

WEST PLAZA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



It's time for the Annual West Plaza Neighborhood celebrations in Westwood Park. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20th. Rain or shine, that's the day for the Spring Clean Sweep and the Picnic.

Anyone remember the banners and the need for money to get them hung?

At the upcoming picnic (May 20, 2006) we will have donated items same or similar to last years, but we will not be giving them away. We are going to have a silent auction. The minimum bid will be 50% of the retail value, there will not be a "buy it now" option since overbids will be allowed. You do not need to be present to win. But you do need to pick up the item within two weeks of the event or the second highest bidder will be declared the winner. If an item is not bid on it will be used as a door prize at upcoming WPNA meetings.

Money from this and future events will be used to hang the banners. Just WHEN will they be hung? Stay tuned.

I have a lot of concerns about all the graffiti around our neighborhoods. What is the neighborhood association doing about it? Are the police involved?

ANSWER I am very concerned by the lack of respect that is apparent by the vandalizing that is being done to our neighborhood. It seems that new graffiti is appearing everyday. We have been assured by the police department that it is not gang related. What we have in our neighborhood is called "tagging". We have had presentations at our neighborhood meetings by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Gang Unit and our neighborhood patrol officers. The vandals can only

be arrested for this crime if they are caught in the act. What the neighborhood association and we as individuals can do as citizens is report the defacing of public property to The KC MO Action Center. The Action Center staff can be reached at 816-513-1313, 816-513-1303 (fax), and actioncenter@kcmo.org. The hours of the Action Center are 7a.m. to 7p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday, 8a.m. to 3p.m. The office is on the first floor of City Hall, 414 E. 12th St.

We can only hope that the private citizen whose personal property has been defaced by graffiti will take it upon themselves to remove it as soon as possible. The police have told us the longer the graffiti remains visible the more that will appear. All of us taking the responsibility of reporting this crime will only improve the quality of our neighborhood. Marlene Toms

DON'T FORGET THE GARAGE SALE!!!

Set this date on your calendars: Saturday, June 3, 2006. If you're thinking about a garage sale this year, take advantage of the free advertising and heavy traffic that the neighborhood will have that day.

Get a list together, and contact Boyd Williston (816-931-0194 or boyd01wpna@kc.rr.com) with what you'll be selling and your address. You do not have to be a WPNA member to participate!

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DO I NEED A WILL?

If you have minor children, definitely. If not, probably so. It depends. Do you know whether your personal wishes are exactly in line with the law dictating who gets what, when people die intestate in your state? A properly drawn will allows parent to name a guardian for their minor children. A will can establish a trust and name a trustee who is responsible to manage the trust assets until the children are of age.

If you have grown children or no children, a trust may be the best instrument to allow a private and inexpensive method of passing an estate. Think of a trust as a bowl and the individual places his or her home, accounts, and personal property into this bowl. That person controls the bowl containing all their assets until their death. Inside this bowl is a piece of paper that contains the name of a person (trustee) who is required to distribute those assets to whoever is named as a beneficiary on that same piece of paper. The trustee can distribute all those assets placed in the bowl (trust) without asking a court for permission.

A less expensive method of avoiding probate court is to complete and record a beneficiary deed for the family's main asset, their home. With this type of deed recorded, the beneficiary automatically becomes the home's owner on the death of the maker of a Beneficiary deed. The Missouri Department of Revenue allows vehicle titles to contain a named person as the beneficiary recipient of that vehicle. The next time you renew your vehicle license, instruct the clerk to add someone's name as a beneficiary on you title. When the vehicle's owner dies, that person automatically becomes the owner of that vehicle.

Finally, everybody should check the named beneficiaries on their insurance policies, IRA, 401k and all other accounts. Many times circumstances have changed and

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