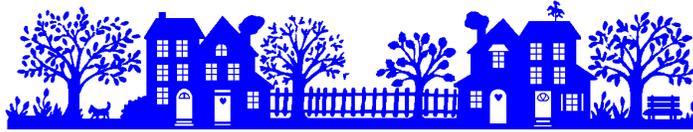


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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 7-8 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
1700 Westport Road
Topic: West Edge Project
Guest Speaker: Dave Harrison
Caymus Real Estate

For the past several years, the West Edge Project on the east side of Belleview at 48th Street has been in various stages of completion. Dave Harrison of Caymus Real Estate, our guest speaker at the July meeting, will present an update about its status and answer residents' questions about the project.

Please join us for an enlightening evening on the 19th. A raffle for a gift certificate will end the meeting. ■

Summer Safety: Dealing with Extreme Heat

It's a typical Kansas City summer, and it is important to know how to deal with the heat. Here's what you can do to protect yourself and those you love.

- Stay indoors as much as possible.
- Never leave children, pets, or others alone in closed vehicles: the temperature inside a car can reach over 140 degrees within minutes, and this can be deadly very quickly.
- If you work outside or in a non-air-conditioned workplace, take frequent breaks, rest in the shade or cooler environment, and drink plenty of water.

- Dress for the weather: wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing; it reflects heat and helps maintain normal body temperature. If you have to be outside, cover as much skin as possible to avoid sunburn. Protect your face and head with a wide-brimmed hat.
- Check on your neighbors, friends, and relatives at least twice a day (morning and night).
- Avoid too much sunshine, and limit high intensity activities. Postpone outdoor activities and games. If you start feeling too hot, stop what you are doing and seek shade or refreshment.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes, such as taking a cool shower immediately after coming inside from hot temperatures.
- If your home does not have air conditioning, go to a public building every day for several hours.
- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs to reduce heat (and save money at the same time).
- To keep the house cooler, do not use unnecessary electricity, especially lighting. Close shades and curtains.
- Another aspect of safety is being aware of your surroundings. Don't forget to take a peek outside every now and again. Jim Schriever, our KCPD liaison, reminds us not to go into "shut door" mode for the summer.

Heat exhaustion signs include confusion, dark colored urine, dizziness, fainting, muscle cramps, headaches, pale skin, profuse sweating and rapid heartbeat. ■

Meet Your Neighbors: Dennis & Karen Oellig

by Rachel Francis

Dennis and Karen Oellig were figuring on staying for 10 years or so when they moved into their house on Fairmount in the late 1970s. The plan was to move south after putting both of their sons through Swinney Elementary School, then considered the best in the city. It didn't turn out quite that way.

"What happened," Dennis says, "is that once we moved into the neighborhood, it had so many cool people that we've been here for more than 30 years."

Many of the nearby residents at that time had lived in their homes for a long time and were happy to embrace all newcomers and share their histories. It wasn't unusual to make their way up and down the block during the evening and stop at each porch for conversation. One of the Oelligs' favorite stories involved the time a wild deer ran down the middle of the street.

The community extended all the way down the hill onto the Plaza itself. Saturdays were a time to visit the Sears store and buy auto parts or any small things the boys might need.

"The Plaza was still functioning as a neighborhood organ then," Dennis says. "They had Sears, a bowling alley, and places where you could grab a bite to eat at 4 a.m. if you needed to. You'd walk around down there and see other people from the neighborhood."

Although the Oelligs had lived in other places around town prior to moving to the West Plaza, neither were Kansas City natives. Dennis grew up in Pittsburgh and came to town with a music scholarship to Park College. Karen's dad was a salesman, and the family moved frequently before they finally settled in Independence.

Today, Karen works as a legal secretary at Shook, Hardy and Bacon. After retiring from his day job seven years ago, Dennis started his own company dealing in vintage electronics. He's known throughout the world as Mr. Microphone.

Now in their third decade on Fairmount, Dennis and Karen have seen cycles come and go. "When we first moved in, the Neighborhood Association was strong because everyone who was here had lived here for a while," Karen says. "Then those neighbors started dying off or moving away and the block became mostly rentals. The Neighborhood Association was weak during that time, but now it's come full circle and the Association has a strong presence again." ■

Got Yard Waste?

by Stephanie Murrell

Have you ever been motivated to do some serious yard work but then wondered what to do with the yard waste when you're finished? Or you've heaved several (usually wet and torn) large brown paper sacks of brush to the curb...only to see the city truck's tail lights as it passes you by? If this scenario seems familiar, then I know I'm not the only one it's happened to! We know curb appeal is vital to keeping the West Plaza neighborhood charming and inviting, so don't let "curbside only" collection deter you from keeping up with your yard work! Here is a list of dumpsite and collection alternatives.



KCMO Curbside Leaves and Brush Collection: city-sponsored service in which up to 20 sacks or bundles of leaves and brush (excluding grass clippings) are collected from residences during scheduled curbside collections in the Spring and Fall. <http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/PublicWorks/CurbsideLeavesandBrushCollection/index.htm>

But what to do with those landscaping leftovers May through August? There are two fee-based options: curbside pickup and you-deliver-it.

