

UNDER THE OAKS HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY

WILDWOOD AVENUE





Under the Oaks Historic District

Wildwood Ave.

512 Wildwood Ave. – Vacant Lot

Current Owner: Sundermann, James D

Parcel Number: 2-056400000

522 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: John George Hall

Date of Construction: N/A

Current Owner: Jackson Public Schools

Parcel Number: 2-055900000

Property Type: Public School

Style: French Eclectic

Description: A two-story French Eclectic public school on the north side of Wildwood Avenue with a metal decorative fence around the property. The building forms the shape of an H with

two-story wings projecting north and south. No foundation is visible above ground with a stone water table at ground level. All elevations are covered in stone with a string course between the first and second story, and stone quoins at the corners and flanking window openings. Centered on the south façade between two two-story wings is a recessed two-story elevation with three bays on the first story and four bays on the second story. On the first story are flattened arched openings with smaller double-hung windows and brown painted panels in the openings. Windows on the second story are double-hung with straight lintels. To either side of the recessed south façade, stone chimneys protrude from the roof.

One bay is centered on the first and second story on the north wings. Replacement double-hung windows with brown painted panels fill the first story bays with stone surrounds and a flattened arch lintel with center keystone. Double-hung replacement windows with brown painted panels also fill the second story full length openings with straight stone headers. A decorative metal balcony supported by stone brackets is under the second story window openings. Above the second story windows, in the roof line, are arches with cornice returns, dentils, brackets, and decorative designs in the interior of the arch.

Windows on the west elevation have been replaced with double-hung windows and brown painted wood panels filling in the rest of the window openings. Centered on the west elevation is a barrel vault projection supported by decorative brackets with one bay on the first and second story below. The barrel vault end has cornice returns, dentils, and decorative interior designs around a circle window. Between the first and second story is a decorative metal balustrade with decorative stone brackets underneath.

On the north elevation northeast wing is a two-story addition. Arched openings with arched stone surrounds are on the north and west elevations of the addition's first story. In between the two north wings is an entry under construction.

The parallel oriented hipped roof with perpendicular cross hips and copper finials are covered in slate tiles. Parallel oriented barrel vault roofs to the east and west are covered in sheets of copper. Under the roof eaves are denticulated stone frieze boards.

North of the main building is a two-story carriage house with a sprayed concrete coating on all elevations. Stone quoins are on the corners with a stone frieze board under the overhanging eaves of the parallel oriented hipped roof. On the west elevation is a one-story addition with rusticated stone and a hipped roof.

The hipped roof, intersecting hipped roof on the east elevation, and the one-story hipped roof are covered in slate tiles. On the north slope of the one-story hipped roof is a section of asphalt shingles. Copper finials are on the one- and two-story hipped roofs with arched roof dormers on the north elevation and south façade.

A rusticated stone wall extends from the carriage house to the main building. On the stone wall in front of the carriage house is a decorative copper and stone fountain.

Contributing: Yes

544 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: N/A

Date of Construction: 1926

Current Owner: Jackson Public Schools

Parcel Number: 2-064500000

Property Type: Public School

Style: Gothic Revival

Description: A three-story Gothic Revival public school on the north side of Wildwood Avenue. The foundation is made of brick and concrete with a stone molded water table separating the foundation from the brick and stone on the elevations. Three focal points are on the south façade, each marked by a parapet gable, a crenellated parapet, or a tower. The parapet gable on the west end of the south façade has a multi-light square window in the gable. On the second and third story is a two-story stone oriel bay window with string courses, decorative stone panels, and a crenellated top parapet. Divided light square windows with pointed arched divided light transoms and decorative stone surround are in the foundation and the first story under the oriel bay window. Centered on the south façade between the foundation and the first story is a triple door entry with rectangular transoms and stone surround. Above the triple

