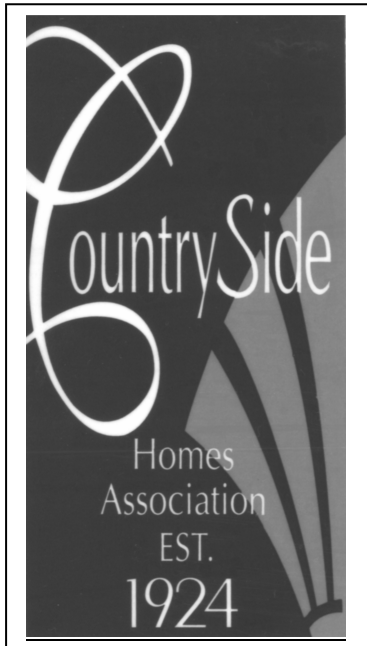


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Notes from Our Neighborhood President

The turkey is but a memory, the stuffing and pies all gone, yet more holidays loom ahead. If you are one of the lucky ones to have the good fortune of family, food, and friends as this year winds down, take a moment to thank whatever God you believe in for your many blessings.

With unemployment terribly high, and needs so much greater than years past, look around you and see if you can lend a helping hand to someone else. It may be a little kindness, the simple act of saying hello, how are you, and meaning it. Contribute your time or money to your favorite charity or cause, as heaven knows they need it more than ever this year.

We tend to run through our lives, hurrying to the next meeting, date, or family affair, but don't often take the time to savor what each day brings us. The last golden leaves of autumn, the sounds of birds as they forage for food, the wonderful smells of something baking in the oven, all evoke a natural response. But the next time you see the sun's last rays as the day is winding down, stop and really look at the world about you, who knows what surprises you might find.

May you and your family enjoy the holidays. Thank you all for being a part of our Countryside neighborhood and making it a special place for us all to live.

A Letter to Neighbors from Mary Kay

I have served for the last two and a half years on your Countryside board. My term will be up in April. In September, we had one open seat and two very-qualified candidates, Mike O'Neill and Kyle Kelly, to fill it.

I saw this as an opportunity to strengthen the board and our neighborhood. So, I offered my seat so both Mike and Kyle could become more involved in neighborhood affairs.

One thing I've learned while on the board is that you don't have to be on it to get involved. Anyone can come to a meeting... even just to listen. Anyone can form a group, write a newsletter article, lead a parade, or fill out a funding application. There's more than enough to do.

While on the board, I've been most proud of our survey that focused our energy on top homeowner priorities... beautification, security, and personal property taxes.

Some initiatives come slower than we hope, but they happen. Some, like taxes, we can't really impact but we can keep you informed about them.

Coming up, I'm excited about recent progress made on getting more of our homes on the Historic Registry; our partnership with DST, South Plaza, and Harvesters to grow a community garden at 51st & Main; the city funding we are receiving to help restore our historic monuments; and steps being taken to work more closely with UMKC, local businesses, and nearby neighborhoods, especially to our east.

Rest assured, we've got a great board, generous volunteers, and a spirit that goes back 100 years. I learned how to be a neighbor from the "Visitation ladies" that still gather monthly to share lunch, stories, tears, and laughter about "the old days." Our neighborhood was known throughout the city because of the families that grew up here. It truly was "a village" where people looked out for each other. It still is.

Thanks for electing me to your board. I'm not going anywhere.

Mary Kay



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A Thank You Note from the Board

The Board would like to thank Mary Kay for her active service to the community as a board member, as well as her ongoing interest and contributions even though she has left the board. If you didn't know, Mary Kay has contributed many of the articles you read each month. In addition, she drafted and pursued the PIAC grant we were awarded this year to help us renovate our islands and monuments. We, the board and neighbors, all appreciate the work that Mary Kay has contributed to make this a better neighborhood for all. She will be missed.

If you weren't already aware, this NEWSLETTER is now only being provided electronically.

