

South Plaza Neighborhood Association 2021 Fall Newsletter

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President's Message



Though the need is still there for all of us to continue to be cautious, life is finally getting back to normal! Crowds are back in full force, cheering on our beloved Royals and Chiefs. In our own neighborhood, the Plaza Art Fair is back for us all to celebrate its 90th year. It is great to walk among the crowds, browse the artist booths, listen and dance to great music and taste delicious food.

Fall has arrived and our neighborhood affords great walking opportunities to get out and enjoy the cooler temps and see

nature's beauty as fall colors start to burst.

Previous PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) improvements to the Triangle Park brought us a new Neighborhood Marker and stairs. We just submitted another PIAC request to do some much needed repairs to the Sister Cities International Bridge over Brush Creek. We are also coordinating with the Plaza Westport Neighborhood Association to meet with city leaders to revise city code regulations for exterior lights on buildings. We continue to meet with UMKC Planning Team as they share their master plan for their strategic goals and enhancement of their campus and surrounding properties. Van Trust also has some exciting changes to develop and streetscape Main Street from Brush Creek to Visitation Parish. Brookside northbound traffic is finally opening back up, though construction will continue over the next several years as we excitedly await light rail coming to our neighborhood.

Lots to get excited about - let's all get involved!

~ Cliff Couty

**Next SPNA
General
Meeting third
Sunday of
Oct 17th at
6PM at II'
Centro**

SAVE THE 2022 DATES:

- Sun January 16, 6PM
- Sun April 17, 6PM
- Sun July 17, 6PM
- Sun October 16, 6PM

Not a SPNA Member?

SPNA annual membership runs from July through June of each year, with most members paying at the July quarterly meeting. If you'd like to join SPNA or renew your membership, see bottom of this newsletter for more information. Thanks!

This is our fifth all-digital SPNA newsletter, circulated by email, [our website](#), South Plaza Nextdoor, and our Facebook Page. Please pass it on to friends & neighbors in the area. SPNA is alive, well & digital with the efforts of Board Members Sean & Kelly.

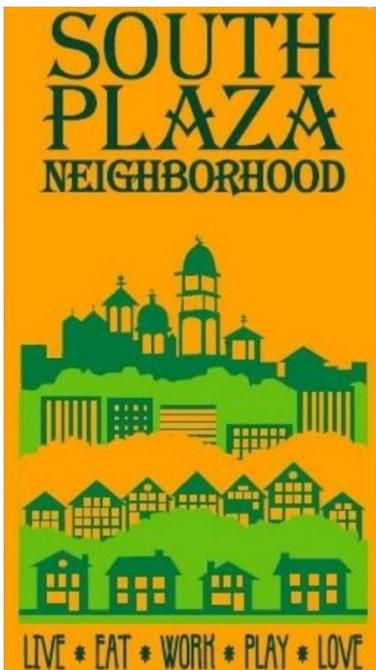
Main Street Max Bus Route Changes October 3, 2021:

RideKC

The Route will offer service to Waldo on all trips. At the Plaza, the route will remain on Main/Brookside south of 47th. Service to South Plaza will be covered by a new route 40 (revised 47 Broadway route). [Main MAX](#) will run from 5 a.m. to midnight every day, with service every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Service will otherwise run every 30 minutes. Additionally, Main

MAX will feature a long trip that serves Martin City, replacing the 57 Wornall route to 135th and State Line. These trips south of 75th Street will operate hourly on all days. The Main MAX will serve Ward Parkway Center and follow the same route as the existing 57 Wornall route south of the shopping center.

July Membership Meeting Highlights:



Gary Lezack joined SPNA for our first full in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic at Il Centro. We had a great crowd and wonderful conversation. Mr. Lezack explained the rebranding of KSHB 41 Action News. In the 1980s, Gary discovered that the weather patterns were cycling and accurate weather forecasts could be made using this new technology. A peer-reviewed paper was published in 2018, so Gary is now an author of a scientific discovery. Gary described to the SPNA group how he plans to build a business out of this science. Finally, Gary shared his authored children's story called "It's A Sunny Life."

Also at the meeting, Cliff provided updates around the neighborhood including new restaurants, a successful spring dumpster and donation day, advocated for street clean up, updates on businesses including the SPNA board changing banks due to US Bank moving out of the neighborhood. Lastly, the membership unanimously re-elected three board members up for seats. Sean Tucker (SPNA Secretary), Kelly Hollowell (Website and Media Chair), and Jeannie Moore have been re-elected to the SPNA Board of Directors for an additional 2-year term.

