



## NEWS

### GOLF AT THE GOFF FUNDRAISER

*A successful event was held at the Bruce Goff - Nicol House.*

Historic Kansas City (HKC) hosted a fall fundraising event with a fun afternoon of Golf Croquet on Sunday, September 17th, 2017. It took place at the Nicol House (1964), a home designed by Bruce Goff, a world renowned modern architect that was featured in the New York Times Great Homes & Destinations.

Check out the pictures from the event [HERE](#) and the video from the event [HERE](#).



Croquet at the Nicol House

### PLAZA WALKING GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

In addition to being one of Kansas City's favorite gathering places, the Country Club Plaza is widely



considered a jewel of 20th-century urban design. At 95 years old, the district endures as the most vital and valued part of its regional community, which counts over two million residents and 20 million annual visitors. This Country Club Plaza Walking Guide is organized as a series of walking tours and seven short essays, provides entertaining facts and insight on the unique character and features of the Plaza. It includes brief comments on 50 notable items on the Plaza and the vicinity intended

to give a richer sense of its historical context and of those who designed and created its art and architecture. Thank you to the William T. Kemper Foundation whose support drove this project forward.

To download the walking guide [CLICK HERE](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SCARY MOVIE NIGHT AT UNION CEMETERY

The Young Preservationist and Historic Kansas City are hosting an outdoor Scary Movie Night at Union Cemetery on Friday, October 27th starting at 6:00 PM. The event will include 2 spooky cemetery tours, a feature presentation of Hocus Pocus starting at 7:15 PM plus yummy treats (popcorn, apple cider, & candy for the kids). So, put your picnic together, grab some lawn chairs, and come to this fun Halloween event with your friends and family.

Cost will be \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children 3 & Up. Stay tuned to purchase your tickets from Eventbrite.



Picture courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures

## HERITAGE HIKES: KANSAS CITY'S HISTORIC IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

### *Heritage Hike #1: Columbus Park*

October 12, 2017 @ 9:00am

By the 1920s, the single largest immigrant group to Kansas City was the Italians, coming primarily from Sicily. Together with the German immigrants they reside in a sub-community known as "Little Italy" which is now Columbus Park, and were to eventually command political influence by virtue of their cohesiveness. Once home to Kansas City's infamous mafia scene in the early 1900s Columbus Park has transformed into a tapestry of multiculturalism.



### *Heritage Hike #2: Kansas City's West Side Story...The Irish, Swedish and Hispanic Communities*

October 19, 2017 @ 9:00am

This hike includes the church mentioned below, The Guadalupe Center, The Shrine of Guadalupe, an array of homes located along the 1600 sections of Jefferson and Summit streets and other historic sites. The view of Kansas City's Downtown is amazing from 1600 Jefferson Street! The view incredible visage usually overwhelms the hikes.

### *Heritage Hike #3: From Catalpa Trees and Cottonwoods to the "West Bottoms"*

October 26, 2017 @ 9:00am

The West Bottoms was originally referred to as the "French Bottoms". It was the site of trade between French trappers and Kansas Indians. The area was established by the trappers as an area of commerce. The stockyards flourished through the 1940s and at its peak only the Union Stock Yards in Chicago were bigger. The latest redevelopment attracted upscale and artistic tenants to redevelop buildings and helping reestablish the West Bottoms area.

For more details [CLICK HERE](#).

## RECENT EVENTS

### HISTORIC KANSAS CITY WALKING TOURS

The summer series of walking tours was a great success thanks to our HKC board member Nancy Powell. All four tours sold out and the Westport tour was featured in the [Kansas City Star](#).



Look for upcoming tours on our [website](#).

### WESTPORT SURVEY UPDATE



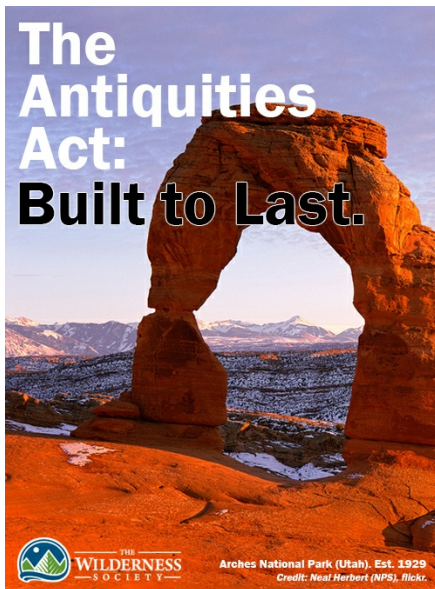
The field survey and individual property research are complete, and the database is about 90% compiled. Historic Kansas City ended up with close to 25% more properties than expected.

Meantime, consultants are plugging away on the contexts. The

research is starting to point to five or six eras of development: City of Westport (1850 -1897/annexation; Westport commercial district (1898 - 1919); Westport industrial district (1920 - 1945); Modern Westport (1946 - 1970); Contemporary Westport (1971-present).

# TAKE ACTION

## SUPPORT THE ANTIQUITIES ACT



Since 1906 the Antiquities Act has enabled 16 presidents from both parties to swiftly protect historic sites and culturally important lands. Now it is under threat on Capitol Hill. Join us in calling on Congress to support this vitally important preservation tool.

[CLICK HERE](#) to contact your congressman.

## HISTORIC TAX CREDIT UPDATE

The current status of the Historic Tax Credits is the following: the outline released last week proposes eliminating the HTC, along with many other business tax credits, as a means to achieving a lower corporate tax rate. While research shows that eliminating the historic tax credit (HTC) would only slightly reduce the corporate tax rate, the program remains at risk as lawmakers seek ways to offset the loss of tax revenue associated with lowering rates. Because the House Ways and Means Committee intends to produce a tax reform bill by the end of this month, we need to take action to make sure the HTC is in the House Bill.

What can you do?

1. Call or email your federal legislators and tell them to communicate their support for the HTC to their colleagues who served on the tax writing committees.
  - o [Find contact information for your House representative.](#)
  - o [Find contact information for your Senators.](#)
2. Add your business or organization to this National Letter

supporting HTC by clicking [HERE](#).

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