

# WEST PLAZA

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



### ✓ Mark Your Calendar ✓

**Annual Neighborhood Picnic**  
**Saturday, May 17, Noon to 3 p.m.**  
**The Shelter House**  
**in Westwood Park**

### Come to the Picnic!

Our annual neighborhood picnic will be held again this year at the shelter house at Westwood Park on Saturday, May 17, noon until 3 p.m. It will be a time to enjoy old friends and make new ones. Activities are planned for kids of all ages, including the traditional piñata. Dogtree will make a return visit with their bluegrass-pop-Irish-old time-country-western-kitchen sink music. The Association will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, cold drinks and dishware. Please bring your own specialty side dish or dessert to share.

Some great door prizes have been donated this year by our loyal and generous business members, including goods, services, and gift certificates.

We will have the Picnic PassAlong, which is like a no-money-exchanged yard sale. Bring one usable household item that you no longer want. The item should be something that another neighbor might like. It could be anything from a Popeil's Pocket Fisherman to a potted plant, a book, kitchen item, or a leftover (or unwanted) Christmas gift. We won't tell.

All the items will be displayed, and everybody at the picnic will get to choose an item they want. Ideally, by the end of the picnic, everything will have been claimed. However, if there are any leftovers, they will be taken to a local thrift store.

### The Picnic PassAlong Rules:

- Bring only one item per person
- It must be usable, clean, and in good condition
- No computer or car parts, please!
- It must be easily transported and must fit into the back of a car.

If you would like to participate in the many activities that contribute to a successful picnic (setup, cleanup, donation solicitation/pickup, day-of-event hosting, etc.) please contact Boyd Williston at 816-931-0194 or [bwiliston@kc.rr.com](mailto:bwiliston@kc.rr.com). We can always use a few more willing hands.

We're predicting beautiful weather...not too hot, not too cold, and lots of sunshine. Please plan on attending and joining in the fun. Bring a lawn chair, bring a side dish, bring a PassAlong, and bring your friends!

### Neighborhood Cleanup

The spring cleanup event will take place on Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. until the dumpsters fill up (usually by noon or so). There will be two dumpsters – one for yard waste (leaves and brush, grass clippings, etc.) and one for household trash. The dumpsters will be located near the northeast corner of Westwood Park on Wyoming. Neighborhood volunteers will be on hand to assist you in unloading your vehicles. Yard waste may be bundled or loose or in paper bags, but may not be in plastic bags or non-degradable containers. If you are bundling tree branches, please use natural fiber twine, like cotton, jute, or sisal, not plastic or wire.

These bi-annual cleanup events are jointly sponsored by the WPNA and the City of

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## Meet Your Neighbors - Ben & Coral Klayman

Our neighbors who you'll meet this month are Ben and Coral Klayman. They have lived at 4629 Wyoming since October of last year with their dog Smoky. They moved here from Bozeman, Wyoming, where Coral was finishing her undergraduate studies in Animal Science and Ben was finishing his doctoral studies in environmental engineering. They both grew up in California, and, while they had never been to Missouri (or even to any state bordering Missouri!), they decided to take a chance on Kansas City over opportunities in San Francisco and Albuquerque. So far, they feel that this chance has paid off and are enjoying learning about all that KC has to offer. However, transitioning from the small, college town mentality and ubiquitous outdoor activities (hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, etc.) to the "big city" has taken some getting used to.

Ben is a process engineer with Black and Veatch Engineers and is currently traveling back and forth between Kansas City and Chile, where he is working on a water treatment facility for a copper mining operation. Coral will be leaving her position as a research assistant at the Stowers Institute and will be training horses – one of her true passions – and doing equine assisted activities and therapy.

Ben and Coral met at Montana State University, when he swept her off her feet with a photograph of fluorescent flagellar bacterium. They knew they were meant for each other. They are engaged to be married in June in Oregon, and they are looking forward to meeting their neighbors in the West Plaza Neighborhood.

Make sure you say hello if you see them on their front porch swing on nice evenings, and welcome them to the neighborhood.

## Personal Safety Class Update

The personal safety class presented by Jim Schriever, our West Plaza KCPD liaison, will be held in May at the Point Annex. We are in the process of pinpointing a date for the class, which will likely be held on a Monday or Friday evening.

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## Meditation Comes to the West Plaza

In April the American Buddhist Center ([www.theamericanbuddhistcenter.org](http://www.theamericanbuddhistcenter.org)), formerly located at Unity Temple on the Plaza, moved to St. Garabed Armenian Church, 4400 Wyoming. The Center, directed by Ben Worth, offers a nonsectarian meditation hour on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Other activities include meditation classes, retreats, and a monthly spiritual cinema. The Buddhist Center offers a unique philosophy – whose ultimate goal is peace, happiness, and freedom for all beings – that combines eastern and western spiritual teachings with contemporary scientific principles. Beginning May 12, the ABC will offer a weekly discussion group on Monday nights based on Eckhart Tolle's *A New Earth*. All teachings are offered on a donation basis.

Armen Hovsepian, president of St. Garabed, invites the neighborhood to utilize the newly upgraded church facility for community and group gatherings.

For more information about the American Buddhist Center or to schedule activities at the church, contact Ben Worth at 816-210-3378 or [bmwabc1@yahoo.com](mailto:bmwabc1@yahoo.com).

Many people have expressed interest, and there is room for more. If you would like to attend, please call Julie Tenenbaum at 816-931-2276 or email [jatkc@aol.com](mailto:jatkc@aol.com) before Saturday, May 10.

## 2008 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 44<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Schedule:

General Meetings: Sept. 16, Nov. 18  
Cleanup at Westwood Park: May 17, 8 a.m.  
Picnic: Saturday, May 17, noon-3  
Neighborhood Yard Sales: Saturday, July 12  
Dance in the Park: Saturday, September 6  
Fall Cleanup: Saturday, October 11 or 18 (TBA)

### Cleanup (continued from page 1)

Kansas City, who share the \$300 cost of each dumpster. This is a valuable service and benefit to our neighborhood. Many thanks to Constance Tate and her staff at the Department of Public Works.

The City's rules require that anyone bringing materials to deposit into the dumpsters be a West Plaza resident, and we will be asking everyone to sign the registration sheet. The event is not for businesses or commercial builders. We cannot accept large appliances, tires, batteries, auto parts, or hazardous materials. These items must be taken to the Environmental Campus at 4707 Deramus for disposal.

Also, please note that because the recycling center at 48<sup>th</sup> and Forest has closed, we

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will not be taking recyclable materials at this time. Continue to use the City's free curbside recycling service. If you have any questions about recycling, go to KCMO.org, click on city services, then click on recycling. Or you may call 816-561-1087.

So come early and take advantage of this terrific service. This is a great opportunity to clean out the attic, the basement, the garage, and the yard. And it's FREE.

## 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:

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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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