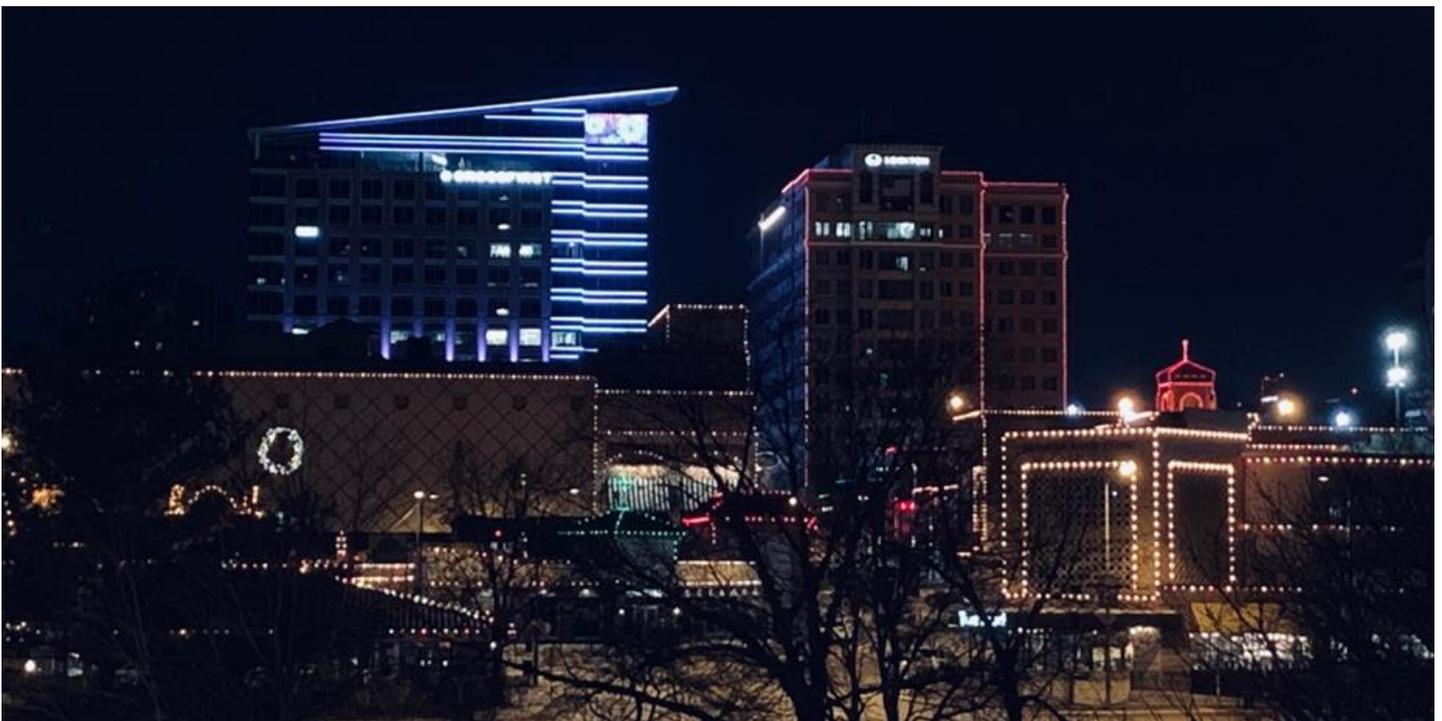
This will be the 2nd term for each of these 3 members. SPNA Board elections are held during the membership meeting each July of the calendar year.

SPNA to Join Westport NA to Combat Plaza Light Pollution

Plaza Westport Neighborhood Association President Robert Martin reached out to Cliff and the board members of the South Plaza Neighborhood Association to discuss the curtailing of Country Club Plaza developments light pollution. The purpose of the discussion was to discuss efforts to curtail and regulate outdoor lighting from buildings, such as 46 Penn Centre (pictured below). Westport NA would like for SPNA to join efforts to refine and update City Regulations so that our Plaza area is not inundated with light pollution that is out of character of the historic, iconic charm of the Plaza, and especially with respect to the holiday lights from Nov-Jan.

The WPNA has been actively engaged in this matter since Dec 2020. They have convened 3 City Councilmembers and the Planning Dept back in February, and has been working with the Planning Dept ever since to understand the approval process. They have also been engaged with the new development - Plaza Hotels - at 46th btw Wornall and Broadway, which was also going to use advanced LED technology.