entry is a stone canted bay window that extends to the stone string course below the parapet roof with string courses, stone panels, one-story and one-and-a-half story divided light windows, and a crenellated stone parapet. Flanking the center entry are brick and stone buttresses topped with stone pinnacles. On the eastern end of the south façade is a stone and brick five-story tower. A recessed pointed stone arch with writing above and decorative spandrels is around two double doors and a pointed arch lattice divided transom. East of the entry is a stone plaque engraved with the year of construction, 1926. Three double-hung divided light windows with arched divided transoms and stone surrounds are on the second and third story. Decorative stone window hoods are also on the third story windows. On the fourth and fifth story of the tower are sections of decorative stone tracery and louvers. Flanking the stone in the center of the tower and at the corners of the other elevations on the tower are brick buttresses with stone shoulders. At the top of the tower, the brick buttresses transform into large brick piers with recessed stone niches and stone string courses, topped by decorative stone pinnacles. Between the brick piers is more stone tracery under decorative stone crenellation. Scattered between the three focal points are one- and two-story stone oriel bay windows on the south facade. Other windows on the south façade include single, double, and triple groupings of six-over-six windows with divided rectangular or arched transoms.

On the east elevation is a four-story tower with a multi-stepped crenellated parapet capped in stone and a stone molded string course below. Stepped brick buttresses with stone shoulders are on the northwest and southwest corners of the tower. Two double doors with divided arched transoms, stepped arched stone surrounds, and arched shouldered hoods are on the first story. A two-story stone canted bay window is on the second and third story of the tower with divided light double-hung windows, rectangular transoms, and a crenellated parapet roof. South of the west tower are stepped brick buttresses with stone shoulders evenly spaced and decorative brick work in between on the third story.

A stone and brick one-, two-, and three-story additions are on the west and north elevations with an asphalt shingle covered gable at the southwest corner.

The flat crenellated parapet roof is capped in stone with a molded stone string course below.

South east of the Gothic Revival School is a parallel oriented building with a slate hipped roof and flared overhanging eaves. The elevations are covered in stretcher bonds of red brick. On the south façade are seven bays with an entry in the center bay. The centered aluminum and glass entry door with rectangular transom has a stone surround with a stone broken swans neck pediment, fluted pilasters with acanthus leaf decorated brackets, and an entablature with a convex frieze board and egg and tart embellishments. In the eastern and westernmost first story bays are full length divided light paired windows with divided light sidelights and a

stone entablature. Other windows on the south façade are six-over-six double-hung and four-over-four double-hung with stone sills.

Two bays are on the first and second story of the east elevation with single and coupled double-hung windows. In the first story north bay is an arched panel door with multiple stone and brick arches above. Stone pilasters and red brick are under the arches along with stone acanthus leaves. In between two of the stone arches are red brick dentils.

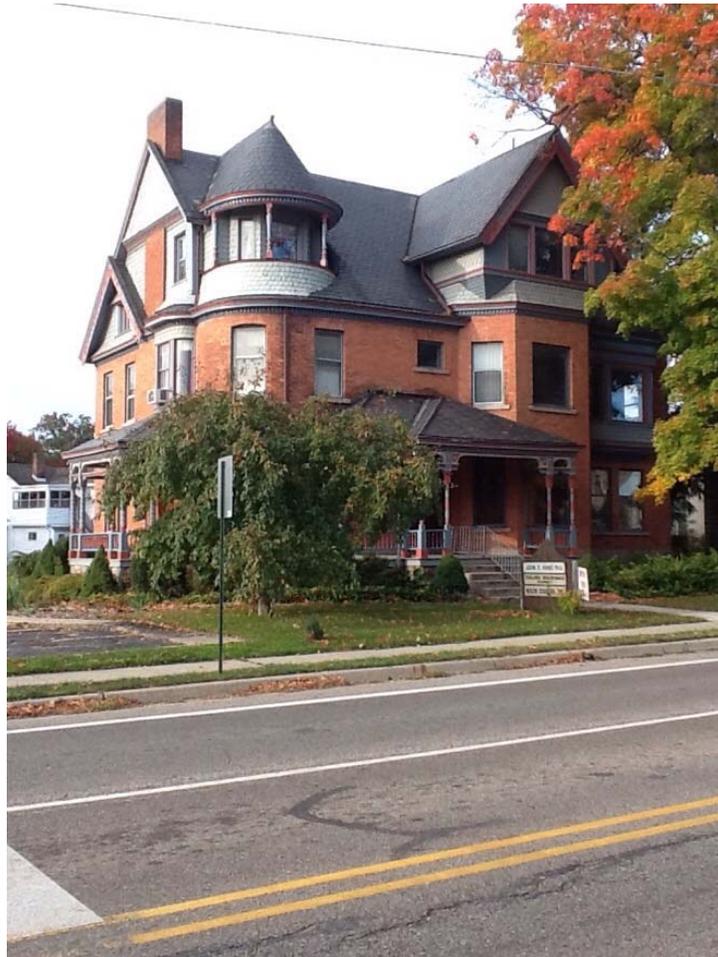
An arched brick entry with a flat roof is on the north elevation.

