

WEST PLAZA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



ü Mark Your Calendar ü

General Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

The Point Annex (911 W. 44th Street)

Guest Speaker: Michael Shaw

Assistant Director of Public Works

2008 Elections of Board & Officers

Door Prize: \$25 Gift Card

Talkin' Trash: Our guest speaker at January's meeting will be Michael Shaw, Assistant Director of Public Works. Michael is our local expert on garbage. He knows everything about what Kansas City does with it, has done with it in the past, and what we might do with it in the future. With our landfills filling up at a much faster pace than they were designed for, he will tell us about what we can do to help ensure that we have a place to dispose of our trash for years to come. Come learn about the state of solid waste and recycling in Kansas City.

Elections will be held for 2008 officers and Board members at this meeting. Current nominees are:

President: Boyd Williston

Treasurer: Marlene Toms

Secretary: (open)

Membership: Julie Tenenbaum

Board: Joe Montanari, Kevin Pinkowski,
Sara Clark, Ed O'Donnell, John Toms

Nominations remain open, and names will be accepted at the January meeting. You must be a current member (paid for 2008) to be on the Board. You may call Julie at 816-931-2276 for information about requirements and duties of board members and to nominate yourself or another member.

Current WPNA members (those who have paid for 2008) will be eligible to vote – one vote per household or business. Use the membership form on page 3 to renew your membership for the coming year if you have not already done so. You may also renew at the meeting.

Don't miss this opportunity to have a voice in selecting the leadership of your neighborhood for the coming year. Or to become part of it!

Garden Project: Think Spring!

At the corner of 46th and Roanoke, there is a grassy plot of ground, triangular in shape, and planted with a few low shrubs. WPNA board member Shelley Zimmerman has proposed a great idea, that the neighborhood adopt this little scrap of ground and turn it into a lovely little landscaped flower garden. Shelley envisions this as an ongoing project that will evolve, as gardens do, over the course of several seasons.

When springtime rolls around again, Shelley and her "West Plaza Garden Club" will be looking for some volunteer green thumbs. If you enjoy gardening, this will be a great opportunity to roll up your sleeves and enjoy some real quality time working with your friends and neighbors to accomplish something very positive for us all. Or if you don't consider yourself a gardener, but would like a good excuse to play in the dirt, breathe some fresh air, and chat with your neighbors, this is it!

We are looking for support in the form of material, labor, and money from individuals or businesses who would like to be part of this beautification project. If you want to help, or know someone who would, please email Shelley at shell4clay@sbcglobal.net.

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Where are the Signs?

You may have noticed that our wooden West Plaza boundary markers have gone missing for the last month or so. Well, rest assured, they are safe and sound at Shelley Zimmerman's house, where Shelley and her crew of West Plaza volunteers are busy refinishing them. Before too long, they will once again proudly announce that our visitors are entering West Plaza.

While removing the signs one sunny Sunday afternoon, Shelley and helper Joe Montanari encountered a curious neighbor, who demanded to know what they were doing, and whether they were going to bring the sign back. Shelley and Joe said they are glad the neighbor cared enough to ask, and they were especially glad the neighbor asked first before calling the police!

Join Us in the WPNA!

Last month we published a list of activities that the West Plaza Neighborhood Association sponsors. Without reprinting the entire list, we still urge you to become a member and help us continue our efforts to make our neighborhood safer, cleaner, and more interesting to live in. At annual dues of \$12 per household, \$7 for seniors, and \$25 per business, it is a bargain!

By joining the WPNA, you strengthen our voice with the city, develop relationships with city service providers, meet your neighbors, and experience the pride of knowing that you are supporting not just the WPNA, but your entire neighborhood as well.

Join now. Becoming a member is easy. See page 3 of this newsletter for the application.

A big thank you...

goes to Print Tekk, our neighborhood printer, for generously donating their printing services for both the last newsletter and this one. Thanks for helping your neighbors stay in touch with each other!

Meet Your Neighbor: Joe Padilla

by Kevin Pinkowski

Joe Padilla is one of the long-time anchors of the West Plaza who are so valuable to the stability of the neighborhood. He and his wife, Rose, have lived in their house at 47th and Jarboe since 1972. They celebrated their 50th anniversary earlier this year.

Originally born in Independence, Kansas, Joe moved with his family to Mexico City when he was 1. He spent most of his childhood there with his parents and 13 brothers and sisters. At 15, he moved back to Kansas, and ultimately back to Kansas City in 1950 at age 18. Joe served in the Marine Corps from 1954-1957, achieving the rank of Corporal. While in the Marines, he went from San Diego, to Hawaii, to Japan, and to Korea during the Korean Conflict. After he retired from the service, he worked for the Boiler Makers and Electricians unions in Kansas City for 27 years. He built many of the power plants that still supply electricity to most of the metropolitan area.

Joe joined the WPNA about 10 years ago. You might catch him occasionally doing some free-lance patching of the streets around West Plaza, which he began doing when he saw how long it took the city to patch the potholes and degraded pavements that he reported. He decided that he could mix a little cement, sand and gravel, and water to make some concrete and patch the streets just fine for the time being. You will also see Joe distributing the WPNA newsletters, working the dumpsters during the Clean Sweep events held twice a year, and you might see him behind a tree at the summer picnic working the piñata, much to the dismay of a frustrated child. Judging by the grin he wears while working that piñata, he'll be doing it for a long time to come.

Thanks to Joe Padilla for taking pride in our neighborhood and for working to make it a better place to live for all generations.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

to everyone!

