



NEWS

WESTPORT BATTLE

Westport is about to change!

The door opened for "Big" development in Westport. Preservationist and eight midtown neighborhoods were not heard by the majority of City Council. In June, the City Council voted 8-2 to approve the rezoning plan for the Opus Development. Council members Katheryn Shields and Scott Wagner were the only no votes, citing a precedent-setting size for that location. Councilwoman Jolie Justus was the only council member to speak in favor of the proposal.



Opus Development in Westport

At least three sizable redevelopments are being proposed for the Old Westport area that would require zoning changes from current uses. More detailed planning is needed to guide an effective balance of change in Westport. In anticipation, HKC is currently undertaking a historic resources survey to provide an inventory and assessment of the areas built environment. The Westport area doesn't have broad protection as a historic district, so redevelopment decisions are being made case by case.

[Read an article on the development proposal Here](#)

FALL FUNDRAISER - *GOLF AT THE GOFF*



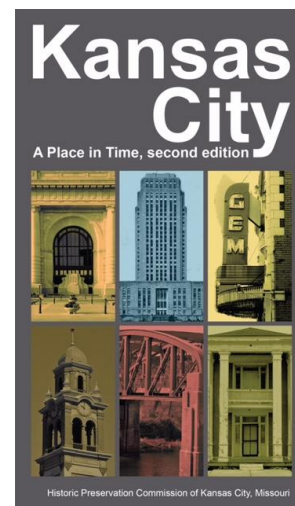
Save the Date for Sunday, September 17th! We will have exclusive access to the home designed by Bruce Goff, a pioneer in organic architecture. Known as the Nicol House (1964), the home features an octagonal floor plan with a central fire and water feature, as well as a suspended genuine Sputnik satellite.

We will also be playing golf croquet around the grounds. So get your team together, come grab a cocktail, and check out this groovy scene.

BOOK RELEASE - *A PLACE IN TIME - 2ND EDITION!*

The Kansas City Historic Preservation Commission is proud to announce the release of the second edition of *A Place in Time*, a guidebook to the city's architecture and history. The new edition features more than 400 buildings (and other assets) in full color.

Over the past 40 years, *A Place in Time* has been used by many as a reference book when researching the history of the Kansas City built environment. By updating the book, the Commission hopes to raise awareness of the



importance of the remaining historic building stock within the city while also providing a means to understand the flow of time and people by what they leave behind.

The featured properties span the length and breadth of the city, and a large range of architectural styles are represented.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase online as well as at area book stores.

To purchase the book [CLICK HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIRD SATURDAY WALKING TOURS

This summer HKC is again offering walking tours on the third Saturday of each month! These tours will offer an in depth look at various historic neighborhoods of Kansas City. Tours begin at 10:00 am and last about 1.5 hours. To purchase tickets and for more detailed information please click on the specific tour below.



July 15th: [Westport](#)

Aug 19th: [Pendleton Heights](#)

September 16th: [Armour Boulevard](#)

TOUR THE MILLER MAUSOLEUM



Constructed over a ten year period in phases beginning about 1916, this steel reinforced concrete structure was conceived by Joseph M. Miller, who was reared in the Macon, Missouri area. Immediately after the Civil War, at age 12, he arrived with his parents in Pittsville, Missouri. Upon retiring from farming there at age 60, he moved from Pittsville to Holden in 1915 to building his mausoleum, where construction would be closer to railroad transportation services. There have been a total of sixteen entombments containing twenty four Miller family members and descendants at the mausoleum, representing some of the infant and children family members entombed together in the same vault. The last entombment at the Mausoleum was in 1982. After Miller's death the mausoleum suffered from deferred maintenance and communication between the descendants who had dispersed to various other parts of the country.

*Historic Kansas City MEMBERS ONLY Admission

When: Friday July 21 & Saturday July 22, 2017

Tours on the 1/2 hour

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00

[Follow this link to purchase your ticket!](#)

KIMBALL LECTURE SERIES



On September 14, the State Historical Society of Missouri-Research Center Kansas City will host an event on the history and significance of the nationally known landscape architecture firm of Hare and Hare as part of the Society's Charles N. Kimball Lecture Series. The event will

feature a conversation between landscape historian Carol J. Grove and architectural historian Cydney E. Millstein, moderated by Joan Stack, Curator of Art Collections at the State Historical Society of Missouri.

The Kansas City-based landscape architectural Hare and Hare was founded by father and son, Sid J. Hare (1860-1938) and S. Herbert Hare (1888-1960). Their partnership would last twenty-eight years. The Kansas City Research Center holds an extensive collection of drawings, records, and photographs related to the work of Hare and Hare. These materials are an invaluable resource to landscape architects, historians, and the general public.

The Kimball Lecture Series is financially supported in part by MRI Global. Additional support is provided by Ochsner Hare and Hare, a Design Studio of Olsson Associates.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 at the American Institute of Architects - Kansas City office at 1800 McGee Street, Suite 100. A reception will precede the event at 5:30. Please RSVP to kansascity@shsmo.org.

TAKE ACTION

HISTORIC TAX CREDITS

For more than three decades, the federal Historic Tax Credit (HTC) has successfully implemented a national policy of preserving our historic resources. It is the most significant investment the federal government makes toward the preservation of our historic

buildings. Despite a proven track record of stimulating economic growth and preserving our architectural heritage, the historic tax credit faces an uncertain future. As pressure builds to reform the nation's tax code, several influential tax reform proposals recommend a repeal of this essential credit.



The Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act will increase the number of historic buildings across the country that can benefit from historic tax credits and thus enable more rehabilitation projects. Ask your members of Congress to sign on as co-sponsor of this important bipartisan legislation, and let them know the historic tax credit matters to you.

[ACT NOW - CLICK HERE](#)



RECENT EVENTS

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

HKC's Annual Meeting was held on May 17, 2017 at the [National WWI Museum & Memorial](#) and celebrated a year of successful collaborations between preservationists and neighborhoods.

We also discussed where preservation efforts are headed in this uncertain political climate. Thank you to our sponsors [Jantsch Architects](#), [Commerce Bank](#), [Piper Wind Architects, Inc.](#), and [HELIX Architecture & Design](#) and our speaker from the National Trust Barb Pahl.



COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA: BOOK & WALKING TOUR EVENT



During the afternoon of June 17th, Historic Kansas City (HKC) distributed FREE Plaza Walking Guide Books with the goal of promoting appreciation of the built environment of the Country Club Plaza. Publications like this inspire discussions about excellence in design, planning,

and preservation within the entire Kansas City area. With understanding, communities may be better equipped to enrich and preserve our physical surroundings. Thank you to the William T. Kemper foundation for support in this project.

HERITAGE HIKES: SPRING SERIES



This spring, Historic Kansas City hosted more heritage hikes with great attendance. The series included "Kansas City's First Neighborhoods" and "Kansas City's First Neighborhoods". Since the hikes were so popular we will be expanding them into the summer. Check our [website](#) for future dates.

WESTPORT SURVEY UPDATE



Congratulations! HKC along with the *Help Save Westport* group has raised \$25,000 to pay for a professional survey. We have hired Rosin Preservation to survey and inventory over 400 buildings in the area stretching a few blocks east and west of Broadway,

generally bounded by 39th and 43rd streets. The survey should be completed by October. Check out [this article](#) in the KC Star for

more information.

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