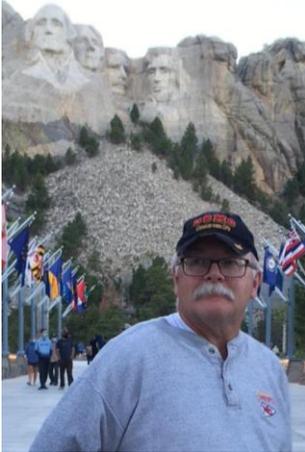


South Plaza Neighborhood Association 2022 Summer Newsletter

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President's Message:

As the end of my two-year term as SPNA President nears, I proudly reflect on the time we spent improving our neighborhood, and am thankful for the incredible people that my lovely wife Pat & I have met along the way. I truly believe we have a jewel here in our South Plaza neighborhood! Most neighborhoods would love to garner all the positive attention we get! It has been a pleasure to work with city planners, developers & other neighborhood leaders on common goals to improve our neighborhoods.

The Marine Corps stationed me here back in 1980, and for forty-two years I have lovingly called Kansas City home. Now my wife & I plan to retire to the southwest Florida coast by the end of this year.

Kansas City has so much excitement coming our way:

Next year brings the NFL Draft & a new KCI Airport Terminal to town.

Next several years will result in over four miles of light rail tracks & brand new Plaza & UMKC terminals within our South Plaza boundaries.

Down the road in 2026 the World Cup Soccer will bring huge crowds from all over the world & who knows what great things our beloved Chiefs & Royals will accomplish!

All these events will bring more people to experience Kansas City & the Plaza, so please consider joining the SPNA Board to ensure our neighborhood continues to shine for all to enjoy.

Again it has been an honor & a privilege!

Semper Fi!

Cliff Couty

JOIN US FOR THE JULY 17 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Alex Miller of KC Streetcar Constructors has accepted SPNA's invitation to speak at the July 17th Annual Membership Meeting. We look forward to hearing the latest news & asking questions. Don't miss this opportunity for first-hand information on the status of our streetcar extension!

We are also looking for new volunteers to join the SPNA Board. We will hold our annual election at the July meeting. Please consider volunteering!

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**Next SPNA
Annual
Meeting third
Sunday of
July**

07/17/2022

**6PM at
Il Centro**

**Featured
Guest:**

**Alex Miller of
KC Streetcar
Constructors**

SISTER CITY BRIDGE SET FOR REPAIRS THANKS TO SPNA AND Hemingway

The pedestrian bridge that crosses Brush Creek as you enter the Plaza is set for repairs this year thanks to the hard work of the SPNA Board and our friends the Hemingway Condominiums and the Sister Cities Board. Work is being completed with PIAC funding and will include stairs and bridge repair, landscaping, and restoring the statues.



ReBuild KC Grant Update

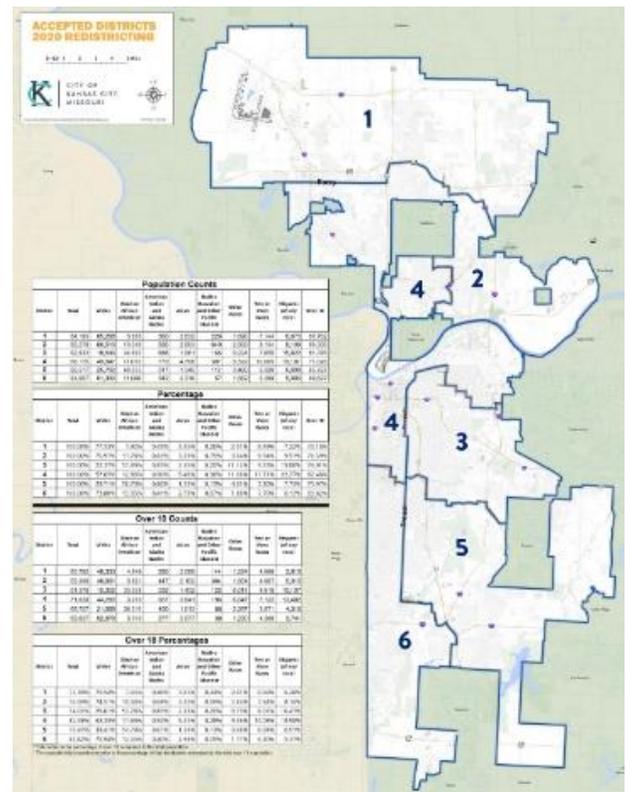
The KCMO Neighborhood Services Department has received the SPNA sidewalk and curb repair assessment with request of \$750,000 in funding. They are now ranking applications and will be presenting to City Council this month. They will be using a mix of local and federal grant money to pay for the updates throughout the city.

