

NEIGHBORHOOD!

NEWS IN THE HISTORIC GILLHAM-MAIN NEIGHBORHOOD

JANUARY 1980

NEW SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND DRIVEWAYS NEED TENDER LOVING CARE

The contractor has put a protective surface sealer on your new sidewalks, curbs and driveways, but your help is needed to avoid flaking, scaling, and pitting and to insure long life for the concrete. The following guidelines will help you to do this:

1. Don't use any deicing chemical the first winter under any circumstances.
2. The only safe material to use to make the concrete surface skid resistant is plain sand.
3. Never use deicers containing ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulphate.
4. After the first winter, if sodium chloride (common salt) or calcium chloride are to be used as deicers apply a concrete sealer each fall for protection. These can be painted or sprayed on.
5. Read carefully the label on any product you buy to use for deicing concrete. Many products advertised and sold as safe for use on concrete appear to cause flaking and scaling of concrete surfaces to which they are applied.

that their use may result in flaking and scaling of concrete surfaces to which they are applied. Contrary to the representations made for such products, they may cause damage to concrete surfaces.

This information is from a pamphlet distributed by members of the Missouri Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Inc.#

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A report released by the Federal Trade Commission warns consumers that the Federal Trade Commission has investigated reports of damage to concrete surfaces caused by chemical products marketed for use in melting snow and ice on sidewalks, driveways, and other concrete surfaces. These products often contain and rely on calcium chloride, ammonium sulphate, nitrates, or other chemicals for their effectiveness.

Although these products are often represented to be safe for use on concrete, it appears

UNASSUMING HOME HIDES SIGNIFICANCE by Dennis Pierce

To assume that only the larger homes of our neighborhood are historically or architecturally significant is to miss many an interesting story. For example, not many people notice the unassuming two-story wood frame house at 4334 McGee. Yet this house is the oldest on that block and was once home to one of the neighborhood's most prominent residents.

Orson Hansford Swearingen was only 30 years old when he built the house in 1901. He had been elected to the City Council of Kansas City in 1899, just two years after receiving his law degree from Missouri State University. He also served as assistant county prosecutor. In 1911 he was elected state representative from the second district to the Missouri General Assembly where he served as chairman of the appropriations committee. In 1923, at the age of 52, Mr. Swearingen and his wife Ruby moved out to a place north of Independence, on what is now Swearingen Road. But for 22 years, they lived in that little known house on McGee.

Many of the houses in our neighborhood were home to prominent Kansas Citians. Each and every one of them has an interesting history. The Missouri Valley Room of the Main Library has copies of the old city directories listing the residents of each property. Since the 1920s these have listings by street address. Other sources are names from city water and buildings permits.#

CONTINUING REVITALIZATION-- 90-MINUTE CLEANERS REOPENS

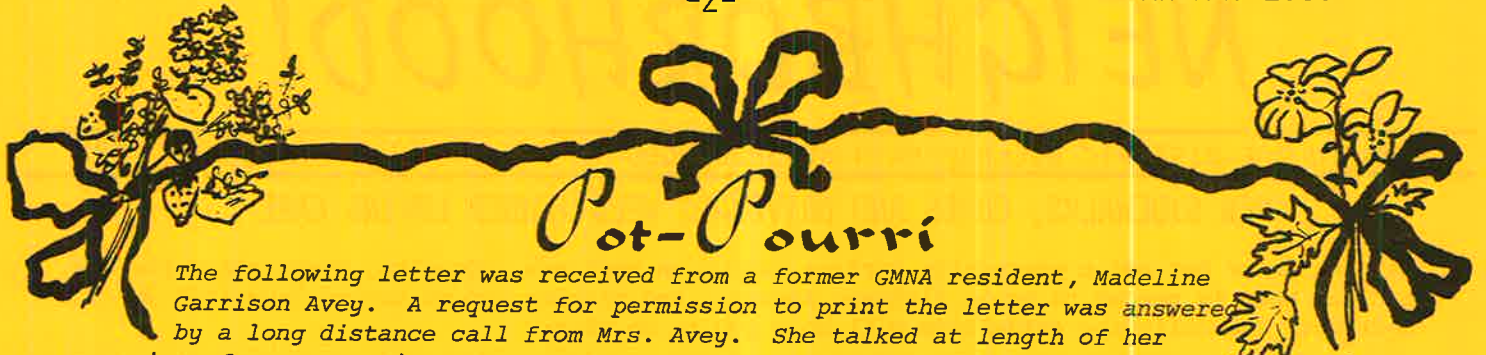
90-Minutes Dry Cleaners, owned and operated by Charles Jefferson, has reopened at 39 Main Street. The building was completely demolished in a fire in November, 1978, and has been totally redone inside and out. Attracting over 800 customers a week from all over the city (Mr. Jefferson noted that steady customers streamed in from points as distant as Shawnee, Mission and North Kansas City) before it had to close following the fire, the 90-Minute Cleaners brought customers to other nearby Main Street Shops.

Personalized service is Mr. Jefferson's goal--he works hard at knowing his customers by name and offering individual service. Recognizing that area residents form the core of business for many of the Main Street shops, he makes a special effort to make them feel welcome.

Keenly interested in the revitalization of the Main Street shops and of the area, Mr. Jefferson said that area shop owners are forming a group to further improve the Main Street area. One of the first things that needs to be changed, he felt, was the erroneous idea that part of Main is "blighted". On the contrary, it is being rejuvenated by owners like Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson said that his business has grown each year, and that he has never had a failing year. This, coupled with the extremely attractive remodeling job done on the building, offer strong evidence against the "blighted" theory.

The business aims to price its services "cheaper than anyone else". There is no extra charge for the 90-Minute Service. They do dry cleaning and some laundry--shirts, jeans, pants, etc.--but no bundle or flat work. Drop in and meet Mr. Jefferson--and soak in some of the friendly atmosphere there!#

PATRONIZE AREA BUSINESSES



The following letter was received from a former GMNA resident, Madeline Garrison Avey. A request for permission to print the letter was answered by a long distance call from Mrs. Avey. She talked at length of her memories of our area--it was great fun reviewing our past and a great boost to the morale to hear her encouraging words for our efforts at revitalization. The letter, reprinted with Mrs. Avey's permission, follows:

Morro Bay, California 93442
November 25, 1979

Dear Ruth Allen:

When I visited Kansas City this past summer there was much to do and see as I'd been away for more than twenty-five years. My cousins and aunt gave me a nostalgic tour of former neighborhoods - some the worse for wear. So, you see, the article on Gillham-Main area (Kansas City Times of November 16, '79) was read with more than casual interest.

Soon after my family arrived in Kansas City from Omaha in 1920, we lived in a 2-story house at 3745 Warwick Blvd. I believe it has since been torn down - on a Warwick corner. The house directly in back had a beautiful stand of tall trees separating the properties. Next door to us lived the Harry Nicolets; he was financial editor of the Star. I can vouch for the lack of neighborliness in those days, but my younger brother and sister had many friends; they attended Westport High School and Southwest, respectively. Mother's friend, Mrs. Hal Gaylord, lived in the area also.

A 3-story, attractive roomy apartment belonging to Judge Meade we occupied next, which was located on the same side of Warwick, 3819. From there my brother attended the George B. Longan school. The Wornalls lived across the street from that address, and the Cockles, whose young son was my brother's playmate.

An apartment at 4146 Warwick, belonging to Dr. Damon Walthall, was our next abode. It was a fine building, but the elevator was constantly being stuck with someone in it. The Hundleys were occupants, as were Al Nelson and his grandmother, his father, and uncle French Nelson. In 1939, just before coming to California, my sister Millicent lived in a Warwick studio apartment with her artist husband, Walter Alexander Bailey, but somehow I lost track of that address. Walter, my father, sister and I were all employed at the Star. Walter's murals (1936) in the Music Hall are fine examples, and too there are dioramas in the Indian Room of Nelson Gallery, from Taos, N.M. subjects.

Our last address was 6117 Main Street, a Nichols house my father purchased in the Country Club district--still very well kept up. We came to California in 1940 - the same year I married Larry Avey, a Kansas City Kansas employed in the Star's composing room.

CHOICE OF PAINT ACCENTS OR HIDES

With a little imagination, paint can work minor miracles in a room. Painting a high ceiling with a darker tint than the walls will make it seem lower conversely, white paint makes a ceiling seem loftier. #

Thank you for your contribution to the article, which I have sent on to my brother in Colorado (Littleton).

And, best wishes for the holiday - the one time I MISS snow!

Sincerely,
Madeline Garrison Avey

Please direct contributions for Pot-Pourri to Ruth Allen (931-4998) & Susan Malland (561-5844).

EXAMPLES OF EXTERIOR CODE VIOLATIONS

Grounds: Trash, debris, garbage and uncut weeds on property--abandoned motor behicles, appliances and furniture stored on property --dead and dangerous trees or limbs--rodent infestation--poor drainage causing water to stand on property--lumber and other building materials not stored 12 in. above ground--vehicles being parked on property in a location other than a garage, hard surfaced driveway or parking lot.

Exterior of Buildings: Pain peeling off of wall siding, shingles, wood trim or ferrous metal gutters and downspouts--broken or missing roof shingles--roof eaves with rotted soffit and fascia boards--Loose, broken or missing gutters and downspouts--broken or missing downspout splash blocks--cracked or missing stucco--deteriorated mortar joints in brick, concrete block or stone walls and chimneys--broken glass and torn or missing screens in windows--breaks and settlement in foundation walls and piers--sagging porch floors and roofs--broken porch floor boards and railings--stairs with missing or broken members or railings--lack of hand-rails for any exterior stairs with four or more steps--detached garages in deteriorated condition--sidewalks or driveways on private property deteriorated to the point of being hazardous --retaining walls or fences in deteriorated condition.

The City's enforcement procedure for exterior code violations falls into the following 8 steps: (1) Initial inspection of exterior of property, either from a complaint filed with the city or a neighborhood inspection. (2) Inspection results are communicated to the owner, (3) Contact with the Inspections Office by the cited owner, (4) Reinspection to document correction of the violation, (5) Notice and order letter sent to woner for failure to correct violation, (6) Appeal by owner to the City's Appeals Board, (7) Reinspection to verify if violation has been corrected or if work is underway, (8) Municipal Court, where owner can be fined or imprisoned. If you're concerned about the exterior of a property in the GMNA area, contact Scott Helmholz at 753-4260.

