

WEST PLAZA

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Mark Your Calendar ☒

**Neighborhood Cleanup (8 a.m.)
& Annual Picnic (Noon to 3 p.m.)
Saturday, May 15th
The Shelter House
in Westwood Park**

COME TO THE SPRING CLEANUP AND ANNUAL PICNIC!

The semi-annual WPNA cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 15. This is your opportunity to clean out your house and yard and deposit the refuse in dumpsters provided by the city and WPNA. It begins at 8 a.m. and runs until the dumpsters are full. Like the weather, the ending time is unpredictable; it could be mid-morning, or it could be noon, depending on how many people show up and when. The dumpsters – one for yard waste and one for large household items – will be parked on Wyoming, just south of 47th Street (on the east side of Westwood Park). You must be a resident of the West Plaza to participate. We reserve the right to limit quantities. No hazardous waste, computer equipment, or tires. No commercial ventures, please. In consideration of the volunteers, please do not arrive early or leave items outside the bins.

Our annual neighborhood picnic will be held again this year at the shelter house at Westwood Park from noon until 3 p.m. It will be a time to enjoy old friends and make new ones. Lots of fun activities are planned for kids of all ages (including a moonwalk, a fire truck, and who knows what all else...) Musical entertainment will be provided by Three Dollar Band.

As always, the neighborhood association will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, cold drinks, and dishware. Please bring your own

specialty side dish or a dessert to share with your neighbors.

Some terrific door prizes have been donated this year by our loyal and generous business members. You must be a member to enter the raffle, so be sure your membership is current. (There's a registration form on page 8 of the newsletter, and you can also renew at the picnic.)

There may be a few other surprises at the picnic, some of which we haven't even thought up yet. 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, a side dish, and whatever sports equipment or games you would like for you and your kids to enjoy. Friends and relatives are welcome, too!

If you would like to help us with either the cleanup (a GREAT opportunity for dumpster diving!) and/or the picnic, call Julie at 816-931-2276. ■

Neighborhood Yard Sales (June 5) & Free-For-All (June 12)

On Saturday, June 5, West Plaza will have our annual yard sale event, for which the WPNA does the advertising and residents hold the yard sales. To participate, just let us know the address and the major items you'll be selling. We'll add them to a flyer and to ads posted on Craigslist and elsewhere. The flyers will be distributed to your home before the day of the sale to be given to your shoppers so they'll know where the other sales are being held. Westwood Park Homes Association will be having their sales the same day, so this year we should see a lot of customers!

What to do with the things that didn't sell? The Free-for-All is a new event that provides an easy answer to that question. Instead of leaving your leftovers on the sidewalk (continued on p. 3)

Swinney Dual Language Program Moves to Carver

by Rie Clark, Principal & WPNA Board Member

E. F. Swinney School, built in 1914 in the West Plaza neighborhood, will be closed by the Kansas City, Missouri School District after the spring semester. We do not know how the school district plans to use Swinney in the future or if the building will be marketed for sale.

The good news is that, although the building is closing, the Dual Language program will continue. Our program will move to a 14-year-old facility called Carver, located at 4600 Elmwood, for the September 2010 school year. Moving to a new space will provide many amenities for our students, including a soccer field, lots of space for gardens and plantings, more parking, and a newer, more modern building with less need of repair.

Although we regret leaving Swinney and the lovely West Plaza neighborhood, we know that a school is really not as much the facility as it is the people in the facility. When a school closes, there is sadness; a regret that a place that held meaningful and joyous times for us will soon be empty. We can, even in this melancholy moment, remember the times that were significant and tender to us with clarity and peace. We know the spirits of all the people who passed through this building are with us, wishing us well as we make our transition to our new location. We also know that even though this building is closing, things that have happened here that have affected the lives of children in a positive way, will never die.

As more information becomes available to us, I will do my best to keep my West Plaza neighbors informed. Please stop by for a visit any time. Thanks again for being supportive of Swinney and all its endeavors. ■

Ripple Glass Recycling

Recycle your glass food and beverage containers – clear, green, or brown – at one of Ripple’s purple bins in the midtown area: Boulevard Brewing, 2501 Southwest Boulevard; Hallmark, 2501 McGee; the parking lot at 51st and Main, and the midtown Home Depot. Visit rippleglasskc.com to find additional locations.

Meet Your Neighbor

by Kevin Pinkowski

Ken Milsap and Jay Wilson live on the 4500 block of Genessee in a lovely house with an immaculately landscaped yard. They have lived in the West Plaza for 10 years. Before moving to Kansas City for Ken’s job, they lived in Philadelphia. When they were looking for a house, they knew they wanted to live in the city and wanted to be close to the Plaza, which they loved. (It just so happens that Ken’s grandfather was a close friend of J.C. Nichols, who planned to help him build the Plaza before he became ill.) They saw their present house before it went on the market; the previous owner was finishing a complete renovation. As soon as they saw it, they knew that it was the one.

