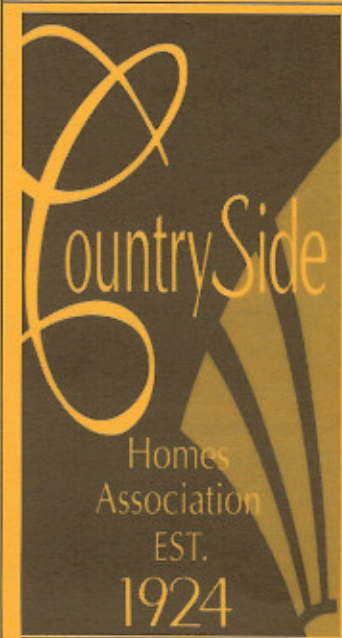


CountrySide Newsletter

June 2006



Presidents Corner

By Darryl Hawkins

Ok ok ok, I'm late getting this newsletter out. I've been behind on my architectural work, trying to keep up with my demand for Urban Core artwork also. Having my own architectural firm is what I should have done long ago, but I've always been a bit slow (like this newsletter). Over the winter I was able to get my house

back in order. I finished another good book, "**The Oil Man**" a biography of **Frank Phillips** of **Phillips 66**. His grandson (John) is an acquaintance of mine from Tulsa (I stayed at his house in **Santa Barbara** in 1989). A lot of the history in the book is from Tulsa (**Oil Capital of the World**), KC, NY and places in between (namely Bartlesville, OK, Home to **Frank Lloyd Wrights** "Price Tower"). Phillips had a lot of important friends that ALL at one point visited his Ranch (**Wolaroc**). There is a lot of references to the native Americans also. My kids are card carrying **Choctaws** and I'm a **Cherokee** (aren't we suppose to have long hair??), my uncle was a full blood Cherokee. Thinking about registering my firm as a minority??? My work was in the **KCH&G 2006 Homes of the Year**, several historic residences in the neighborhood are pleased with my kick %#\$ design. Ok, ok ok, enough shameless self promotion. Hope everyone enjoyed the annual meeting at **eggte** and special thanks goes out to **Gregg Johnson**, (good friends, good food and good drink) and bless his heart as Mia and I were there the morning it took us 70 minutes to be served and another 60 minutes to get our bill. (as reported in the **KCstar**) The pizza w/ biscuits and gravy was great. Mia and I just laughed at all the confusion while staff tried to keep up with the crowd. One last thought, everyone put on your thinking caps for our **100 year celebration in 2008**.

Brookside Landmark to be demolished

As President I attend various meeting on the behalf of the neighborhood. Twin Oak towers between Oak and Brookside will be coming down. I'm always pro-sustainability. Keeping this landmark is obviously where I would have gone. Mel Solomon and I both wanted to try and save the structure, but it will be coming down and an exciting new development is in the incubator. The whole "Oak Street Corridor" is being redesigned with the existing residents (**Pizza 51, Muddy's, Subway** and others) to remain. Anyone interested in attending the bi-monthly meetings at UMKC should contact me @ arkitec35@aol.com.

CountrySide Garage Sale Update

This year our Annual CountrySide Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held in conjunction with St Teresa's TNT sale in 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.

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. We hope to renovate a different traffic island within the association with the next one being 52nd and Brookside (next to the new playground where we had our annual picnic). During the spring, summer and fall most of the islands in our homes association are maintained by volunteers. These volunteers work through a coordinator to make sure the work is done regularly and thoroughly to neighborhood standards. We will be working with landscaping professionals on these improvements. 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.

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 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 and is managed by the Homes Associations of the Country Club District that also hosts a website at 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.

New Library on Main Street

One short subject, rumor was somebody wanted to put carpet in this wonderful space. Like speed bumps in a historic district, carpet would ruin that wonderful space. I know I know, we've argued about this on the board. Seems the older generation wants carpet, the same generation that liked plastic wood on the side of

their station wagons? Like the 70's station wagon (and hopefully the SUV) its time will pass. (minus the **vista cruisers!**) Like I said, this is just my opinion. My dad just thought they didn't have enough money to finish the project? I told him I love the space, it's not about the building, its what happens in the space and it's a great people space, my kids love it, they go down there all the time (it's their space, or their space to find "**my space**" on the computers??)still not sure what I think about that, but knowledge is power and exploring information whether in a book or on a computer is probably good.in jest "Just say no" to carpet, speed bumps and 70's station wagons w/ plastic wood on the side.

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 for additional information in regards to tree plantings around town.

New CountrySide Sidewalk Program

We are 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.

New Playground Build Day June 8th

Bryant Elementary has been selected by **KaBOOM!** and The Home Depot as a Community Partner for a playground build her in our neighborhood.

KaBOOM! Is a national nonprofit that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in American? They use their community-build model to bring together business and community interests to construct playgrounds.

Community-build is similar to an old fashion "barn raising" that calls on everyone in the community to pitch in to build the playspace. With the help of 250 volunteers, our playground will be built in just one day.

So come joins us on Thursday June 8th 8am at Bryant (Westover and Wornall), even if you just want to keep everyone fed and hydrated. Its going to take the talents of many people to see our dream come true. We ALSO need tools, rakes, shovels, hammers, drills, ladders, extension cords, hoes and wheel barrows to build a playground. Please contact Tom or Jenoy's Usher at 361-1242 if you have tools or want to volunteer. Visit www.bryantplayground.org for additional information.

2008 CountrySide Centennial Celebration

We have 1.5 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 52nd and Oak, (she was also kidnapped at 52nd and Oak) wow, she was the largest dress manufacturer I the United States. Turns out she married a guy (2nd 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 52nd 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 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.

The 2006 Board Members

Darryl Hawkins, President	531-2221
Gary, Mehl, Vice President	361-1829
New Board Member	TBA
Kevin Vaughn	960-3606
Bill Robertson	361-8379
Terry Rodeghier	516-5299
Jim Kraus	806-SOLD

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

Garden Tour: June 10 9am to 4:30pm, rain or shine. The John Wornall House Museum (444-1858) is on the tour. Tickets can be purchased there or at the Brookside Price Chopper.

All around our neighborhood, the fruits of your labors are evident in the vibrant gardens, overflowing pots, flowering bushes and trees. All your planting, weeding and watering has certainly paid off. Next year, the CHOA will sponsor a neighborhood garden walk for Countryside residents only. 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.haced.org/moassoc/Country_Side

Music Trivia:

Who is a musician from Parkville that has recently scored a radio hit called Hey hey? (answer below)
Personally I REALLY like the way she plays her piano and highly recommend her debut album. If I wasn't already seeing someone, I would ask her out.

*On a personal note, the board would like to extend a special thanks to everyone that helps with maintenance of the neighborhood islands.
.....thanks ...from the board.*

Answer to Trivia: Julia Orthmer

For more information check out
www.juliaorthmer.com. rrrrRRRrrrr.