This will allow us to save up to \$3,000 each year. ***Please remind your neighbors*** of this fact so we can add anyone who may have missed the notification in the last paper copy. The only paper copy we will continue to send out to everyone will be the March edition that carries the Annual Meeting information. If you do not get notification of the newsletter, please send an email to Terry Rodeghier at nrodeghier@kc.rr.com so we can add you to the list or update your information. Please provide name, address and email address. You will receive an email letting you know that the newsletter has been published so you can retrieve it from the HA-KC Countryside web site at www.ha-kc.org to read or print.



Christmas Lighting Contest

It's time for the holiday lights to go up around the neighborhood and city. The Plaza is festively lit and many of our neighbors will be adding their own special touches to Countryside. The board (and Santa) will be watching, judging the light displays will take place by the 16th, and we will place signs for "Best House" and Best Block" shortly thereafter. We, and all the neighbors appreciate the effort you put into lighting up Countryside and making the holiday season a little brighter for all.



Let's Talk About Your Trees.

MICHAEL FLYNN
COUNTRY SIDE RESIDENT
TEL: 816.500.1325

The Countryside Annual Picnic

As many of you that attended know, the annual picnic was held on Saturday, September 19th, at our park on Brookside and 52nd. We had music by Nikki and Selective Memory, a Carousel Moonwalk, chalk art, a tattoo artist and, as always, plenty of food and drink for all. This year we asked for donations to defray the cost of the beer and wine and you responded. We collected \$118 which paid for a good portion of the alcohol consumed. We want to thank and extend our appreciation to those who contributed. We also collected several bags of food for Harvesters.

Nadine and I want to give a big thanks to those of you who helped with the dismantling of the tables and chairs, and the general cleaning of the site. It's a necessary task, but made much lighter with the help of many hands.



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Nikki and Selective Memory rocked us through the afternoon.



Our cooks Ed and Scott grilling away to keep people well fed



Several happy campers enjoying a nice picnic meal.



CountrySide Fall Dumpster Day

The fall dumpster day was held on Saturday, October 3rd. We doubled the number of household dumpsters since we filled the spring dumpster by 10:A.M. and had another rousing response pretty well filling all three by noon. ***The additional dumpster was sponsored by Jim Kraus, Brookside Realty.*** If you would like your business to sponsor a dumpster in the future, please contact a member of the board.

Terry working with neighbors

Hours of fun in the Carousel Bounce



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The ever helpful Kevin Vaughn lending a hand



And planning ahead - Countryside Spring Dumpster Day

The spring dumpster day will be held on Saturday, May 15th. We will continue to double the number of household dumpsters since we filled both during the fall event. *If you would like your business to sponsor a dumpster for this event please contact a member of the board.*

Countryside will partner with Goodwill to provide a special service to home owners. Here's your chance to get rid of all those old computers and parts that you've been storing for ages but didn't know how to dispose of them.

Give your computer a second chance!

Goodwill is now accepting your electronic equipment. Electronics make up millions of pounds of refuse in local landfills. These items contain toxic metals and chemicals that can seriously damage the environment. While eliminating this waste, Goodwill's recycling program also supports our mission by providing skill development to employees who are disabled.

- Drop off your electronic equipment at any Goodwill Retail Store
- This service is free of charge
- All brands of equipment are accepted
- Your donation is tax deductible

When donating, the donor is responsible for clearing all data off hard drives.

In partnership with Dell Reconnect
RECONNECT
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For more information visit www.mokangoodwill.org

Goodwill is now accepting all types of electronic equipment, including computers, printers, CPU's and monitors at all retail locations. Goodwill's Reconnect Project is an alliance between The Helping Hand of Goodwill Industries and Dell. Items that are donated are shipped to the Plant where they are disassembled by

employees from the Extended Employment Services program.

It is **EASY** – you just need to bring your unwanted computer equipment to Goodwill just like other materials you want to donate.

It is **FAST** – Goodwill staff will help you with unloading your items that you bring in to donate.

It is **SAFE** – All computers hard drives are cleaned in a secured environment before being sent off to be recycled.

It is **FREE** – there is no charge to donate any equipment, including monitors.

Reconnect accepts any brand of used computer equipment in any condition. We also accept just about anything that can be connected to a computer.

