

October 2013

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

WORNALL HOMESTEAD

ANNUAL MEETING 2013

 **be here!**

Thursday, November 7th

7:00 p.m.

Country Club United Methodist Church

57th & Wornall

WE GOTTA APPROVE THE BUDGET

NO SEQUESTERING IN THE HOMESTEAD!!!

We need your input, please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The Wornall Homestead Homeowners Association Board: This is an important meeting, because we will be addressing issues that affect you and your neighborhood. The following is an overview of what will be covered:

The WHHA Planning Committee Update: Come and find out what we are working on. Have you noticed the new landscaping that was completed this summer? Updates on Bryant School KCSD disposal plans will be discussed.

Board Elections: We will have elections for 3 of the 9 board positions. Board members serve a 3 year term with 1/3 standing for election each year. The responsibilities include attending monthly meetings; approving the annual budget; heading or serving on a committee planning one of the neighborhood events; approving expenditures for neighborhood maintenance projects. The three current members who are currently up for election are Virgil Larson, Pierce Patterson and Eric Youngberg

Budget and 2014 funding: We will have a review of the annual budget and our funding challenges. This is something new to the Annual Meeting. Normally the budget is approved in February during a board meeting. The board will present the budget to the annual meeting attendees so you know where our homeowner are allocated.

Board Member and Candidate Introductions: They will have the opportunity to meet with you and discuss their ideas and hear yours!

TREE DIVERSITY: UPDATE!!



Ash 20%



Maple 20%



Gum 11%



Oak 9%

As so many of you know, the Emerald Ash Boer is a wood boring beetle that kills Ash trees, having arrived in our area last year. It's expected to infest our Ash trees, which account for at least 20% of all the trees in our neighborhood (see the chart above for distribution of tree type) On some streets, Ash trees account for well over 50% of all the trees on the block. (e.g. 72% on 57th, 65% on 61st Terrace). Once infestation begins, it spreads quickly.

The best solution is plant different kinds of trees that are not susceptible to the disease.

Believe it or not, you have neighbors who have been volunteering along with the Heartland Tree Alliance for the last two years! They've planted 81 trees in the neighborhood. These included Oaks, Lindens, Maples, Ginkgos and Service Berries. This effort diversified our tree-scape by almost 10%! In addition, these species are desirable because they live longer, get less tree damage and are more disease resistant.

On Brookside Boulevard, almost half of the trees are Ash. Losing 50% of our trees would make it pretty tough to claim the status of being a grand "Boulevard!"

Since funding priority is given to those neighborhoods demonstrating collaboration among neighborhoods and that leverage sweat equity by its residents, we teamed up with the South Plaza Neighborhood and the Countryside Neighborhood in a three neighborhood PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) application. We've requested funds to plant trees along the entire length of Brookside Boulevard from the Brush Creek Bridge south to Meyer Boulevard.

Who says we can't all get along?!

This PIAC request is #310500. It covers 2 city council districts, the 4th and the 6th (north of 59th street and south of 59th street respectively). If you support this proposal, please let our PIAC representatives know! They are:

Deb Hermann, Chair 361-1177

4th: Greg Corwin 308-6795 & Jim McDonald 210-7133

6th: Karen Downey 373-1092 & Ruth Turner 516-5977

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

DON'T FORGET!!

**October 26th!!
Clean Sweep
8:00 am**

**Wornall Homestead Fall
clean up! Dumpsters will
be at Triangle Park 8:00
a.m.**

**We will have 2 yard
waste and 1 household
waste dumpsters on a first
come first serve basis.
Metal recycling, clothing
donation also available.**

FACEBOOK



Check out the Wornall Homestead Facebook page Get connected and see what is happening in the neighborhood. Want to post a comment to the neighborhood, let the Board know of a problem. Facebook at Wornall Homestead. sign up to be a friend, give us a "Like"

Contact mark@forsythe4kc.com to get on the E-mail notification list. You will be reminded of all the neighborhood events and kept up to date on things happening in Wornall Homestead.

**New Residents, Welcome to
Wornall Homestead**

Theresa Pattara 112 Huntington Road

Elizabeth & Hagedorn 15 W. 58th Terrace

WORNALL HOMESTEAD ARCHITECTS

Elmer Boillot and Jesse Lauck

Boillot began as a draftsman for the well known architectural firm of Shepard, Farrar, and Wiser before branching out on his own. Lauck (1888-1969) graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and partnered with Boillot in 1907. They designed 23 houses in the Coleman Highlands area with their new architectural firm Boillot and Lauck, as well as The Walnuts at 50th and Wornall and some early Italian Renaissance-style buildings and English cottages in Unity Village. Boillot's self-designed residence is at 920 W. 34th Terrace. They designed a variety of houses in the Sunset Hill area and the Country Club District (including two in Wornall Homestead) and became highly sought after in Mission Hills. In the 1920's they partnered with Nelle E. Peters to design many landmark apartment buildings around the Country Club Plaza including Poets corner, Park Manor (west edge) and Park Castles on Brush Creek Boulevard. They also designed the Phillips Hotel and Tulsa's Ambassador Hotel. The two residences in Wornall Homestead are:



5714 Main Street



6035 Wyandotte Street



TINY says **"BE SAFE on Halloween and go to THE Brookside Halloween Party**
Brookside Merchants
4:00-6:00 pm
Thursday, October 31st



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Now is the time....

September & October is the best time to renovate your yard, it's easy! as 1, 2, 3, 4

- 1) Rent a verticutter , you can rent them by the hour at any rental outlet or many hardware stores have them for rent as well. run the verticutter over the entire yard, don't worry about over doing it. tear it up good.
- 2) Buy some good grass seed. you need to consider sun conditions in your yard. but a good tall fescue works well in this area. always use fresh seed ,don't use that bag left over from spring that's sitting in the garage. spread the seed liberally over the area.
- 3) run the verticutter over the area one more time to work the seed into the ground.
- 4) Most important step!!! water, water ,water. keep the ground moist not soaked. water every day for the next 10 days andTa Da! grass.

Then just wait until next spring, it will come up full and green and look like a golf course. you will have all you neighbors envying your beautiful yard.

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Mailed to 400 Brookside homes and residents

Imagine this:

400 homes in WHHA

Each spends \$50 in the Brookside stores and restaurants per month

= \$20,000 per month to keep our area thriving

= \$240,000 per year that keeps our neighbors employed

the
3/50
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OUR NATION IS BUILT ON