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Sandblasting Blasted:

USE OF ALTERNATIVE CLEANING METHODS ENCOURAGED

Preservation Brief #6, Dangers of Abrasive Cleaning to Historic Buildings, published by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior argues convincingly against the use of sandblasting and other extreme cleaning methods, and offers limited alternatives.

Compiled and written by Anne E. Grimmer, the report finds that abrasive cleaning methods are responsible for causing considerable damage to historic building materials.

Abrasive cleaning methods are described as all techniques that physically abrade the building surface to remove soil, discolorations or coatings.

Any abrasive materials, such as sand or ground slag, used to abrade a surface under pressure, may be physically as well as aesthetically damaging to an old surface. These methods tend to erode the surface of the building material, causing irreversible harm.

If the building is brick, abrasives remove the hard, outer protective surface, making the brick more susceptible to rapid weathering and deterioration, and may increase the water permeability of the wall. It also tends to erode the bond between mortar and brick, leaving cracks or enlarging existing cracks.

Plaster and stucco, softer than brick, are even more severely damaged by abrasives. Abrasive cleaning of building stones, such as limestone or granite, removes both the prized finish and protective patina from the stone.

---IMPORTANT---

Ms. Barbara Schenkenberg, Assistant City Attorney with responsibility for housing matters, will speak about neighborhood code enforcement strategies at the next GMNA General Meeting on February 12.

Abrasive cleaning of wood leaves an uneven surface with raised grain. It also obliterates tool marks, fine carving and detailing.

Softer metals used architecturally, such as lead, tin, zinc or copper, are easily dented or pitted by these methods.

Recommended methods for cleaning historic building fabrics, include a low-pressure water wash, scrubbing with a natural bristle (never

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a metal bristle) brush, steam cleaning and commercially available chemical cleansers or paint removers. Chemical cleaners, used in combination with water or steam to remove any residue of the cleaner from the surface, can be quite effective.

Over the Teacups

NEIGHBORLINESS REINSTATED

Old-fashioned neighborliness is being re-established on the 4300 Block of Warwick Boulevard! Block residents gathered en force at the beautiful home of Colonel and Mrs. Arthur Allen on Sunday, January 20, to re-establish friendships, meet and welcome newcomers, and share neighborhood concerns over coffee.

Seeking to improve their one-block community, residents agreed to watch each other's property (and to report any unusual activity), to keep their porch lights burning all night, and to remain concerned about each other.

The importance of knowing each other, keeping in touch, and working together to resolve neighborhood problems was discussed.

A list of residents, with their phone numbers and addresses, was distributed. Elated by the success of Block Organization in progress, neighbors committed themselves to meet every six months--solving problems over their tea cups!



Pot-Pourri

Christmas Eve callers at the home of the Raymond E. Barta's, 4320 McGee, were met by a real, live Santa Claus--in the form of one very small Chihuahua-wire haired terrier on hind legs barking greetings through the glass door--and wearing a Santa Claus coat and hat! The hat managed to stay in place at least long enough for the visitors to get the message.

Here's a cheerful note for a dreary winter day. Spring is coming! With spring come thoughts of house repairs and redecoration and yard revitalization. Johnson Brothers Hardware, 3421 Main, offers members of the Gillham-Main Neighborhood Association a 10% discount off everything except sale items. Use these dull days to plan your spring activities then take your 1980 membership card to Johnson Brothers and get your supplies in hand. Then you can't make excuses to yourself for not getting started as soon as you are "hit" with spring energy.

John W. Lottes, president of the Kansas City Art Institute, has been elected secretary of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Kansas City Arts Council, established to help some 250 local arts organizations coordinate their activities.

Frank S. (Sandy) Jennings, 4315 Warwick, and Virginia Jennings Nadeau, who lived many years in Gillham-Main, have moved a family business from Independence to 4558 Main. Jennings Interiors is beautiful furniture, an almost endless selection of drapery and upholstery fabrics, a fascinating array of home accessories, - -

and a showroom overlooking Mill Creek

Support Your Neighborhood--
Join Gillham-Main Association!

Park. The firm was founded in Independence by Sandy and Virginia's father, the late Frank S. Jennings, in 1941. During the World War II shortage of furniture Mr. Jennings made furniture. Sandy, Virginia and their mother became interested, then completely involved. Now, thirty-nine years later, the business occupies the "point" of the English-style buildings on the west side of the 45th block of Main. The trim of the buildings has been painted interesting colors, in the Victorian tradition, additional interior reconstruction will provide office space and allow for expansion, and plans are under way for a terrace on the west side to permit easy access from a parking lot. The coming of Jennings Interiors is a giant step in the revitalization of this section of Main.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 11 E. 40th, was constructed on that site in 1891 and has stood strong on that corner ever since providing all manner of service to this community through wars, flood, depression, and many changes in the area. The present rector and his staff continue these sound traditions of service. We are pleased to have with us: Rev. Peter M. Sturtevant, Rector; Rev. John McCann, Associate; Rev. Dr. Bruce Rahtjen, Associate; L. Goodman Simonds, Parish Administrator; Mrs. Savannah Hamburg, Mrs. Sandra Craig, Mrs. Emelie Stone and Miss Ruth Balluff, Administrative staff.

If you live, work or own property within the Gillham-Main Neighborhood (39th to 44th and 45th, Main Street to Gillham Road and Rockhill), we want you as a member.

Annual dues of one dollar (\$1) per person (50% under age 18) are due upon membership. For an additional \$1 you can receive the newsletter by mail.

Bring your dues to this month's meeting and get acquainted or mail in your dues with the blank below.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Do you wish to be listed in the directory? YES _____ NO _____

Mail to: Gertrude Riley, Treasurer, 4101 Warwick, K.C. Mo. 64111

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TEST YOUR NEIGHBORLINESS IN THIS QUIZ--IF YOU DARE!

Think you're a pretty good neighbor, huh? Keep your grass mowed and the house painted, and even put in some urns with geraniums by the front door? Well, what would you do in the basic situations described below? Good Neighbor answers on back page.

1. The paint on Joe's house two doors down is peeling. Do you:
 - a. Ignore it--You've talked about it several times over the past two years, and sooner or later he'll repaint.
 - b. call the city--let them worry about it.
 - c. Discuss the problem with the GMNA exterior codes chairperson and proceed as they recommend--including follow-up calls if necessary.
2. Driving by that house four doors away--the one where those new people moved in a month or two ago, the ones you haven't gotten around to meeting yet--you think that you catch a glimpse of an unfamiliar figure disappearing behind the house. Do you:
 - a. forget it--you haven't met them, and don't know their habits. It's probably one of their kids playing hooky anyway.
 - b. go over and investigate--find out for yourself what's going on.
 - c. call the police.
3. Out walking your dog you can't help but be annoyed at the candy bar wrappers and empty bottles dropped or flung into the grass, along the street. Do you:
 - a. call Don and grouse about the lousy neighborhood and trashy people.
 - b. call the exterior codes chairperson and complain.
 - c. pick up the trash.

4. The City finally gets the owner of that rental house up the street--the one with the bricks falling off the front and the big foundation cracks--in court for codes violation. The inspector asks you to come to the court hearing as a neighborhood witness. Do you:
 - a. decline--you don't want your neighbor mad at you, and the city can take care

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of it.

- b. go--you appreciate the city's support and realize that your presence will encourage the city inspectors and possibly affect the judge's decision.
 - c. tell the GMNA president about the hearing--if it's important he'll get someone to go.
5. Glancing out the window one evening you notice two cars full of people parked in front of your house. Odd, since they don't belong there. Do you:
 - a. call the police and report suspicious activity.
 - b. go to bed. The police have enough problems and they probably won't come out anyway.
 - c. go out and ask the driver if you can help them.
 6. Even though Jack has front and back porch lights, he only turns them on when someone rings the doorbell--his place is usually dark outside at night. Do you:
 - a. ask him to leave both lights burning all night, explaining that you are more likely to notice someone lurking in the shadows around the house if the lights are on, and that the darkness helps to conceal burglars casing out your house next door, offering them a place to hide till you go out or to bed!
 - b. turn your outside lights off--if nobody else is going to do it, why bother!
 - c. ask the GMNA Crime Prevention Chairperson to call him--that's his job isn't it?

news notes

Crime Prevention: Concerned about area crime? A representative from the KCMo Police Department will discuss crime prevention at the March 11 Gillham-Main General Meeting. Come share your concerns and learn what you can do about them!

Reward Offered: GMNA is offering a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who robbed and assaulted Hazel Palmer at 4404 Walnut in October, 1979. Contact the KCMo Police Department if you have such information.

Justice is Blind: Even though he was no longer the owner of record when the case finally came up in Municipal Court, the former owner of 4326 Rockhill Rd. was found guilty on six charges of violating the city exterior maintenance code and duly fined by a Municipal Court Judge. Unsuccessful attempts by city inspectors to get the owner to make repairs which would bring the house up to city code resulted in a citation. A few days later the property was sold. The judge found that the owner of record on the date of the citation was responsible for the violations even though he no longer owned the property when the case came before the court.

WOOD FINISHES

Take it from a pro--instrument maker Brooks Herndon, whose interest in classical instrument making brought about an interest in 19th century wood finishes. According to him old-fashioned wood finishes are generally longer wearing, less toxic and more resilient than synthetics (eg. urethanes)! Shellacs, lacquers and varnishes penetrate the wood, offering more protection than a simple oil finish.



Pot-Pourri

To John Kelley a very special "Thank You" from Gillham Main in particular and all of Westport in general for his tremendous help toward the success of Westport Tomorrow's fund-raising Chilly Day, Chili Day! As billed, it was a chilly day, but it was good food, good fun, good firends--and good funds!

That an old house is full of surprises isn't news to Melissa Perine and Tom Johnston, 4313 Walnut. Every few days they discover some feature they hadn't noticed. The house was bought recently by Dorothy Perine, Melissa's mother, from Dr. William McCowatt who bought it at auction from the estate of Betty Ross. Dr. McCowatt's real estate and old house rehabilitation company did most of the major reconstruction of interior and exterior.

The house was deconverted from duplex to single unit, composition-asphalt siding was removed to reveal wooden siding which was repaired then painted Newport blue with English Ivory trim, interior walls were repaired and painted, kitchen and bathrooms updated, insulation was installed, a custom-made stained glass window added, and much wood-work stripped and refinished.

Melissa and Tom have undertaken the time-consuming work of further interior reclamation. A corner fireplace in the parlor has its mantel and carved wood trim in good condition and most of the rose-green-white tiles are in place--though Melissa had to strip a thick coat of varnish from the tiles to show their true color. And a strip of medallion trim around the edge of the firebox which was thought to be black-painted iron appears to be coming up brass.

