

WEST PLAZA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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General Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 7 p.m.

The Point Annex (911 W. 44th Street)

Guest Speaker:

Stephanie Bowman, Codes Inspector

Door Prize: \$25 Gift Card, West Plaza Deli

We are pleased to announce that Stephanie Bowman, Codes Inspector for the Kansas City Neighborhood Development Department, will be joining us at the WPNA meeting on September 18 to give us an update on the latest changes to the Housing Codes rules and enforcement procedures.

These changes involve what constitutes a housing code violation and how the city will deal with violators, including fines, notification procedures, and appeal processes. These important changes should help control rundown properties and absentee landlords. Ms. Bowman will also take questions from the audience.

WPNA Takes Steps to Improve our Sidewalks: You Can Help

In Kansas City, for every dollar you pay in sales tax, 1/2 cent goes into a fund for capital improvements: things like curbs, sidewalks, street lights, park improvements, public landscaping, sewers and catch basins, tree planting, and other long-lasting improvements or repairs on city property. The money is allocated by the City Council, on the recommendation of the Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC). The PIAC chairman is appointed by the mayor, and each city councilperson names one committee member, so each district is more or less equally represented. Any Kansas City citizen may make a request for PIAC funds; however, the

committee tends to favor requests from organized groups expressing a common interest.

Your West Plaza board has recently presented a request for curb and sidewalk repairs in the neighborhood. Because we cannot reasonably expect the city to replace all our curbs and sidewalks at once, we walked through the neighborhood, taking photos where the sidewalks and curbs are in the worst shape or entirely non-existent. We submitted requests for the streets where we thought repairs would do the most good, in the order of greatest need. We may receive funding for a few blocks of curbs and sidewalks. We can make another request next year for additional repairs.

The PIAC Committee will make its final decision regarding disbursement of funds in December; however, the important preliminary decisions will be made by the end of August. **We are asking all West Plaza residents to support our efforts by contacting the decision-makers at City Hall by phone, by mail, by e-mail, or carrier pigeon, if necessary, to voice your support for curbs and sidewalks in West Plaza.**

The people to contact are:

4th District City Councilwoman
Jan Marcason, 816-513-1617
Asst: Susan Borge: Susan_borge@kcmo.org

4th District At-Large City Councilwoman
Beth Gottstein, 816-513-1616
Asst: Kristin Gore: Kristin_gore@kcmo.org

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Bring Family and Friends to *Dance in the Park*

Each September, a stage rises in Roanoke Park, and a dozen dance companies perform at *Dance in the Park*.

This showcase of local and regional professional dancers draws thousands of visitors and neighbors to the tranquil setting of Roanoke Park, 36th and Roanoke Road across from the Westport-Roanoke Community Center. Local foundations, businesses, and neighborhoods sponsor the event, which is FREE to the public.

An eclectic mix of dance styles will include tango, ballet, modern, swing, tap, Flamenco, Indian, Middle Eastern and Capoeira. The dance companies will include City in Motion Dance Theater and Children's Dance Theater,

Louis and Company, The Madison-Cannon Project, Ole, Owen-Cox, Nriya, and more!

Dance in the Park will be held Saturday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m., beginning with a children's improv; dance performances begin at 7:00 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, September 9. Picnic baskets, blankets and chairs are welcome.

Dance in the Park is produced by Volker, Roanoke, Coleman Highlands, Valentine and West Plaza Neighborhood Associations in conjunction with City in Motion Dance Theater. Partial funding is provided by the KCMO Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund, the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation and the Missouri Arts Council.

If you would like to volunteer at this event, call Mark Carr at 816-960-7173, or email him at markcarr1@ gmail.com.

Thank You!

A big thank you from the West Plaza Neighborhood Association to the following businesses who provided supplies, door prizes, and entertainment at our annual picnic. Please support the businesses that support the West Plaza.

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Wendy's
West Plaza Deli
West Plaza Nails
Westlake Hardware
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Missing Box Found

On May 19, during our annual Cleanup, several West Plaza Neighborhood residents came to make deposits of what appeared to be home remodeling or renovation debris. One of these people was a gentleman driving a small white pickup with a topper on the bed. He brought a lot of his trash in a wooden box that somehow disappeared while he was unloading the rest of his trash. After an exhaustive search that day, the box could not be located.

At long last, the box has been found. If you are this person, please call Kevin Pinkowski at 913-486-7043 to be reunited with your box.

Upcoming Events

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. We'll see you there at this year's meetings:

September 18, 2007 and November 20, 2007

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Submit suggestions for newsletter articles or association activities to Julie at her e-mail 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.

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There have recently been several reports of items being taken from front porches in the neighborhood. It is a good rule of thumb not to leave anything on the front porch that is valuable or that you cannot replace. It is also a good idea to cable or chain lock porch furniture. Leaving both front and rear porch lights turned on at night should help prevent this type of theft. Be watchful for unfamiliar vehicles making lots of stops on your block, especially around trash pickup days.

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 _____	I would like to help the neighborhood with:
Address _____	Picnic <input type="checkbox"/> Property Maintenance/Zoning <input type="checkbox"/>
Zip _____ Phone _____	Yard Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood clean-up <input type="checkbox"/>
e-mail _____	Crime prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter distribution <input type="checkbox"/>
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PIAC Funding (Continued from p. 1)

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Remember, PIAC is doling out your tax dollars. While there is no guarantee that West Plaza will receive any funds this year, we know for certain that we will receive nothing if we don't ask, and we stand a much better chance if we ask in one voice. In local government, your voice really does count. Please let it be heard for the benefit of the West Plaza neighborhood.

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