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Englewood Theater & Ben Franklin to be Purchased



The historic Englewood Theater and adjacent Ben Franklin store will be purchased by a newly formed Missouri non-profit.

Friends of Englewood Theater have signed a real estate contract to acquire the two properties from the estate of Wade Williams II, who owned the two properties which anchor the south side of the Englewood Arts District.

The Englewood Arts District has seen a resurgence in the past decade through the efforts of local business owners and the opening of the Englewood Arts Center. Englewood Arts is not directly involved in the transaction.

“Our immediate plans were to acquire the two properties, work on financing the purchases and slowly figure out the adaptive reuse of the two buildings,” said Brent Schondelmeyer, president of Friends of Englewood Theater.

This is a grass roots community movement with business owners in the District, and area patrons wanting to see this transformation.

This is the first step in a long journey to restore these beloved spaces and breathe new life into the Englewood Arts District!

WHAT'S NEXT:

- ◆ Secure financing and finalize the purchase
- ◆ Work to list the Englewood Theater on the National Register of Historic Places
- ◆ Complete a feasibility study for future uses of the buildings

💡 DID YOU KNOW? 💡

The Englewood Theater, once known as KC Opry, hosted many artists, including Garth Brooks, who immortalized it in his song "The Old Stuff". The Friends of Englewood Theater would like to see movies, and live events return to the Theater, would love to work with the independence School District in this area too.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Make a tax-deductible donation to Friends of Englewood Theater through the [Truman Heartland Community Foundation](https://thcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund..) online <https://thcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund..>

Come out and participate in one of the many money raising events that will be held to help the Friends of the Englewood Theater get to their goal. Wine Down 109 has several events planned March 22 and 29, April 12, 19, and 26, Englewood Theater Bingo (ETB). Also Paint & Sip with Art Bliss and \$3.00 of each paint booking going to the Theater fund.

Be a volunteer: Starting with manning a table at our 3rd Friday Art Walks to inform the people of what the Friends of Englewood Theater are trying to do.

Like us and share our info on Facebook Friends of Englewood Theater—2025.

PAINT & SIP
AT WINE DOWN 109
MARCH 27, 6-8
\$3.00 goes toward new
Englewood theater
Complimentary drink!!!

Spring Bouquet

**10914 E WINNER RD,
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64052**

Share your memory of the Theater <https://www.Englewoodtheater.org/stories>

We're excited to see how the future of the Englewood Theater unfolds and what new possibilities these historic spaces will bring!

Sign up to receive the newsletter updates at <https://www.Englewoodtheater.org/>

LEARN MORE HERE::: <https://www.Englewoodtheater.org/> [#EnglewoodTheater](#) [#HistoricPreservation](#) [#SupportLocal](#) [#IndependenceMO](#) [#CommunityMatters](#)

Find out some historic information about the Englewood Theater, Like it was built in 1949 and is one of the very few Art Deco Theaters left in the USA, at the web site <https://www.Englewoodtheater.org/>

Englewood Arts will be open come out and enjoy glass blowing demonstrations, with several current exhibits "Because of Black History Month" by resident artist KE Griffin, and "A 50 Year Survey" by Allan Winkler. Special exhibit Ladies, Make it, a pop up market for women owned businesses (Also Saturday 12—4 PM).

Englewood Café is open until 8:00 PM serving great comfort food and drinks.

Four Corners Framed Art will be open early in the evening with a large collection of nationally known artists, so come and visit us first in the evening!

Frannie Franks Coffee Cakes will be open and selling coffee cakes!

Highview Hemporium will be open, tired of all of the white outside? Come on in, We have plenty of green! "cannabis fannabis" and organic hemp products.

KC Property Solutions will have local art in the front foyer.

Le Boutique will be open, with great clothing for both men and women and Health and Beauty needs, and accessories.

Nirvana Coffee & Games, will be open with Karaoke night starts at 8 pm to midnight!

Three Trails Trading Post and Artisan Gallery will be open featuring several of local Artists! **Sylvia Tanner**, beading Artist, **Judy Bliss**, artwork mostly paintings, fused glass Art and dishes by **Vira Dobbins**, ceramic vases, bowls, and cups by **Deb Sipes**, native American Style art/flute music by **TerryLee Whetstone**, and Silversmithing, wood working, leather working, and jewelry by **Kara Paris**, business owner.