Sliding doors work, much of the original embossed hardware has survived though covered with varnish--a project of the future, several original ceiling fixtures are in place--more stripping-polishing and the subject of a search for antique glass globes, and the balustrade is whole--always good news for an old house owner.

Like all working on an old house Melissa's conversation jumps from curtains to stripping, to finding parts, to color schemes. Her interest in the project is not a surprise as her mother, who lives in Arkansas, is an architect, and her brother, who has been living in Brussels for eight years, is also an architect. Melissa was

born in New Orleans and lived in Houston, Tulsa, St. Louis and elsewhere before coming to Kansas City to study at the Kansas City Art Institute where she is a sophomore in design.

Tom grew up in Boulder, Colorado, and is studying nursing at Avila College. Many decisions and hours of work are still ahead. Melissa says she loves landscaping and can hardly wait until all the construction debris and trash is hauled from the yard and she can get to work on that.

Belnord Court has a new look. In fact it has new owners and a new name. The seven 6-unit brick buildings forming a court at 4024-4050 Warwick have been purchased by two Portland, Oregon, Men who have renamed it Westport Commons and are in the process of considerable interior and exterior improvements. Outside trim has been painted blue with ivory and touches of red and new name signs are in place. The exterior improvements thus far accomplished are another step in "Beautify Gillham Main".

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

Neighborliness Quizzed

So you dared--1c; 2c; 3c; 4b; 5a; 6a.

Did you score as a six-star neighbor? The true test is in your actions--what you are doing to actively support the neighborhood and your neighbors--and not in your ability to guess the "right" way. What have you actually done to help solve neighborhood problems--there's the rub--how do actions compare with intentions?

If you've actually encountered a situation similar to one of those described--and responded in the "starred" manner--then you're on the right track.

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OUR BEAT: FRONT PORCH SWINGS BEST CRIME DETERRENT

According to Officer Krogman, a member of the Crime Prevention Unit of the Kansas City Police Department, most residential burglaries are committed during the day by someone who knows the area. In the heyday of the front porch swing, residents knew everyone in the neighborhood and there were lots of nosy neighbors to notice any unusual or suspicious activity and report it to Officer O'Reilly as he made his rounds.

If you want to protect your home today without swapping the privacy of your back yard for the swing, you may have to trade a little bit of your anonymity for some good old-fashioned neighborliness--One of the most important ways of protecting your home is to know your neighbors:

- * make them fully aware of your family's living habits--who comes and goes to your house and when. Get to know theirs equally well.
- * when you are familiar with regular visitors, strangers in the neighborhood are easy to spot. If you notice a stranger who appears to be doing something out of the ordinary, call the police immediately.

Discouraging burglars by making entry so difficult that the prowler will go elsewhere in search of an easier victim will also help. Use:

- * substantial door and window locks.
- * exterior lights at night when you're home, plus interior lights when you're not.
- * a good watch dog (but be sure that a "doggy door", if you install one, is not the way in for a burglar as well as the dog).

When you're at home take extra care to guard against intruders since your personal safety is also at stake!

- * keep outside doors locked.
- * never admit strangers under any pretext.
- * install a chain lock or have caller

news notes

Spring Cleanup: April 21 has been slated by the City for spring cleaning in the Gillham-Main area. On that day city trucks will pick up all items placed at curbside. Since bulky item pickup has been dropped from the city budget (which starts May 1), it may be your last chance until next year to dispose of any white elephants!

Revitalizing Main: Seven of the nation's top commercial revitalization specialists, led by Howard Kohn of Baltimore, will conduct a workshop with Main Street businesses on April 19-20. Emphasizing the area from Armour Blvd. to 43rd St., the workshop will produce a practical plan for improving Main Street.

Further information is available from G. Patterson or S. Blevins, Westport Tomorrow, 753-2611. Don't miss this workshop if you're concerned about Main Street! Saturday, 19 April, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sunday, 20 April, 1-4 p.m.

Neighborhood Directory: Cut-off date for the new revised neighborhood director is May 31--rush your dollar, for GMNA membership, to the next GMNA meeting (or use the blank on the back) if you want to be included!

identify himself.

- * report any solicitor or salesman without proper credentials to the police.
- * don't keep valuables out in the open.

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When you're on vacation, add the following precautions:

- * have milk, newspaper and other delivery services discontinued during your absence.
- * have telephone temporarily disconnected.
- * arrange for lawn care and removal of circulars.
- * have the Post Office hold or forward your mail, or have a neighbor collect it daily.
- * ask a neighbor to check your home periodically to be sure light timer is working and to vary lights and position of drapes.
- * don't publicize vacations ahead of time. Many thieves watch local papers for accounts of vacationers.

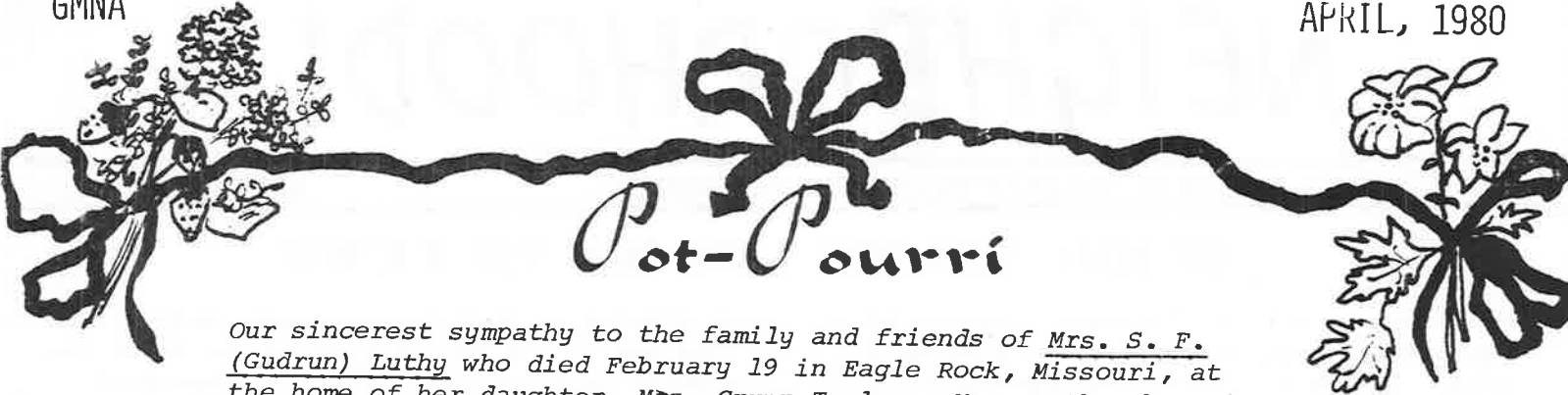
If, when you return from a trip, or indeed, even a trip to the store, and there are obvious signs of a burglary, DO NOT ENTER your home. Call the police from a neighbor's house and wait until they arrive.

On request, an officer from the Crime Prevention unit will go through your house step-by-step and make recommendations on improving the security of your home.

Hats Off to Consumers!

As if the friendly and top-quality service for which they're so well-known weren't enough of a community service, Consumers Printing is extending their finesse further into the neighborhood by printing this newsletter!

Printing standards are set by owner Arietta Mallory, one of the top presswomen in the city. Naomi Crouthers, former owner, liked the business so much that she stayed on as Arietta's bookkeeper and office staff after selling her the business. They're so good that they do a lot of job-printing for the bigger print shops. And if you still need convincing, just drop in--the steady stream of contented customers will have you spacing out your orders--just so you can have an excuse to go in and bask in the warmth of this friendly shop! Consumers Printing, 8 Westport Rd, Kansas City, Mo. 8 - 4 Monday - Thursday, 8 - 12:30 Friday.



Pot-Pourri

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. S. F. (Gudrun) Luthy who died February 19 in Eagle Rock, Missouri, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Crump Taylor. Mrs. Luthy, born in August 1892, came to this area as a very small child, when, as she liked to recount, Gillham Road was a stream known to people in the area as Big Creek. She grew up in a house at 4024 Locust, then moved to 4022 Locust where she lived until very recently when she moved to 4016 Warwick. She was a member of the Westport Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Johnson County, Kansas.

In a few months the Gillham-Main Neighborhood Association will be seven years old. As time has passed for the Association so has it passed for people. Now some of our charter members, early tireless workers, and strong supporters can no longer take as active a part as they once did. To Bob and Eunice Collins, Ray and Betty Culp, Irene Barta, Forrest Spaun, Gertrude Irwin, Frankie Loewer, Ford Simcox, Louise Glynn, and, we're sure, many others unknown to us Johnny-come-latelies, we say, "Thank you for giving us a sound launching and propping us up when we wavered so that the Gillham-Main Association has survived to approach a seventh birthday. We promise to carry our legacy toward a fourteenth."

The "Neighborhood" in Gillham-Main is a lot of things. The man who through all kinds of weather--freezing and broiling--moves many of his neighbors' newspapers from curbside delivery to a safe spot at their doors; the couple, tenants of an apartment building, who, when their property owner was incapacitated, cleaned gutters, swept walks, and picked up trash; the young couple who took the dog injured by a hit-and-run automobile to the veterinarian immediately--then searched for the owner; the members of the household who set out sawhorses with red flags to give warning of a power line downed by a sleet storm; the young man who saw Fourth-of-July bottle rockets hitting a house and immediately called the property owner; the two ladies who never say "No" to a request for baked goods; the strong arms, willing backs, and big smiles of the Kansas City Art Institute and UMKC Conservatory students who pushed countless vehicles out of snow piles--especially during the winter of 78-79; the men and women who make endless telephone calls trying to locate the owners of lost pets; the couple

who helped the car-pool mother when her station wagon broke down in a busy intersection--she took the children to school, he stayed with the driver and helped her get aid for the vehicle; the surprising number of people who regularly carry sacks picking up trash as they go about the area; the people who check on the elderly who are alone. Little things. Isolated incidents. Taken one at a time--maybe so. Add them up-- Gillham-Main is a neighborhood!

new game

To-Pick-A Topic

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NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
 STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 DO YOU WISH TO BE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY? YES _____ NO _____

Mail to: Gertrude Riley, Treasurer, 4101 Warwick, Kansas City, Mo. 64111

NEIGHBORHOOD!

News in the Historic Gillham-Main Neighborhood

May 1980

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Featuring an impressive variety of topics, each of considerable interest to area residents, the Kansas City Neighborhood Development Conference and Workshops will take place Saturday, May 31 at Penn Valley Community College.

