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The President's Message

By George Howard

WHHA President, Tom Cooke, has resigned recently to focus on other objectives in his life that are of greater benefit to his future success. Thank you, Tom, for all that you have accomplished. As WHHA Vice President, I was moved up to President and a new Vice President is selected. I have asked board member Tom Usher to be Vice President and he has agreed. There are two board member positions open and two residents have said they would consider it. These changes will be voted on at the next board meeting. My primary objectives as WHHA President are approving and maintaining a balanced budget for 2010, and carrying out the wishes of residents who voted on issues at the 2009 Annual meeting. I then intend to plan beneficial enjoyable events for the year. We have a bright future ahead of us, "Onward and upward".

Americans, Who Are We?

By George Howard

Wornall Homestead, President

What I see is that many Americans today have forgotten what it is to be an American and what America stands for. The cornerstone of American rights and inferred responsibility is outlined in the US constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights in the US Constitution are the first 10 amendments. I have asked people before if they knew what their First Amendment Rights were and many people gave me a blank stare. They don't know and often these are people who claim their rights have been violated when someone says something they don't like or writes something they don't like. We don't have the right to prevent someone from saying, doing or printing things just because we don't like it. We have rights for ourselves and the responsibility to respect others rights.

The US Constitution Bill of Rights is printed below for those of us who have not read them or have forgotten them.

<http://www.archives.gov>

The Bill of Rights: A Transcription

The Preamble to The Bill of Rights is omitted to save space.

Note: The following text is a transcription of the first ten

amendments to the Constitution in their original form. These amendments were ratified December 15, 1791, and form what is known as the "Bill of Rights."

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and

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cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Snow, while it is fresh on our minds.

Dateline... Wornall Homestead

Mark Forsythe as guest speaker at the February, 13, 2010, WHHA board meeting gave a memorable presentation regarding how homes associations can interact with city ordinances on the responsibility of residents to shovel their walkways after a snow storm. The City of Kansas City has an ordinance on the books that requires residents to clear their walkways of snow within a fairly short period of time after a snow storm. The Wornall Homestead board recognizes that some home owners are elderly or physically unable to shovel their walkways and driveways. The Forsythe Initiative intends to seek out community service minded people that would volunteer to shovel the walkways of elderly and infirmed people who can not accomplish this by themselves. Mark Forsythe is asking community service minded people and students needing

community service hours to contact him and also he is asking elderly and infirmed residents to contact him if they need someone to clear their walkway. Contact Mark Forsythe at: Mark@forsythe4kc.com.

Wornall Homestead History

By Virgil Larson

Did you know you live in a historic neighborhood? Well, you do! The Wornall House is one of only 4 pre-civil war homes still standing in the Kansas City area.

John Wornall built the house that stands at 6115 Wornall road at a cost of \$4,505.69 in 1858. The house was built on the land purchased by his father Richard in 1843 for \$2,500.00. The Wornall property was approx. 498 acres that went from today's 59th street to 67th street, from Main street to State line. Much of the building material came from the land around the house. The brick came from brick kilns, built just 50 yards east of the house. Sand for the brick and mortar came from the Missouri River, hauled by mule team the seven miles back to the building site. Limestone for the foundation, fireplaces and lintals came from the property.

The Civil War was a tumultuous time around the Wornall Homestead. During the Battle of Westport in October 1864, the confederates used the house as a hospital to care for the wounded. They would transport them from the battle field at Loose Park to the Wornall house. As the Confederates retreated the Union soldiers used the Wornall House for their wounded. The Wornall's recalled a number of times that the house was ransacked by soldiers on both sides looking through closets and chests for money. At one point John Wornall was nearly hanged from the balcony of his home by Bushwhackers.

Wornall Homestead Homes Association is a member of the Wornall House Museum, and is represented on the Board of Directors of the Museum. So, as you walk through our wonderful neighborhood think about the 152 years of history and how fortunate we are to live in the heart of John Wornall's Homestead.

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WHA Upcoming Events

Spring Clean Sweep – TBA pending availability of Dumpsters from the City.

Annual Homes Inspection – Second weekend of May.

Fourth of July – Parade on Saturday Morning July 3rd.

Annual Picnic ? - TBA Possible activity at the Wornall House.

Fall Clean Sweep – TBA pending availability of Dumpsters from the City.

Annual Garage Sale – October TBA

Annual Meeting – November

Christmas Lights Contest

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