

FEBRUARY
2011

WORNALL HOMESTEAD

The Mentor Project

SPEND TIME WITH A CHILD

ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO SUCCEED

Increase educational achievement for all KCMSD scholars by endowing them with caring individuals who will support their aspirations.

SUPPORT THE STUDENTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Become a Mentor

It takes a village to raise a child... that was what I always heard growing up. I was blessed enough to have involved parents and family friends. They held me accountable. They encouraged me. They let me know it was not impossible. Many students in our city today do not have that kind of support. You could be the person who makes a difference in the educational accomplishments of a student. The major difference between scholars in extremely challenging circumstances who are not successful and those in the same circumstances who are

is... resiliency. And a factor that made the difference: a network of caring individuals, according to KCMSD Board President Airick Leonard West. It's about recognizing that the gifts we have could really make a difference for our scholars; it's about choosing to share those gifts. While this often takes the form of mentoring or tutoring, it's inclusive of any one-on-one, intentional relationship building between caring individuals and KCMSD students. There are many ways to learn more or get involved. Visit website: www.be1kc.org or email kgrover@kcmsd.net or call Karen Grover at (816)418-8676 You may also contact your school board member.

GET UP
GET INVOLVED

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 16

Spring Clean Sweep

Dumpsters will be provided next to Triangle park for residents' yard waste and household debris. No chemicals, paint or appliances, please. First come. First served. Start time 9:00 am

Saturday, April 30

Time to clean out the attic Garage Sale

The Wornall Homestead Homes annual garage sale will be on Saturday, April 30th. Check out the great buys in the neighborhood or sell your unwanted treasure.

Monday, July 4

Family Friendly July 4th Parade



The Wornall Homestead July 4th Parade will be on Monday July 4th at 10:00 AM. Meet at Triangle park for a family friendly patriotic parade. Dress up and decorate strollers, bicycles and scooters.

Saturday, October 15

Fall Clean Sweep ! Another opportunity for yard clean up in the autumn!

The Brookside Story - Shops of Every Necessary Character by LaDene Morton

LaDene Morton has written a wonderful book about Brookside from the beginning up to the 2000's. This book is a must read for anyone living in Brookside. The Brookside Story takes you through the early years of planning our community and an inside look at J.C. Nichols. She takes you through each decade beginning before 1920. The Brookside area was the incubator for the Country Club Plaza and Nichols tested all his plans here in our neighborhood first. LaDene has found some great photos of the area as it was being built. Beginning with pictures of the first building at 63rd and Brookside Boulevard (NE corner) being constructed in 1919, the pictures continue with the lumber mill located onsite through 1949 and the various grocery stores of the 1960's.

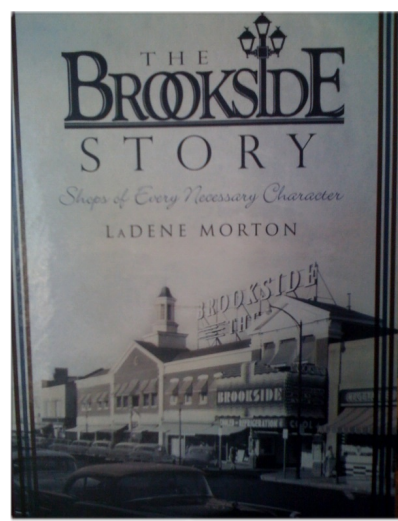
The author takes us through the early years and the great fire when The Brookside Theater burned to the ground in January 1978. She writes about the people, the changes and how J.C. Nichols was ahead of his time.

As you read this book you will not only be proud of the history but how little the area has changed. I would encourage everyone to read this book and soak in the great stories and history that we all share living in Brookside. You also catch a glimpse of various buildings that have been demolished.

LaDene has lived & worked in Brookside for 30 years and worked as a project manager for the Brookside Community Improvement District.

The Brookside Story - *Shops of Every Necessary Character*, by LaDene Morton. Paperback. 126 pgs. Available at Shop Beautiful, The Neighborhood Office and the Brookside Gallery and Framing. Or check out http://www.brooksidestory.com/Home_Page.html

Book review by Virgil Larson



NEWSWORTHY

Crime Prevention

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT
DOING VEHICLE-RELATED CRIME



"If I Were A Thief...I could break into your vehicle and steal your things, or the vehicle itself, in about the time it would take me to put this card under your windshield wiper."

"Your stuff could be gone that fast!"

If I Were a Thief "But you can do some things to stop me, or simply convince me to victimize someone else."

ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE WITH THE WINDOWS ROLLED UP. "Almost half the thefts I pull are from an unlocked vehicle. If a target is too hard - I will move on."

DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OF VALUE IN PLAIN VIEW INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE. "I look for things like cell phones, radios, briefcases, laptops, purses, packages, CDs, GPS devices, and other stuff that means quick cash for me. Even loose change could attract me. You better take anything that looks valuable with you."

KNOW WHEN AND WHERE TO PLACE VALUABLES IN YOUR TRUNK. "I could be watching you arrive at your parking destination - so if you use your trunk, do so well before you park here."

IF YOU HAVE AN ANTI-THEFT DEVICE, USE IT. "I like to work fast and quietly; so I do not like an alarm being set, or a steering wheel "club" being put in place correctly."

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR KEYS IN YOUR UNOCCUPIED VEHICLE. "Even in a second - I could hop in your ride and be gone. I like to hang at convenience stores and I do not care if your kids have to go for a ride too."

