



Historic Kansas City Gazette ~ April Update 2020

Look to Our History for Courage, Comfort, and Inspiration

While our facility is closed in response to the “stay-at-home-order”, we are working steadily behind the scenes at our own homes to continue the mission of Historic Kansas City as we navigate our new normal like you.

Now more than ever, we look to our history for courage, comfort, and inspiration. We also believe that it is extremely important that we stay connected to one another and create the best possible outcomes for the city we love.

We thank you for your support, wish you good health and extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of those who are working tirelessly on the front line.

NEWS



Your action helped shift the momentum from demolition to renovation!

HKC issued a call to action to stop the proposed demolition of the historic home at 236 W. 54th

St., located in the Simpson-Yeomans/Country Side Historic District. An application was filed with the Preservation Commission by the homeowners to demolish the historic home so that they may construct a new home on the large corner lot.

The community response on social media was overwhelming, reaching over 94,300 individuals, resulting in 31,226 engagements, 382 comments, and shared over 285 times. HKCs' **call to action** resulted in over 70 individuals submitting comment to the Preservation Commission. Well done!

The homeowner has withdrawn their application for demolition and proceeding with interior abatement. Temporary construction fencing has been installed. A potential future application for a rear addition is possible.

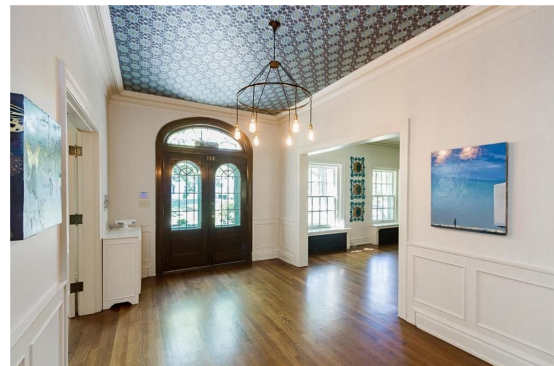
Background: On February 26th, HKC first alerted you that an application had been filed by the homeowners to demolish the existing historic home at 236 W. 54th St so they may construct a new home on the large corner lot. The applicant proposed to demolish the house due to deterioration and environmental concerns and the cost to repair those issues. The Georgian-revival style home was designed by the noted architectural firm of Shepard, Farrar & Wiser.

Case #CH-DR-2020-00009 was originally scheduled to be heard by the Historic Preservation Commission on February 28th, it was continued to March 27th at the request of the applicant. That March 27th hearing was cancelled. The Applicant withdrew the case prior to the April hearing.

See recent house sale details and images at [ZILLOW](#).



Interior Asbestos



Webster House Closes

Another sad outcome of our changing times. The Romanesque style Webster House — a destination draw in the Crossroads with its combination of upscale restaurant and retail in a historic building — will not reopen. The building originally opened as the Webster School in January 1885 and closed in 1932. After a lengthy renovation, it reopened as the Webster House in 2002. Read more [here](#).

Endangered NO More!

Enforcement options were failing; the property was likely a candidate for City Receivership or the Chronic Nuisance program. In partnership with the City, Historic Kansas City placed the

Water Department Building, at 201 Main St., on the *Most Endangered List* to raise awareness and to encourage someone to step up and save the structure. A local developer has stepped up! The Water Department Building is Endangered NO More! Read more [here](#).



Mo Historic Tax Credits

Governor Parson issued the Department of Economic Development (DED) a waiver granting it permission to temporarily suspend certain statutory requirements related to the Historic Preservation Tax Credit during the COVID-19 emergency and subsequent recovery period. Read the full waiver [here](#). The emergency period is extended to August 15, 2020. New project applications will be accepted from May 1, to June 30, 2020. Click [here](#) for more information.



THANK YOU TO OUR SILVER SPONSORS

Save the Date: Virtual Preservation Month

During this unprecedented time, Historic Kansas City is working daily to navigate our new normal like many of you. We also believe that now, more than ever, it is extremely important that we stay connected to one another and create the best possible outcomes for the city we love.

In 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation extended their week-long celebration of preservation to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month in order to promote historic places and heritage tourism, and demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. As Kansas City's community-based preservation organization, HKC believes we should continue the tradition of Preservation Month, even in these uncertain times of change.

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EVENTS

POSTPONED UNTIL
Late Summer or Early Fall
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and when

EVENT POSTPONED

New Date To Be Announced



Historic Preservation Awards
The Temple

people can gather again in groups, we have postponed the Preservation Awards. We are currently looking at dates in late summer or early fall for the event and when one is selected it will be announced.

A special thank you to [The Temple](#) for their understanding and generous support.

VIRTUAL MEMBER MEETING

For May 2020

ORIGINAL PROGRAM POSTPONED

To allow us to continue the mission of HKC as we navigate our new normal, we will host a **"virtual"** members meeting in May for the election of officers and directors. Members will receive several announcements regarding the date, time and logistics for the virtual meeting. We have postponed the "in person" element of the program until a future reliable date can be determined. Please continue to watch for updates. Thank you to [The Fire House](#) for their understanding and support.



VIRTUAL
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Date To-be-Determined

ORIGINAL PROGRAM
AT
FIRE HOUSE IS POSTPONED



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TO
SUMMER 2021

lawn party

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LAWN PARTY

We have decided to postpone the Lawn Party event until the summer of 2021.

Know that this is not an easy decision. However, our overriding concern is for the health and safety of our community.

A special thank you to [The Mansion in the Park](#) for their understanding and generous support.

Take care and be safe.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS
IMPORTANT TO US

During this unprecedented time, HKC is working daily to navigate our new normal like all of you and to keep the organization running. Member dues and contributions are crucial if we are to continue our work.

Your membership renewal or new membership is important to us. Thank you for your support!

[Join today](#)

[Donate today](#)



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It benefits to partner with Historic Kansas City!

Whether it is to provide opportunities to reach a high-quality audience or to support economic growth or to protect tangible history, we know our events and outreach initiatives provide an atmosphere that is unmatched in their ability to bring together like-minded companies and individuals who have an interest in making historic preservation economically viable. As the design and construction industry continues to evolve and grow, relationships are increasingly important. **HKC's annual sponsorship program** is specifically focused on supporting the development of strategic connections between our members, followers and sponsors.

HKC's annual sponsorship program offers a range of sponsorship opportunities to give you direct marketing and visibility benefits for 12-months. Click [here](#) for details and the **FIVE reasons** why YOU should be a business sponsor for 2019.



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