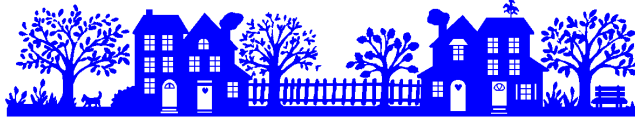


WEST PLAZA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



On Your Mark...Get Set...Recycle!

RecycleFIRST is the new residential recycling and revised trash collection program that begins in 2004 for Kansas City. It's curbside, it's convenient, and it's easy.

Here's how RecycleFIRST works:

- Beginning March 1, the program will be rolled out in stages with the entire City recycling by Dec. 1, 2004. RecycleFIRST begins in our neighborhood on (Monday, September 6 is Labor Day, so the collection dates are one day later than usual):
 - Tuesday, September 7th – (if your regularly scheduled trash collection day is on Monday – the area north of 47th Street).
 - Saturday, September 11th (if your regularly scheduled trash collection day is on Friday – the area south of 47th Street).
- Residents will receive one recycling bin at no cost.
- Place RecycleFIRST bins at the curb every other week on the same day as your regular trash pick up. A convenient calendar showing the RecycleFIRST week was mailed to each household by the KCMO Department of Environment Management along with the recycling bin coupon.
- There is no need to sort your recyclables.
- The amount of recyclables you place at the curb is unlimited.
- You may place up to two bags of regular trash each week at the curb. Additional bags will need a trash tag.
- Trash tags may be purchased at participating Westlake Hardware and Price Chopper stores for \$1 each.

With the start of RecycleFIRST just around the corner, make recycling part of your daily routine. You'll be doing your part to keep your neighborhood clean and beautiful!

For details about RecycleFIRST, including a list of frequently asked questions, visit www.kcmo.org/recyclefirst. Questions can also be directed to RecycleFIRST Citizen Service representatives at 816-513-3490.

Future WPNA Events - Mark Your Calendars!

The next General Membership Meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
Swinney Elementary School Cafeteria
1108 West 47th Street

Meeting Topics:

- Police Update
- Update on West Edge Project
- Presentation by RecycleFIRST staff

Future WPNA Event Dates:

- General Membership Meeting Dates (at Swinney School)
 - Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Neighborhood Picnic (Westwood Park)
Saturday, May 14, 2005 (noon to ?)
- Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale
Saturday, June 11, 2005

What does it take to make a newsletter?

You are looking at the result of the contribution of many volunteers. The WPNA newsletter is produced every other month, and every time it comes out, a lot of people have contributed to getting your copy to you.

First, several contributors write articles. Then the articles are compiled and formatted by the editor to fit (page 3, "Newsletter")

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Submit suggestions for newsletter articles or association activities to Boyd at his e-mail or postal address (e-mail is preferred). You must include your name and how to contact you for your suggestion to be considered. Articles may be edited for length, accuracy, and grammar. The submitter's name will be used only if permission is granted.

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Half page	\$50 per issue

- Roll up your windows. The harder it is for a thief to get into your car, the more likely he/she will move on to the next vehicle. A vehicle sitting with the windows open makes an easy target
- Lock your car - Almost half of all thefts from vehicles, come from vehicles that are left unlocked.
- Don't leave valuables in plain site - If you can't take your valuables with you when you leave your car, at least lock them in the trunk where they are more difficult for a thief to observe and steal. This includes purses, cell phones, CD's, and even loose change.
- If you have an anti-theft device... use it - If you have a car alarm, turn it on. If a thief thinks he/she may draw attention, they will likely move on.
- Make sure your license plates are secure, and stickers are scored - A very common theft in urban areas is the theft of License Plate stickers. Many thieves will remove the plate, or even cut off the corner of the plate to steal the sticker. Placing your sticker in the middle of the plate, and "scorning" it with a razor blade will help prevent sticker theft.
- Park in well-lighted areas - If you park on the street, try to park under a light. Remember, a thief likes to strike a vehicle where they are less likely to be caught.

(Page 3, "Theft from Autos")

West Edge Project

The West Edge project (located between 48th Street on the north, Ward Parkway on the south, Roanoke Parkway on the east, and Belleview Avenue on the west) is moving forward. All the tenants have moved out of the buildings and the site is now fenced. Demolition of the existing buildings is scheduled to start in September 2004 (the three structures facing Ward Parkway will remain). The projects scheduled completion date is in the fall of 2006. Ray Braswell, the project developer, will be at our September WPNA meeting to provide us an update on the status of the project and answer any questions.

Thank You – KCFD

You may have recently noticed firemen in the neighborhood examining the fire hydrants. The firemen are performing preventive maintenance and making sure the hydrants are operating properly. The Kansas City Fire Department deserves special thanks for being proactive and making sure they can react effectively if there is an emergency in our neighborhood! If you would like to send our firemen a note of thanks, it can be forwarded to the Office of the Fire Chief, Fire Headquarters, 635 Woodland Avenue, Suite 2100, Kansas City, MO 64106.

