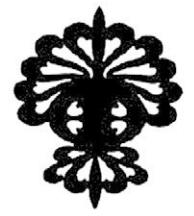


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## New Book Coming for Hyde Park's Historic Janssen Place

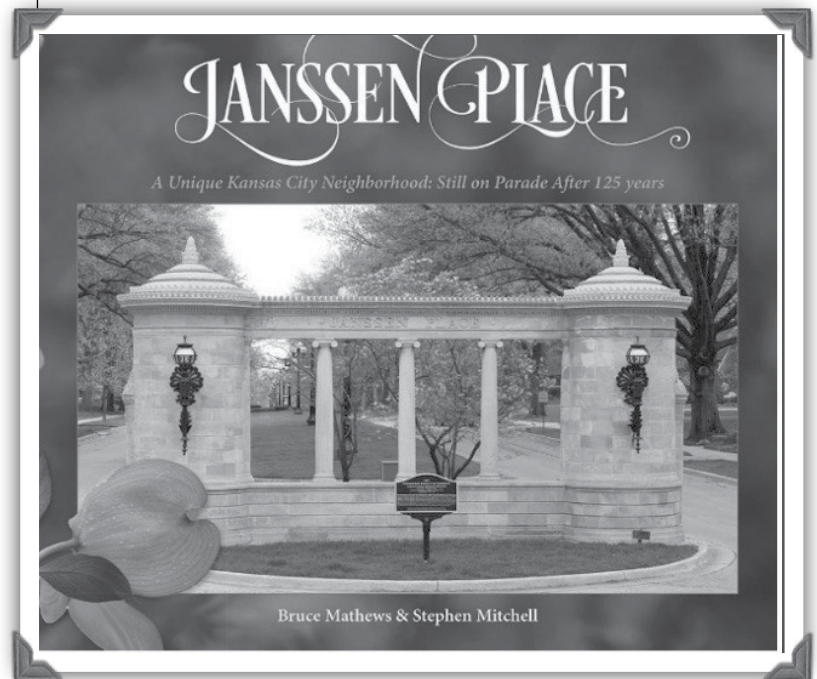
**Steve Mitchell, a longtime Hyde Park resident, and Bruce Mathews, a well-known local author and retired professional photographer, are publishing a coffee-table book about the historic Janssen Place neighborhood in Kansas City.** Steve, a semiretired attorney at Lathrop GPM, and his wife, Barbara, have lived at 2 Janssen Place since 1985 and raised their four children there. Bruce has authored or coauthored six books on Kansas City area historical topics. The book will include descriptions of the original owner families, the architects, and the builders of the Janssen Place homes. It also will include a section on the Hyde Park neighborhood and the nearby Notre Dame de Sion school, among other interesting topics, as well as numerous old and contemporary photos.

Janssen Place is a unique neighborhood within the midtown Hyde Park area. Janssen Place's nineteen original homes were built between 1897 and 1917. Its exciting story, beginning with visionary Arthur Stilwell, developer of the Kansas City Southern Railway and other railroads, is just waiting to reach a wider audience. Additionally, Steve and Bruce are proud that 100 percent of proceeds from book sales will benefit two worthy 501(c)(3) entities: half will go to the Mount Washington Cemetery Historical Society (MWCHS) for cemetery preservation, including the historic William Rockhill Nelson Memorial Chapel; the other half will go to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to help further its neighborhood education and improvement programs.

Neither Steve nor Bruce, nor any other contributing author, will financially benefit from the project. In addition to donating considerable amounts of time and efforts to create the Janssen Place book, Steve and Bruce are both contributing financially to underwrite production costs. Any financial support others can make toward the book's production costs are greatly appreciated. Interested persons can make individual tax-deductible or business-advertising

expense checks payable to the MWCHS. (Please be sure to note "Janssen Place Book Fund" on your check.) Checks can be mailed to: Bruce Mathews, President, Mount Washington Cemetery Historical Society, 2104 Greenfield Pt., Kearney, MO 64060. Contributions also can be made through the MWCHS website at [mwchs.org/janssen-place-book](http://mwchs.org/janssen-place-book). Individual donors or businesses that make contributions will be recognized in the book unless a donor wishes to remain anonymous.

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## 2023 Audit Committee Formed

The 2023 Audit Committee consisting of Grant Mallett, Steve Heflin, and Jim Starcev will be performing the audit of the 2022 financials and reporting at the March board and general meetings. Please direct any questions to Warren Green at [treasurer@hydeparkkc.org](mailto:treasurer@hydeparkkc.org).