Monitors

We accept all monitors, broken or unbroken. If the glass is broken, place the monitor in a cardboard box lined with a large plastic garbage bag. Seal the box and clearly label it with "broken monitor" and the date.

Computers (Desktop & Laptop)

See Hard Drives, below.

Printers

Including laser and inkjet.

Scanners

If the glass is broken, place the scanner in a cardboard box lined with a large plastic garbage bag. Seal the box and clearly label it with "broken scanner" and the date.

Hard Drives (External or Internal)

Dell and Goodwill Industries do not accept liability for lost or confidential data or software. You are responsible for backing up any valuable information and erasing sensitive data from the hard drive before dropping it off. (If you want to completely erase the hard drive, you can find a number of free services available online.)

Keyboards

Wired or wireless.

Mice

Wired or wireless.

Speakers

With or without cables.

Cords & Cables

Including power cords and USB cables.

Ink & Toner Cartridges

Full or empty.

Software

Please include the license key.

So it's up to you. You can bring your computers to a Goodwill store or take advantage of our easy service and drop them off as part of dumpster day.

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who championed this portion of the ordinance, explained that he did not want “flippers” to get these properties, make cheap upgrades, and try to sell them to make a quick buck. Instead, the city hopes non-profit community groups with experience rehabbing homes will be able to use this tool as a way to improve neighborhoods and transform empty homes into owner-occupied ones.

City Council Passes Nuisance Vacant Property Ordinance

GOAL IS TO TRANSFORM ABANDONED PROPERTIES – ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

If you're the owner of a neglected, vacant property in Kansas City, watch out.

The city now has the power to have a judge take abandoned, nuisance buildings away from their owners and give them to a local group who will take care of them.

David Park, acting director of the KC Neighborhood & Community Services Department, spoke with south Kansas City residents in late October about the new ordinance passed by the City Council. He described it as a “new tool in code enforcement” to help combat the effects of foreclosures -- whether vacant properties are fixed up by current owners, or new receivers.

Kansas City can identify a nuisance vacant property and ask a judge to give the home to a “receiver” suggested by the city.

The receiver can then use the property as collateral to borrow money to make repairs, lease the property, or sell it – all under the approval of a judge.

Parks said he hopes the threat of this new tool will prompt owners of nuisance property into action. He explained that Kansas City will try out the new process on a few selected properties first, and that it will likely take six to eight months before the city gets its first hearing before a judge to award a receivership.

“It's not going to be a fast process, but when you take someone's property, it should not be a fast process,” said Councilwoman Cindy Circo.

Non-profits will be given preference as a potential receiver for a property. Councilman John Sharp,

An advertisement for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. It features the company logo and the name 'James V. King, CLU®, ChFC®, CFP®' with the title 'Financial Advisor'. Below this, it lists the address: '2600 Grand Boulevard, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108', and contact information: '816 412 1520 office', '816 412 1525 fax', '816 590 8364 mobile', 'jim.king@nmfn.com', and 'www.nmfn.com/jimking'. There are also logos for 'Member MDRT' and 'NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FINANCIAL PLANNERS'.



KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT ~ METRO PATROL DIVISION ~

HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION

Do not leave *anything of value* in your vehicle in plain sight.

Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running (i.e. in your driveway or parking lot) ~ *not even for a moment.*

If you are hosting a holiday party, please notify your respective patrol division of the KCPD in advance to request extra patrol in your area. These parked vehicles make an attractive target for thieves.

Make certain the windows and doors at your home are locked.

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Lighting up the outside of your home is a very effective deterrent.

Keep a look-out for suspicious activity in your area and call **911**.

Keep your drapes and/or blinds closed so burglars can't see any presents under the Christmas tree.

Record serial numbers and take pictures of valuables and the things you have purchased.

BE ALERT AND AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS.

Security Patrol Update

The holiday season is here and criminals (as always) are looking for easy targets. KCPD has issued a memo with tips regarding crime prevention that was recently emailed to all and is also included elsewhere in this newsletter. Do not leave gifts or valuables in sight, either in your car or in your home. Always be aware of your surroundings, especially when you park or are approaching your parked car. **This includes when you are in your own driveway.**

Problems with door to door solicitors peaked this fall in our area. Several solicitors were found to have dubious backgrounds when questioned by police. Please continue to report them to KCPD at 234-5111.