Upcoming Events & Meetings

WPNA general membership meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of odd numbered months at The Point Annex, 911 West 44th Street. Upcoming meetings are on January 15 and March 18. The annual picnic will be held in May and the yard sales in June (dates TBA). General membership meetings continue after a summer break on September 16 and November 18. Dance in the Park (Roanoke Park), co-sponsored by WPNA, will be held on Saturday, September 6.

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Submit suggestions for newsletter articles or association activities to Julie at her email address. You must include your name and your contact information 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.

Advertising rates (display ad other than listing in business membership):

Business card size	\$25 per issue
Quarter page	\$35 per issue
Half page	\$50 per issue
Full page	\$100 per issue

Safety Tip:

During the snowy and icy months, it's a good idea to wear pull-on treads on the bottom of your shoes or boots. These help keep you upright when the surface below you is unstable. Many kinds are available, either locally from hardware and sporting goods stores or on the web. Marlene Toms says, "I am telling everyone I know about them! Our mail carrier also swears by them!" A brand that your editor has found extremely reliable is YakTrax. Find them on the web at www.yaktrax.com. Don't leave home without them!

Helpful Phone Numbers

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Bulky Item Pickup 816-513-3490
 Illegal Dumping 816-513-3485

HOUSE & CAR

Abandoned Cars 816-513-1313
 Building Permits 816-513-1500
 Code Violations 816-513-9000

SAFE COMMUNITIES

Abandoned & Vacant Houses 816-513-9000
 Animal Control 816-513-9800
 Community Centers 816-513-7500
 Pet Licensing, Spaying, Neutering 816-513-9800

PUBLIC SPACE

Street Maintenance 816-513-2777

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

Check One: New Renewal

Check One: Household (\$12) Senior (\$7) Business (\$25)

Check if you **DO NOT** want to receive phone reminders and messages from WPNA:

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____

Business Member Contact Name: _____

I would like to help the neighborhood with:

Picnic Property Maintenance/Zoning

Yard Sale Neighborhood Clean-up

Crime Prevention Newsletter Distribution

Meeting Refreshments **NEW!** Gardening

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WPNA Business Members

Please support the businesses that support the WPNA!

<p>ACT II 1417 W. 47th St. 816-531-7572</p> <p>BERGAMOT & IVY, INC. 1713 Westport Road 816-561-5599</p> <p>BOOZEFISH WINE BAR 1511 Westport Road 816-561-5995 www.boozefish.com</p> <p>CATHY'S CLIP & CURL SALON 4301 Wyoming St. 816-561-2331</p> <p>CENTURY 21 1101 Westport Road 816-753-6699 sean.kirkpatrick@century21.com</p> <p>COLDWELL BANKER ADVANTAGE MIDTOWN 1607 Westport Road 816-960-1400</p> <p>COUNTRY CLUB FINANCIAL Herman Johansen 4343 Belleview 816-360-8628</p> <p>DAVID ALLEN STATE FARM INSURANCE 1414 W. 47th St. 816-753-4334</p> <p>DESIGNER WIG STUDIO 1105 Westport Rd Kansas City, MO 64111 816-444-5644</p> <p>DOGGIE STYLE BOWTIQUE 1503 Westport Road 816-561-3647 woof@doggiestylebowtique.com</p> <p>DOGS' WORLD OF FUN 1220 W. 31st St. 816-931-5822</p>	<p>EDDIE DELAHUNT'S CAFÉ & 1811 West 45th St. 816-753-3322</p> <p>FINAL DRAFT SECRETARIAL SERVICE 4401 Genessee St. 816-931-2276</p> <p>FITNESS TOGETHER 4802 Belleview Ave. 816-841-5129 www.fitnessstogether.com</p> <p>GARY JENKINS ATTORNEY AT LAW 204 W. Linwood 816-931-3535</p> <p>GREENWICH WEST 1801 Westport Road 816-561-8411</p> <p>HAIR STYLE 4500 Bell St. 816-531-4545</p> <p>JENNINGS TREE CARE 4505 State Line 816-931-3399</p> <p>JUDY KLEMM REMAX PREMIER REALTY 3515 W. 75th St. 913-529-1408 (or 406-9204)</p> <p>KATE'S CANINE RESORT 2823 Main St. 816-753-4188</p> <p>KURT AARONS, DDS 4411 Belleview Ave. 816-531-2070</p> <p>LADNER ASSOCIATES CPA 4808 Belleview Ave. 816-561-7580</p> <p>MONTANARI FINE ART JEWELERS 4810 Belleview Ave. 816-531-0750 www.montanarijewelers.com</p> <p>ORGANIZE ME 816-529-6901</p>	<p>PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC 4600 Madison, Suite 1500 816-756-0640</p> <p>PENELOPE COX Keller Williams Realty Key Partners, LLC Direct Office: 913-825-7582 Cell: 816-728-3154</p> <p>PLAZA CHIROPRACTIC 1507 W. 47th St. 816-931-4601</p> <p>PRECISION OPTICS OF WESTPORT 4181 Broadway 816-756-3577</p> <p>PRINT TEKK PRINTING & MAILING 4312 Terrace 816-931-4122</p> <p>QUIK TRIP 301 Westport Road 816-931-6886</p> <p>SHELTON TRAVEL 4800 Belleview Ave. 816-753-4888</p> <p>SUNSHINE FLOWERS 4509 Rainbow Blvd. 913-384-5034</p> <p>WEST PLAZA SALON 4804 Belleview Ave. 816-931-0303</p> <p>WESTPORT LAUNDROMAT 1409 Westport Road 816-531-8889</p> <p>VALLEY VIEW BANK 4550 Belleview Ave. 913-381-3311</p> <p>YOUR NAME HERE Become a Business Member!</p>
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