



Troost39 Thrift Store Debuts New Façade, Improvements

After years of serving the community, the treasured Troost39 Thrift Store is getting a facelift. Nestled on the eastern border of Hyde Park, at the junction of 39th Street and Troost Avenue, the thrift store has been a staple in the neighborhood for years, giving customers and staff alike a place to call home. Though the building's north face is instantly recognizable to passersby—its stunning oversize murals of community figures are hard to miss—the front entrance was dated, humble, and plain by comparison. But that's changed thanks to the Heart of the City TIF Plan Advisory Committee.

In recent months, Troost39 Thrift Store has seen an overhaul of its storefront, including new windows and doors, refined outdoor lighting, a community message board, and new signage. These upgrades were achievable through the advisory committee's Commercial Façade and Improvements Program. The thrift store worked with the Troost Coalition and Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to ensure that the upgrades are all in compliance with the Troost Overlay and required no variances, thanks to the availability of the TIF funds.

Chuck Wurth, Troost39's co-owner and manager, said of the collaboration, "This project is an example of being able to generate good when all parties . . . bring competency, establish an effective partnership, and cooperate with one another. We felt a genuine sense of interest and support from all involved, that you believed in us."

Troost39 Thrift Store is one of many deserving businesses in the Troost corridor and one of the only remaining thrift stores in the area. It operates in donation-based retail and community-focused ministry, priding itself on its hospitality, proclaiming, "We welcome as friends and neighbors all who come to our doors." On the retail side, the store offers thrifted high-quality treasures—vintage items, clothing, furniture, books, toys, you name it—at low prices. For its nonprofit ministry, Troost39 partners with social service agencies across Kansas City to best assist those in need.

Visit Troost39 Thrift Store at 3922 Troost Avenue to see its many improvements in person. Interested in contributing but short on cash or donations? The store encourages neighbors to come in and volunteer, whether by folding clothes and sorting donations, building and painting, greeting customers, or completing any number of helpful tasks.

To learn more and give back, visit the store or its website, troost39.org, or find it on Facebook and Instagram @Troost39.



Upcoming Neighborhood Events



Get ready for the 2023 Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Yard Sale – Call for Volunteers!

Once again we are pleased to announce plans for a neighborhood yard sale the second Saturday in June. We are always looking for volunteers who want to help with planning and advertising the sale.

Anyone can participate in the neighborhood sale at no cost. A few days prior to the sale, a PDF of the map of active sales held by HPNA members will be posted to the Hyde Park website and on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram @hydeparkkc, showing member-participating households with descriptions of their sales.

Please contact hpna@hydeparkkc.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

**ANNUAL
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Sprayground Save the Date!

The 2023 neighborhood Gillham Sprayground season is right around the corner. The park is scheduled to open on Memorial Day weekend for children of all ages and is located at 41st and Gillham. As a reminder, park hours are 11 a.m.–7 p.m. daily. The park does have picnic tables available for any picnics or parties you want to hold; please you clean up after yourselves and dispose of all trash in the provided trash cans. The park will be open throughout the summer and close for the season on Labor Day.

Dumpster Days Needs You – Call for Volunteers!

HPNA will be sponsoring dumpsters again this year on June 24 and September 23. Both days will run from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. or whenever the dumpsters are full. Members-only until 10 a.m.; non-members \$10 per load after 10 a.m.

We need volunteers! You'll help neighbors check in and direct them to the correct dumpster. If we don't have enough volunteers, the number of dumpsters will be reduced.

We will provide more details as to location, etc., closer to each event.

To volunteer, contact hpna@hydeparkkc.org.

Get to Know the Board

Heidi Olson, South Hyde Park Rep

Were you born and raised in Kansas City?

No, I actually grew up in southern New Mexico and moved to Kansas City nine years ago.

What brought you to Hyde Park?

When I first moved to Kansas City, I had a friend who lived in South Hyde Park, and I absolutely loved the neighborhood. I lived in different apartments in midtown for several years, and when I decided to buy a house, I knew I wanted to look in Hyde Park. I ended up buying the first house I toured and have no regrets!

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

I love history and reached out to Pat Alley (the previous board historian) after starting to read about the history of Hyde Park. He talked to me about joining the board. It seemed like a good fit, because I really love the neighborhood and have spent countless hours walking through it.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Fear is a liar. Don't let it hold you back.

Why is community important to you?

Because people generally do not thrive in isolation. Community brings much-needed support, encouragement, and perspective.

How do you give back to the community?

I am a forensic nurse and content expert on human trafficking, child abuse, and exploitation. Not only do I serve victims of these horrific crimes in my work, but I do a lot of pro bono work in this area as well.

What are you currently reading?

I absolutely love reading, so there are usually several books I am reading at the same time. Right now I am reading *The Return of the King* (from the Lord of the Rings trilogy), and I am also reading a book called *No Bad Parts* that talks about healing trauma. It's incredibly insightful.

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

I presented at a briefing on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, last summer to talk about the way that social media and explicit content is affecting kids and that was pretty nerve-wracking. I also started my own consulting and training business last year and stepped away from working in a corporate environment full-time. It was so scary, but I am thankful for the opportunities that have come from taking a risk.

Where's your favorite place to vacation?

Any place with mountains. I really love Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Favorite KC barbecue joint?

Q39.

Favorite season?

Spring. It brings me so much joy to see all the flowers and trees blooming after a cold winter (also, growing up in the desert, it feels like a phenomenon to see plants grow without any prompting).

Favorite place on the Plaza?

Anthropologie and Messenger Coffee

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

I love both places. I also love going for walks on the grounds of both places. I can't decide!


Is Hawaiian pizza really pizza?

Ugh. It's disgusting. I vote no.


What is one thing you cook really well?

I don't enjoy cooking at all. The only thing I really look forward to "cooking" is making coffee every morning.


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The Cut Nail and the Wire Nail

Most houses in the Hyde Park Neighborhoods were built between 1880 and 1930. It was a time for many new building materials. One was the cut nail. The cut nail was first used in the 1830s to build houses in Chicago, and by 1880, it was the most important fastener in the construction of houses. The nail was cut from thin sheets of iron or steel, hence its name, and was the first nail to be mass-produced. It had a square head and a square tapered shaft with a blunt end. (Actually, the shaft and the head were oblong with two of its four sides slightly longer than the others.) It was a very good fastener that did not split wood when positioned correctly, with the long side of its shaft parallel to the wood grain.

The wire nail was the second type of nail to be mass-produced. It first appeared in 1875, using the same process as to make

wire. It had a round head, a round shaft with a consistent diameter, and a pointed tip shaped like a wedge. The wire nail was not used to build houses until 1895, and even then only occasionally. The wire nail did not need as much metal as the cut nail and was therefore cheaper. It was also easier to handle, and while used only occasionally in 1880, it had almost completely replaced the cut nail by 1920.

Both nails are easy to identify even after they have been driven into a piece of lumber. A cut nail has a head with four sides and is blue/black. A wire nail has a round head and is usually silver in color.

Author Grant Mallett grew up on construction crews and has restored nine old houses, three of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. He has worked on redevelopment/historic preservation projects in Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. He is also the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Historian.



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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:

- \$35Household
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Renew online athydeparkkc.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.

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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.

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