Theft From Autos

One of the most common types of thefts recently has become "TFA" thefts, or "Theft From Auto". This type is crime is when entry is gained to a vehicle, and property or valuables are stolen from the vehicle. Often times, a thief will simply smash a window (costing hundreds of dollars to replace), simply to steal several dollars worth of property. Following these simple tips may prevent you from becoming a victim.

New to the West Plaza
Neighborhood

Well Grounded
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1615 W. 45th Street
Phone: (816) 729-6206

Dear Neighbor,

I have been a massage therapist for over 10 years and I continue to enjoy sharing this work with others. I work slowly, and clients describe my style as deep, yet gentle and relaxing. I invite you to experience a wonderful massage right here in your neighborhood.

Be healthy,
Donna Farber, LMT (Licensed Massage Therapist)

\$10 Off Your First Appointment

Gift Certificates Available

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onto these four pages. Then someone takes the original copy up to the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance, who prints the copies for distribution. After we pick these up, one of the Board members contacts up to 30 persons to get 10-12 volunteers to distribute them throughout the neighborhood. We reserve enough copies to mail to the members. That requires more volunteers to address the envelopes, stuff them, stamp them, and put them in the mail. We can always use additional help with the newsletter. Have an idea for an article you would like to see? Write up something and submit it! Want to get a bit of fresh air and exercise? Volunteer to help distribute!

("Theft from Autos", continued from page 2)

- Report all thefts as soon as possible - As soon as you realize you have been the victim of a theft, report the crime immediately. Not only could a thief use items like cell phones, checks, or credit cards, but if the police don't know where crimes are occurring, they can't look for a suspect. Often times, officers will arrest individuals with lots of property on them that is most likely stolen - but without a report, there is no way to charge them with a crime, or to return the property to its owner.

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**Your West Plaza REALTOR®
Penelope Cox**

This section of your Newsletter is a service for you to help provide you with answers to questions you may have about real estate here in our neighborhood. The past month we continued to receive additional questions regarding Property Insurance for Homeowners. Keep your questions coming. Just e-mail me what you would like answered and your questions will be anonymously covered in this section of upcoming issues.

Send your questions to: pcox@KansasCityHomes.com with the subject matter addressed to: **West Plaza Realtor.**

Property Insurance For The Homeowner

Dear Penny: I have another question about Property Insurance. What kind of record or event can affect one's ability to get insurance on a property?

- A:** A number of factors can affect the cost and availability of purchasing homeowner insurance:
- 1) Past claims filed on the property
 - 2) Poor insurance credit score of the prospective purchaser
 - 3) Past claims filed by the property purchaser on other properties
 - 4) Physical characteristics of the property (i.e. leaky roof)
 - 5) Characteristics of the property's location (i.e. regional weather)

Dear Penny: How does the insurance company know what claims have been filed in connection with the property?

A: About 90% of all insurance companies contribute information regarding claims to an insurance industry database. When underwriting a new policy the insurance

company may obtain a report from this system from one of a couple different sources to determine the property's claims history. This report is most often identified as a comprehensive loss underwriting experience report, or a "C.L.U.E. Report."

This report contains information regarding property claims filed in connection with a particular property and claims filed by a particular insured person. For a fee the current owner of the property may obtain a copy of this report. A copy of the report is available to the property owner through companies such as: ChoicePoint, Inc. and A-Plus. ChoicePoint is located in Alpharetta, Georgia and their web site is: www.choicetrust.com. A-Plus is located in Jersey City, New Jersey and can be reached by calling 1-800-709-8842.

NOTE: Since several have expressed an interest in this topic, I do have tri-fold pamphlets available titled "The New Reality of Property Insurance." If any of you want one, just give me a call at 913-661-8545 (or e-mail me) and I'll get a copy to you.

(Sources: National Association of REALTORS, Risk Management Committee)

How about a 2 (almost) for the price of 1 sale?

Haven't joined the West Plaza Neighborhood Association yet? We are having special to get you to join. If you send in dues between September 1 and the end of 2004, we will give you membership for both 2004 and 2005.

Participating in your Neighborhood Association has many benefits, including the chance to get to know neighbors, and volunteer opportunities to do something positive for the area where you live.

Join now, and help make your neighborhood a better place to live!

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) []

>>>Special Rate for NEW members. Join now, get both 2004 and 2005 memberships for one dues payment<<<

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____

I would like to help the neighborhood with:

Picnic [] Property Maintenance/Zoning []

Yard Sale [] Neighborhood clean-up []

Crime prevention [] Distribute newsletter []

Refreshments for meetings []

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