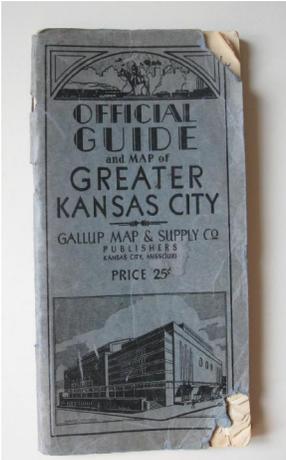
Curbside Pickup Services

Compost Connection: offers year-round curbside yard waste service. www.compostconnection.com

Lawn-Corps Curbside Recycling: offers curbside waste service March through December. <http://www.lawncorps.com>

Country Club District

For Which Kansas City Is Known All Over the World



If any one asset distinguishes Kansas City it is the Country Club District, America's premier home section. From all over the world, visitors come in an unceasing stream to learn of it at first hand. Long accepted as the model for the highest type of residential development, it has been the inspiration for similar developments far and wide.

The chief approach to the Country Club District is Broadway with Mill Creek Parkway, its continuation, the direction of travel being due south from the principal business district. At 47th Street, the Country Club Plaza is reached. Actually, the formal entrance to the Country Club District, which lies beyond it to the south and west, Country Club Plaza presents the appearance of a Spanish market place with its carefully designed structures embellished by picturesque towers, wrought iron balconies and gay tile roofs. Its free public parking stations are the finest to be found in any city.

The encircling apartment development is an integral part of the Plaza scheme. This community, embracing more than 3,000 acres in exclusive use for one-family homes, is the largest development of its type in the world today.

Uneven topography has lent itself to picturesque treatment of the landscape in the lay-out of streets, drives, and parkways. Winding roadways, giving individuality to the sites fronting upon them, create vistas that enchant the eye. Frequent intersection and street-wide parks interrupt the ribbons of pavement.

Notable community parks beautified by fountains, vases, pavilions, well heads and pieces of statuary, many of which were brought from the finest art galleries of Europe, dot the landscape, Verona Columns, the Chinese Band and Meyer Circle with its Sea Horse Fountain being typical; homes in gardens, presenting an unequalled example of orderly beauty; golf clubs and recreational centers; public and private schools; many

churches; frequent shopping centers, kept carefully away from the homes; constant activity, telling of steady growth; these are things one may see in the Country Club District.

To see the Country Club District by motor car, follow the Scenic Drive route shown in red on small Greater Kansas City map on back of map sheet. ■

– *Gallup's Official Guide and Map of Greater Kansas City, 1937*

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You-Deliver-It Services

Dumpsite Now.com: helps you find the best location for dumping yard waste, construction debris, tires, etc. The closest yard waste dumpsite to the West Plaza is at 7725 N. Stoddard Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64152 (about 12 miles away). The closest dumpsite for any mixture of material is at 516 S. 134th, Bonner Springs, KS 66012 (about 15 miles away). <http://www.dumpsitesnow.com>

Suburban Lawn & Garden's Yard Waste & Recycling Center: processes a million pounds of organic material every year to make mulch and soil amendments. Located at 139th & Wyandotte in Kansas City, MO, just east of State Line Road. <http://www.suburbanlq.com/yardwasterecycling.htm>

Beyond Yard Waste

Although putting used or unwanted items out for the trash may seem the easiest solution, it isn't always the best one. Many items can be reused even if they are old or in need of repair.

RecycleSpot.org: a listing of yard waste services, solid waste landfills, recycling services, household hazardous waste services, electronics recycling, and clean wood waste services, for both Kansas and Missouri residents. The listed landfills and transfer stations offer trash disposal service for the general public and contractors. Visit their site to find out what items can be reused or recycled. <http://recyclespot.org/>

More curbside yard waste collection services can be found on Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) site: http://www.marc.org/environment/curbside_yard_waste.htm ■

**WPNA Cleanup and Picnic:
Cold but Fun!**

The neighborhood cleanup and picnic, held on the coldest May day in memory, were both well attended (considering the weather) and successful. More than 65 residents, both members and non-members, took advantage of the dumpsters to clean out their yards and homes. The picnic, while quite chilly, was warmed by the music of Three Dollar Band, great food provided by WPNA, Marsh's Sunfresh, and neighbors, and a moonwalk and piñata for the kids. Door prizes were donated by many of our business members: Costco, Eye Care Optical, Hair Style, Pryde's Old Westport, Upper Crust, and Westlake Hardware. ■

**Safety Tip from Jim Schriever,
Kansas City Police Department**

Two things a burglar hates most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

If you would like to receive daily crime reports and other safety information, send an e-mail to: James.Schriever@kcpd.org

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Crime Prevention Meeting Refreshments

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[July-August 2011]

2011 WPNA Calendar

General Membership Meetings (7-8 p.m.)
Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church
1700 Westport Road (use the North-most door
on the West side of the church)

WPNA general membership meetings are held
at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of odd num-
bered months.

July 19
September 20
November 15
January 17, 2012

Dance in the Park: Saturday, September 10,
6:30 p.m. (Roanoke Park)
Fall Cleanup: Saturday, October 8
(Westwood Park)



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- Katharine Graham

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No Fireworks in the Park!



Westwood Park will once again be patrolled during the weekend of July 4 to enforce KCMO Ordinance Section 26-3309.1, which prohibits possession and/or use of fireworks. Notices will be

posted around the perimeter of the park. Fireworks will be subject to confiscation, and violators will be subject to arrest.

Have a safe and peaceful holiday.