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# BRUSH CREEK CORRIDOR CHRONICLE

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## Dear Kathy,

This edition of the Brush Creek Corridor Chronicle features news about a public workshop to examine alternatives under consideration for improving a very visible part of Brush Creek. The area from Roanoke Parkway - where the initial Brush Creek Flood Control and Beautification Project starts or ends (however you look at it) to just over the State Line - is something the community has been concerned about for a long time. I know this because BCCP receives its fair share of calls, letters and media inquiries on this matter.

So it's been BCCP's privilege to work with Kansas City, MO, Johnson County, KS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to bring the community together to share ideas for how we should treat this area called the Bi-State Reach. This is part of holistic examination of Brush Creek, which flows through two states, three counties and eleven municipalities through very diverse, yet vibrant, parts of our community. Similar outreach and planning will be occurring in other key locations along Brush Creek over the next couple years.

This kind of collaboration across jurisdictions involving many other government agencies and stakeholders is uncommon. The prevailing attitude as we look at flood mitigation, water quality, and land use issues across Brush Creek and its tributaries is: "We're all in this

together."

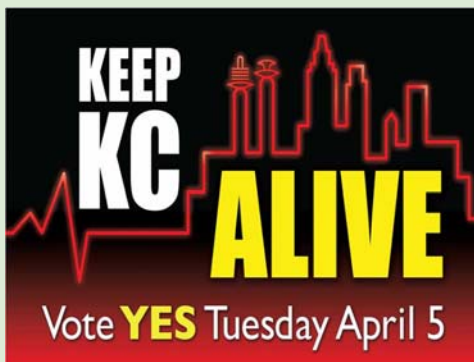
If you can't tell I'm very excited about this, you haven't been paying attention.

I hope to see you soon at a workshop near you.

Carol Grimaldi  
Executive Director  
Brush Creek Community Partners

## BCCP SUPPORTS K.C. EARNINGS TAX

Kansas Citizens will vote next Tuesday, April 5, concerning whether or not to keep the earnings tax, the one percent levy on earnings and profits of people and businesses working or living in Kansas City. Brush Creek Community Partners believes the earnings tax is a critical tool to develop and protect thriving, safe and sustainable economic centers in a regional economy.



Further, BCCP believes elimination of the earnings tax would threaten the level and quality of basic services the city must provide to be livable, and its capability to attract and retain business. It has already hampered the city's bonding capacity, making it more expensive to raise funds for city projects because of the uncertainty of the tax's future. Elimination of the tax will make this worse. In turn, this will hurt the community's ability to plan long-term in its work to become the world class city that is inviting to visitors and new residents.

Clicking on the image will take you to BCCP's website where you can access an informational PowerPoint presentation that gives you the facts about the earnings tax and its importance to Kansas City's quality of life and our future. Please share this information with others within your sphere of influence. THANK YOU!

## BRUSH CREEK WATERSHED WORKSHOP ON THE BI-STATE REACH

Thursday, April 21  
5:30 to 7:30 pm  
Mission Hills Country Club  
5400 Mission Road, Mission Hills, KS



The Bi-State Reach, from Roanoke Boulevard in Kansas City into Johnson County, has been an area of particular community concern for years. At this workshop, the community will have the opportunity to review and comment on conceptual alternatives that have been developed to depict improvements in this section of the creek. These alternatives have been designed to reflect considerable public input

that has been received over several months. They are available for examination at [www.brushcreekwatershed.com](http://www.brushcreekwatershed.com). Workshops on the Bruce R. Watkins bridges and Rock Creek reach are being planned for later in 2011. For more information, call 816-523-2991.

## UMKC TEAM A WINNER! (AGAIN!!)

The University of Missouri-Kansas City Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team is champion of the SIFE USA Regional Competition for the fourth year in a row. Through SIFE, participating students use business concepts to develop community outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need.



The UMKC SIFE team organized 11 such projects in addition to developing a business success skills training workshop at three leading Chinese universities.

As one of 12 Regional Champions, the UMKC team advances to SIFE USA National Exposition in Minneapolis in May.

## CIVIC LEADER HONORED BY COMMUNITY



Hundreds turned out to say thank you to retired Missouri State Senator Yvonne Wilson (left) this month. Among them was her replacement, former State Representative Shalonn "Kiki" Curls, who won a special election for the Ninth Senate District seat in February. Wilson retired a year early from her public role for family reasons. During her eleven years in the Missouri General Assembly, she was an advocate for health, safety, education and welfare issues.

## EARTHWALKERS TO ENJOY BRUSH CREEK

EarthWalk, a celebration of Earth Day and a benefit for Bridging the Gap environmental educational organization, will take advantage of Brush Creek on Saturday, April 16. While the three-mile walk starts in Theis Park (along Volker Boulevard at Oak Street) at 11 a.m., family activities, including StoneLion Puppet Theatre, will be held during registration beginning at 9 a.m. Pledge forms for Earthwalk can be secured at [www.earthdaykc.org](http://www.earthdaykc.org).



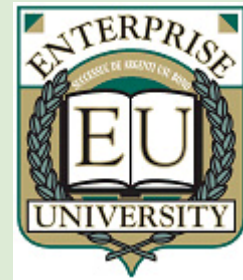
## FEE WAIVED FOR DISASTER RELIEF AID



Mazuma Credit Union is offering free wire transfers to its members who are wiring money to Japan to help in relief efforts, following this month's devastating earthquake and tsunami. The regular \$30 international wire transfer fee will be waived to wire money to an individual or organization for relief efforts in Japan through April 30.

## ENTERPRISE UNIVERSITY TARGETS BUSINESS EFFECTIVENESS

Enterprise Bank is offering Enterprise University, a curriculum to enhance business performance to business owners through May. Classes in financial management, leadership effectiveness and improving personal fiscal fitness are free and not limited to the bank's clients. For more information and to register for courses, visit [www.enterprisebank.com/eu](http://www.enterprisebank.com/eu).



## COMING UP IN THE CORRIDOR

### Monet's *Water Lilies* Triptych Reunited

**Date:** April 9 thru August 7

**Time:** Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday & Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday - 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

**Fees:** Adults - \$8;  
Seniors over 55 - \$7;  
Students 13-19 with ID - \$5;  
Children 12 and under - Free



**Location:** Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 4525 Oak Street

Claude Monet's exceptional *Water Lilies* triptych will be on exhibit from April 9 through August 7. The three individual panels, coming from The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Saint Louis Art Museum, will be reunited for the first time in over 30 years. Come experience this one of a kind interactive exhibition.

For more information, click [here](#).

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## It's An Easter Egg-stravaganza!

**Date:** Saturday, April 16

**Time:** 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Fees:** Free

**Location:** Brush Creek Community Center, 3801 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.



Come have some fun doing crafts and activities in addition to a good old fashioned Easter egg hunt!

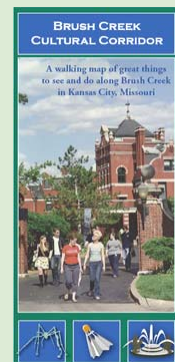
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For a complete listing of events and activities  
in the Corridor, visit

[www.kcartswalk.com](http://www.kcartswalk.com)

## BRUSH CREEK CULTURAL CORRIDOR WALKING MAPS AVAILABLE

Brush Creek Cultural Corridor maps identify and connect our community's cultural assets along Kansas City's Brush Creek Corridor. Copies of this map are available by contacting Brush Creek Community Partners at 816-523-2991 or email [kathy@bccp.org](mailto:kathy@bccp.org).



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