On the west elevation first story are three full length paired divided light windows with stone entablatures and stone sills. Two bays of six-over-six flanked by four-over-four double-hung windows with stone sills are on the second story of the west elevation.

The overhanging eaves of the hipped roof have faux rafter tails underneath.

Contributing: Yes

505 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: Hugh H. Richard House

Date of Construction: ca.1888

Current Owner: John S. Hand PC

Parcel Number: 2-005700000

Property Type: Professional/Office

Style: Queen Anne

Description: The Richard House is a two-and-one-half-story, gable-roof, Queen Anne house with a basically rectangular side-gable front section and gable-roof rear ell. It faces northeastward on Wildwood Avenue on Jackson's near west side, an area containing the city's most imposing late nineteenth-century homes. Standing on a foundation of rock-face, coursed ashlar masonry, the house has stone-trimmed brick walls with wood shingling above the second-story level. Its

front facade is dominated by a slightly off-center, projecting structure comprised of double-decker slant-sided bay windows capped by a cantilevered rectangular plan, third story and massive front-gable roof. The house's broadly rounded northeast corner features a rounded, turret-like, hip-roof dormer fronted by a porch with turned columns above a shingled parapet. A hip-roof, turned-column verandah -- detailed with bracket-trimmed rounded intercolumniations and with dentils and rosettes -- extends across the facade between the rounded corner and bay window, sheltering the main entrance. The house's front and side gables display a variety of detailing. In the east facade, a massive chimney stack, projecting only slightly from the wall plane, cuts through the main cornice and rises unseen behind the upper gable facade to pierce the roof at the ridge. The north facing gable and a subsidiary gable spanning the rear part of the house's east side have decorative bargeboards. The west gable has a recessed porch with projecting round-ended balconet in its lower portion and timber truss work and bracketing at its apex. The house's gables and other shingled surfaces display standard and round- and octagon-butt shingling, with the upper portions of the gables displaying octagon-butt shingles alternating with smaller standard ones.*

*Taken from the National Register Nomination for the Richard House

Contributing: Yes

511 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: N/A

Date of Construction: N/A

Current Owner: Anderson, Mabel Trust

Parcel Number: 2-005800000

Property Type: Mixed Use

Style: Shingle

Description: A two-and-a-half-story mixed use Shingle style building on the southeast corner of Lydia Street and Wildwood Avenue. The foundation is made of concrete block with a rusticated cut stone veneer on the first story above. Covering the second story and gambrel ends are gray slate tiles that flare between the first and second story. On the north façade is a steep overhanging gambrel with faux rafter tails underneath. Below the gambrel, on the first story is

an entry door with divided sidelights and transom that fill a wide arched opening with pointed voisoirs and straight sills under the sidelights. Concrete stairs with concrete sidewalls lead to the entry. In the north gambrel is a tripartite double-hung window with pilasters, straight projecting lintels over the side windows, and a white arch with fan details and a keystone over the center window. At the peak of the gambrel tympanum is a thin arched fixed window with an arched hood and molded sill. East of the north gambrel is a hipped roof covered entry porch that also recesses under the second story. The porch has a block foundation with rusticated cut stone pedestals topped with fluted columns. Between the pedestals is an open block patterned balustrade. Under the overhanging eaves of the hipped porch roof is a frieze board with modillions. A larger frieze board is under the string course where the porch is recessed under the second story. On the second story above the entry porch is a canted bay window with double-hung windows and white surrounds. West of the north gambrel is a one-story flat roof addition with a concrete entry stoop, rusticated block side walls and balustrade, columns on top of the balustrade, frieze board, and modillions on the overhanging eaves.