UNITY TEMPLE LOOKING TO REZONE PART OF PLAZA DISTRICT

On 7/6: Unity Temple intends to rezone to a commercial district for two main purposes. First, Unity Temple desires to attach signage to its tower so that it can be more easily located by those traveling to the church. Second, Unity Temple intends to re-establish the operation of a vegetarian oriented restaurant and/or culinary school on its lower level. In previous years, Eden Alley Café operated from this location. By attaching signage to its tower and operating a vegetarian oriented restaurant and/or culinary school, Unity Temple seeks to continue its mission to support mind, body and spirit, to ensure its ability to remain in its current location, and to better serve the Kansas City community.

New City Council Districts

As a result of the 2020 National Census and the City Charter, our [City Council Districts must be redrawn](#). The city's half a million residents must be equally divided between the 6 Districts. The Redistricting Commission had to complete the task of redrawing the council districts by December 2021. Districts 1, 2 and 4 grew in population density and as a result, their new area boundaries contract. [The newly drawn districts will take effect August 1, 2023](#), the day the new members of the City Council will take office as a result of the June 2023 general election. The southern boundary of the 4th Council District will move from 59th Street to 43rd Street/Westport Road. The South Plaza Neighborhood will then be included in the 6th Council District.



Another Amazing Benefit of Living in South Plaza: Check It Out!



Everyone is complaining about hot temperatures & high gas prices, but no one I know or watch or listen to is connecting the dots. Climate change is here & here to stay. It is & has been exacerbated by our dependence on fossil fuels. We know this & continue to buy SUVs (a/k/a Urban Assault Vehicles) & make multiple trips to the grocery store each week. My friends & acquaintances are environmentally aware, but not even one has committed to, for example, one day a week without driving, or setting up carpools or...

RIDING THE METRO!

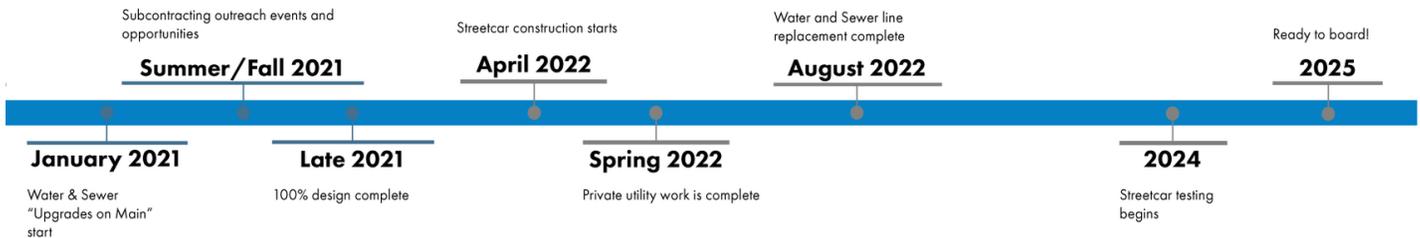
Between the Plaza stop at 47th & Mill Creek Parkway (across from Tennis Courts) to the Crestwood Shops at 55th & Brookside, the KCATA Main Max bus offers at least 7 stops. Two Northbound buses AND two Southbound buses per hour go by from way before most of us get up until long after I go to bed. AND IT'S FREE!!

Consider getting on the Max Saturday morning to ride to City Market at 3rd & Grand. No searching for or paying for a parking spot. Just walk into the market, choose your fresh produce, get back on the Max 30 minutes or an hour later to ride home. You've gotten a bit of exercise, fresh air, camaraderie, & the sense of being part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

Or ride the Max to Waldo for dinner & a few drinks; the Max will be your Designated Driver.