Cold weather tempts all of us to warm up our cars. The bad guys know this and routinely case neighborhoods looking for running, unattended vehicles. Don't make your property so easily available; if you do not have a secure remote start feature on your car, resist the temptation!

A reminder that if you are a victim of a crime, in addition to immediately reporting to KCPD, please take a moment to forward the information either to me or to your neighborhood block watch captain as soon as possible. It's very helpful to share this information with your neighbors; one may have noticed something relevant to the investigation.

The Countryside Neighborhood Watch has over 300 email subscribers that are kept up to date on general neighborhood news as well as information about crime in our area. If you would like to be included, please forward a request to me at rarthur@kc.rr.com.

Best wishes for a happy and safe 2010!

Kathy Arthur

Countryside Neighborhood Watch



Visitation CCO Initiates Dialog With New KCMO School

Superintendent

By Mary Kay VanBuskirk Morrow

Why would a Catholic parish hold the new superintendent for Kansas City's Public Schools accountable for educating students?

That's what more than 300 people who packed Visitation's Tighe Hall October 22 wanted to know. Before calling the meeting with KCMO Public School Superintendent Dr. John Covington, Visitation's CCO (Communities Creating Opportunities) members worked for six years to better understand and develop meaningful relationships with the KCMO School District. Visitation's goal? To strengthen parent and community involvement in our public schools.

"The center of our purpose is the education of each and every child in Kansas City, Missouri," prayed Visitation Pastor, Father Pat Rush.

Dr. Covington called those gathered "the most impressive group I've addressed since assuming this position." The audience included Covington's hand-picked leadership team, Missouri Rep. Jason Kandor, Councilwomen Jan Marcuson and Sharon Sanders Brooks as well as hundreds of Visitation parishoners and concerned neighbors.

"It will take all of us to turn the tide," Dr. Covington said. Covington signed a three-year superintendent contract in the troubled school district July 1 -- after the school board agreed not to micromanage his efforts to transform the embattled district.

"Our kids will compete with counterparts in China, India, and Japan and it's a dismal picture," Dr. Covington said. The CCO group did their homework before the meeting. CCO Member Mary Ellen DeCoursey said the group conducted 180 focused conversations and meetings with

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local and state decision-makers to better understand the issues facing public schools.

CCO Member Gerhardt Braeckel admitted it's hard to change negative perceptions in the district and gave the new executive team a grade of "so far, so good" for leadership, downsizing, and community outreach. Braeckel said the CCO had narrowed to four persistent issues – communication, financial and organizational transparency, meaningful parent engagement, and safety.

They called on testimonies to illustrate concerns.

Parent Tony Cole put four children through Border Star Elementary and Lincoln Prep Academy. Cole asked for accountability in the use of resources, and said that students should "be able to talk with anyone, write clearly, and get along in the world."

William Chrisman High School Junior, Juan Carlos, brought the audience to its feet after asking the district to provide his three-year-old brother, Marcos, with schools in the future that are free of the "fear of violence."

Juan described the "heightened state of alertness" he adopted just to walk through gangs at Northeast High School due to "fist fights, knives, guns and illegal activities."

Dr Covington



"It's plain scary to be a student there," said Carlos.

Before adjourning, CCO Member Judy Wurth asked Covington to commit to five requests within specific timeframes -- providing a formal plan, guaranteeing district response times to inquiries, ensuring school safety, providing tax payers with accountability and transparency for district spending, and presenting an organizational chart.

Dr. Covington agreed to the group's wish list, not only for Visitation, but for the community.

He pledged to a system of policy governance with clearly-defined goals, and staff accountability, saying he already eliminated district charge cards that accounted for \$12.5 million in spending last year.

The superintendent is currently putting together a core group of 50 members that will develop five or six broad goals before ballooning to 500 citizens representing a cross-section of the community. This group will then develop a road map to guide the district's course over the next several years.

"In eighteen weeks, we will have a community-developed strategic plan that won't be put on a shelf. It will be adopted as policy," Dr. Covington said.

