

WEST PLAZA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Next general meeting will be at
St Garabed Armenian Church
44th and Wyoming
7:00 p.m.
on March 20th, 2001 (Tuesday)

MO 64111 (e-mail mmichael@geaf.com).

Here is a simple form that you can fill out and bring. Make more copies if you want, we will have blanks at the meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- Jim Rowland, our councilman, will attend. He'll update us on City government issues and be available for questions.
- Dogs not on leash in Westwood Park. At the February Board meeting, we identified a problem in the neighborhood – dogs that are allowed to run free in Westwood Park. The Board discussed some ways that we might try to improve the situation. Please come and provide your input. See the article on page 4 for more information.
- Remaining Gas Distribution problems. We are still trying to arrange for someone from MGE and or the contractors who have been doing the work to come.

Bring a **written** description of any unresolved issue that you have noticed. We want to pass these on, but will run out of time if we try to collect them verbally. Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number if you want any feedback.

If you are not able to attend and wish to add an issue to the list, send them to Melinda Michael, 1510 W 4th Street, Kansas City,

Gas distribution problem:

Location _____

Description _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

- Paul Minto will update us on the playground improvements in Westwood Park.

Volunteers needed!!

The big event of the year for WPNA, the picnic and spring clean sweep, will be coming along soon. May 19th may seem a long time off, but this event takes some planning and work to be a success. And now is the time to start!

If you can help, let us know at the meeting or contact Boyd or Shirley Williston (931-0194).

2001 Officers

We've elected new officers for 2001. Most of the positions were filled by those who had been serving the previous year, but there are a few new names. The new officers, and their phone numbers are:

President, Melinda Michael	816-931-1594
Vice-president, Paul Minto	816-756-2180
Secretary, Kate Kerns	816-753-1266
Treasurer, Marlene Toms	816-531-8251
Communications, Boyd Williston	816-931-0194
Marketing, Kevin Vaughn	816-960-4635
Membership, Mary Kay Marx	816-561-1225
Senior Citizens', Shirley Williston	816-931-0194
Property Maintenance, Scott Shannon	816-561-4415
Safety and Crime, Gary Jenkins	816-561-6924

Our new president writes:

Hi, my name is Melinda Michael, I have been elected President of the West Plaza Neighborhood Association; I look forward to meeting you.

My husband, Myron and I have two girls, Mason and Megan. We have lived in West Plaza for the past 4½ years, and we love it.

Please note the listing of new Board members. We have some new members and we are all excited about the year ahead and what we can do for the residents of West Plaza.

Our goal for the year 2001 is to: 1) identify issues important to West Plaza (through bi-monthly meeting discussion); 2) increase attendance at the bi-monthly meetings; and 3) increase participation from the neighbors by forming committees to address the issues identified.

Get rid of your trash!

Kansas City, MO processes yard waste (leaves and brush) into mulch and compost, which is then used by the city and thousands of residents. (City produced mulch and compost is available for free pickup.) For the City to pick up this material from the curb, the following requirements must be met:

1. Use paper lawn debris bags. Seal only with masking tape. Do not include trash. Do not seal with any plastic or duct tape
2. Bundle your brush with string only in lengths less than or equal to 4 feet, 2 feet in diameter, and 50 pounds or less.
3. Exclude brush that is greater than 3 inches in diameter
4. Do not use wire or plastic tape to tie brush in bundles. Use string only.
5. Place a maximum of 15 bags and/or bundles per household at the curb. Maximum weight – 50 pounds.
6. Place bundles and paper leaf bags on curb at 7:00 am on Monday of your scheduled week.

For WPNA residents whose normal trash pickup is on Monday, put year leaves and brush out by Monday April 2nd at 7:00 am.

For WPNA residents whose normal trash pickup is on Friday, put your leaves and brush out by Monday, April 30th at 7:00 am.

For bulky items, the next pickup dates are March 26th, April 26^t, May 26th, and June 26th. If you have questions about what can be picked up, call 531-3490

Also, WPNA plans to sponsor the regular Spring Clean-Sweep on the same day as the annual picnic. This will be on May 19th, when we will have two dumpsters (yard waste and bulky items) next to Westwood Park.

Meet a West Plaza Neighbor

Mrs. Virginia McKinney has lived in this area for about 49 years. The family lived on Mercier before they needed more room. They moved to Terrace in a larger house. The three children attended Swinney School and Southwest High School. Mrs. McKinney participated for several months in the WPNA Crime Patrol. Unfortunately, the Crime Patrol is not currently operating because of lack of volunteers. Mrs. McKinney is a long time member of Westport Methodist Church, which has an active women's group. The women's group has a training class so volunteers can help illiterate people to read.

Elias and Rafela Calderon moved into the WP about 1965 with three kids. The kids are all on their own now. Elias worked at St. Mary's Hospital for 30 years. Rafela worked a long time at Los Corrales. If you are fluent in Spanish and could spend a hour or two a week with Rafela to allow Elias to run errands, please call Shirley Williston at 816 931-0194.