Ken handles sales and marketing for a Social Security and Medicare law firm, Crow Paradis. Jay is a retired financial auditor for an insurance company. Jay excels in gardening (especially his outstanding annual herb garden) and cooking. He loves reading and paying very close attention to college sports (of any kind, but favoring his native Kentucky). Ken enjoys partaking in the finer things in life (especially fine wine), assisting with the gardening, entertaining, and adoring animals (they run an unofficial kitty daycare for the neighborhood cats). They also enjoy traveling and are looking forward to their upcoming trip to Copenhagen, St. Petersburg, Stockholm, and Helsinki.

Ken and Jay love living in the West Plaza because of its proximity to the Plaza, Westport, and restaurants like Pot Pie (their favorite), Blue Stem, and, of course, Rudy’s, and for the fact that it doesn’t have a “suburb feel.” They love that it’s friendly, quaint, and comfortable.

As a closing thought, Ken wanted me to advertise free Koi. As part of their immaculate landscaping, they have a serene fish pond, which includes 50+ Koi that haven’t been “sleeping” the last two winters like they thought they would. If you’re interested, just let them know! ■



Protect Your Home with Security Lighting

There are many measures homeowners can take to protect their home and property from intrusion. One of the easiest is using effective lighting on the outside of the house to eliminate darkness that is so attractive to those who would use it to hide their nefarious activities. Home security lighting is reasonably simple to install, it's relatively inexpensive, and, used with other security measures, it provides good protection from intruders.

If you were a burglar, which home would you pick? The home that has outside security lighting, with no dark places in which to hide and work? Or the home that is bathed in shadow, with dark corners and recesses that are perfect for concealing your activities?

In choosing lighting to protect your home, here are some things to consider:

Where to install? The most important places to have lights are at all possible entrances on the first floor, including windows, doors, porches, deck doors, and garage entrances. It's also a good idea to have a light shining on all keyholes around the outside of the house.

Install your security lights high enough to be out of easy reach of intruders. It is not unknown for intruders to vandalize your home security lighting, beat a swift retreat, and return at another time before you have fixed the lights, and then break into your home. Lamps are available that are protected by wire mesh or high impact polycarbonate.

How to direct them? Direct the lights to cover all dark areas around the exterior of your home, but don't let them shine through your neighbor's window. Also be sure not to dazzle passersby, whether on foot or in vehicles.

How bright? A misconception about outdoor security lighting is that the brighter the light, the better the chance of deterring a burglar. In reality, bright lights on a driveway or front yard can create shadows around the house where burglars can potentially hide. The answer is simply to use a lower level of light – or even decorative or landscape lighting. There are many different styles of lighting fixtures for your yard and porch

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Light Up West Plaza – 8 p.m., Sunday, May 16

One of the most effective ways to deter night-time crime is to light up your home and surrounding property. A burglar likes nothing more than a dark street, and it is up to us, the residents, to eliminate that darkness by turning on porch lights and other exterior lighting at night. Please make this a habit, not only to protect yourself and your property, but to show awareness and concern for the safety of your family and your neighbors.

Volker Neighborhood, just across Westport Road from the West Plaza, has declared Sunday, May 16, to be Volker LUV (Light Up Volker) night. From 8:00-8:30 p.m., residents will join their neighbors on the sidewalk in front of their houses with candles to send a message that they are unified in the desire to keep their community safe – and to show that they are paying attention. The media will be invited to this event.

West Plaza will be joining Volker in this peaceful, resident-sponsored, safety awareness event. To participate, simply turn on your porch light, light a candle (this is optional) and spend 30 minutes on the sidewalk in front of your house. Meet your neighbors, talk about whatever you want, and show your concern for the safety of our community.

Too bad we don't have a spiffy acronym like Volker does – LUWP just doesn't have the same ring that LUV does – but we can certainly join in the effort and show that we care about the safety and well being of our neighbors and our neighborhood. ■

Free-for-All

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(known by some as the Sidewalk Disposal System), bring them to Swinney School the evening of Friday, June 11. Spend just a few minutes to put them in the appropriate section (housewares, clothes, kitchen items, etc.). Then on Saturday morning, come back and look at what other people have brought. Then take whatever you want. It's all free.