South of the one-story flat roof addition, on the west elevation is a steep gambrel overhanging the first story with faux rafter tails underneath. Under the west gambrel, on the first story is a fixed window with quarter arch sidelights in a wide arched opening. Straight sills are under the fixed window and quarter arch sidelights with a pointed voisoirs hood. A basement window below on the west elevation is a triple divided window with a stepped voisoirs header. In the west gambrel end is a two bay canted window with a half-hipped roof and angled slate tiles underneath. South of the west gambrel is an entry with a projecting gable supported by square columns.

The hipped roof with lower steep cross gambrels is covered in red patterned asphalt shingles. Patterned shape gable roof dormers with double-hung windows are on the north façade and the east elevation.

Contributing: Yes

517 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: N/A

Date of Construction: N/A

Current Owner: Colletti, Cheryl

Parcel Number: 2-006500000

Property Type: Professional/Office

Style: Postmodern

Description: A one-story Postmodern professional office on the southwest corner of Lydia Street and Wildwood Avenue. The foundation is not visible from the ground level. All elevations are covered in stretcher bonds of brick with vertical aluminum siding in the gable tympanums. On the north façade are one-over-one fixed windows with black flanking shutters and a solid white painted door. Four sets of coupled one-over-one fixed windows with black shutters are on the east elevation. Centered on the south elevation is a panel door and concrete stoop. To either side of the south entry are coupled one-over-one fixed windows flanked by black shutters.

On the west elevation is an intersecting gable covered entry porch. Freestanding and engaged aluminum fluted columns support the gable with a middle section made of aluminum and glass.

To the north and south of the gable covered entry are coupled one-over-one fixed windows with black flanking shutters.

The perpendicular oriented gable roof with an intersecting gable on the west elevation is covered in asphalt shingles.

Contributing: Noncontributing

521 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: Jackson Tower House

Date of Construction: N/A

Current Owner: Glen, James & Cheryl C Trust

Parcel Number: 2-006600000

Property Type: Other/Vacant

Style: Gothic Revival

Description: A two-and-a-half-story Gothic Revival on the south side of Wildwood Avenue. The foundation is made of multicolored coursed cut stone with a white painted stone water table separating the foundation from the brick elevations above. On the north façade west end is a two-story steep gable with two bays of elongated double-hung windows with white trim, straight sills with brackets underneath, and decorative shouldered hoods on the first and

second story. Rectangular transoms are above the double-hung windows on the first story. In the gable tympanum of the north gable is a double-hung window with a pointed arch upper sash, decorative pointed hood, and a straight sill with brackets underneath. In the foundation of the north gable is a solid entry door and wood siding. East of the north gable is a covered entry porch. The foundation of the porch is covered in a white painted square lattice with concrete steps leading to the wood decking. Freestanding columns with decorative capitols support the bracketed frieze board and half-hipped roof. Decorative brackets connect the columns to the frieze board. A double entry door with a decoratively shaped lattice divided transom is east of the north gable. The porch roof extends west along the north elevation to cover the foundation entry door with freestanding and engaged columns and decorative capitols that rest on an uncoursed stone pedestal.

At the northeast corner is an octagonal two-story tower with double-hung elongated windows, rectangular transoms, straight sills with brackets, and decorative shouldered hoods on the first story. The same type of window is on the second story without the rectangular transom. On the east elevation is an exterior red brick chimney in the center bay of a two-story canted bay window under an east facing gable.

A one-story aluminum sided addition is on the southeast corner of the south elevation. West of the one-story addition is a two-story wing on the south elevation. A two-story gable addition is on the south elevation of the two-story wing has an enclosed staircase covered in aluminum siding to the south.

On the west elevation is a one-story square bay window with elongated double-hung windows, rectangular transoms, straight sills with brackets, and decorative shouldered hoods. Under the flat roof of the square bay is a bracketed frieze board. A shed roof wall dormer with a bracketed frieze board and three double-hung windows is on the hipped roof south wing. At the southwest corner is a half-hipped roof supported by square columns on a concrete raised porch.

