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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WORNALL HOMESTEAD

Element Wellness · Spa · Studio

The Brookside area is fortunate to have Dr. Kelly Logan and her medical spa in our neighborhood. There are many services here to increase your overall health – just take action and find out for yourself.

Element works on the principle that both Eastern and Western cultures possess merits that encourage health and wellness. When the two are strategically used in conjunction with each other the result produce a catalyst that ultimately facilitates prevention and reversal of un-natural aging and disease while promoting well-being and a healthy lifestyle. (excerpted from their website www.ThriveKC.com)

The business provides yoga for adults and kids; pilates; massage therapy; weight loss and nutrition counseling; anti-aging skin care and Botox for help with migraines. The spa has received great reviews. The space itself is available as an event space venue.

We're glad to have Element as one of our Brookside businesses and we wish Dr. Logan and staff many years of success.

Contact info:

www.ThriveKC.com

(816) 256-4564

Appointment recommended

Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00-6:00

Saturday 10:00-2:00

What's New !!!

Check out the new monument wall at Huntington & Brookside. This is part of a larger project to improve the island on Brookside. Last fall we installed the restored "Birds in Flight" sculpture. This spring we will install some large boulders and landscaping. This is another project that we have funded with Kansas City improvement funds through the PIAC process. This will be a beautiful addition to Wornall Homestead for the next 100 years. Thanks to the WHHA Planning Committee for all their hard work to make this project happen.



Upcoming Events :

July 4th - Kids Parade, Triangle Park 10:00 am

October 20th - Fall Clean Sweep

November 1st - Annual Meeting

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Neighborhood Development News

By Tom Usher

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Wornall Homestead Architects

McKecknie & Trask

John McKecknie (1862-1934) attended Princeton and studied architecture at Columbia. He designed the West Gate Hotel, also called the flat-iron building at 9th and Main in downtown Kansas City. The hotel was torn down in 1954, and a statue, "The Muse of Missouri" now stands in its place in the middle of Main Street. John McKecknie worked on his own for years, designing the Egyptian Revival Stine and McClure Funeral Home at 924 Oak Street. His design for the six-story Gumbel Building at 801 Walnut, completed in 1905, was the first in Kansas City to use reinforced concrete in a large building. Other designs included the massive Calvert Hunt residence at 3616 Gladstone Boulevard, completed in 1904, and the 12-story Gloyd Building at 921 Walnut in 1907.

The prolific McKecknie worked alone until he formed a partnership with **Frank Trask** (1882-1968) in 1914. The prominent firm of McKecknie and Trask was responsible for many buildings throughout the library district including the Dwight building, the Burnap building, the New England Bank building's 1930 addition, the Kansas City Board of Trade building at 10th and Wyandotte and the University Club at 918 Baltimore as well as the Montgomery Ward Building at St. John and Belmont Avenues. They also designed many fine residences throughout midtown.

We have two residences designed by McKecknie & Trask in Wornall Homestead:

The **Bert Inman residence** at 6042 Brookside Boulevard turned one hundred years old on September 18, 2011. It was designed by John McKecknie and was cited in *Western Contractor Magazine* in the September 27, 1911 issue. The garage was added in March of 1914.

The **Robert Mehornay residence** at 5822 Central was designed by Frank E. Trask with construction beginning on November 11, 1911.

These are two fine examples of residences designed by Kansas City's most notable early architects.

By Eric Youngberg



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Website

www.WornallHomestead.org

Want a 1940 photo of your house?

The tax assessor photos of houses in Kansas City taken in 1940 have been transferred from the Landmarks Commission to the Kansas City Public Library. Once the scanning of all of the images is complete, this will allow residents to see images online and order digital photos. Until that is finished, residents may visit the Missouri Valley Room at the Central Kansas City Library at 10th and Baltimore. The Missouri Valley Room is open from 9-5 Monday through Friday and 10-5 on Saturday. Sunday hours vary. Check www.kclibrary.org for details.

Jeremy Drouin is the contact at the library for this effort. He can be reached by telephone at 816.701.3641 or by email at jeremydrouin@kclibrary.org. There is a \$10 charge for the digital image of your house.

Welcome New Neighbors

Jason Hallier
6007 Brookside Blvd.

Scott & Chelsea Hatter
33 W. 57th Street.

Don't miss the July 4th Parade at Triangle Park. 10:00 am start. Treats and prizes for everyone. See you there!

100 Year Old House
Wornall Homestead Homes Association

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Do You Have the Original Plans for your House ?

Through our research on the history of Wornall Homestead's houses, we've discovered that many original building permits did not include an architect, builder or owner's name. If you have original plans to your home and would like to share this information, please contact Eric Youngberg at eyoungberg@nw.org.

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OUR NATION IS BUILT ON

Imagine this:
400 homes in WHHA
Each spends \$50 in the Brookside stores and restaurants
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