



**BEFORE:** Here is the view from the front porch of 3516 Harrison Boulevard. This picture dates from the early 1920s. Some of the things to notice are the double row of elm trees on either side of the sidewalk, the relatively hard roadway service of oiled macadam, the wicker furniture, and the awnings on most of the West-facing windows and porches across the street.



**AFTER:** The picture from today is essentially the same. Most of the old elms have died and new city trees are just in the parking. The parked cars are newer and the roadway is blacktop. The porch itself has changed, with brick and stone replacing the old wood pillars and railings. It is still a nice place to spend a warm evening.



**BEFORE:** The corner of Campbell and 43rd Street looking south to the West. The year is 1908, shortly after the homes were built in 1905. Unlike the boulevards, the city trees are only in the parking. In the 2nd house, you can see a woman sitting on the porch and two children on the steps. Another woman appears to be reading or doing needlework in the 4th house. Among the great things about Hyde Park is the unchanging nature of the area and the community spirit that is encouraged by the front porches and the walkability of the neighborhood.

**AFTER:** The first thing you notice in this photo is a lot more trees, but they seem to be mostly in the yards and not on the parkings. The street is now one-way, has a stop sign, and more cars parked on the roadway. Streetlights have been added, but telephone poles have been removed from the East side of the street. The curb is cut for wheelchair access and a more modern fire hydrant is present. I hope people and children are still enjoying the front porches up and down the block.



### Meetings & More

All in person meetings have been cancelled, sign up for HPNA emails for updated meeting info: <https://hydeparkcc.org/subscribe/>

#### Monthly Meetings –

**HPNA Board:** Second Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

**Neighborhood Meetings:** Third Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

**Crime and Safety:** Officers meet with neighbors monthly at 7pm on the last Thursday of the month from Jan-Oct. Currently meetings are being conducted virtually, visit <https://www.facebook.com/hydeparkcc> for log in information on the day of each meeting.

**The HP Playgroup:** For updates, contact Megan Sawyer at [megan.m.sawyer@gmail.com](mailto:megan.m.sawyer@gmail.com) or join the facebook group at: [facebook.com/groups/167822493269853](https://www.facebook.com/groups/167822493269853).

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## The Hyde Park Homes Tour is October 2, 2021

Hyde Park will host the 34th Homes Tour on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The Homes Tour committee is working to secure six homes and currently has a great selection on the tour including a charming stone bungalow facing Gillham Park and an exciting live/work space in North Hyde Park off 31st Street. With so many tour patrons expected to visit the neighborhood, this is also an exciting opportunity to steer visitors to Hyde Park establishments including shopping and eating. We want to give tour patrons the full Hyde Park experience, and nobody does this better than Hyde Parkers.

Many volunteers are needed to make the tour a success and if you are interested in volunteering, we want to hear from you! Volunteers can serve as a docent at one of the houses, on a shuttle bus transporting tour patrons from house to house, or be a house manager for one of the homes on the tour. All volunteers will receive a free ticket to the event.

Please contact Derek Moore at [derek.matthew.moore@gmail.com](mailto:derek.matthew.moore@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!



SAVE THE DATE:  
Dumpster Days:  
July 24 and August 28

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# Hyde Park Before and After

*(Pat Alley, Hyde Park Historian)* Some parts of Hyde Park and the surrounding area have changed completely over the years, while others look almost as they did when the area was first developed. In this issue we will take a look at some that have not changed much and one building in need of demolition or revitalization.



**BEFORE:** This undated postcard shows the Thornton & Minor Hospital. The Thornton & Minor clinic bought the Lucerne apartment hotel in 1949 and converted it into a 300-bed hospital specializing in rectal and colonic diseases, according to the postcard. The hospital merged with McCleary Clinic and moved to Excelsior Springs in 1957. In 1958 the building was bought by the Veterans Administration for their regional offices, and in 1966 they converted it into a veterans nursing home.

The building originally opened in 1913 as the Belmont Apartment Hotel. The architect was Grant Middaugh and the builder was George L. Brown & Son. Initially, most of the residents were families renting by the year. The hotel provided lounges for socializing and private parlors for receiving guests. Laundry service, room service, and housekeeping were also available. Residents took their meals in a formal dining room on the second floor with two private dining rooms and a larger banquet room adjacent. Other amenities included a smoking room, a billiards room, and a beauty parlor. Shortly after opening the hotel, owners were sued by a smaller hotel with the same name located on 9th street. The case was settled when the Belmont on Linwood changed its name to the Hotel Lucerne.



**AFTER:** Today the property is speculated to be a part of the Troost Village redevelopment project by Compass Resources and Pendulum Studio. Their proposal for the building includes affordable housing units, Airbnb units, and a business and study center.



## Neighbors seek donations for park bench in memory of Gene Morgan



Hyde Park neighbors are collecting funds to dedicate a park bench in memory of Gene Morgan, longtime friend, neighbor, and volunteer. According to KC Parks and Recreation, the total cost would come to \$5,000.00, which includes the bench and a dedication plaque, as well as leveling of the site and a concrete pad wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair. Checks can be made out to the HPNA, with a notation in the memo line - Donation in memory of Gene Morgan - and mailed to: Hyde Park Neighborhood Assoc. Inc., P.O. Box 32551, Kansas City, MO 64171.

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## New myKCMO App Connects Residents to Services



A new smartphone app called myKCMO has been created to help residents request city services anytime and anywhere. The app will allow users to report potholes, illegal dumping, missed trash pickups and more. The myKCMO app is available for free

download to smartphones or tablets in the Apple App store or Google Play store.

Features include:

- Reporting and tracking 311 requests
- Connecting directly with the staff member responding to the problem
- Making payments through the app
- Receiving alerts when your 311 case is updated, and for other city emergencies

# Dumpster Days

Dumpster Days will be held July 24 and August 28 this year.

Volunteers needed! Contact Troy Batson at [1stvp@hydeparkkc.org](mailto:1stvp@hydeparkkc.org) or 913-461-7108.

Details:

- FREE for Hyde Park Neighborhood Association members
- Non-member cost is \$10.00 per load after 10:00 a.m. (space permitting)
- Dumpsters available at 8:00 am - 12:00 p.m. or until full
- 2 dumpsters available - one for general waste and junk, and another for leaf and brush.
- Not permitted: hazardous materials, tires, paint, chemicals

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## Crime Prevention Tips

Summer can bring an increase in crime. Try these tips to be proactive in reducing crime in our neighborhood.

- Get to know your neighbors
- Keep your porch light on at night (*con't next column*)
- Install motion activated lights around your home
- Trim trees and bushes that block views of your doors and windows
- Check that doors and windows are closed and locked at night and when you leave the house
- Do not open doors to anyone you do not know or trust
- Avoid being distracted while walking or sitting in your car, save texting or phone calls for when you get home.
- Leave your car empty, keep valuables, loose change, and charging cables out of sight
- Have packages delivered to a neighbor or your workplace if you know you won't be home at the time of delivery
- Ask the post office to hold your mail when you are out of town. Fill out a form at the post office or online: [usps.com/manage/hold-mail.htm](https://usps.com/manage/hold-mail.htm)
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