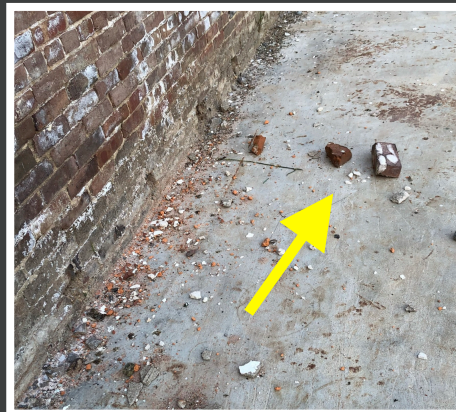
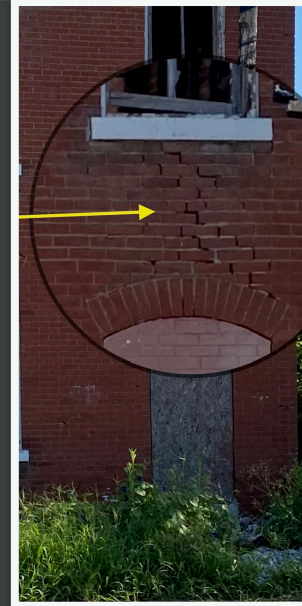


# Main Street Memo

## Masonry Collapse Indicators



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- Leaning wall, parapet, chimney, etc.
- Cracks in walls (cracks commonly begin around doors and windows as openings are inherently the weakest point of a wall).
- Missing bricks
- Falling bricks (look for dust and warmth to determine how recently they fell)
- A crack/collapse of a load bearing wall is not the same as a non-load bearing wall.
- Corners are the strongest point of a brick building, cracks here are inherently more concerning.
- Awnings, mansard brows, and marquees are generally not structurally attached and can fail without warning, taking everything out below them.