program to assist in the replacement of problem sidewalks. Those wishing to have some input are encouraged to contact a board member. Bill Robertson has drafted up a plan and we could probably start documenting those areas in CountrySide that could use some attention.

## Chief of Police Own Hall Meetings

Chief Corwin, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, is hosting four Chief's Town Hall Meetings in the month of November. Meeting topics will include "a blue print for the future" and Making a good department great (KCPD efficiency study).

Nearest Meeting locations:

Tuesday November 16, 2006 @ St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 11 West 40<sup>th</sup> (down on Main Street)

For more information contact:

P.O. John Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, Metro Patrol Division, Community Interaction Officer @ 349-6428.

## 2008 CountrySide Centennial Celebration

We now have 1.1 years to plan this event. We would like to draw on all the resources of the neighborhood to pitch in to make this an event to be remembered. We don't know what it will be come, it's up to the residents of CountrySide. Darryl Hawkins started a SCCA chapter (**Sports Car Club of America**) years back in Oklahoma, he would hold Car Shows and Rally's for car enthusiasts. We think there just might be a few unique cars in the neighborhood for a **Parade down Main Street**. The centennial is a chance to create a renewed image, a renewed logo, a prelude for the next 100 years here in CountrySide. Since Darryl has been president of the neighborhood and he has started putting two and two together (I think he said it makes four???) **J.E. Dunn** use to live



just a couple houses from the **Pendergasts**, turns out 90% of J.E. Dunn's construction projects are out of concrete. mmmm MMmm??? Also, Mr. Burns lived just a couple houses away from Mr. McDonnell, turns out they started a little engineering firm called **Burns and McDonnell**, now one of the biggest engineering firms in the Country, located on the **Ward Parkway**. We don't have to tell everyone that this neighborhood has a great current constituency and a great past, but all of you need to come out of the woodwork. I just recently saw the movie about **Nelly Don** "A Stitch in Time". Turns out she lived at 52<sup>nd</sup> and Oak, (she was also kidnapped at 52<sup>nd</sup> and Oak) wow, she was the largest dress manufacturer in the United States. Turns out she married a guy (2<sup>nd</sup> Marriage) that lived behind her, **James A. Reed**, who ran for **President of the United States (more than once)**. He was 72? She was 44. oh yea, he was also Mayor of this little cow town we call Kansas City. One recent acquaintance of mine (**Joe Egle**) that grew up at 52<sup>nd</sup> and Wyandotte. Joe let me drive his **1936 Ford coupe**, it only has 40k miles and the undercarriage looks better than most 2007 ford/gm products produced today. Turns out he's raced at the some of the same tracks my dad use to race his **Morris Minor**. Joe was a dealer for Morris (and various other English cars, including mini coopers) and still owns several very low mileage Morris Minors. We want to know more stories that you know about, more connections and more potential possibilities for a grand 2008 Centennial celebration right here in CountrySide. Special thanks again to **Ed Welch** for letting view an abstract from the neighborhood. For thoughts, idea and contributions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members.

### CountrySide Agenda (2007) Tentative

- December 14<sup>th</sup>, Deadline for holiday house decorating
- December ??, Boards Judging parting
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Newsletter deadline
- March 30-31, CountrySide Garage Sale
- April ??? Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17, Annual Neighborhood wide mtg (@ eggtc)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> Summer Newsletter deadline
- June 16<sup>th</sup> CountrySide Garden Tour

- September 8, Fall Newsletter deadline
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Annual CountrySide Picnic
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Clean-up (dumpsters)
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Winter Newsletter Deadline
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Deadline for holiday house decorating

### The 2006 Board Members

Darryl Hawkins, President	531-2221
Gary Mehl, Vice President	361-1829
Mario Vasquez	444-6424
Kevin Vaughn	960-3606
Bill Robertson	361-8379
Terry Rodeghier, Secretary	516-5299
Jim Kraus	806-SOLD

Home Associations of the Country Club District (HACCD) Clarence Foxworthy 523-2440

**CountrySide Garden Tour Update:** Next year, the CHOA will sponsor a neighborhood garden walk for Countryside residents only. Tentatively scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Share your green thumbs and hard work with your neighbors, and pick up some great ideas for your own gardens. The CHOA will award a \$50 gift certificate to Soil Service for the garden judged the best by the board. More information will be provided in the spring newsletter. If you are interested in participating, please call Nadine Rodeghier at 516-5299.

### CountrySide Website Information

[http://www.haccd.org/moassoc/Country\\_Side](http://www.haccd.org/moassoc/Country_Side)

### Music Trivia:

Ok ok ok, this might be getting old, but my new girlfriend scored me front row seats to this artist on September 27<sup>th</sup> @ Bar Natasha. Everyone at the table left being a fan of this lady and her unique piano playing abilities. Who is this lady? (answer below)



### **Expansion of Historic District**

As many of you know, a portion of the Countryside Homes Association lies within the Simpson-Yeoman's Countryside Historic District.

Over the years there has been interest in expanding the historic district designation to include the entire homes association. The expenses of conducting the related research and reluctance from residents in blocks not currently within the historic district have made expansion of the district difficult. In spite of these challenges, residents have expressed continued interest to pursue expansion of the historic district.

In response to the continued interest, members of the board, with assistance from the City's Landmarks Commission have devised a plan to pursue the expansion of the district. The plan would include the following elements:

- Expansion of the district would be completed as an amendment of the existing district, as opposed to a new nomination.
- Expansion of the district would be completed in phases over five years, starting with those blocks where interest is greatest.
- Research would have to be completed by volunteers, preferably adult residents, who can devote the time to complete the task. The City's Landmarks Commission staff would provide the necessary training.
- The cost of pursuing expansion of the district would be covered by the homes association. Because the research would be done by volunteers, the cost would be limited to the application fee to the city, which is \$100 per building up to \$1,000. A small allowance will be provided to defray expenses associated with the research (i.e., photographs and photocopies).
- In order to maximize the homes association investment in this task, it would be best if whole blocks were submitted for nomination. In addition, it would be suggested that at least 70% of the residents of the block are in agreement that the block should be included in the historic district.

We are hopeful that this plan will assist in the expansion of the historic district.

If your block is interested in pursuing this plan, please contact Darryl Hawkins at 531-2221 so that a committee can be formed to pursue this important initiative. Volunteers will be needed to coordinate the research and to conduct the work.



**CountrySide Homes Tour:** In addition to the CountrySide Garden Tour, a 2007 CountrySide Homes Tour has been proposed. I'm am currently in early discussions with the group that recently put on the Roanoke Homes Tour in the Valentine area. Any interested in volunteering or letting us use their home for the tour, please contact me at [arkitec35@aol.com](mailto:arkitec35@aol.com).

*On a personal note, I would like to recognize Kevin Vaughn as one of the most valuable new additions to the board. He was a big help again during the picnic. Those marines know how to get it done! .....thanks .....from the president.\*

*Answer to Trivia: Julia Othmer*

For more information check out [www.juliaothmer.com](http://www.juliaothmer.com).