This is a terrific way to recycle what is no longer useful to you, and to pick up – for no money at all – some new treasures. Watch the WPNA website (westplaza.org) for more details or call Julie at 816-931-2276. ■

What's the History of Your House?

by Matt Nugent

Spring and summer are traditionally prime house-buying season. If the number of realtors' signs – compared to 2009 – is any indication, quite a few people are in the market for a new home. And whether you're a first-time homebuyer or someone who has purchased a bigger house, after all the papers are signed, after you're all moved in, and after you've decided what color to repaint the dining room, you might start to wonder who lived in the house before you. Perhaps you found some old tools in the basement, or there was something tucked away in the attic that piqued your interest, or perhaps you happen to love architecture and history and would be wondering about this stuff anyway. Fortunately, there are several local resources to help you in your quest.

If you do nothing else, get a copy of your house's tax photo. In 1940, Kansas City decided to photograph every building in the city for assessment purposes. In doing so, they created a time capsule of the city. After city personnel inexplicably tossed them in the trash some years later, most were rescued (all of West Plaza is available; most of Hyde Park is not) and now reside at the Kansas City Landmarks Commission (landmarkcommission@kcmo.org; 816-513-2902). You'll have to call and make an appointment to get a copy of your photo, and it's best to go do it in person, because for some reason the photos aren't sorted by address. It requires a little sleuthing (the people from Landmarks are happy to help you with this), but it is well worth it. The cost is only \$5.

While you're at Landmarks, have them look up the original building permit for the house. This may appeal mostly to the architecturally-inclined, but it will tell you the day the permit was issued. It's your house's birthday, so to speak. The permit is about the size of a 3 x 5 note card and contains basic details of the house: size, number of stories, and building material.

Across downtown from Landmarks at the Central Library is the Missouri Valley Room. The MVR is an amazing repository of local history where you will find the Criss-Cross city directories for Kansas City, so named because they are sorted by address instead of by last name. Kansas Citians of the early 20th century must have been a trusting sort,

because in these directories you can find not only the name of the person who lived at your house, but also their occupation and place of employment, whether they owned or rented the house, and if they had a telephone. The later directories contain less information, but they make it easy to create a list of the names and dates of everyone who has lived in your house.

Learning the history of your house is a different kind of house-hunting. It's fun to know what and who went before you . . . and it's a lot less expensive than the other kind! ■

Spring Cleaning in the West Plaza

by Brad McCormack

As the temperature reaches into the 70s and the last of the snow FINALLY melts from our streets, I, like the rest of my neighbors, have noticed that my house definitely needs some spring cleaning. However, when you are done taking that last load of trash to the WPNA Cleanup in May, take a moment and see if you can't help make your neighborhood look as nice as your house.



Living in an urban area like we do, random trash is sadly a way of life, and while West Plaza residents may not be the cause, we can definitely be the solution. With all the major issues facing our city and neighborhoods, it's the small steps like picking up random trash that will help make things a little nicer for the residents and visitors to our neighborhood. ■

Garden Report: Brutal Winter has Led to a Beautiful Spring

By Ed O'Donnell

Wasn't this past winter rough? The good news is that all that snow insulated the plants from the cold and provided moisture for the ground.

Now all of the perennials are growing, and lots of the seed produced by last year's annuals have germinated. Because I try to use few pesticides at the garden, and because the site has had lots of time to build up a weed seed bank, and because of the aforementioned annual seedlings, we have a need for weekly weeding. As if ALL gardens don't need it!

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The Day the West Plaza Exploded

by Joe Montanari

As you walk through West Plaza today, you will notice mostly 1920s-era bungalows. But when you reach 46th and Wyoming, you will see a number of 1960s ranch-style homes, along with a few more recent additions. These homes are the tangible reminder of one day back in 1962 when West Plaza neighbors found out just how important good neighbors can be.

Friday, August 3, 1962 was just another quiet summer day. Most of the neighbors, like Billie Attwood, 4601 Wyoming, and Charles Dobbe, 4540 Wyoming, were at work that afternoon. The neighborhood kids were enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation. Teenagers tuned in WHB on their transistor radios to hear Chubby Checker do the Twist and Little Eva do the Loco-Motion. Neighbors who were lucky enough to have air conditioners had them turned up high, as the temperature reached a sizzling 92 degrees, while the rest stirred the sultry air around with window fans.

West Side Story had won Best Picture that year, and the Kansas City Athletics were heading for the cellar yet again. President Kennedy had delivered his famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech the week before, and Soviet missile shipments to Cuba were about to ignite the Cuban Missile Crisis only six weeks later. It was the height of the "Cold War," but there was nothing cold in Kansas City on that day. It was hot and sticky, and about to get a lot hotter. At precisely 3:15 p.m., with no warning at all, a 30-inch-wide high pressure gas pipe erupted beneath the intersection of 46th and Wyoming, sending the asphalt pavement, rocks, and dirt flying in every direction.