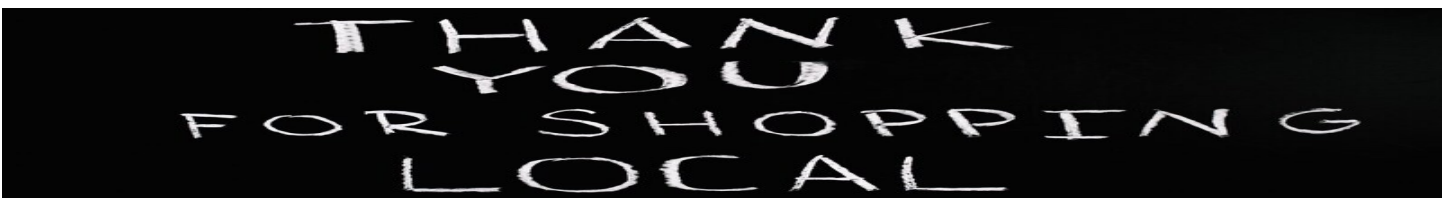
WestInd Connection, Inclusion Center, will be open with special exhibit artist, Faith, with her hand printed cards and prints, also a special performance by Heath Church.



Wine Down 109 will be open with live music from Frank Reardon, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm, come on in enjoy cocktail, or check out the moctails. Check out the art from house artist, **Karen Ann Polk**.



Vivilore has upstairs open for your perusing pleasure, two floors of art, antiques and gifts, check out the pumpkin patch, plus dinner and drinks.



Up Coming Events

March 22, Englewood Arts - Ladies, Make It, pop up for Women owned business, 12—4 PM.

March 22, Wine Down 109, BINGO, 5:30 PM. We will call this (Englewood Theatre Bingo). \$12 to play...\$2 will go towards the theater renovation. Come and have fun and be a part of NEW history being made. Payouts will be based on number players. 5 games total. Share this with your friends. This will be fun!

March 22, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Open RPG Night 6 PM.

March 22, Englewood Arts - Greenskeeper with special guest Heath Church and Martha Sin Del, experience the enchanting music. \$20, 7—10 PM.

March 25, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Casual Commander, 5—9 PM.

March 25, Nirvana Coffee and Games, BYOC –Bring Your Own Crafts Social , 6 PM.

March 25, WestiNd Connection, Queer Kung Fu and Allies too Weekly Tuesday's, 6 PM.

March 25, Wine Down 109, Rye Whiskey Tasting w/Bill Chapman Sign up at WD109 or call 816-29-3036 to reserve your spot. \$25, 6 PM.

March 27, Wine Down 109, W/Art Bliss, Paint & Sip! 6 –8 PM.



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March 27, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Trivia Night 7 PM.

March 29, Englewood Arts - The Goldenberg Duo, Experience the musical mastery of Susie and Bill. \$20, 7—9:30 PM.

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March 31, WestiNd Connection, Trans Visibility Day, Open House 6 PM.

April 11, Englewood Arts - I Exist Project, with Alex Li, saxophone and piano \$20, 7 PM.

April 12, Nirvana Coffee and Games, Jason Vivones & the Billy Bats, 6—9 PM.

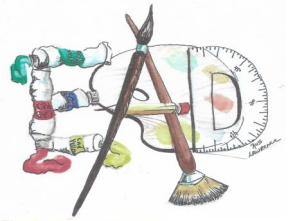
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April 27, WestiNd Connection, Artist in Bloom, Several businesses in Englewood, vendors, plus the Independence School District, more info to come. 11 AM—4 PM.

May 31, Englewood Arts - "Hooray For Englewood" We're rolling out the red carpet, \$125 for individual or sponsorship pricing see web site, 7-10 PM.

Summer Arts Camp— Englewood Arts - June 2 thru August 1. See website for Arts Camp classes, and to apply for a camp or a camp scholarship. Ages 7-12 and also Teen Arts Experiences available Teens 13-17. Also accepting donations for Summer camp scholarships.

Englewood Arts District



Other Businesses West of Print

Northern Blvd United Methodist Church
 Nirvana Coffee & Games, Finnegan
 Tav & Accounting, Parami, Clothing
 and Homegoods, Englewood Church,
 Maywood Baptist Church



Englewood

Police Sub-Station

Englewood Café

Massage Therapy and Gallery/
 Move Freely Bodywork's
 WINC Inclusion Center

Highview Hemporium

Four Corners Framed Art
 Wine Down 109

Frannie Franks Coffee Cakes
 Ezra October Fascinating Costuming

KC Properties Solutions

Englewood Row Gallery & Art Space

(entrance on Harris) Carrell Auctions
 17 22 Harris

La Plaza Market, Kopa-Ka-Tana
 Estetica Unisex Linda Salon
 Le Boutique
 A Secret Garden,
 an event venue

The Antique Gallery
 (opening soon)
 Three Trails Trading Post
 and Artisan Gallery
 Studio Englewood Salon

Other Businesses East of Print

Hill Flowers
 Cockerell McIntosh Pediatrics
 Carson-Speaks Chapel
 Amie Jacobsen Art and Design
 Estate Sales by Bonnie

B-Vogue
 Salon
 and Art Gallery

Where the Arts Live

Winner Road from
 Sterling to S. Ralston Ave.