He invited his audience to sign up to work with the CCO and Youth Friends, help with the road map, become informed, and vote in upcoming school board elections. The words of Juan Carlos struck Dr. Covington to the core. The student had said, "You and I have a huge challenge before us."

"He did not say 'you have,'" Covington pointed out. "We need the people here tonight --a thousand fold -- committed to making it happen."

KCPD Targets Hotspots

The Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) led an operation to clear criminals, drugs and guns out of the most violent areas of the city from September 29 through October 1.

More than 200 officers from the KCPD, the Independence Police Department and six federal agencies cleared 231 warrants, arrested 93 people, recovered \$108,000 worth of drugs and drug money and 40 guns in two days. On the third day, the same officers went door-to-door in several neighborhoods to gather more information about three unsolved homicides.

"This operation was the result of months of work on the part of our Narcotics and Vice, Patrol and Violent Crimes Divisions and our federal partners," said Chief Jim Corwin. "It builds on the success of a similar operation we conducted last December that resulted in the arrests of more than 100 people with extensive criminal histories.

This year, officers targeted four high-crime neighborhoods that comprise 4 percent of Kansas City's area but that have been responsible for 48

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percent of the city's 2009 homicides and 47 percent of its drive-by shootings.

"Several incidents during the course of this operation confirmed we are focusing on the right places," Chief Corwin said.

Neighbors were eager to help. Several pointed officers to suspected drug houses and felons in possession of firearms on their streets.

Source: KCPD Informant – October 2009

Beautification Update

The board is in discussion with contractors regarding the improvements to be made at the island at 55th and Wyandotte. The neighbors drew up a vision of what they see as improvements to the island while keeping the English Country garden look that exists today. Renovating the existing limestone pathways and adding others, replacing mismatched brick work and sprucing up the lawn are among the items being considered. As vision becomes reality we will keep you up to date on the progress.



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Neighborhood Update

Welcome New Neighbors

Our new neighbors since the previous newsletter are listed below:

September – October - November

Micah Trotti 5416 Brookside
Douglas Huppe & Joy Alexander 8 E 53rd Terr
Keith Benjamin 5 E 53rd Terr
Vincent & Shelley Carney 222 E 56th St

We want to thank those Countryside Home Owners who have contributed their share by paying their dues in full.

Notices will be going out soon to those still in arrears. If your check crosses our notice in the mail, please accept our apologies. Please remember that the Other Services portion of your dues pays for activities like the picnic, dumpster day, Annual Meeting happy hour, etc. The security and beautification portions allow us to provide that added protection as well as enhancing the common areas of the neighborhood.

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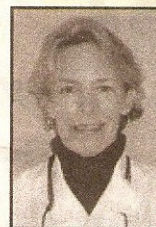
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Carla King, D.D.S.

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MoDOT Talks Transportation

The goal is to help Missourians understand how valuable their ideas, solutions and input are to the transportation process. Outreach is a critical aspect of MoDOT's practical design process.

Information-sharing venture

Show Missourians how MoDOT works and how tax dollars are spent.

For example, did you know that it costs:

- \$1 million to resurface a mile of interstate.
- \$150,000 to install a single traffic light.
- \$1.5 million to build a typical bridge
- \$4 to \$12 million to build a mile of highway.

District 4 maintains 3,600 miles of road in eight counties that includes Cass, Clay, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte and Ray, which encompasses many major and minor road construction projects. Through programs such as Voice in Transportation, citizens have the opportunity to understand why some projects are chosen, while others are not.

For more information about Your Voice in Transportation or any transportation projects, visit MoDOT's Web site at www.modot.mo.gov/kansascity. For instant updates, follow MoDOT_KC on Twitter or send questions and comments to kccommunityrelations@modot.mo.gov.

Countryside Community Garden – A Reality

As you are aware, the plot on 51st and Main, owned by DST, is being turned into a community garden. This will benefit the neighbors who live in the area which includes Countryside.

We hoped to have a decision on the allotment of garden plots at 51st and Main, but the process is taking longer than anticipated. If you haven't been by the site, you should go check it out—the garden is in and it looks great! I can just see it, full of happy gardeners and vegetables . . .