The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a social hour beginning at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for attendance, and lunch will be provided.

Penn Valley Community College is located at 32nd Street and the Southwest Trafficway in Kansas City, Missouri. Three Metro Bus routes pass the college--31st Street, Broadway and Roanoke.

Reservations, schedule and information are available from the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance, One West Armour Boulevard, Suite 19, Kansas City, Mo. 64111; Telephone: 561-3425.

Sponsored by the Neighborhood Alliance with assistance from the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, the program of workshops includes the following topics: Researching Your Neighborhood (history, property ownership, lending and redlining); Organizing for Community Participation (setting goals, running a meeting, block networks, getting people involved); Co-op Projects (gardening, tool banks, food coops and credit unions); Property Maintenance Problems (code enforcement, clean-up projects, vacant houses and lots); Promoting Your Neighborhood (flyers, newsletters, slide shows, publicity and special events); Energy and Housing (energy audits, insulation, heating and cooling); Crime Prevention Programs (Block watching, locks, identification and other programs); Fundraising (foundation grants, Missouri

N.A.P., fairs, homes tours); Self-Rehab Work and Restoration (slides and discussion about rehab techniques and historic styling); City and Federal Programs (Rehab loans, public improvements, subsidized housing and other programs); Business-Neighborhood Cooperation

Tuesday
13 May General Meeting

Thursday
22 May Executive Meeting

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(Working with large and small businesses in your community).

Art Institute student Barry W. Byrd gained neighborhood accolades for his remarkably alert and concerned behavior which saved the life of a 76-year-old neighbor. Barry entered a burning apartment and rescued an elderly neighbor who had been robbed and bound by an intruder.

Open House at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, on May 18, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Children welcome; refreshments will be served, and music and other entertainment will be featured on the front porch and side veranda of this historic house.

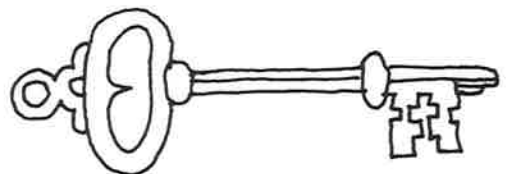
New Construction on the southeast corner of 41st and Main is for a Hardee's Restaurant.

Things to do before a vacation trip

Taking a vacation trip this year? Before you leave home, there are a number of things you can do to discourage burglars from breaking into your home or apartment while you're away.

- Discontinue deliveries and arrange to have someone take care of your mail.
- Have someone mow your lawn or, if you're taking a winter trip, clear your walks and drive of snow.
- Ask a neighbor to use your garbage can. An empty one is a sure sign that the house is not being lived in.
- Ask a neighbor to park a car in your driveway.
- Install timing devices or ask a neighbor to turn lights and radio on and off at appropriate times, day and night

- Notify neighbors and local police that you are taking a trip, so they can keep an eye on your house.



- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor who can look inside your house daily and rearrange drapes or blinds to give the house a "lived in" look.
- Keep the garage or tool shed locked so that the burglar can't use your ladder, your saw, your pry bar, or other tools to break in and enter.



Pot-Pourri

Our sincerest sympathy to the friends of Miss Annette A. Castle, 88, who died April 8 at Our Lady of Mercy Home. Mis Castle was born June 13, 1891, in Czechoslovakia. She came to the United States in 1907 at age 16, landing from an immigrant ship in New York. She went to Chicago where she worked for a time in a factory then at about 18 became one of the famous Fred Harvey waitresses. Work with Fred Harvey brought her to Kansas City and she eventually settled here permanently. For 45 years she was manager of food service and switchboard operator at Rockhill Manor. For 40 of those years she lived at Rockhill Manor, and then for 5 years at 4023 Locust. After retirement, she lived in a retirement home for 16 years before moving to Our Lady of Mercy three years ago. She was a member of Redemptorist Fathers Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Frank P. Menown, 88, who died April 2 at Veterans Hospital. Mr. Menown was born July 20, 1891, and moved with his parents and sister to 4127 Warwick in 1897. During World War I he served in Europe a year, principally in France delivering ammunition to the front and in Germany. He married Helen Magill June 8, 1932. He is survived by Mrs. Menown and a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Furr. Mr. Menown was a pipefitter working out of Local 533. Two of the last buildings he worked on before retirement were the Blue Cross Building and the Standard Building. He was a member of the Westport Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Floral Hills Cemetery.

Mr. Menown was a great source of historical information. His father owned a spice and tea company at Third and Delaware, mixing his own spices and delivering by wagon. His mother and sister were much interested in horses and rode many times with the late Lulu Long Combs, taking the red ribbons behind Mrs. Combs' blue. Family transportation was horse and buggy with his mother most often holding the reins. At the time the family moved from East 10th Street to this area, 4127 Warwick was new and Mr. Menown always said that his mother finished the house! The only other houses in the block were 4100, 4145 and 4154 (now a vacant lot). The area was so undeveloped that the Menowns kept a cow. He often told that when Rollins School was built in 1904 he and his classmates were marched in formation from their old school to the new building. Mr. Menown was very proud of his long association with this neighborhood.

Eight residents of Gillham-Main participated in Westport in the 80s Day held March 22 at the Community Christian Church, 4600 Main. Katherine Sharp and Joseph Oshiver worked with the group on Historic Preservation while Larry Downs served with the team on the Arts. Bridget Helmholtz served as facilitator for the Gillham-Main group which included

Dennis Pierce, Brooks Herndon, Scott Helmholtz and Ruth Allen. The workshop was sponsored by Westport Tomorrow and the Westport Community Council and was conducted by Mrs. Beth Smith and Dr. Gerry Brown of the Center for Management Development, UMKC. Mrs. Smith and Dr. Brown ably led the delegates through a series of brainstormings with the aim that by day's end each group would have set a "do-able" goal and established an action plan of who would do what, when and how to accomplish that goal. Gillham-Main's goal is increased membership and active participation of a greater number of members. To that end September has been set aside as membership month--the Gillham-Main membership year is October 1, to October 1. The all-day event was very well organized and conducted. It was fun, inspirational and productive. The greatest morale booster of all was seeing over 100 people from all over Westport working their heads off--and enjoying every minute of it. There was no doubt that the people of Westport are serious about making this a good place to live and work.

DON'T throw THAT away!!! That's just what somebody wants to buy at the GM 1980 Garage Sale--scheduled for early fall. And that's only about 4 months away. Many may have wondered if the annual garage sale is necessary and what happens to the money raised by GMNA's only fund-raising project. Even a volunteer organization has certain basic and continuing costs--printing, postage, envelopes and general office supplies.

Thus far the greatest benefit from the garage sale funds has been GMNA's ability to continue to distribute a newsletter. Once, for a ten-month period, we had to turn to a paid editor, and now, since February, cuts in the City budget have forced us to have the newsletter printed at our own expense.

The income from our sale has made it possible to meet contingencies and carry on without interruption. The sale is also essential because we don't have within our boundaries, as some neighborhoods do, any large industry or corporation which can contribute funds or services. It has also enabled us to keep our membership dues at the low \$1.00.

Please contribute items to be sold, and work during the sale--help Gillham-Main to help you!

NEIGHBORHOOD!

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NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCHERS

Crime prevention begins with you!!! You must make sure that your residence has adequate locks and lighting to prevent theft. You must make sure that your vehicle is locked to prevent auto theft. You must remove all property of value from your vehicle when unoccupied to prevent theft, and you must choose to walk on a well-lighted heavily traveled street to prevent becoming a victim of robbery or assault.

The Police can help you make this neighborhood a safer place to live. They will do a free Home Security Survey to improve the physical security of your residence if requested. They also offer Operation Identification, a program designed to mark your valuable property for easy identification. And they can help you learn to recognize and report crime in our neighborhood.

If you see someone injured or

acting suspicious, call the police immediately. Also call if you think that something unusual is happening in the

Tuesday General Meeting
June 10

Thursday Executive Board Mtg.
June 26

All meetings are held in Vander-slice Hall, KCAI, at 7:30 p.m.

neighborhood.

For emergencies call: 421-1500
For information call: 842-6525, ext. 466,
Crime Information Coordinator.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

CIRCUMSTANCE	POSSIBLE CRIME
Going door to door in a residential area, especially if one or more persons go to rear of residence.	Possible burglary suspects or trespassers.
Waiting or loitering in front of a house or business, if business is closed or house unoccupied.	Possible burglary suspects.
Forcing entrance, or entering your neighbor's house, when it is unoccupied.	Possible burglary, theft, or trespassing.
Person carrying property that is not wrapped, at an unusual hour.	Possible suspect fleeing the scene of a burglary or robbery.
Much human traffic to and from a certain residence if it occurs on a daily or regular basis.	Possible vice or fence operation.
Person screaming.	Possible rape or assault.
Person loitering around cars or going car to car peering into them, especially in parking lots or on streets.	Possible car thief.
Persons loitering around schools, parks, or secluded areas.	Possible sex offenders.
Persons offering items for sale at a very low price.	Possibly trying to sell stolen property.
Strangers loitering or driving through a neighborhood several times.	Possible burglary suspects.
Property in homes, garages, or storage areas is suspicious if accumulations are large, or items are in good condition but not in use.	Possible stolen property.
Property in vehicles that is not normally found in vehicles, especially if observed at an unusual hour or if TV sets, stereos, guns, or auto parts.	Possible stolen property.

Call the police about all suspicious activity. Don't worry about bothering them--it's their job, and you shouldn't feel embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded.

If calling the dispatcher (421-1500), you should report:

- what happened
- when
- where
- how many persons/description
- kind of car
- which way they left
- anyone injured

If calling the Crime Information Coordinator, report:

- anything that you hear that the police should know
- any suspicious activity or anything not normal.

