

18TH & VINE JAZZ DISTRICT NOTES



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HISTORIC HIGHLAND HOUSES

The Historic Highland Houses in the 18th & Vine Historic Jazz District are now being stabilized by The Greenleaf Construction Company. The stabilization efforts will prevent further deterioration of these historic gems.

planned for senior housing. Wouldn't it be great to have retired Jazz Musicians and former Negro League Baseball players as our neighbors living right here in the Jazz District!

Cougar Capital, LLC was selected by the Jazz District Redevelopment Corporation Board of Directors in April 2006, to completely refurbish and renovate the six historic houses on Highland Avenue as well as the Rochester Hotel located on the same street.



Upon completion, (28) twenty-eight units are

NEW MARKERS & SIGNAGE

18th & Vine Jazz District Signage Project

Group One Moody-Nolan Limited, Inc. Architects have been selected for a unique "gateway" Signage and Graphics Design project. The signage will identify key entrances to the District and way-finders for the entire District.

The signage project will be coordinated through (CIMO), Capital Improvements Management Office.

The project should be completed by fall of 2006.

Special points of interest:

- Stabilization begins on six Historic Highland Avenue Homes
- Capital Improvements continue with new SIGNAGE in the district
- The RHYTHM & RIBS FESTIVAL event, Father's Day Weekend, June 16, 17, & 18, 2006

THE PRESIDENT'S BEAT

Denise E.. Gilmore, President/CEO :

What a busy time it has been in the Jazz District! The six Highland houses between 18th and 19th Streets are being stabilized and mothballed by Greenleaf Construction in preparation for the total redevelopment of these historic gems! JDRC has

engaged Capital Cougar, LLC, a private developer, to redevelop the six houses on Highland along with the Rochester Hotel, into senior housing. The Phase II development of the Jazz District Apartments will be complete by October 2006, and partial leasing will begin August 2006. And of course, the 2nd Annual Rhythm & Ribs Jazz

Festival is just around the corner! We anticipate over 30,000 visitors to the District during the festival weekend. Stay tuned as the Jazz District continues the redevelopment and reformation into a unique destination with enjoyment for all to work, live, and play!

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JAZZ DISTRICT APARTMENTS

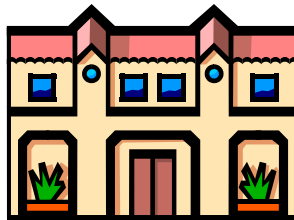
The Jazz District Apartment Units—Phase II, on the corner of 19th & Highland, will be ready for leasing by August 2006. These (20) twenty new units will include 1 bedroom Garden Apartments and 2, & 3 bedroom Townhouses. The units will be nicely equipped with attractive amenities such as fully loaded electrical kitchens, full size washer and dryer appliances, as well as controlled access to the units.

Applications are being taken for these and the remaining (59) fifty nine units, being constructed at 19th & Paseo, which will be completed by October 2006.

After Phase II completion, a total of 79 new units will be available for lease.

This adds to the 73 units from Phase I that currently has a 96% occupancy rate. All units are income restrictive.

For Leasing Information on the apartments and townhouses, please contact McCormack Baron General Manager, Sandra Martin, at 816 421-4567.



PEACHTREE RESTAURANT CATERERS TO YOU

The Peachtree Restaurant located in the Historic 18th & Vine Jazz District will soon house their delicious catering services in a new location at 5154 Ararat Drive, which is directly behind the Peachtree Buffet on Eastwood Trafficway.

Vera Willis says she's excited to be able to concentrate the catering at the new location. Peachtree catering is always available for your Graduation Parties, Wedding Parties, and Summer-time Gatherings. Call them today.

For more information regarding the catering services contact :

The Peachtree Restaurant,
Marilyn Smith, Banquet Manager,

816 472-8733, or visit their website at Peachtreerestaurant.com

2006 RHYTHM & RIBS FESTIVAL

Combining two of Kansas City's richest traditions, *Rhythm & Ribs* premiered in 2005 as a music and barbecue festival to celebrate Kansas City's jazz heritage and provide family outdoor entertainment! *Rhythm & Ribs Jazz Festival* features three days of live music and plenty of family fun. That's three days, two nights, two stages of national and local Jazz, Blues, R&B, and Gospel, as well as the "Smoke It Baby" Amateur barbecue contest. On hand is Target's

Family Pavilion packed with an assortment of live performers, games and interactive entertainment for kids of all ages.

WHEN: June 16, 17, & 18th.

WHERE: 18th & Vine,
Historic Jazz District, KCMO

For more information call 816 474-VINE (8463) or visit www.kcrhythmandribs.com.



This Year's Featured Acts for the *2006 Rhythm & Ribs Festival* will include national and local musicians.

- Al Green,
- Keb' Mo'
- Shemekia Copeland,
- Pancho Sanchez
- Kevin Mahogany
- Bennie Maupin Quartet
- The Original Superstars of Jazz Fusion, Roy Ayers, vibes; Jean Carne, vocals; Wayne Henderson, trombone; Bobby Humphrey, flute; Ronnie Laws, saxophone; Jon Lucien, vocals; and Lonnie Liston Smith, keyboards; Artists, instrument
- Bobby Watson
- Lisa Henry,
- Ida McBeth,
- The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra
- And many more...