## Get to Know the Board

### Angela Splittgerber, current HPNA President

**Were you born and raised in Kansas City?**

I grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, and moved to KC after law school.

**What brought you to Hyde Park?**

I looked at homes all over the metro area but liked the potential I saw in my Hyde Park home.

**Why did you decide to join HPNA's board of directors?**

I first joined the board just a few months after I moved to Hyde Park twenty years ago. I thought it would be a great way to get involved and to meet neighbors. I've been on and off the board ever since.

**What advice would you give your younger self?**

Wow, where to begin? There's so much, because time brings perspective. Not everything is a four-alarm fire, and sometimes the best course of action is to let things play out. Also that staying involved would lead me to develop wonderful friendships with neighbors.

**Why is community important to you?**

It is difficult to find the right words to express the importance of community. Over the years, some of my neighbors have

become family. And I feel like my neighbors and I have developed a network of support that steps in when needed—be it folks suffering personal hardships, concern over negative developments, or keeping a lookout for crime. These relationships establish our community. These days, there is so much division in society, but we find common ground through our relationships, and we understand that we all share this community. And in that, I think we feel a little less divided.

**How do you give back to the community?**

Volunteering for the board and the Troost Coalition and all their related meetings, hearings, and projects takes quite a bit of time. I try to always focus on what is in the best interest of the neighborhood. I also volunteer at KC Pet Project, where I've been known to foster dogs and cats, conduct adoption counseling, and answer the Pet Helpline, among other things.

**What are you currently reading?**

I gravitate toward mysteries and thrillers. I just began *Treasure State* by C. J. Box last night. I've got the second and third books in Jack Carr's Terminal List series on my nightstand to read next.

**What's the scariest thing you've ever done?**

Quitting a job at a big law firm to strike out on my own.

**Where's your favorite place to vacation?**

If I am lucky enough to get some downtime, I really just enjoy staying at home and relaxing.

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## If You Haven't Already Paid Your Dues in 2023, They are Due Today!\*



**Membership for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association renews on an annual basis each year in January.** Membership dues support newsletter production and mailing, the Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour, website maintenance, social events, streetlight banners, matching funds for grants, neighborhood cleanups, and more! Most importantly, members have voting rights to elect board members and to help determine how the association budgets for funds, responds to developments, and takes positions on city issues that impact our neighborhood.

Dues are:

- \$35 .....Household
- \$50 .....Patron
- \$100 .....Nonprofit
- \$100 .....Resident Commercial
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**Renew online at [www.hydeparkkc.org](http://www.hydeparkkc.org):** Click the Pay Dues button to pay with a credit/debit card.

**Or renew by mail:** Send a check to HPNA, P.O. Box 32551, Kansas City, MO 64171. Checks should be made out to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association; please include your name, address, and email for a receipt.

\*If you paid dues after November 1, 2022, the payment has been applied to your 2023 membership.

**Favorite KC barbecue joint?**

Joe's—and I'll steadfastly continue to call it "Oklahoma Joe's."

**Favorite season in Kansas City?**

Fall.

**Favorite place on the Plaza?**

Cupcake À La Mode. Best cupcakes in Kansas City.

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art or National World War I Museum and Memorial?**

One of my college majors was in history, so WWI Museum all the way.

**Is Hawaiian pizza really pizza?**

Yes. I love pineapple, but I don't order it on pizza. I'll eat Hawaiian pizza if it's being served.

**What is one thing you cook really well?**

Desserts. I am more of a baker. I have a great recipe for pumpkin bars with cream cheese frosting.



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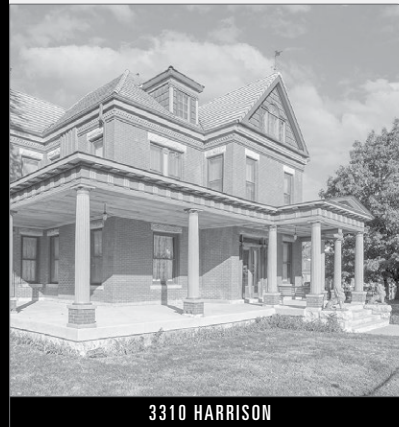
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## Meetings & More

### Monthly Meetings –

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

### Neighborhood Meetings:

Third Tuesdays, odd-numbered months,  
7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Chapel, 3801 Gillham Rd.

**Crime and Safety:** Officers meet with neighbors monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month from Jan–Oct at Central Patrol, 1200 E. Linwood Blvd.

**The HP Playgroup:** For updates, join the Facebook group at:  
[facebook.com/groups/167822493269853](https://facebook.com/groups/167822493269853).

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