SUSPECT IDENTITY CHART

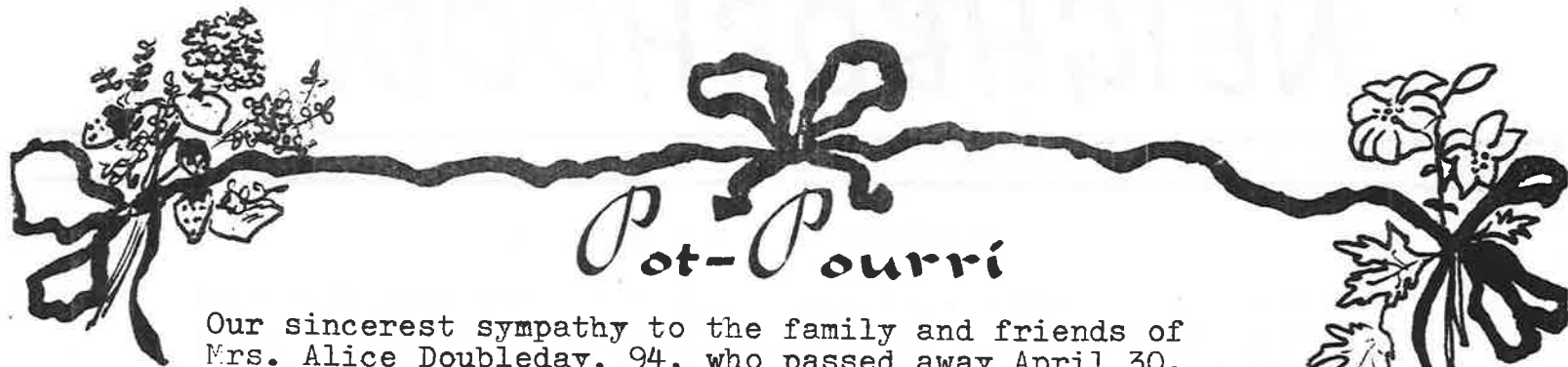
Physical Description

Hair (Color-Cut) _____ Height _____
 Eyes-Eyeglasses _____ Complexion _____
 Beard, Moustache, Sideburns _____ Speech Characteristics (Accent, Lisp, etc.) _____
 Visible Scars, Marks, Tattoos _____
 Shirt _____
 Coat or Jacket _____ Nationality (if known) _____
 Age _____
 Weight _____
 Weapon (Left or Right Handed) _____
 Trousers _____
 Shoes _____

METHOD OF ESCAPE
 Direction _____

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION
 Auto license _____
 Make/Year _____
 Color _____

ADDITIONAL REMARKS: _____



Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Alice Doubleday, 94, who passed away April 30. Mrs. Doubleday was the wife of the late Floyd E. Doubleday of Doubleday Furnace Company. The Doubledays came to this area from Fort Scott, Ks., and lived for many years at 4100 Locust. After Mr. Doubleday died Mrs. Doubleday continued to live at the Locust address until about two years ago when she moved to Sharonlane Nursing Home. Services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church May 2. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery.

 Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Marion Cronin Stickelber, 81, of 4335 McGee, who passed away May 11. Mrs. Stickelber, for many years a resident of Gillham Main, was the wife of the late Merlin A. Stickelber, founder and chairman of the board of Stickelber & Sons, Inc., Kansas City and the Marion Corp., Mobile, Al. Mrs. Stickelber was a member of Visitation Catholic Church. Services were held May 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with entombment in Forest Hill Mausoleum.

 A special dance program was presented May 3 in White Recital Hall of the UMKC Performing Arts Center honoring Tatiana Dokoudovska, a long-time resident of Gillham Main. The performance was in recognition of her 25th year as a member of the dance faculty of the Conservatory of Music of UMKC. Ms. Dokoudovska was born in France and danced with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo before coming to the United States. She is the founder of the Kansas City Ballet.

 Many, many Gillham Main hands swept Main Street Saturday, May 17. Unfortunately, it wasn't possible to identify all the faces behind the push brooms, straight brooms, trash sacks, weed diggers, trowels, lawn mowers, shovels, dust pans, rakes and edgers, but we were there--young and old and in between! And everyone thanks everyone!!

 The following letter is printed with permission of the writer, Mrs. Crump Taylor, who is the daughter of Mrs. Gudrun Luthy whose death we reported in the April newsletter:

"Dear Mrs. Allen: How thoughtful of you to send the Gillham Main paper to us! That was a nice write-up and we appreciate it. Truly, Mother was a part of the backbone of that community all her life, and wanted to stay there--but her condition prevented it. The Gillham Main area is close to my heart, too. I was born in the house at 4022 Locust and then lived at 4024 (Locust) for nine years after I was married. Before we moved to Hickman Mills in 1956, our children were the third generation to attend Rollins School and the fourth generation members of Westport Presbyterian Church; so our roots are deep! Thank you again. Sincerely, Virginia L. Taylor (P.S. Mother was buried at Park Lawn Cemetery in K.C., Mo.)."

I didn't know when I mailed the newsletters to Mrs. Taylor in Eagle Rock, Mo., that she was someone from my distant past. But my mother's deductions and Mrs. Taylor's signature generated some correspondence. It turns out that Mrs. Crump Taylor is none other than Virginia Luthy. And Virginia Luthy and I went to school together--from Rollins kindergarten through Westport High graduation--Class of '40. We both choose to ignore that that is forty years ago. We've had a lot of fun dredging up memories of the past and Virginia sent me two hilarious pictures taken about 1930. Small world isn't it?

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FEATURE

ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH

All Souls Unitarian Church, 4500 Warwick, is built on the site of the former Velie Mansion, a stately old place built near the turn of the century by the owner of the "Velie" cars. The Velie company went out of business sometime during the depression years.

This property was purchased in the spring of 1951 by the members of All Souls after a disastrous fire destroyed their building at 3435 Baltimore. After the fire, the members were invited to use the facilities of the now razed First Congregational Church in the northern part of the city at Independence Avenue and Admiral Boulevard. This gave time to search out a place for a permanent location.

The house and grounds at 4500 Warwick came on the market, and it was decided that it afforded an ideal location, being situated between the Conservatory of Music and the Art Institute. The old house had been divided up into some eleven apartments; members of the church spent many weekends during the summer renovating and restructuring the place to accommodate the Church School. There was a former carriage house back of the main building which was converted into a playhouse, and for quite some time was used for production of plays and operettas by the "Couch House Players." Meantime, the Sunday morning Forum and church services were conducted across the street in the Art Institute's Epperson Hall. However, all other church functions were held in the newly renovated "Unitarian House."

The present church structure was dedicated in February of 1960. In 1963 the Earl Winn Educational Wing was added. This wing accommodates the Church School and, on occasion, a Day Care Center for pre-school children.

(This article was prepared by Dorothy D. Nebgen of Independence.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday July 8	General Meeting
Thursday July 24	Executive Meeting

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KNOW YOUR GMNA OFFICERS

Dennis Pierce, President	561-5381
Bridget Helmholtz, Vice President	753-4260
Elaine Augustine, Secretary	
Gertrude Riley, Treasurer	931-4252

KEEP GILLHAM-MAIN BEAUTIFUL

Monday is trash pick up day for Gillham-Main. Please do not put trash out until Monday morning. And if the trash sacks should break or be torn open by animals, please pick up the debris.

WANTED: GREAT TOPICS

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HATS OFF TO. . .

Linda Levitan, whose editorial about trash and litter in the Gillham-Main neighborhood was published in the June 8, 1980 "Bite" column of the Kansas City STAR Magazine.

Linda writes: "I seem to be the only person in my neighborhood who carries around a sturdy plastic drawstring bag to capture stray aluminum cans. (When I tell my friends that the Reynolds Aluminum Co. pays 23 cents a pound for them, what do I get? Shrugs and smiles.) I schlep newspapers to a newspaper depot, white paper to the Federal Building white-paper drop. I take used (and found) paper bags to the Learning Exchange."

If we all picked up the litter close to our own homes, our neighborhood could be a better and more beautiful place to live.

"How does your garden grow?" That's probably the most frequently heard question in Gillham-Main. In spite of dogs, cats, squirrels, people, birds, bugs, questionable soil and even a rabbit (yes, a large brown rabbit), the gardeners of 4300 McGee--PAUL HAMMOND, VIRGINIA FIRESTONE, ROBERT CHAD, CLARK ACHELPOHL, JUDITH ALCAREZ, MATTHEW CARPENTER, and RITA McCONVILLE --answer, "Fine!" The variety of flowers and vegetables growing is astonishing--tomatoes and peppers are a favorite--while radishes and beans have made it to the dinner table. The gardeners are serious and diligent--weeding, watering, fertilizing and staking. It may be a little early to predict success, but the project appears to be headed in that direction.

Missing Person: DENISE COPPEDGE. We haven't seen you since you moved back to Gillham-Main. Come to a meeting--we miss you.

The Gillham-Main "archives" has only a single copy of the Newsletter for October 1978, November 1978, December 1978, January 1979, February 1979, March 1979, and November 1979. We try to keep extras because it is surprising the numbers of inquiries we get regarding something we've said or done in the past. If anyone has copies for any of these months, and is willing to part with them, please give them to Ruth Allen.

Gillham Main

Neighborhood Association

annual GARAGE sale 1980



Saturday, AUGUST 23 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.
 Sunday, AUGUST 24 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

112 -122 East 43rd Street

REAR

Items to be sold will be accepted 1 P.M. to 7 P.M.
 Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22

Bring us all those good things you don't really want to throw away, but don't have room to keep. We'll see they get a good home!

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 561-8075

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Mail to: Gertrude Riley, 4101 Warwick, Kansas City, MO 64111

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IT'S A HEAT WAVE!

RELIEF IN SIGHT

Although temperatures have been over 100 degrees for the past seventeen days in Kansas City, there's relief in sight for residents of Gillham Main. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 40th and Main Streets, has started a Heat Relief Center in their Parrish Hall. Sponsored by the Red Cross, it is a walk-in walk-out center with a registered nurse or person trained in first aid on duty 24 hours a day.

Started on July 15th, the center has 50 beds set up, and has a capacity to set up 50 more if necessary. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served. These services are available to anyone who lives in or is visiting the Greater Kansas City area. St. Paul's reports that those using the Center have come from 35th St. (as a north boundary) to 45th St., and from the 500 West block to the 700 East block of Kansas City, Missouri. They have had out-of-towners from both Chicago and Connecticut, and have treated heat victims as young as five weeks upwards to 84 years.

If your home is too hot or uncomfortable to cook or sleep in this summer, or if you just need a place to cool off for a while, the St. Paul's Heat Relief Center's doors are open. All are welcome.

WEED CONTROL 1980

Under the city's 1980 weed control program the city is divided into eleven cutting areas. Gillham Main lies in the 6th area. This area is bounded by 31st Street on the north, 47th Street on the south, State Line on the west, and Prospect on the east. Weeds are to be cut in two cycles.

Contractors began cutting in the first cycle on June 2 with a target date of July 18 for completion of first cycle cutting. Second cycle cutting completion target date is mid-September.

The hot and humid weather has taken its toll on personnel and equipment with the result that some of the vacant properties may be presenting special problems. The Action Center has volunteered its staff to receive complaints about specific lots, but has requested that complaints from any given neighborhood be channeled through one or two persons.