The parallel oriented hipped roof with intersecting cross gables is covered in asphalt shingles. At the northeast corner is a conical roof that caps the octagonal two-story tower. Cornice molding is under the overhanging eaves with decorative bargeboards and raking edge boards on the north gable. Between the north gable and octagonal tower is a shed roof dormer with an elongated double-hung window and shouldered decorative hood.

Contributing: Yes

525 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: N/A

Date of Construction: N/A

Current Owner: Rappleye, William G

Parcel Number: 2-006700000

Property Type: Mixed Use

Style: Italianate

Description: A two-story mixed use Italianate on the south side of Wildwood Avenue with a brick paver sidewalk along the north edge of the property. The foundation is made of stone with a water table above. All elevations are covered in brick. On the north façade are three bays in the first and second story. In the northeast bay on the first story is an entry door surrounded by divided sidelights and a divided transom. Above the entry is a straight stone lintel. Concrete

stairs with a metal balustrade lead to the level of the entry. The other bays on the north façade are filled with double-hung windows with straight stone lintels and sills and one shutter on two of the second story windows.

A one-story gable addition is on the south elevation with a garage door on the east elevation. An arched entry on the east elevation is filled in with another entry north of the arched infill. On the west elevation of the one-story addition is a six-over-six double-hung wood window with an arched brick lintel and a straight wood sill.

The hipped roof is covered in asphalt shingles with a centered rectangle on top.

Contributing: Yes

535 Wildwood Ave. – Vacant Lot

Current Owner: Hughes, Michael ETAL Trust

Parcel Number: 2-007600000

541 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: N/A

Date of Construction: N/A

Current Owner: Executive House Condominiums

Parcel Number: 2-00770000

Property Type: Multi-Family Residential

Style: Modern

Description: A three-story multi-family residential Modern building on the south side of Wildwood Avenue. The foundation is made of concrete blocks with white painted bricks and vertical strip sections of wood on the elevations above. On the north façade are two vertical wood sections with fixed windows in the center. Multiple wood modular extruded balconies and vertical wood sections with centered windows are intermixed on the east and west

elevations. South of the northernmost modular extruded balcony is a recessed entry with a projecting flat roof and thin sidewalls that covers the entry.

Centered on the south elevation is a wide vertical wood section with fixed windows and an aluminum and glass entry. Covering the entry is a projecting flat roof with thin sidewalls.

Contributing: Noncontributing but Historic

547 Wildwood Ave.



Historic Name: CB Hayes Home

Date of Construction: N/A

Current Owner: Bennett, Constance R

Parcel Number: 2-007800000

Property Type: Residential

Style: Tudor Revival

Description: A two-story residential Tudor Revival on the south side of Wildwood Avenue. The foundation is made of rusticated coursed stone painted brown and stretcher bonds of red brick. Yellow painted stucco covers the first story with a brown painted string course separating the brown painted fish scale imbrication of shingles on the second story. On the north façade is an exterior red brick chimney. East of the chimney is a one-story square bay window with rounded

corners and a flat roof. Windows in the one-story bay have square divided lights. On the second story above the one-story bay window is a tripartite divided window with divided rectangular transoms. Windows west of the chimney on the first and second story have yellow painted awning that cover the top half of the windows. West of the chimney is a two-story bay window with rounded corners and divided light windows.

On the west elevation is a raised entry with a solid panel door, shed roof awning, and half-timbering above. Further west is an arched gable covered carport supported by freestanding columns with arched brackets at the top. In the tympanum of the gable and above the columns on the west elevation is yellow stucco with brown painted half timbering.

The south elevation has two three-story gabled wings to the east and west. Brick covers the first story/foundation of the wings with rows of fixed windows and full length divided light windows with divided rectangular transoms on the second story. Surrounding the second story windows are brown painted panels, decorative wrought iron below the windows, and flattened arches with pilasters. In the tympanums of the south gables are nine light divided circle windows. Other windows on the south elevation have square and diamond divisions in groups of two to four windows.

South of the main building is perpendicular oriented closed gable roof outbuilding. The elevations are covered in brown painted wood clapboard siding with decorative oval vents in the tympanums.

Contributing: Yes