



The South Plaza Neighborhood Association 2023 Autumn Update



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President's Message



Hello neighbors of the South Plaza. My name is Sean Tucker, and I am honored to serve as your next SPNA President. My wife, children and I have lived in the South Plaza for the previous 8 years and loved every minute of it. We have everything within walking distance, allowing for us to live healthy lifestyles full of rich culture and

energy. It was amazing to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Plaza District this summer at the Plaza Art Fair. My daughter and I walked around admiring the artistry and enjoying the free Russell Stover chocolates. We look forward to working along with the Plaza District Council and the city on improving our neighborhood to prepare it for the next 100 years.

Lastly, I am excited to announce our new Board of Directors. Some faces you are quite familiar with, and a few new ones as well. Please come join us at our next SPNA Meeting Tuesday, October 24th at 6PM. This time we will be in the Truman Room of the Plaza Branch KCMO Public Library to accommodate the large crowds we have been bringing in. Looking forward to meeting you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Neighborhood Park Cleanup and Tree Planting Sat Nov 4th

SPNA Board is recruiting volunteers from around the city to come help us clean up the triangle park at the corners of Grand and Brookside Blvd on Saturday, November 4th at 9AM. We will be cleaning up trash, brush, and weeds. Additionally, SPNA has connected with the Heartland Tree Alliance to plant 15 trees. The great part is our neighborhood has signed up for an additional 14 trees to be planted along our streets the same day!

Special thanks to the KCMO Parks Department, Kessler Grant for supplying cleaning and gardening supplies and coordinating trash pickup. The Heartland Tree Alliance requires volunteers to sign at: <https://shorturl.at/dfiz8> in order to sign their liability waiver.

Or sign up at the 10/24 meeting.



FALL SPNA Meeting Tues. 6pm, October 24th

PLAZA BRANCH LIBRARY TRUMAN ROOM (MORE SPACE!)

Speakers

Melesa Johnson Esq, Director of Public Safety
Michael Shaw, Director of Public Works
Matthew Mellor, Chair, Plaza District Council

Community Meetups with 6th District Councilmembers Bough and Duncan

November

Tuesday, 11/28: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
South KC Chamber | 1300 E. 94th, Ste 100

December

Friday, 12/15: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
The Arts Asylum 824 E Meyer Blvd.

Leaf & Brush Pick Up 2023

TRASH DAY	ROUND 1	ROUND 2
MONDAY	OCT 30	DEC 11
TUESDAY	OCT 31	DEC 12
WEDNESDAY	NOV 1	DEC 13
THURSDAY	NOV 2	DEC 14
FRIDAY	NOV 3	DEC 15



Annual Membership Dues are due. Did you Renew? Resident \$20 Business \$100

South Plaza Neighborhood Association Submits PIAC Requests

Your SPNA Board has submitted three requests for 2024 Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) grants. The proposed improvements would greatly enhance the safety and walkability of the Plaza area - the most visited of all Kansas City destinations, with more than 6 million unique visitors coming to the Country Club Plaza since January of this year. Fully 70 % of those visitors are local, living and working in the immediate area. These improvements would really upgrade the experience and pride we take in this beloved area for visitors, property owners, residents, and businesses.

PIAC #411030 - Wornall Bridge sidewalk repairs: Sidewalks and joints on the Wornall Bridge do not meet ADA requirements. Bridge deck pavement needs repair/filling. Crumbling fascia on the parapet walls, part of metal railing missing. This bridge is the grand entryway to the Plaza for most tourists who arrive on foot from the hotels just to the south. We request an ADA accessible, aesthetically attractive repair of the sidewalks on E and W sides of the roadway. Also needed: repair or replace the stucco on the stands for the 4 historic globe lights (bases are cracked and crumbling) and repair the other places where the grout layer that covers the fascia, parapets are cracked and crumbling. Power-wash the pine sap and repaint the bridge with a color to be determined.

PIAC #401566 - Ward and Central traffic calming: We are requesting traffic calming measures at the intersection of Central St and Ward Parkway, at the north end of the Sister City pedestrian bridge.

PIAC #410326 - Wornall Rd Mobility Lanes: This is a request to address accessibility and mobility safety between the Plaza and 51st. There is no sidewalk on the east side between 50th and 49th. The sidewalk on the west side between 49th and 51st gets narrow and unsafe for kids (school at 51st and Wornall), strollers etc. We request traffic calming, improving ADA, walkability, and safety on the route between the Plaza and Loose Park. →

Annual Dues Renewal

SCAN BARCODE FOR EASY PAYMENT OPTION

RESIDENT \$20
BUSINESS \$100

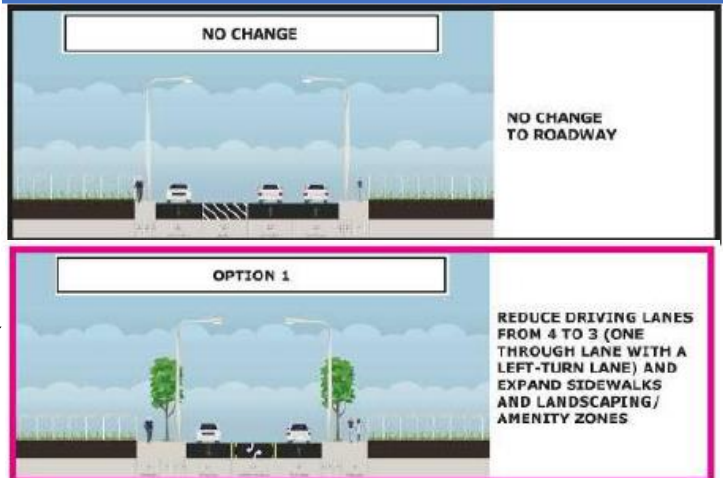


Neighborhood Safety Update

OFFENSE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Robbery	1	2	0
Aggravated Assault	0	2	1
Simple Assault	2	1	3
Burglary	0	0	5
Theft	18	9	15
Theft from Vehicle	9	14	5
Theft of Vehicle	10	15	16
Property Damage	10	10	14
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	1
Sex Offense	1	0	0
Total	51	53	60

Neighborhood crime remains steady, with most offenses being theft and property damage. Please be sure to use deterrents, including removing all visible objects from your car and lock steering wheels when possible.

(410326) Wornall PIAC Ped Safety Mobility Study



SPNA Board of Directors:

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