The time has come for those who are concerned about the growing threat from exterior lighting to band together and come up with solutions with the city. The South Plaza Neighborhood Association board fully agrees and plans to join WPNA in its efforts to set new limits. [An introductory video can be seen here.](#)



Sister City Bridge in Need of Repair

Your South Plaza Neighborhood Association has applied to PIAC (the Public Improvements Advisory Committee) for much needed repairs to the Sister Cities Bridge – located spanning Brush Creek in the 200 block of Ward Parkway. We have applied to have the necessary repairs to the Sister City bridge, steps leading to it, and clearly marked crosswalks to make it safe and ADA compliant for pedestrian traffic. PIAC projects take on average 2 years to be approved and worked on.

Included in our request: Repair of concrete steps on north & south sides. Replacement of any broken or missing tiles. Painting of iron railings. New curbs in front of Hemingway building. Clearly marked crosswalks on north & sides. Install streetlights across from Hemingway bldg. Replace missing landscape (bush). Install statue on north side of bridge (currently being repaired).

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

You can help by calling 3-1-1 or going online to:

<https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/311>

We have issues in our neighborhood that should be addressed by KCMO. The more voices we have address these issues the more likely our city will address them. Here's SPNA's current list:



- The “walk button” for pedestrians on NE corner of 51st & Brookside Blvd. has been hanging by a cord for at least a couple of weeks. It's live, but not attached to the pole.
- The top of our new stairs intersects with the street at 50th & Grand. People (read students) continue to park & block access to the new walkway. I've been asking that “No Parking” signs be installed to keep that access clear; no results to date.
- As noted, we've collaborated on a PIAC request for maintenance of the Flag Bridge over Brush Creek. There is a walk signal at Central near that bridge. Check out the nasty broken curb on the south side of that crosswalk, then call 3-1-1.
- What are your issues? Let's work together & keep a running list..

New Business Spotlight: Café Europa

Recently, the Kansas City Star wrote an article regarding Cafe Europa expanding operations to South Plaza. Ben Cascio will be opening up a new café and bakery in the old fire station once occupied by Planet Sub (Planet Sub moved to 4960 Main earlier this summer). Looking forward to more yummy treats in the neighborhood.



New Business Spotlight: 3rd Street Social



Local restaurateurs Andy Lock and Domhnall Molloy and Culinary Director Po Wang add the eighth restaurant to its roster with the expansion of their popular Lee's Summit restaurant [Third StreetSocial opening its second location in Kansas City](#). The new Third Street Social opens to the public at 3 p.m. on July 28 at 5031 Main St. south of the Plaza.

Lock and Molloy have long sought a second location for the popular Lee's Summit restaurant since first opening its doors in 2016. The new Third StreetSocial - South Plaza location has made its home in the newly renovated two-story 6,500 square-foot space, formerly occupied by Nick and Jake's.

The restaurant seats up to 315 guests, with dedicated parking, an outdoor patio, and a second floor used for overflow seating and private dining. The interior

features plush booths, exposed brick, copper top bar, and old-school beer signs and black and white photos adorn the walls.

The menu features the same upscale, classic American comfort food with chef-driven menus and midwestern heritage guests have come to know and love like the lunch specialties, flat top burgers, house-made chicken pot pie, fried chicken and homemade desserts like oatmeal cream pie and phyllo wrapped brownie, from the scratch kitchen. Third Street Social is home to an expansive whiskey selection and house-made cocktails.

The restaurant is open seven days a week serving lunch, dinner and a weekend brunch. Happy hour is available daily in the bar from 3 - 6 p.m. Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Friday: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Sunday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Hard to Recycle

CLEAN UP

November 6, 2021 - 8 AM - NOON

LOCATIONS

Manual Career Tech Center,
215 East Truman Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64106:

- Tires (with or without rims)
- Bulky items
- Leaf and brush
- Electronics (see price list),
- Shredder
- Glass recycling
- Hazardous waste (paints, household cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, etc.)

ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea
- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unit \$10/ea

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Check out this great review by
SPNA Board Member Kelly
Hollowell:

<https://mikcexplore.com/home/2021/2/22/south-plaza-guide>

**SOUTH PLAZA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. INC.
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH PLAZA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please indicate: ___ Tenant \$15
 ___ Homeowner \$20
 ___ Small business/organization \$75 - \$100
 ___ Large business/organization \$100 - \$150 or more

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 Kansas City, MO 64112

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