Some neighbors, like James Lacey, 4523 Wyoming, thought it was a sonic boom. Air Force jets from Richards-Gebaur had been making frequent passes across the summer skies, and the resulting sonic booms were fairly common. Glenn Aikens knew better. The 42-year-old man had been painting a house at 45th and Wyoming when the blast knocked him backward off his ladder. Mrs. Jessie Addison knew better, too. She was looking out a second story window of her home at 4544 Fairmount when the explosion occurred. "I heard a loud swishing roaring sound and saw the pavement heave up like dynamite exploding on a mountainside." James Lacey had

to concede that it was no sonic boom when he saw that the blast had knocked all the windows out of his house.

The explosion was followed by a brief interval of eerie silence. Neighbors poured into the streets to see what had happened. Detective Sergeant Dan Breece of the Kansas City Police Department, who just happened to be driving down Wyoming, began warning neighbors to evacuate their homes and to call the Fire Department. Fortunately, many had already begun to do so, for nine minutes after the initial blast, the gas, which had been gushing out of the ruptured main, ignited with a tremendous explosion that shot flames more than 150 feet into the air. One by one, houses caught fire. A south breeze blew the fireball north on Wyoming, setting ablaze nearly all the homes on the 4500 block.

It was pandemonium as neighbors scrambled to locate their children, their husbands, wives, loved ones, and pets and evacuate their burning homes. Some, like Mary Baumgartner, 61, 4547 Wyoming, bailed out the door into her back yard, only to find herself surrounded by fire. "It was like black coals falling from the sky," she said. Though she couldn't remember how, she made her way to the street, where she ran north, until a wall of fire forced her back south, then east to safety on Fairmount.

The fiery inferno was so intense that Fire Chief Hughes and Fire Director James Halloran saw it from the 23rd floor of City Hall and called in a general alarm before rushing to the scene. In all, 21 fire companies responded, 13 from Kansas City, Missouri, 5 from Kansas City, Kansas, and 3 from Mission, along with about 250 KCMO police officers, who helped evacuate the neighborhood, performed crowd control, and patrolled for potential looters. Before long, many of the neighbors who were still at work heard the news that something terrible had happened back home.

One young working mother named Moore had left her boys, two-year-old Craig and one-year-old Philip, in the day care of Mrs. Cora Vernon, 70, who lived at 4523 Wyoming. When Mrs. Moore called Mrs. Vernon from work to check on the boys, the telephone line was dead. Rushing to Mrs. Vernon's home, Mrs. Moore discovered the Vernon home a charred wreckage. An unknown woman approached her and told her not to worry, that her babies were safe. "I must have looked so

frantic that she knew I was the mother.” Mrs. Vernon had been in the basement with the children when her house caught fire, and a man came to the door and helped carry the two children to safety in Westwood Park. Mrs. Moore found them there, safe with Mrs. Vernon, thanks to the kindness of a man neither she nor Mrs. Vernon ever knew.

Billie Attwood and his wife were both at work, and their three boys, Michael, 11, Charles, 9, and John, 6, were at home at 4601 Wyoming when the first blast occurred. The three Attwood boys ran from their burning house, joining other neighbors in Westwood Park. “When the explosion came, I could see shingles blown high in the flames,” Michael reported.

Charles Dobbe returned from work to find his home completely destroyed. He finally found his wife, safe, but sobbing that they had lost everything. He comforted her, telling her, “Thank God you’re all right. We can get other things, honey, but we couldn’t get another you.”

Gas Company crews sealed off the broken pipe, and by 5 p.m. the Fire Department had extinguished all the fires. Neighbors whose homes were spared cautiously returned home by 7:30 p.m.

In all, 23 West Plaza homes burned that afternoon. Eleven burned to the ground. The property damage was so great and so sudden that police, fire and rescue personnel expected serious loss of life. Miraculously, no one was killed or seriously injured. Mrs. Baumgartner suffered a broken finger. A few people had minor cuts, bruises, scrapes, and burns.

There were acts of real heroism that afternoon. Told that there was a child trapped inside a burning car, Merriam Police Captain Michael Donohue suffered burns on his face and arms attempting to rescue the child. It turned out there was no child in the car. There were countless acts of kindness by neighbors warning other neighbors, by the Police and Fire Departments, by Red Cross volunteers, and by that stranger whom no one ever identified, who helped Mrs. Vernon carry the two babies to safety. Mr. Julius Kern, whose home at 4546 Fairmount was nearly destroyed, was sitting on the curb in front of the charred remains. He observed, “I think my tomatoes are shot.”

