



1927 – Mr. Scott, the maintenance man at Bellevue School, standing in front of the building.

Since our rebirth last year, the Richmond Heights Historical Society continues to grow. Our project to survey our collection and begin preservation of thousands of photographs, documents, and artifacts is well underway. We moved into our donated office space at City Hall in September 2001, and outfitted two rooms provided by the City Council with shelves, file cabinets, acid-free boxes and paper, and of course the collection, itself. Two grants, one from the Richmond Heights City Council, and the other from the Missouri Secretary of State's office, provide us with archivist, Sue Rehkopf, who oversees our efforts, and the financial resources to begin preserving everything properly. We continue to need volunteers and financial support from Historical Society members to complete our work.

Future efforts include:

- Continued preservation of the collection;
- Increasing the collection through new acquisitions;
- Sponsoring additional training programs, particularly in the areas of surveying neighborhoods and oral history projects;
- Creating brochures about specific designated areas for use as basic history guides for students and the general public, which will be a collaborative effort with the Richmond Heights Memorial Library;
- Producing finding aids so that the public can access the contents of the collection through the community library;
- Ultimately digitizing the collection, with a grant from the State of Missouri, so that documents and photographs can be made available through our community library catalogue, and other library and archive facilities.



Undated, probably in the early 1920's – Members of Susie's Kitchen Band



1918 – Camp Irondale, Richmond Heights Boy Scout Troup #1

We are grateful to Jeanette Piquet, Director of the Richmond Heights Memorial Library, who loaned us two computers for our work. Using grant money from the City, we were able to purchase a printer and are developing an index for the collection. Other surveying and preservation projects include the numbering of approximately 1500 photographs, and identifying those for which negatives and copies must be made due to age and damage. A small, but intriguing, sample of our photographs is depicted in this brochure. It is only because of the city grant that we have been able to begin the long and expensive process of preserving our photographs. We hope seeing some of them will enable you to appreciate the importance of the collection and the need to save it. Further funding will be required to complete this project. A membership form is provided on the History page of the City's website, www.richmondheights.org . Please take the time now to fill it out and send the form with a check to our treasurer, Joan Provaznik. If you have some time to volunteer, we will provide the necessary training. We can be reached in our office on Monday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at 645-5129, extension 126 or by e-mail at rhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Volunteer efforts include a wide range of activities, from making copies on acid-free paper to filing, and from inputting data into our collection index to taking photographs, to name just a few. We will gladly accommodate your availability, interests and talents.



1931 – Crossroads Restaurant, southwest of corner of Brentwood Blvd. and Clayton Rd.



1977 – Mr. Hegwood, the crossing guard, helps children cross Dale Ave. at Laclede Station Rd.



The original address on the first house was 32 Highland Terrace. The house was built by Frederick Niesen.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Alice Provaznik,

President

Joellen McDonald,

Vice President

Michael Jones,

Secretary

Joan Provaznik,

Treasurer

Betty Humphrey

Barbara Jones

Moses Jones

Kim McCabe

Suzy Pfeifer

Rick Vilcek

Connie Williams

Henrietta Williams



1930s – Workers employed by the Civil Works Administration dig trenches for sewer pipes on Snowden Avenue and Laclede Station Road.



1921 – George Hartsborn's Hi Point Auto Repair Shop on Oakland Avenue. Pictured are George Hartsborn and Herb Lehmer.

RICHMOND HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date Joined: _____

Membership Level, please check one category:

_____ Individual - \$15.00 per year

_____ Friend - \$100.00 per year

_____ Family - \$25.00 per year

_____ Lifetime Member - \$250.00

_____ Business - \$50.00

The Richmond Heights Historical Society, Inc. is a Not-for-Profit corporation, donations are tax deductible. Make your check payable to:

Richmond Heights Historical Society, Inc.

Checks may be given or sent to the historical society treasurer:

Joan Provaznik
7569 Wise Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63117

Please indicate your areas of historic interest and whether you wish to become a volunteer:

Are you aware of historic information, photographs, etc. that the Society should know about? Please provide some details.

For more information, we can be reached in our office on Monday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., at 645-5129, extension 126 or by e-mail at rhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.