In other news, the **Ripple Glass** bin at the garden is in and ready to accept all your glass food and beverage containers. If you haven't heard, Ripple

Glass is a glass recycling venture started by the forward-thinking folks at Boulevard Brewery. They are building a local processing plant, and glass recycled there will be used by local companies to make, among other things, fiberglass insulation. Check it out at www.rippleglasskc.com and start saving those bottles!

Next, for all of you who aspire to the highest of the dizzying heights of gardening, the MU extension is offering Master Gardener Training this winter at the community center in Swope Park. What a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of gardening and use your gardening passion to benefit your community. Plus you get to call yourself a "Master", which sounds cool. Information follows.

And finally, as people who believe in local agriculture, I encourage you to take the Eat Local for the Holidays pledge, sponsored by the Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition with the support of KC Healthy Kids. They're asking people to commit to putting just one local food on your holiday table, and think of the possibilities: roasted squash from the local farmers market, pecan pie with Missouri pecans, cream and butter from a local dairy in those delicious homemade mashed potatoes, I'm getting hungry just thinking about it! Go to <http://www.kchealthykids.org/Initiative-Eat-Local/Index.htm> to sign the pledge, see what's in season now, and find places to buy local food.

That's all I know for now. Everyone have a very, very happy Holidays!

Shannon Buster



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And a bit more about Ripple Glass

A recycling bin is located in the Andres employee lot just north of 51st on Main.



Ripple Glass was created by the people behind Boulevard Brewing Company. Best known for crafting fresh, flavorful beers, they had grown frustrated with KC's growing glass problem.

Last year alone, some 10 million empty Boulevard bottles ended up in the local waste stream, just a drop in the 150 million pound ocean of glass that flowed into metro area landfills.

Kansas City businesses use over 100 million pounds of recycled glass every year (imported from around the country), so why almost no local recycling? Because there was no nearby facility to process the glass. And why no local processor? Because, in classic chicken-and-egg fashion, there was no local recycling. The result? No economically viable alternative to the landfill.

All that perfectly good glass, buried underground. Glass that could and should be recycled, going to waste. All the raw material, the energy, the labor embodied in that glass, lost forever.

Ripple Glass has the answer.

We're building a state-of-the-art processing plant. Developing a metro-wide collection network. And we've found a local company that will convert the recycled glass into fiberglass insulation, saving massive amounts of energy while producing a product – much of it to be used in area homes – that saves still more energy.

It's an effective solution to one of KC's most intractable waste issues, helping the environment and providing a boost to the local economy.

But it will only work with your help, if you get involved.

Help us do the right thing. Help us give glass a second chance.

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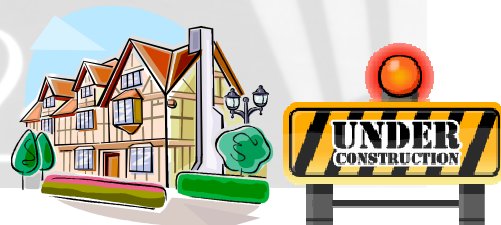
We are looking for a lawyer who can advise us on several items:

- Changing our tax exempt status to allow tax exempt contributions to the HOA
- Changing our HOA bylaws

If you can donate a bit of time, please call or email Kyle Kelly or Terry Rodeghier

Did you notice the

New house going up on 5504 Central. Our neighborhood is not use to construction of this magnitude but the original house had structural problems. A Craftsman style house will take it's place so drive or walk by and watch it get built.



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UPDATE: Expansion of Historic District

For the past few years neighbors throughout the homes association have requested that the National Historic District designation be expanded to include all of Countryside.

We have some good news to report on that. Earlier this summer staff from the City's Landmarks Commission retained interns to complete the required physical survey and property research. This was done at no cost to the homes association. We are hugely grateful for their efforts. With the completion of the research, we are now ready to move on to the second step which consists of completing the "National Register Nomination Form." There is an expense associated with the completion of this form as it is usually done by a qualified professional in the field of historic preservation. Thankfully, the City's Landmarks Commission staff has applied for a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office to assist us in defraying that cost. The Board of the Country Side Homes Association has committed to provide the required 40% in matching funds, up to \$4000, to fully fund the effort. We hope to hear the outcome of the grant application in late December or early in January of 2010. We will continue to keep you updated.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the benefits of being in a National Historic District?