Editor’s Note: To see photos of the West Plaza just after the explosion and comparison shots in 2009, go to <http://sites.google.com/site/wpkcna/home/history/gasexplosion> ■

From Annie Laurie’s Kitchen

by Annie McCormack

With Cinco de Mayo approaching, I found a FAB recipe for a great party dish in a great new cookbook – *500 Mexican Dishes* by Judith Fertig. It should go great with a pitcher of margaritas.

Anticuchos de Pollo

2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 2-inch pieces
6-8 wooden skewers, soaked in water for 30 min and drained
2 cups mango nectar
¼ cup spicy bbq sauce
1 tsp. ground dried chipotle chili
1 T. vegetable oil
Freshly chopped cilantro, to garnish

Thread the chicken onto the skewers, being careful not to crowd the pieces. In a bowl, whisk together the mango nectar, bbq sauce, chipotle, and vegetable oil. Reserve half the mixture and brush the other half over the chicken.

Prepare a medium-hot fire in the grill. Grill the skewers for 3-5 minutes per side, turning once, until done. Serve over Mexican confetti rice, drizzle with remaining sauce, and sprinkle with chopped cilantro.

WPNA Garden *(continued from p. 4)*

New for 2010 will be “Tuesday night weed-and-clean.” Each Tuesday we will meet at 6:00 p.m. (probably later during the middle of summer) and pull weeds and clean up litter for an hour or two. If it rains, we’ll skip it for the week. I hope to do this until first frost, usually mid to late autumn. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the website and emailed to volunteers who have given me their address.

On Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. we will have our Spring work day; rain date is Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. We will plant the flowers that Sharon Pendleton started from seed, along with the basil that I started. (The parsley didn’t germinate.) After we plant and water, we’ll add mulch around the recently planted annuals.

If you have any questions about the garden, you can call me (816-531-4692), or stop by the garden on a Tuesday night. See you there! ■

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Home Security Lighting

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to choose from. Not only will the lights serve as security lighting, but they will also give an updated look to your home.

What kind of bulb? Incandescent bulbs are easy to maintain, but they are the least energy-efficient type of bulb. Another option is sodium or mercury vapor lights, which are more powerful and energy-efficient, but they are also more expensive.

Time switch, photocell, or manual? A time switch will turn on your lights at the same time each evening and switch them off at the same time each morning. A photocell will switch them on when it gets dark. Lights controlled by either a timer or photocell will protect your home even when you are away. Manually controlled lights require that someone is at home and remembers to turn them on.

Heat- or motion-sensing security lights? Either of these is an energy-saving feature. Lights with motion sensors turn on when they detect any movement. Heat-sensing lights work in a similar way and turn on when the sensor detects body heat. It may be necessary to install a sensitivity adjuster to prevent the light from turning on and off with every cat or dog that passes your house.

The entire neighborhood benefits from the efforts of individual homeowners who take the time and make the effort to install outside lighting. If a burglar looks at a well-lit street that has porch lights shining from every house and lights glowing around each house, he is likely not only to not choose your house, but to not choose your street.

And what if everyone in the West Plaza chose to light up their house? That burglar just might choose to cross the West Plaza off his list entirely! ■

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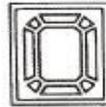
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Saturday, May 15

Light Up West Plaza*

Sunday, May 16, 8 – 8:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Yard Sales**

Saturday, June 5

Free-for-All***

Saturday, June 12

Dance in the Park: TBA

Fall Cleanup: TBA

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 * **NEW EVENT!** To promote safety in the West Plaza. See article on p. 3.

** Will be held on the same day as Westwood Park's sales. See article on p. 1.

*****NEW EVENT!** Bring all your yard sale leftovers to Swinney School. The event is open to all, and everything is free to all who attend! See article on p. 1.



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Please support the businesses that support your neighborhood!

West Plaza Cleanup!

Saturday, May 15 ~ 8 a.m. to ?

Trash!

Yard waste!

You bring it - you dump it!



West Plaza Picnic!

Saturday, May 15 ~ Noon to 3 p.m.

Shelter House at Westwood Park



Moonwalk! Piñata!

Hot dogs! Hamburgers! Desserts!

Live Music! Raffle Prizes!

Fun for all! Bring your friends!

Light Up West Plaza!

Sunday, May 16 ~ 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Turn on your porch light ♥ Light a candle

Spend 30 minutes on the sidewalk in front of your house ♥

Meet your neighbors ♥

(or if you already know them, hang out with them!)

Show your support for the safety of our community ♥