Residents of Gillham Main are requested to telephone complaints to Susan Malland at 561-5844 or Jim Watt at 531-1949.

GMNA MEETINGS

Tuesday General Meeting
August 12

Thursday Executive Meeting
August 28

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WHEN IT'S HOT AND DRY. . .

Please put out fresh water daily for the birds and animals. Water your trees with a small trickle from your garden hose--daily if possible--or we are going to lose them, according to information from the city's tree-care service. They say the lawns will recover but the trees won't.

JULY 1980:

PROPOSED ATA ROUTE MODIFICATION!

RE: COUNTRY CLUB #56

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority has been holding public hearings on a proposed modification of the Country Club #56 bus route.

Under the proposal, the outbound #56 express bus to Red Bridge would leave the regular route at 13th and Main, then would proceed west on 13th to Southwest Trafficway to 47th Street, east on 47th Street to rejoin the regular route at Main. The inbound route would be reversed.

The effect of the change for riders in the Gillham Main area would be a 2 or 3 minute longer wait between buses and there would be no express bus on Main between 47th Street and downtown. However, the buses going past our area on Main would be less crowded since passengers going to or coming from Red Bridge and other areas to the far south would be riding the Red Bridge Express.

The proposed modification would go into effect early in October, 1980. For further information, phone the office of General Manager at 471-6600.

HATS OFF TO. . .

Sally Hoover, who has done a tremendous job as chairperson of our newsletter committee. Sally has donated many hours and much effort to improving the quality of our newsletter. Best wishes to her and her husband in their new home in Atlanta.

Mr. Joseph Mattox, Director, MLM Housing Counseling Services, will discuss the programs and assistance offered free-of-charge by his organization to Kansas City residents at the general meeting, 7:30 p.m., August 12th, Vanderslice Hall.

MINUTE BY MINUTE. . .

NOTES FROM JULY 8TH GMNA GENERAL MEETING

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association was proud to have Mr. Lyle Kennedy as the guest speaker at the July 8th General Meeting. Mr. Kennedy spoke and presented a slide show on the history of the Gillham Main area and environs. The slide show included photographs of old maps and newspaper clippings, and current photographs of the area.

Having lived in Kansas City most of his life, Mr. Kennedy has been researching the development of this area for approximately ten years, and is associated with the Westport Historical Society.

If there is a topic that is of special interest to you, let us know, so that we can make it the subject of a forum at a neighborhood meeting. Contact Bridget Helmholtz at 753-4260.

HOT AUGUST DAYS AND NIGHTS

The Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation announces the following concerts and special activities during the month of August:

MUSIC IN THE PARKS Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

August 10	WOODY HERMAN & HIS THUNDERING HERD	Brush Creek on the Plaza
August 17	THE WOODY SHAW QUINTET	Brush Creek on the Plaza
August 24	LES MC CANN	The Parade, Truman Rd. & The Paseo
August 31	THE FIFTH DIMENSION	Brush Creek on the Plaza

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS at 7:30 p.m.

August 14	Arno Park	69th & Ward Parkway
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HERITAGE VILLAGE is a reconstruction of a typical 1850's village featuring authentic log cabins and a grist mill located in Hodge Park, 7000 NE Barry Road. The Village will feature artisans and entertainers from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday through September 1.

The Kansas City Area Writer's Bulletin announces A Sunday Afternoon of Poetry and Painting on August 24 at the Nelson Art Gallery. "Poets in the Park" will include poetry readings by area poets, performances combining music, dance, and readings of poems, calligraphers, and mime. Starting at 2 p.m. at 4525 Oak, Kansas City, MO 64111.

DON'T FORGET!

Gillham Main

Neighborhood Association

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

112 - 122 EAST 43RD STREET

REAR

ITEMS TO BE SOLD WILL BE ACCEPTED 1 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
MONDAY, AUGUST 18 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

BRING ALL THOSE GOOD THINGS YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO THROW AWAY, BUT DON'T HAVE ROOM TO KEEP. WE'LL SEE THAT THEY GET A GOOD HOME!

IF YOU NEED PICK-UP SERVICE OR OTHER INFORMATION, CALL NORMA RICKEL, CHAIRPERSON, AT 561-8075

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September is Membership Month COME JOIN YOUR WORLD

MAIL IN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON THE BACK PAGE!

The Gillham Main Neighborhood Association was organized July 11, 1973, at a meeting held at St. Paul's Church.

What have we done in seven years?

The three projects that have made the greatest visual impact on our area are a paint-up program, systematic exterior code enforcement programs, and curb-sidewalk-driveway programs.

Under the paint-up program, FORTY-NINE structures were painted at very little or no cost to the property owners. Paint, brushes and other supplies were furnished under the city's Neighborhood Beautification Paint Up Program and the painting was done by the owners or Job Opportunity for Youth workers. Three of our Gillham Main men and one woman spent endless hours contacting property owners to explain the program, filling out applications, shepherding the applications through City Hall, and supervising the work.

Two systematic exterior code enforcement programs resulted in tremendous improvement in the appearance of many properties as rusty gutters, split or missing downspouts, broken steps, sagging porch roofs, bulging retaining walls and similar deficiencies were repaired or replaced. Debris was cleared from yards and shrubbery and overgrowth was cut away.

Since June 1975, 19,437 linear feet of curbing, 50,100 square feet of sidewalk, and 24,450 square feet of driveway cuts have been poured in this area. Warwick Boulevard (39th to 43rd) and East Gillham Main (Oak and Locust 39th to 43rd) were constructed with Community Development Block Grant funds paying the cost of curbs and driveway cuts and property owners paying the cost of sidewalks. The cost of curbs, sidewalks, and driveway cuts in South Gillham Main (Rockhill, Locust, Oak, McGee--43rd to 45th and 43rd and 44th--Rockhill to Warwick) were BORNE ENTIRELY by the property owners. Since June of 1975, property owners have put into these capital improvements a total of \$199,794, while federal and city funds provided \$166,671.

The association's earliest accomplishment was the establishment of an ATA Express Stop at 43rd and Main--this by October 1973.

One of the most vital accomplishments was the rezoning of McGee--39th to 43rd, Oak--39th to 43rd, Locust (west side)--39th to 43rd and part of the 43rd block of Rockhill from R4 to R2b. Petitions bearing 179 signatures were prepared (with one man getting 125 of the signatures) and presented to the City Council. Property owners and residents wanted to upgrade their zoning in order to decrease the number of units in the area, reduce the population density, keep out commercial, and limit the types of activities which can be carried on in the area. In short, they wanted a RESIDENTIAL area. This rezoning was recommended in the Westport Plan adopted by the City Council in 1972, but our Gillham Main people made it happen.

GMNA MEETINGS

Tuesday General Meeting
September 9

Thursday Executive Meeting
September 25

All GMNA Meetings are held in Vander-slice Hall, Kansas City Art Institute, at 7:30 p.m.

We have had a garage sale every year starting in 1974. These sales have grossed over \$2,000--funds used for office supplies, postage, and printing to carry on the work of the organization.

Gillham Main has supported the upkeep of the Westport Library and the introduction of 911 Emergency Service, aided in the placing of a bus shelter at 43rd and Main, succeeded in getting the hours of flashing red/yellow of the 43rd and Warwick traffic light modified, spoken at hearings on behalf of increasing or restoring to the city's budgets programs of particular interest and need to neighborhoods--trash bag distribution, bulky item pickup, dangerous building demolition, and weed cutting.

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Miss TOMMY EMORY, Director of The Action Center at City Hall, will discuss Grievance Resolutions and Solutions of Problems with Departments of City Hall, at the September GMNA General Meeting, on Tuesday, September 9, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. in Vanderslice Hall, Kansas City Art Institute.

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Gillham Main helped delay the closing of Rollins School as a public school and supported St. Paul's efforts to purchase the school building for its Day School.

Mountains of large items have disappeared from yards, basements, attics, and garages through our participation in area-wide bulky item pick-up projects.

The density of living units in the area has been decreased by at least 35 as houses have been deconverted through enforcement of the zoning code and by new owners who voluntarily deconverted.

The Water Experience in Gillham Park is in large measure the result of interest, support, and persistence of the association. The existing junior pool, built originally as a casting pool, had, by the early '70's, deteriorated to the extent that repair estimates were so high new construction seemed more feasible. The Park Department's plans and models were shown at a Gillham Main meeting. The neighborhood made suggestions--with particular emphasis that a new facility include a junior swimming pool as well as a fountain and band concert area. The neighborhood indicated strong support for a new facility and sent a written statement to that effect.

The association is a member of the Westport Community Council, Westport Tomorrow Inc., the Westport Historical Society, and the City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations.

We have representatives to the Westport Community Council, the Westport Planning Commission (and its Subcommittee on Revising the Westport Plan), Westport Tomorrow Inc., the City Wide Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations, the Main Street in the 80's Task Force, the Citizens

WE HAVE DONE A LOT, SEEN A LOT, HEARD A LOT, AND LEARNED A LOT! ABOVE ALL, WE'VE BEEN NEIGHBORLY! WE CAN DO MORE, SEE MORE, HEAR MORE, AND LEARN MORE--AND BE MORE NEIGHBORLY!

If you live, work, or own property within the Gillham Main Neighborhood (39th to 44th and 45th, Main Street to Gillham Road and Rockhill), we want you as a member.

Annual dues of One Dollar (\$1) PER PERSON (.50 under age 18) are due upon membership. For an ADDITIONAL \$1, you can receive the newsletter by mail.

Bring your dues to this month's meeting and get acquainted or mail in your dues with the blank below.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ KANSAS CITY, MO ZIP _____

DO YOU WISH TO BE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY? YES _____ NO _____

Mail to: Jim Watt, 4001 Oak, Kansas City, MO 64111

Crusade Against Crime, and the Citizens Intervention Project.

We had delegates at the Westport in the 80's Day (an all-day workshop) and representatives at Governor Teasdale's meetings on neighborhoods.

We have published a newsletter continuously since September 1973--hand delivered throughout most of our area.

We supported--by attending meetings and rallies, writing letters and talking to city officials--the Westport Cooperative Mission Inc.'s efforts to purchase the Allen School for a community center for the older Westport residents. We also supported WCMI's Westport Magazine; when rising costs forced the magazine to discontinue mailing, we delivered the magazine with our newsletter.

We have had the privilege on two occasions of helping draft city ordinances when the subject matter was of particular concern to neighborhoods.