West Plaza Funds Balance and Cash Flow For the Six Months ending 31 December 2000

Operating Account

Beginning Balance (July 1, 2000)	\$5,110.75
Expenses	
Phone	371.02
Newsletter	212.73
Meetings	80.31
July 4 th patrol	300.00
P.O. Box rent	22.00
Garage sale ad	44.95
Renewal nonprofit status	15.00
Westport Crime Prevention Commission Annual Fee and Donation	135.00
Expenses total	\$1181.01
Income	
Membership	241.00
Donations	33.00
Interest	17.81
Income total	\$291.81
Ending Balance	\$4,221.55

Other Accounts (balance only, no activity during the period)

Westside Housing Grant	(\$58.00)
Greater KC Community Foundation and Affiliated Trust Grant	\$45.88
Grant for 1998 picnic	\$205.78
Neighborhood Self-help Fund	\$2076.00

Since three of these funds (housing grant, trust grant and 1998 picnic) are for activities that were completed some time ago, the Board agreed to move the balances to the Operating

WPNA Business Members

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| <p>STATE LINE & 45TH STREET ANTIQUE DEALERS
4501 Genessee
816-561-4501</p> <p>BERGAMOT & IVY, INC.
1721 Westport Road
816-561-5599</p> <p>CATHY'S CLIPS & CURL SALON
4301 Wyoming
816-561-2331</p> <p>COPYMATE PRINT CENTER
4312 Terrace
816-931-4122</p> <p>CUMMINGS CORNER ANTIQUES
1703 W. 45th Street
753-5353</p> <p>DAVID ALLEN STATE FARM INSURANCE
1414 W 47th Street
753-5956</p> <p>FINAL DRAFT SECRETARIAL SERVICE
4401 Genessee
816-931-2276</p> <p>HAIR STYLE
4500 Bell
816-531-4545</p> <p>JESSE'S LAWN SERVICE
1800 Rosedale Dr.
913-321-5764</p> <p>STEPHAN J GLENTZER ENTERPRISES
4509 Genessee
531-3749</p> | <p>ONLY THE BEST
4448 Belleview
816-960-1551</p> <p>KATE'S CANINE RESORT
207 W 31ST
816-753-4188</p> <p>LINDA W. PEARCE ANTIQUES
1214 W. 47th Street
816-531-6255</p> <p>RELIABLE AUDIO VISUAL ENLIGHTENMENT
1307 W 45th #201
kdowd@kc.rr.com
816-756-1517</p> <p>SUNSHINE FLOWERS
4509 Rainbow Blvd.
913-384-5034</p> <p>WESTPORT LAUNDROMAT
1409 Westport Road
816-531-8889</p> <p>JENNINGS TREE CARE
4505 State Line
816-931-3399</p> <p>WESTERN FIREPROOFING OF KANSAS, INC
1501 Westport Rd
816-561-7667</p> <p>GARY JENKINS ATTORNEY AT LAW
204 W Linwood
816-931-3535</p> <p>WESTPORT OIL AND LUBE
1112 Westport Road
931-6995</p> |
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Account. The Self-help Fund is a grant for a planned activity that has not yet happened. We need to continue tracking this amount separately.

!!!Recycle!!!
27th Terrace and McGee
(Near Hallmark)
Saturdays and Sundays
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dogs on the loose

As noted in the agenda on page 1, the Board has identified a problem in the neighborhood, dogs being allowed to run loose in Westwood Park.

The Board didn't notice anything new. The September, 1999 West Plaza Focus report listed loose dogs and irresponsible dog owners as a major problem at Westwood Park.

The West Plaza Neighborhood Association recently acquired an \$80,000 grant to install new playground equipment for neighborhood children. Volunteers recently painted the shelter house.

We would like to protect this investment and keep this area clean safe for children to play. Loose dogs hurt this effort.

One of the options that the WPNA might take is to work with the Animal Control Department and the KCMO Police department to begin an effort to issue citations to stop the loose dog problem. This may require hiring off-duty police officers to assist Animal Control officers in issuing citations.

Dog owners, please respect the law and be considerate of others. When you are on public property (the parks and streets), keep your pet on a leash. And clean up after them if they leave anything on public property or a neighbor's property.

Another opportunity

WPNA has several neighbors who are Spanish speakers/readers. We would like to find someone who is fluent in Spanish who would donate his/her time to translate the Newsletter articles into Spanish.

If you know of a Spanish-speaking neighbor, contact Shirley Williston at 816 931-0194 with the address of the neighbor so we can make these editions available to them, if we are able to get the translating done. Thank you very much.

What should we be doing?

Did you read the note from our new president, Melinda Michael? It's on page 2. Notice that her first goal for this year is to "identify issues important to West Plaza".

You can help make that goal happen. We don't want to just hear what the Board members feel is important. We need to know what's important to you, too. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. If you won't be able to attend, contact Boyd or Shirley Williston.

Maybe you have an idea that would take money. We might be able to apply for a grant. Maybe your idea would take a lot of work. That just gets a lot of people involved. Don't try to just think of the cheap and easy suggestions. Get your idea in on the list so we can start figuring out what's important to the neighbors!

Join Your Neighbors in the WPNA

Please fill out the information below and return along with your check to:
West Plaza Neighborhood Association -- P.O. Box 32826 -- Kansas City, MO 64171-7826

New Renewal

Household (\$12) Senior (\$7) Business (\$25)

Name _____

I would like to help the neighborhood with:

Address _____

Picnic Property Maintenance/Zoning

Zip _____ Phone _____

Yard Sale Neighborhood clean-up

e-mail _____

Crime prevention Distribute newsletter

Refreshments for meetings

(March 2001 Newsletter)