Tax credits are available for those property owners who choose to rehabilitate their homes in accordance to historic preservation standards. This helps to maintain the character of the neighborhood and preserves property values.

If my home becomes part of the National Historic District, will I need to obtain City approval for any work I choose to do in my home?

For properties in a National Historic District, review and approval of improvements is only required if you are pursuing tax credits. If a property owner is

not pursuing tax credits, review and approval of improvements for conformance with historic preservation standards and criteria is not required.

What if I don't want my property to be in the National Historic District?

Before designation all owners have the opportunity to concur with or object to listing at public hearings with the Landmarks Commission and the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Designation is not permitted if the majority of property owners submit objections.

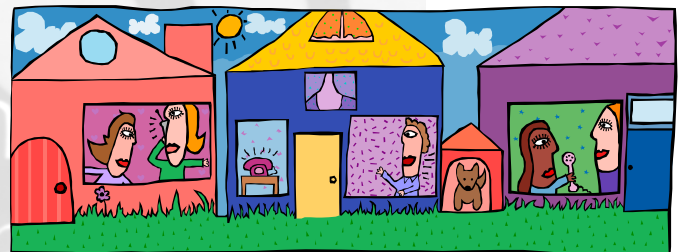
My house is an infill house or newer construction. Can it still be part of the National Historic District?

Yes. The building would be included as a "non-contributing" property. At the present time, tax credits are not available for "non-contributing" properties.

For more information, please check the following resources:

<http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/CityPlanningandDevelopment/CitywidePlanning/HistoricPreservation/index.htm>

<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/>



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Agenda

December 16, Holiday lighting judging

April 3, Easter Egg Hunt

April 13, Annual CountrySide HOA meeting @ To Be Announced - Social hour begins at 6: PM

May 15th, Spring Dumpster Day and Goodwill E-Waste pickup of computers and associated gear, 8:A.M. until noon

July 4th, Kid's bike parade (11: AM – Visitation parking lot at 51st and Main)

September 18th, Annual Picnic held 3 to 7 at our park on 52nd and Brookside

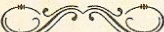

October TBD - Fall Dumpster Day – St. Teresa's parking lot, 8:A.M. until Noon

place until early spring so we hope to have news by the annual meeting.



Please remember to pick up after your dogs. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

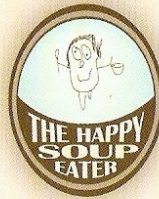
In addition, consider keeping storm drains clear to prevent water backup, and removing vendor signs (for Christmas light installation, leaf removal, roofing, painting, buying distressed properties, etc) from public property such as parkways and light poles. Also, respect your neighbor's property and ask your children to do the same. For instance, the home next to our park on 52nd and Brookside has a stand of bamboo in their yard. It appears that children continually pick, cut, or otherwise destroy the neighbor's efforts to garden because they are right next to the park. Please remind children to be respectful of other people's property.


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PIAC Request Update

Five separate requests for PIAC grants have been submitted on behalf of Countryside. We hope to bring water and better lighting to our park on 52nd and Brookside, as well as get grants to continue the upgrade of our islands. Approval of grants will not take



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The Board meets on the **first Wednesday** (this is a change) of each month at Minsky's beginning at 7: PM. Please contact any board member if you wish to attend so we can put you on the agenda.

CountrySide Website Information

http://www.ha-kc.org/moassoc/Country_Side

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

Advertise to your neighbors

We have begun taking ads for the newsletter as well as the directory which is being compiled. If you are interested in advertising your business, our newsletter reaches approximately 480 homes in the neighborhood. An ad the size of a business card (2" x 3 /12") is \$12 per issue or \$40 for four issues. Larger ads will cost multiples of that rate. Directory prices are \$30 per quarter page (approx 4" h x 5" w).

New Resident Information

Are you new to the neighborhood?
Are you unsure when trash, recycling or bulky items are being picked up?
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.kc.mo.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.

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