

18th & Vine Historic Jazz District

# "Community Connection"

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Interested in locating your business at 18th & Vine?  
Call JDRC at 221-1719

## District Newcomers

The Jazz District Redevelopment Corporation would like to welcome the District's new businesses.

AJ Law Firm  
Sports Entertainment Law  
(816) 217-5686

Mary Lou's Restaurant  
Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner  
(816) 421-6977

Merch Services Inc.  
Bank Card Services  
(816) 221-0141

RedVine Cajun Restaurant & Jazz House (Restaurant/Bar/Music)  
(816) 472-VINE (8463)

"The Vines" Salon Express  
Hair/Skin/Nails  
(816) 421-3404

Your business can be here too!!!!

JDRC

## Jazz Me Facts

**Q.** What is the oldest operating business in the Jazz District today?

**A.** *The Call Paper*

Founded by Chester A. Franklin in April 1919. Its first issue was 4 pages long. 2,000 copies were printed that addition which sold for sold for \$.05 a copy.

## The 411 On The Jazz District Redevelopment Corporation

The Jazz District Redevelopment Corporation (JDRC) was established to aid the community in redeveloping the 18th & Vine Historic Jazz District into a premier destination place.

It's vision is to bring restaurants, retail services, and cultural entertainment together for a memorable experience for all who live, work or visit the Jazz District.

As developers, business initiatives are only a segment of JDRC's big picture.

The staff aims to maintain the area by monitoring the stability of unoccupied buildings, by helping the city keep the public streets clean of debris and trash and by developing new ways to help people and traffic enter and exit the district with ease; for instance the additional lighting to be added by the city on Highland Avenue and the District security to be implemented in 2005.

In addition, when



Happy New Year from the JDRC Board & Staff

news and events are reported to JDRC, it assists the local businesses with getting the word out by sending email notices, distributing fliers and when applicable partnership.

And that's the 411!

Profile: CONGRATS!!!!  
Peachtree Restaurant of KC

LET'S DO BUSINESS:  
Entrepreneurial Opportunities

Many visit 18th & Vine for the museums, theater or new development yet, others come only to taste the delicious, mouth watering southern cooking offered by the *Peachtree Restaurant*.

The fine dining restaurant debuted in 2002 and has since soared to exceptional heights. This past year they were featured on the Cable Food Network, highlighted as one of KC's Top 10 Entrepreneurs and Mrs. Willis served as a guest chef at the noted Hen House.

*Visit the Peachtree, it's among the best!*

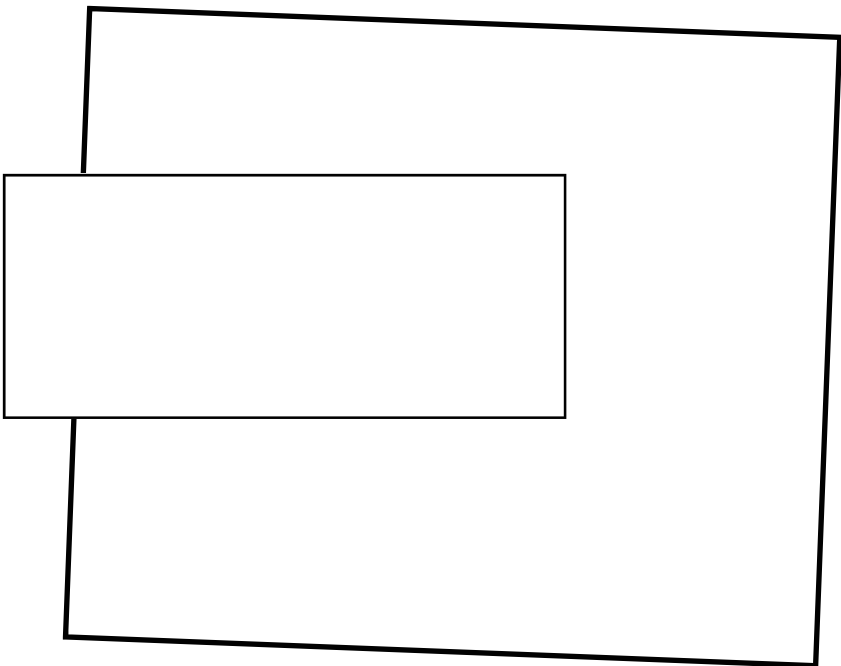
JDRC is looking for a few good businesses to open on East 18th Street in the Historic Jazz District!

Primary focus will be given to the entertainment, retail, food and service industries. Business plans for blues/jazz clubs, mini-marts, dry cleaners, drug stores, billiard parlors and more will be accepted for consideration.

If you or someone you know own an existing business or are looking to open a new venture that fits the District needs, contact the staff at JDRC immediately at (816) 221-1719 or info@kcjazzdistrict.org. Assistance is available and space is limited...**CALL NOW!**

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Live, Laugh & Learn On the Vine!

For info or to submit news and events email us at info@kcjazzdistrict.org

**Phone Directory:** American Jazz Museum 474-VINE, Black Economic Union 474-1080, Black Chamber of Commerce 474-9901, Call Paper 842-3804, Gregg Klyce Community Center 784-1135, Jazz District Apartments 421-4567, KCMO Small Business Division 513-6817, Peachtree Restaurant 472-TREE, RedVine 472-VINE.

## JDRC Welcomes New Board Members

James White formally the Director for the Local Initiative Support Corporation of Kansas City and Gayle Holliday President/CEO of G & H Consulting, were inducted at the September 27, 2004 JDRC Board meeting.

White & Holliday are respected among the business community, as both individuals bring a resume of solid civic leadership and savvy work ethic that allow them to play active roles on several Boards; among them the Land Clearance for Redevelopment, the Front Porch Alliance, (White) Convention & Visitors Bureau and Starlight Theater (Holliday).

The JDRC Board meets quarterly and its current members include officers Jake Mascotte and Deron Cherry (Co-chairmen), and Peter Ye-

lorda (Secretary/Treasurer). Other members include Council persons Troy Nash and Sandra McFadden-Weaver, Bill Nelson, Reverend Wallace Hartsfield and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II.

### WELCOME

Gayle Holliday & Jim White



Please send help!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### Jazz District 1st Qtr. Highlights

- Jan 17th**  
Martin L. King Celebration  
Jazz Museum 474-8463
- Jan 29th**  
Jammin' at the Gem with Randy Weston — Jazz Museum 474-8463
- Jan 31st**  
District Gathering (open to District businesses *only*) JDRC 221-1719
- Feb 5th**  
Doing Business On the Vine  
Entrepreneur Seminar  
JDRC 221-1719
- Feb 12th**  
Jammin' at the Gem with Wayne Henderson and the Jazz Crusaders  
Jazz Museum 474-8463
- Feb 14th**  
Kenny Garrett @ the Blue Room  
Happy Valentines Day 474-8463
- March 2nd**  
Jammin' at the Gem - Herbie Hancock with Michael Brecker and Roy Hargrove - Jazz Museum 474-8463
- March 18th**  
Jammin' at the Gem with Wynton Marsalis - Jazz Museum 474-8463
- March 26**  
Jammin' at the Gem Charlie Parker Memorial Concert with Jimmy Heath Percy Heath and Barr Harris — Jazz Museum 474-8463

For updates call the agencies listed above.