REMOVE GPS UNITS/ELECTRONICS AS WELL AS THEIR INDICATORS (MOUNTS/CHARGERS ETC.) "Knowing people will simply place the device in console or glovebox, if I see indicators, I will still break in and take my chances. Once I have your GPS, I know where you live and frequent."
Form 5801 EN/P.D. (8-2009)

MAKE SURE THE LICENSE PLATES ON YOUR CAR ARE PROPERLY SECURED. "I can take your plates, put them on another vehicle, and commit a crime. That gives me your street identity. But if your plates are tightened-down, I will move on."

UPON DARKNESS, OR OVERNIGHT, PARK IN A WELL-LIGHTED AREA. "I prefer working unseen, so I tend to avoid bright lighting. Not only is your car safer, but you will be safer walking to it."

REMOVE SPARE CHANGE FROM CUP HOLDERS OR ASHTRAYS. "I have broken into cars for 35 cents in spare change costing you hundreds of dollars to fix your broken window."

REPORT ANY INCIDENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO POLICE. "Even if I do not commit a crime, by taking or damaging your property, the police need to know if you see me behaving suspiciously. You can make crime harder for me by sharing what you see with police, by calling 9-1-1."

IF YOU DISCOVER A CRIME HAS ALREADY HAPPENED, REPORT IT TOO. "Make a theft or damage report on your loss. Or, you can make life easy for me by not reporting your stuff was taken. No heat. Thanks, victim. If you want to see where I have been busy recently, and reports were made, go to www.kcpd.org and click on Crime Mapping. Theft of Vehicle, Theft-TFA (from auto), and Theft-ACC (attached to) are vehicle-related crimes on the map."

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Calendar

February 12 - WHHA board meeting, 9am, La Cocina, 6227 Brookside

February 15 - Backyard Wildlife Gardens, Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, 759-7300

February 21 - Mayoral Primary debate, 10:45 am, Plaza Library, 4801 Main

February 22 - Election day Mayor/City Council primary

March 12 - WHHA board meeting, 9am, La Cocina, 6227 Brookside

March 12 - Brookside St Patrick's Parade, 2 pm

March 22 - Election day Mayor/City Council

April 2 - Blue River Rescue, Lakeside Nature Center, 4701 E Gregory

Wornall Homestead History

John Wornall House

Our neighborhood namesake is John Wornall, a gentleman farmer born in Kentucky. He moved to Missouri to farm with his father. John Wornall's first wife was Matilda, Her father, Rev. Thomas Johnson, founded the Shawnee Methodist Indian Mission in Kansas in 1831. John and Eliza had seven children. Eliza died on July 5, 1865, a week after the birth of her last child. She was 29 years old. On September 25, 1866, John married Eliza's first cousin, Roma Johnson. They also had two children who lived beyond infancy.

Wornall was one of the more prosperous farmers in Jackson County. The Kansas City Enquirer and Star listed him as one of the "Solid Men of Jackson County," meaning one of those who paid taxes on \$10,000 or more. The 1860 census shows that John Wornall had four slaves and two hired hands.

John Wornall was a leading citizen in Jackson County. He was one of the original members and president (in 1856) of The Jackson County Agricultural and Mechanical Association. The association, founded in Independence in 1853, sought to encourage better methods of farming and introduce superior types of crops.

John was active in the Baptist Church, serving as treasurer and moderator of the Big Blue (later Westport) Baptist Church. He was also a strong supporter of William Jewell College and acted as chairman of its Board of Trustees.

John Wornall co-founded the Kansas City National Bank in



MVSC, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri

JOHN WORNALL HOUSE at the intersection of 61st Ter and Wornall

1870. That same year he was elected to the state senate representing Cass, Jackson, and Bates counties. He served four years before declining re-nomination.

John Wornall's choice of design for his new house expressed many desires. Perhaps it spoke of his determination to civilize the frontier by evoking images of a more settled Kentucky. Perhaps the house was a tangible expression of his position in the community, four Greek columns and pediments were symbolic of aristocratic leadership in a slave society. Wornall's new house was also evidence of his financial stability; many men in the Kansas City area built brick homes when they could afford them. But Wornall's house went beyond providing shelter for his family. Wiley Britton, a young man hired to help build the brick farmhouse, recalled that Wornall had been living in a substantial frame house but desired to build "the most

pretentious house in that section." Wornall chose the site of his new showplace carefully—it was two hundred feet away from the main road that lead south from Westport and headed toward the Santa Fe trail. Passers-by could not help but think that the man living in this landmark house with 25 ft columns was successful. The total cost of \$4,505.69. The house was completed in 1858.

In 2010, the Wornall House and the Alexander Majors House became governed by same board in an effort to preserve historic properties which share such significant Jackson County history.

Please visit the house, become a member, or attend one of the many free events to enjoy and preserve the neighborhood history. To learn more or check the event listing call 444-1858 or visit the Wornall House website at <http://wornallhouse.org/>

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING...

First order of business was voting to fill 3 seats up for election. The seats were held by Sue Scholl, who declined to run again; Eric Youngberg and Virgil Larson, both of whom agreed to run. Nominations were taken from the floor. The new Board members elected were Eric Youngberg, Virgil Larson and Dan Bailey.

A presentation was made by the Wornall Homestead Master Planning Committee. The beautification of an island off 61st and Brookside by the neighbors and the tree and plants placed at the area of 58th and Main were pictorially displayed. There was concern expressed by several homeowners over traffic on Brookside Blvd.

John Rich presented a budget for fiscal 2011.

*Have you had a chance to enjoy the new
Triangle Park?*

Welcome new neighbors!

Nazgol Bagheri, 6027 Brookside
Kevin & Elisabeth Koch, 6101 Brookside
Craig & Kerry Levin, 112 Huntington

Snow! Snow! Snow!

Become a snow buddy or sign up to
have a snow buddy assigned to you...

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*Thank you to Sue Scholl for your
years of service to WHHA!*

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