We participated actively in Westport Tomorrow's Chilly Day, Chili Day and the Main Street Sweep-A-Thon.

We joined with other neighborhood associations in opposing the construction of a post office at 47th and Oak.

We have had picnics and Christmas parties.

We have supported projects of adjacent associations--Hyde Park and Broadway Gillham.



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CURBS AND SIDEWALKS TO BE COMPLETED

This fall will see the completion of Phase Two of our three year curb and sidewalk project. Last year the city replaced the deteriorated and sub-standard street curbs, sidewalks, and drive entrances on Oak and Locust from 39th to 43rd. This year it has scheduled the east-west streets, McGee and Walnut, as far as the 1980 grant will take them. Hopefully, next year, Warwick and Walnut south of 43rd.

Probably no other single project has done more to improve our neighborhood than this one. The old sidewalks were not only a visual blight, but a hazard as well. Where the curbs had fallen in ruin, cars were parking in the grass and leaving ruts in the mud. While houses throughout the neighborhood were being renovated, the street left the impression of a deteriorating slum. It now complements the revitalization of the neighborhood and should spur further efforts by property owners.

The project is primarily financed with federal Community Development Block Grant funds. This money was given to the city for funding such projects as the City Council determined were deserving. Competition for the money was very strong with every special interest group in the city vying for its share. Only a handful of projects were approved.

It was not just good fortune that our project was one of the few to gain final approval. The city had to be convinced. Proposals were made, modified, and remodified. Hearings were held ad nauseam. Compromises had to be worked out. Hours and hours were spent with public works, the parks department, and other city departments.

Through it all, our neighborhood was very fortunate to have two very dedicated people working hard for us: Ruth Allen and Jim Watt. Both have worked hard for our neighborhood, but their endless hours of effort in getting us our new curbs and sidewalks has earned them our gratitude. To Ruth and Jim: Many, many thanks.

The ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held on Tuesday, OCTOBER 14, 1980, at the General Meeting of the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association.

The meeting will be held in Vanderslice Hall of the Kansas City Art Institute at 7:30 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Make your voice heard and your vote count for our neighborhood.

THE NEWSLETTER WANTS YOU!!!

How many times have you NOT seen something in the NEWSLETTER that you think should be there?

How often have we not written an article on a news item that you feel is worthy to the neighborhood?

We'd like the NEWSLETTER to keep our readers and neighborhood informed, and would most appreciate your comments, news items, and Letters to the Editor.

Send all items to: Editor, GMNA NEWSLETTER
120 East 43rd Street #3
Kansas City, MO 64111

LOWER LIMBS ON WARWICK

Warwick Boulevard looks more like a boulevard than it has in many a year thanks to the efforts of Gillham Main's Beautification Committee Chairman, Susan Malland, and the Kansas City Parks Department. Susan initiated a request for pruning the boulevard trees from 39th to 45th and the Parks Department got right on it. Many of the trees were sprouting from the ground up and all were shaggy and misshapen. Now lower limbs are all about the same distance above the ground, the trees have shape and it is a pleasure to stand at any point and look at the flowing sweep created by uniformity. Thanks, Susan! Thanks, Parks Departments!

GMNA MEETINGS

Tuesday General Meeting
October 14

Thursday Executive Meeting
October 23

All GMNA Meetings are held in Vanderslice Hall, Kansas City Art Institute, at 7:30 p.m.

GMNA GARAGE SALE BEST YET!

The 1980 Garage Sale netted Gillham Main over \$750.00.

This amount was due to the untiring work of Norma Rickel, chairperson, Ilene Griffith, Ruth Allen, and Dorothy Hale for their telephoning, marking and pricing, and arranging merchandise for sale. Also thanks are due to Mr. P.M. Christy for his work in getting advertisements into the newspaper and magazines that serve our area.

Special thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs. John Hayward for the use of their back parking lot behind 112-122 W. 43rd Street for the sale.

Among others, our gratitude goes to George Armstrong, Ann Wiley, Don Brown, Arthur Allen, Elizabeth Dobson, Paul and Effie Franklin, Pat Kroll, Steve Peterson, Dennis Pierce, Jim and Kimberly Watt, Gertude Wickersham, Ray Barta, Hazel Christy, John Dempsey, Julia Galvin, Don Hale, Ron Jones, Rosalind Jones, Howard Mette, Elizabeth Mitchell, Dave Pfefer, Keith Rose, Devin Sells, Pauline Sells, Barbara Watt, AND ALL THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS TO BE SOLD.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

ARTICLE III

ORD. NO. 41525. SEC. 34.27. No person upon roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster, sled toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street on a crosswalk and when so crossing such person shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all duties applicable to pedestrians.

ARTICLE XI

ORD. NO. 41525. SEC. 34.132. The driver of a vehicle shall not drive upon any sidewalk, parkway, park or any other public property where no provision has been made.

ANNOUNCEMENT

John Kelley announces that he has closed the J & G Deli because of lack of support from the neighborhood.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Culver Franklin Skinner, 68, of 4135 McGee, who died July 29. Mr. Skinner, who had lived in this area since 1936, was born in Flint, Michigan. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Country Club Masonic Lodge, the Ararat Shrine, the Rotary Club, and the Kansas City Breakfast Club. Mr. Skinner was a former president of Milcraft, Inc. Burial was at Mount Moriah.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Louise Baty Glynn, 54, of 320 E. 45th Street, who died August 12. Mrs. Glynn was born in Parsons, Kansas, and had lived in this area 40 years. She was graduated from St. Teresa's Academy and attended St. Mary-of-the-Woods College. She worked several years at Rockhurst College. Mrs. Glynn was a member of St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

NEW LIFE

At the point of 43rd Street and Rockhill Road a new evergreen is in place, the first step in landscaping that area. A former Beautification Committee Chairman, Dan Bowman, has been working with the Parks Department on this project for some time. Thanks to both Dan and the Parks Department.

HATS OFF TO. . .

Mrs. Gertrude Riley, for her years of service and hard work, from the Gillham Main neighborhood. We hope Gertrude and her mother, Mrs. Albert J. Irwin, are thoroughly enjoying their new life at 9754 Hadley Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212 (Telephone 642-8866.)

DON'T FORGET!

Remember to register to vote in the November presidential, state, and local elections. You can register at your local election board or call them for information on additional sites.

Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners is located at
1331 Locust
Kansas City, MO 64106

Missing Person: TRACY A. LEONARD, JR., where are you? Gillham Main needs some of the good service you rendered in the past.

COME GET THE REST

Someone bought a wine maker at the Gillham Main Garage Sale. Whoever it was didn't get all the parts. The buyer can get the missing pieces by calling 931-4998

AT THE GALLERY

On exhibit at the Nelson Art Gallery is the Robert Sudlow Exhibition, from September 28 through October 26, 1980.

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ELECTION RESULTS. . .ELECTION RESULTS. . .ELECTION RESULTS. . .ELECTION RESULTS. . .

Despite the fact that October 14th was the first night of the World Series, a large crowd turned out for the Gillham Main Neighborhood Election of Officers. In a unanimous decision, Dennis Pierce was elected President of the Association. In his second term of office as President, his duties will include representing the neighborhood association and its affiliated groups, and chairing the Executive Committee.

Ray Barta was elected Vice President; his duties include planning programs for the General Meeting. The new Treasurer is Barbara Watt, who will be in charge of the cash flow and will keep track of membership.

Chairpersons of the following committees were also nominated and chosen:

Beautification Committee: Susan Malland
Code Enforcement Committee: Pat Kroll
Crime Prevention Committee: Jim Watt
Newsletter Committee: Norma Rickel
Newsletter Distribution Committee: George Armstrong

Congratulations and best of luck to all our new officers and chairpersons.

BEWARE OF THE ZONING

Our neighborhood is zoned. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. It is your responsibility to know the rules and obey the law. Violators are being prosecuted.

Most of our neighborhood is zoned R-2b. This means a house may only contain one living unit unless the property is at least 6,000 square feet in total area, in which case the house may have two living units. No more than two units are permitted regardless of the size of the property.

Where property is zoned R-4, the number of living units is also limited by the size of the property. Under R-4, a converted house may have two living units if the property is 6,000 square feet in total area, and in addition may have one extra unit for each 1,500 square feet over the 6,000. A standard 50 foot lot will have 6,750 square feet and thus be limited to two living units in a converted house.

To learn which zone a particular property is in, call 274-1564.

"ANSWERING THE ZONING QUESTION"

Sponsored by Westport Tomorrow, a workshop will be held Saturday, November 15 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 40th and Main Streets. The workshop titled "Answering The Zoning Question," is free and open to the public. The starting time is 8:30 a.m. and it ends about 12:30 p.m.

NEED HELP?

If your landlord, or your next door neighbor, refuses to make needed repairs to his building--

If the weeds and trash in the yard are out of control--

If the dogs are running loose--

Call the City Action Center for help at 274-2222. . . .

BEST WISHES

At the end of October, after nearly two years of dedicated service, Marla Jensen left the post of Director of Education at All Souls Unitarian Church. She is now teaching speech at Avila College. We wish her all success and happiness in her new position.

GMNA MEETINGS

Tuesday General Meeting
November 11

To be Executive Meeting
Announced

All GMNA Meetings are held in Vander-slice Hall, Kansas City Art Institute, at 7:30 p.m.

MR. CHUCK EATOUGH OF THE MCGILLEY FUNERAL HOME, WILL PRESENT "SLIDES OF EARLY KANSAS CITY" AT THE NOV. 11 GMNA GENERAL MEETING.

OUR END OF MAIN STREET

H & R Block, the most widely known tax firm in the country, is expanding its national headquarters on our end of Main Street. New construction will nearly triple the size of their current corporate offices at a cost of almost \$4 million dollars. A project of this size and quality will provide a tremendous boost for our neighborhood.

Among the reasons for expanding their current facility instead of relocating, were the company's commitment to revitalization of Main Street, their employees' positive attitudes about the area, and the central location of the mid-town site. We are proud to have H & R Block in our neighborhood.

BREMSON PHOTO AGREES TO RELANDSCAPE

GMNA has been negotiating for the past year and a half with Sam Swartz, owner of the property on which Bremson is located. This has resulted in an agreement between Mr. Swartz and GMNA. Mr. Swartz has agreed to have the curb and sidewalk replaced with standard 5 foot sidewalks on both sides of Walnut in front of the Bremson Co. and along 43rd Street on the northeast corner. He has also agreed to have the parking removed along the east side of the Bremson office building and to sod that area.

