

# Barrett Brae

## **FACTS ABOUT HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

You may have recently received a flyer titled “Facts About Historic Districts” which contains inaccuracies and false assumptions. Your neighbors on the Barrett Brae Pride and Preservation Committee want you to make an informed decision about historic preservation whether you are for or against.

- **Numerous studies show property values increase in historic districts.**
- **Simple home improvement projects don't require any additional approval.**
- **Remodeling choices are entirely up to the homeowner.** There are no restrictions on windows, siding, roofing, paint color, etc. Historic District Style Guidelines, which are written by neighbors in Barrett Brae, will only cover new construction.
- **Studies have shown that demand for homes in historic districts is statistically higher as evidenced by higher property values and fewer foreclosures.**
- **Demolitions can only be stayed for a maximum of 270 days—not years.**
- **This is a local historic status through the city of Kirkwood.** As a result, only the Kirkwood side of our neighborhood can become a historic district.