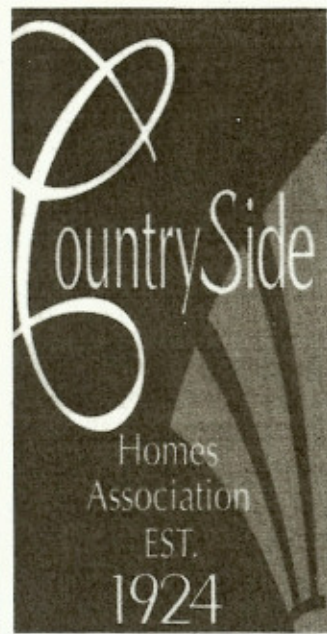


# CountrySide Newsletter

December 2005



## Presidents Corner

By Darryl Hawkins

To the 200 families that attended the Annual picnic, I hope you enjoyed the live band and freshly renovated park. We plan to have the picnic at the same location next year.

Special thanks to whomever left copies from the **J.C. Nichols** archives on my porch, they will make a lovely addition to the traveling CountrySide

Historical archives. I attended the resurrected **Priest of Pallas Ball**, an historic highlight to the end this year. I already have a vase from the 1907 Priest of Pallas Ball on my mantel. My historic research company and architectural firm are still in the infancy stages. It's been a good year, ...it could have been busier, it has also enabled me to do a lot of reading, you will remember, I usually talk about my readings in the "Presidents Corner". My latest book is a biography of **Harry Truman**. Harry was a very interesting sissy boy (as the neighborhood bullies would say). His love for the piano and his wife inspires me. I'm just at the point that he marries Bess. (early in his career). He made many a trip between Grandview and Independence in his **1911 Stafford** (a rich man's car of the time, one of 300 made right here in KC) driving along the little blue river to go see Bess. Given my dad raced cars in the 60's (bug eye sprites and a mod morris minor) in fact I was named after a mechanic that worked on **Shelby Cobras**, I raced cars also (in Tulsa), a Datsun 510 and 240z, a Mazda Rx-7 and my beloved miata (that my damn 100 year old tree dropped a limb on this year), I found it surprising that the quiet book worm (Harry) from Independence would choose such a car. Harry would demonstrate that the Stafford would maintain 60mph. Pretty impressive for the day, and for a half blind farm boy from Missouri. Give em hell Harry!

## Fall Leaves and Brush Collection

The City collects leaves and brush in the Spring and Fall of each year. The City will collect up to 15 sacks or bundles of leaves and brush. Please set your leaves and brush at the curb according to the schedule below:

Trash Day	Collection Week
Monday	Place at Curb by 7am on Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday	Place at Curb by 7am on Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday	Place at Curb by 7am on Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday	Place at Curb by 7am on Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>
Friday	Place at Curb by 7am on Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>

Note: Use only paper lawn debris bags. Do not put grass clippings or trash in the bags. Plastic bags are prohibited. Bundles should be no bigger than 2' in diameter and 4' wide with no branches bigger than 3" in diameter. For more information about the "Leaf and Brush" collection call the Action Center at (816) 513-1313.

## CountrySide Garage Sale Update

This year our Annual CountrySide Neighborhood Garage Sale will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with St Teresa's TNT sale which starts March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## Updated CountrySide Islands

We are currently in the planning stages for the next island improvement. Those wishing to have some input are encouraged to contact a board member. Each year we hope to renovate a different traffic island within the association with the next one being 52<sup>nd</sup> and Brookside in 2006 (next to the new playground where we had our annual picnic).



## CountrySide Recycling goes Weekly

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, neighborhood recycling will become weekly (in lieu of bi-weekly). This provides us with environmental stewardship that has long since been needed. Kansas City Missouri won the **2005 National Award for Waste Reduction** from Keep America Beautiful. For more information about KC Recycles, call Dee Ann Gregory, KC Recycles Coordinator, (816) 513-3454 or visit [www.kcmo.org/trash](http://www.kcmo.org/trash).

## 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.

## Holiday Decoration Contest

Yes, the CountrySide board will be touring the neighborhood on the evening of December 20<sup>th</sup> to review and vote for best decorated home. Again the neighborhood will be giving awards to best decorated house and the most block participation. Happy Holidays to all and to all a great year.

## 2008 CountrySide Centennial Celebration

We have 2 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. 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. For thoughts, idea and contributions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members.



## Urban Core Group News

If you don't know about this group where have you been hiding? **Ray Braswell** and **Marion Wheeler** (of CountrySide) started the grassroots group 10 years ago. They have NO board members, NO agenda, and NO affiliations, just a group that gets together once a month to enjoy friendships with other people that support and enjoy the urban core. I believe this group (more than any other) has brought new life back to Kansas City. Just go drive downtown and look at all the construction. Several of my projects are downtown also. **Butch Rigby** (of [www.screenland.com](http://www.screenland.com)) is the new master of ceremonies. I (**Darryl Hawkins**) provide the artwork for the invitations. This month I was also the musical guest, tickling the ivories of a Baldwin Grand at St Mary's Episcopal Church. Ironically I played Led Zeps "Stairway to Heaven" on that grand. Hope I didn't hurt **Tim Whitmer's** ears too much ....too much fun. ANYWAY, if you haven't been to a gathering you should check our the website (google "urban core group"), usually on the last Wednesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:30, fully catered, full bar and full of good times at various venues throughout the urban core. For more information, feel free to call me (Darryl Hawkins) at 531-2221, speaking of Piano players, **Elton John's** special on NBC is December 14<sup>th</sup> and 7pm. ...FYI :)

## The 2006 Board Members

Darryl Hawkins, President	531-2221
Gary, Mehl, Vice President	361-1829
Tracy Wolahan, Treasurer	444-1962
Kevin Vaughn	960-3606
Bill Robertson	361-8379
Terry Rodeghier	516-5299
Jim Kraus	806-SOLD

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

## CountrySide Website Information

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

## Music Trivia:

Who originally wrote "forever young" originally. Currently being played as a re-make on the top 40 stations. Hint, this original group was from Europe and had their own radio station that played only their music? ...if its perplexed you, feel free to e-mail for an answer, [arkitec35@aol.com](mailto:arkitec35@aol.com).

## Presidential Trivia:

How much money did **Harry Truman** have to his name when we has 51? After watching local residents **T.J. Pendergast** and **Henry McElroy** get rich doing similar work in Jackson County? (answer below)

*On a personal note, the board would like to extend a special thanks to everyone that helps with maintenance on the neighborhood islands. Gift certificates to the Plaza were recently given to the island volunteers, once again .....thanks ...from the board.*

*Answer to Trivia: zero dollars.*