

# WEST PLAZA

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



**Next general meeting will be at  
St Garabed Armenian Church  
44<sup>th</sup> and Wyoming  
7:00 p.m.  
on January 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

### Project Proposal Update

Block and Company has revised their proposal for renewing the block bounded by 48<sup>th</sup>, Ward Parkway, Roanoke Parkway, and Bellevue. They were not able to meet with the Board before this newsletter had to go to press (in the first week of December). The Board should be able to get together with Block before the next general meeting.

If you are interested in the status of this project, be sure to be in attendance at the next general meeting, we will have an update by then.

### Election of Officers

Every year, the main event at the January general membership meeting is the election of the West Plaza Neighborhood Association officers. Their terms are for one year.

If you have ideas about what the Board should or could be doing to help the neighborhood, contact one of the officers or attend the January meeting. Or even run for one of the positions.

For your information, here is the list of current office holders and a description of the responsibilities of the office as understood by the current officers, whose names are listed after the office.

### President (Melinda Michael)

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and subject to the control of the membership, shall, in general, supervise and control all business and affairs of the Association. The President, shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the membership. The President may sign, with the Vice-president or any other proper officer of the Association thereunto authorized by the membership, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the membership has authorized to be executed, except cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the membership or by these bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Association, signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the membership from time to time.

The President shall represent the Association at meetings and functions outside the Association that might prove beneficial and educational to the Association.

The President shall be the contact person for all correspondence with City Hall. The President shall be a member of at least one Association committee.

### Vice President (Paul Minto)

In the absence of the President, the Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Along with the President, the Vice-president shall represent the Association and meetings and functions outside the Association that might prove beneficial and educational to the Association.

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- Prepares all money for deposit the Association's bank account and retains receipts for deposit on file.
- Keeps an updated register of current members.
- Prepares a treasurer's report semi-annually.
- Retrieves mail from the Association's post office box on a weekly basis and distribute it as needed.

### **Director of Marketing (Kevin Vaughn)**

The Director of Marketing is responsible for promoting the West Plaza Neighborhood Association to its members, the general public and to area businesses. The summer picnic is a great example of that. The Director of Marketing meets with neighborhood business owners, soliciting donations for door prizes for Association members at the picnic. Keeping the neighborhood association & in turn the neighborhood itself in the minds of all residents of West Plaza is our ultimate responsibility. It is a pleasure & certainly an easier task to promote a neighborhood that takes as much pride in itself as West Plaza does.

### **Director of Property Maintenance (Scott Shannon)**

This director handles complaints from West Plaza residents regarding code violations occurring within the neighborhood. Violations may include grass and brush overgrowth, illegal storage, broken windows, gutters and generally unkempt houses that devalue nearby property. Unlicensed or disabled vehicles are also a common violation. The director may contact the Kansas City, MO Codes Office in behalf of residents who wish to remain anonymous. To do this, the resident must contact the Director who will then evaluate the situation and determine if the Codes office should be contacted.

### **Director of Membership (Mary Kay Marx)**

The director shall be responsible for programs to enlarge the membership and increase the membership's involvement with the organization; develop programs for the membership and work with the Director of Communications to publicize the program; assist other directors in identifying volunteers for various projects; chair a membership committee to contact and inform residents of WPNA and solicit involvement.

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### **Secretary (Bob Crutsinger)**

(This position is not defined in our current bylaws.)

The Secretary is responsible for documenting all WPNA meetings by preparing minutes. These minutes should be forwarded to WPNA Board members for review and comments prior the Board's next monthly meeting. The minutes of the bi-monthly general membership meeting are to be read by the Secretary and approved at the next general membership meeting. The Secretary maintains the historical files of all WPNA communications. It is recommended that the Secretary have access to electronic word processing equipment and e-mail.

### **Director of Communications (Boyd Williston)**

The Director of Communications is responsible for maintaining a history of membership of the Association and the production and distribution of a newsletter at regular intervals. The Director of Communications is also responsible for any other written or verbal communications that may from time to time be assigned by the President, Vice-president, Board, or general membership.

### **Director of Finance (Marlene Toms)**

The Director of Finance has charge and custody of and is responsible for all funds of the Association. This Director also:

- Receives and gives receipts for monies due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever
- Keeps an updated activity record of the Association's bank account
- Gives receipts for all monetary contributions made to the Association.

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**Director of Senior Citizen Affairs** (Shirley Williston)

The director shall identify concerns of the elderly and serve as a referral source; assist or find assistance for the elderly among the membership

**Director of Safety and Crime Prevention** (Gary Jenkins)

This Director acts as a liaison between the Central Patrol Division of the Kansas City, MO Police Department and the West Plaza Neighborhood Association. The Director obtains monthly crime statistics and reviews the crime incidents for patterns, and may contact the Police Department for more information. Neighbors may call the Crime and Safety Director to report concerns, problems or ask questions about non-emergency crime or safety issues. This Director may gather more information about situations or incidents and alert the proper authorities.