GMNA has agreed to support Mr. Swartz' request for a parking lot north of the Bremson office building where three houses have been removed. Mr. Swartz stated that he would encourage the Bremson Co. to improve their overall exterior maintenance of the shrubs and grounds.

These improvements will make the Bremson Co. a visual asset to our neighborhood. GMNA appreciates this kind of cooperation and looks forward to a positive working relationship with Bremson Photo and Sam Swartz.

NEW BANK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Broadway National Bank is planning to open a full-service branch bank in the building formerly occupied by Scandal Disco at 43rd and Main. There is no truth to the rumor that it will be named Scandals National Bank.

A vice-president of the bank reports that they are excited about their new location in our neighborhood. He says that while the neighborhood is still in a test period, great improvements have been made in the last few years. We trust that the bank will respond favorably to the efforts of its new neighbors in further improving the neighborhood.

"OUTLAWS" COMES TO K.C.

Elegant Stanford East, 4455 Main, is no more. It has been replaced by a rip-roaring, rambunctious restaurant and dance hall called "Outlaws." Owned and operated by Stanford & Sons, "Outlaws" offers an exciting Western menu, dancing to the sounds of "The Outlaws Band," and Happy Hour from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the two bar areas. Nightly promotions include "Mad Minutes" during which anything can happen, Ladies Night in the dance hall on Thursdays, and drawings for gift certificates from Sheplers Western Wear.

"Outlaws" should be one of the most exciting entertainment packages in Kansas City. Don't miss it!

WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Irene W. Barta (Mrs. Raymond E.) 68, of 4320 McGee, who died September 29. Mrs. Barta was born May 20, 1912 in California, MO, to Will and Clara Kuhlmann Petershagen. She was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4205 Tracy, Kansas City, MO, on Palm Sunday, April 5, 1925. She was married to Raymond E. Barta at Immanuel Church on November 20, 1943.

Mrs. Barta lived in this area most of her life. She had worked at P.K. Overall Company, Westport Construction Company, and Vendo. She was a member of the Roanoke Golden Age Club and Immanuel Church Dorcas Circle, Parent-Teacher League, and the Lutheran Laymen's League.

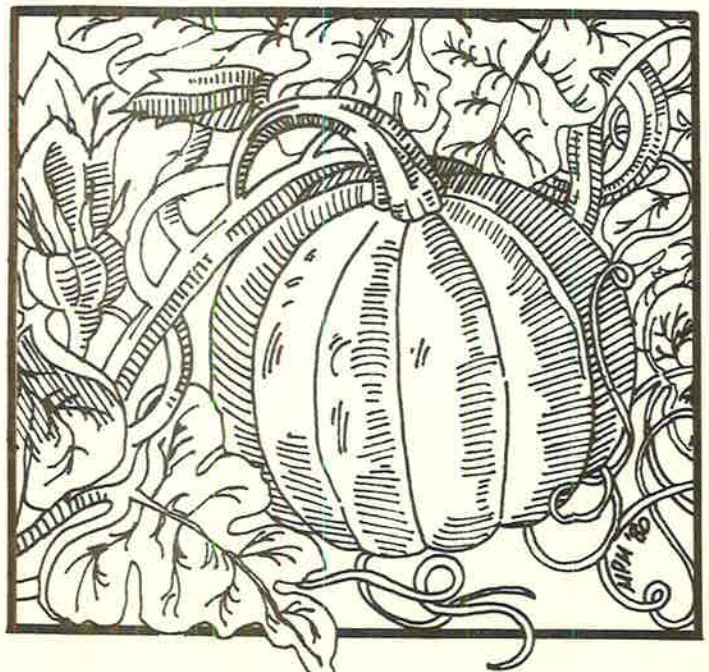
Services were held at Immanuel Church on October 1. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Booneville, MO.

HATS OFF TO. . .

Norma Rickel, Ruth Allen, Ilene Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, and a host of others for all their hard work on Gillham Mair's Sell Off Sale, held on September 27, 1980. All of their effort netted Gillham Main \$250.00.

AT THE GALLERY

Special exhibitions at the Nelson Art Gallery this month include "Recollections: Ten Great Women Photographers" to be held November 2 through December 7th, in Galleries 29 and 30, and "Eight Dynasties of Chinese Painting," held from November 7 through January 4, 1981.



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URBAN DESIGN AWARD WINNER A GILLHAM MAIN RESIDENT

Congratulations are in order to DAN BOWMAN, of 4320 Rockhill Road. Dan is a recipient of the 1980 Urban Design Awards.

Ten awards were granted in total. Eight of these are for public buildings; the remaining two are for private residences. Dan's award falls into this latter category.

Nominated by neighbor Mike Spencer, the award was given for "Private Landscaping." The awards committee cited Dan's wrought iron fence and brick sidewalk as elements in landscaping deserving of this award.

H & R BLOCK BREAKS GROUND

H & R Block, the widely known tax firm, broke ground for its new addition to their national headquarters the week of November 9, 1980. Their headquarters are located at 4410 Main Street.

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

City Council

Jerry Riffel 274-1321
4th District

Marsha Tobin 274-1321
Council Aide

Kay Waldo 274-1321
4th District at Large

Richard DeHart 274-1321
Council Aide

County Legislature

Charlotte Musgrave 881-3204
2nd District

Albert Riederer 881-3132
1st District at Large

School Board

Mary Arney 221-7565
1st District

Dr. Edward Scaggs 221-7565
Joyce Stark 221-7565
Carl Struby 221-7565
At Large

WELCOME, NEW GM RESIDENTS

A hearty welcome to our new neighbors at 4325 Warwick Boulevard, who moved here the week of November 10, 1980. They are deconverting their home from eight units. Much happiness in your new home and in our neighborhood.

GMNA MEETINGS

Tuesday, General Meeting
December 9

Tuesday, Executive Meeting
December 23

All meetings are held in Vanderslice Hall, Kansas City Art Institute, and begin at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

DECEMBER 9TH SPEAKER

Ms. Debbie Gosham, Project Manager for Resource Recovery Development Study of the Public Works Dept. at City Hall, will be the guest speaker at the December 9, 1980 GMNA General Meeting. Her topic will be "Resource Recovery from Burning Trash," and "Recycling."

These topics should inspire GM residents to save their valuable trash, and realize monetary value from it.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Now that it's getting darker at an earlier hour of the evening, why not put on your porch lights at dusk? The idea of a well-lit neighborhood will deter any suspicious behavior in the evening.

CARE OF NEWLY POURED SIDEWALKS

Judd Hough, of City Engineering, suggests the following steps in the care and maintenance of our newly poured sidewalks and curbs:

1.) For the first winter, do not use salt to clear snowy sidewalks. Instead, use ashes, sand, or a chemical de-icer. (Call City Engineering for more information on the latter.)

2.) If the City does come by with salt for the streets and it does get on the sidewalk, be sure to sweep the salt back onto the streets.

These two steps will help prevent the premature cracking and deterioration of the cement.

Mr. Melvin J. Hamilton, a long time resident of the Gillham Main area, died in October. With his wife Ruth, Mr. Hamilton once lived at 4306 Oak. He owned property in the area. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Miss Katherine M. Sharp, 4144 McGee, who died October 31 at a nursing home at 115 E. 83rd. Miss Sharp was a lifelong resident of the area. In August, 1940, she went to work as a legal stenographer in the City Law Department. In May, 1945, she was assigned to the City Manager's Office and served with City Managers from L.P. Cookingham through Carleton F. Sharpe. In July, 1967, she was appointed Secretary to the City Council, a post she held until her retirement in January, 1979. She was devoted to her church and to its many members, working tirelessly on their behalf after her retirement. Services were at Newcomer's Brush Creek, cremation.

"55" ROCKHILL

The Rockhill Bus Line #55 that is routed through the Gillham Main area was changed last November 1979. The bus used to travel on Warwick Blvd. and turned east on 43rd Street, going down Rockhill Road to 44th or 45th Street before rejoining Warwick Blvd. via Oak St. It now travels north and south only on Warwick Blvd.

If you are discontent with the present bus route, write to:

Mr. John Dobies
Asst. Director, ATA
1350 East 17th St.
Kansas City, MO 64108

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"THERE IS NO LIMIT to what a community living in such a place, and actuated by such a spirit. . . can do."

The message was delivered by President Grover Cleveland as he spoke at Kansas City's Federal Building on October 13, 1887. At the time, he was prophecizing to what extent "this wonderful city on Missouri's western border" could develop its fine architecture.

We as a neighborhood might also mediate on these words.

"There is no limit. . . ." No boundaries, no restrictions, no confinement.

". . . to what a community. . . ." Our community. All persons living in a particular locality. A group having common interests. Joint sharing.

". . . living in such a place. . . ." Warwick Boulevard. The Nelson Art Gallery. The numerous styles of architecture of our homes. The sweeping tree limbs that arch our streets.

". . . and actuated by such a spirit. . . ." The soul. Disposition. Attitude. Vivacity. Optimism.

". . . can do."

It is natural--and rightfully so--to reflect on these emotions and feelings during the Christmas season. And as we reflect, let us continue to grow together as a neighborhood.

Let our attitude for our community show in our smiles we give our neighbors. Let our vivacity show in our actions. Let peace and kindness for one another come from the spirit, as individuals and as a group.

To you, your family, and your friends, a joyous Yuletide and best of new years from the Gillham Main Neighborhood Association.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Fay Garrington, 1809 West 41st Street, who died October 9. Mr. Garrington, born June 25, 1906, in Agency, MO, had lived in the Westport area 37 years. He operated Garrington's Radio and TV Service for 33 years. For many of those years the business was located at 306 E. 43rd St. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Arrangements were at Newcomer's Stine & McClure with burial at Agency Cemetery, Agency.

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Stephen D. Fry, 47, 4142 McGee, who died October 30 at St. Luke's Hospital. Mr. Fry, who had lived in this area since 1959, was born in Golden City, MO. For 16 years he had been an assembly man at the General Motors Leeds plant. He was a member of the Forest Grove Baptist Church near Lamar, MO. Services were at the Daniel Chapel, Lamar, with burial in Lake Cemetery at Lamar.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

ARTICLE XI

ORD. NO. 41525. SEC. 34.146

No person shall throw or drop or permit to blow or allow to be thrown, dropped or permit to be blown any litter from any motor vehicle onto any street or highway.

ARTICLE XI

ORD. NO. 41525. SEC. 34.148

No person shall operate any vehicle within this city, the wheels or tires of which carry onto or deposit in any street, highway, alley, or other public place, mud, dirt, sticky substances, litter or foreign matter of any kind.