**Bylaws revision**

Your Board have been looking at the bylaws for the West Plaza Neighborhood Association and feel that we need to consider some major revisions.

We will be presenting suggested changes during the year and voting on them as appropriate.

**Trash Pick Up Dates in 2002**

If a holiday is observed on your regular trash day or an earlier day of the week, your trash will be collected one day later. If a holiday is observed after your regular trash day, there is no change.

New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Monday, January 21
President's Day	Monday, February 18
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Veteran's Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25

Remember that the bulky item pickup date every month is the first business day on or after the 26th of each month (put bulky items out that day, they

**WPNA Business Members**

**BERGAMOT & IVY, INC.**  
1713 Westport Road  
816-561-5599

**CATHY'S  
CLIPS & CURL SALON**  
4301 Wyoming  
816-561-2331

**COPYMATE PRINT  
CENTER**

4312 Terrace  
816-931-4122

**FINAL DRAFT  
SECRETARIAL SERVICE**  
4401 Genessee  
816-931-2276

**HAIR STYLE**  
4500 Bell  
816-531-4545

**SUNSHINE FLOWERS**  
4509 Rainbow Blvd.  
913-384-5034

**BILL WRIGHT  
HOME REPAIR AND  
REMODELING**  
'756-3625

**VALLEY VIEW BANK**  
4550 Belleview  
913-381-3311

**RICH YOUNG  
ASSOCIATES INC**  
4501 Fairmount  
931-4724

**ACT II**  
1417 W 47<sup>th</sup>  
531-7572

**KATE'S CANINE  
RESORT**  
207 W 31<sup>ST</sup>  
816-753-4188

**WESTPORT  
LAUNDROMAT**  
1409 Westport Road  
816-531-8889

**JENNINGS TREE CARE**  
4505 State Line  
816-931-3399

**GARY JENKINS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
204 W Linwood  
816-931-3535

**WESTPORT OIL AND  
LUBE**  
1112 Westport Road  
931-6995

**STEPHAN J GLENTZER  
ENTERPRISES**  
4509 Genessee  
531-3749

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4181 Broadway  
756-3577

**RYAN INVESTMENTS  
L.L.C.**  
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CASH!!!  
816-804-7267

**DAVID ALLEN STATE  
FARM INSURNACE**  
1414 W 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
753-4334

will be picked up within a few days). You must still call ahead to let the City know you are putting out items. The number is (816) 513-3490.

**Be a Good Neighbor**

A neighborhood that is a good place to live is one that has good neighbors. And one of the behaviors of good neighbors is never to leave a mess where others will have to see it.

Do you have a dog? Be sure to pick up its droppings. Working around the house? Pick up and put away things at the end of the day. Have trash in your hand while driving or walking? Take it home, don't drop it in the street or on the sidewalk.

Little things like these will help to keep our neighborhood a really great place to live.

### Agenda for the Jan. 15, 2002 General Membership Meeting

- Election of officers
- Status of Block and Co. project proposal
- Proposal to revise Bylaws
- Creation of a standing website committee

**!!!Recycle!!!**  
 48<sup>th</sup> and Forrest  
 Wednesday through Friday 11 am – 7 pm  
 Saturday 8 am – 4 pm  
 Note the new place and time

### 2001 WPNA Officers

President	Melinda Michael	931-1594
Vice President	Paul Minto	756-2180
Secretary	Bob Crutsinger	797-3126
Treasurer	Marlene Toms	531-8251
Communications	Boyd Williston	931-0194
Marketing	Kevin Vaughn	960-4635
Membership	Mary Kay Marx	561-1225
Senior Citizens'	Shirley Williston	931-0194
Property Maintenance	Scott Shannon	561-4415
Safety and Crime	Gary Jenkins	561-6924

### Helen Coombs

Helen worked 16 years for Sandy, an advertising company and her late husband was a mail carrier for 32 years. The couple lived in an apartment in Volker at one time. Helen moved into her house in 1943 when her daughter was six months old and her husband had gone to serve in the Air Force, returning in 1946. Coombs' daughter and son attended Swinney and Westport High School. They have 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Only one person, who lived on their block in 1943, is still living there. Now there are only two children living on the block. Helen remembers when 45 children lived on the block. She has a photo of tricycles and wagons lined up to form a "train" from the time her daughter was three.

### Meet a WPNA Neighbor

#### Louise Birt

Louise remembers 22 years ago when there was a lot of trash in the corner where four duplexes were later built. The neighborhood was a bit run down. It has improved with time and there are not too many problems now. The people who live here are friendly. Louise has often participated, making insightful comments at WPNA meetings.

### Tribute to Those Who Are Gone

We pause to honor those who have died or moved out of the neighborhood, who have contributed by attending meetings, handing out newsletter, or going to hearings. If you are the kind of person who goes to work and pays your bills, picks up litter, and knows the people near you, you are contributing to making West Plaza a better place to live. Thanks for being a good neighbor and helping us to have a good neighborhood.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

(November 2001 Newsletter)