For more information, visit: <https://ridekc.org/routes/mainmax> or simply Google "Main Max." I hope to share a ride with you soon! ~Francie Hall

KC Streetcar Main Street Extension Timeline



<https://www.buildkcstreetcar.com/>

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TEN YEARS OF BIKE SHARE IN THE KC METRO



Can you believe it? RideKC Bike is celebrating our 10th Anniversary this month! Kansas Citians were SO excited to see bike share come to town in 2012. BikeWalkKC launched one of the first bike share systems in the United States, and one of only two non-profit systems. Old-timers will remember that back then, we called ourselves Kansas City BCycle. We knew easy bike rental could be a game changer for our city, and we had big dreams of providing inexpensive, green transportation for residents and visitors. Bikes were pedal-only, and required docking at designated hubs. We started with just a few locations in the downtown and midtown areas of Kansas City, Missouri, and the bikes were an instant hit.

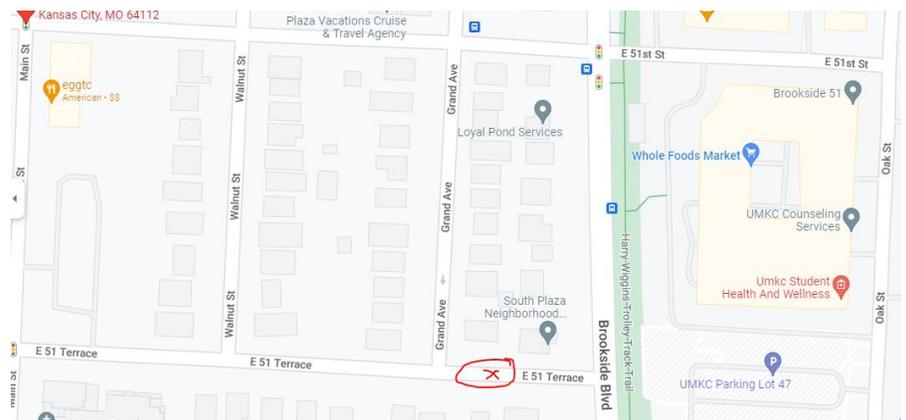
David J. tried out our bikes at a 2011 First Fridays pop up before we officially opened in 2012. Now we're RideKC Bike, sponsored by the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and part of the RideKC family of transit options. We are still operated by [BikeWalkKC](#), and our team of customer service agents and bike techs is still local. Our bikes are lighter, faster (thanks to electric-assist), and available across Kansas City, Missouri, North Kansas City, Kansas City, Kansas, Lenexa, Kansas, select Johnson County parks, and Longview Lake in Jackson County. Stay tuned on social media (@ridekcbike on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)) and [subscribe to our newsletter](#) for more blasts from the past and sneak peaks at the future of bike share in the KC metro.

~This article was published by the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority

DUMPSTER DAY: SAT. JULY 23rd AT 51st TERR AND BROOKSIDE

Along with the City Dumpster for trash at SPNA's Dumpster Day, Saturday, July 23rd, Cornerstones of Care has confirmed their truck will be there ready to receive your donations of gently used clothing, shoes, toys, household items, etc. You can enjoy that great feeling of cleaning out a closet while experiencing the deeper joy of helping neighbors in need. Cornerstones gives your items directly to our fellow Kansas Citians who need some help. Your discards can make a difference.

Join us at SPNA's Dumpster Day at 51st Terrace & Brookside Blvd. Saturday morning, July 23rd, 8am-noon.



WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

[Take the SPNA Member Survey Today!](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8W2BPC6)

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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, feel free to mail your check to our SPNA Treasurer: Martha Hogarty, 311 West 51st Terrace, KCMO 64112. Thanks!

Want to Volunteer?

SPNA is always looking for new volunteers to support our operations on the board. Elections take place each July. Please reach out to Cliff Couty with any questions.

Business Highlight:

Kansas City cafe, bakery, market relocates and expands in old fire station south of the Plaza

BY JOYCE SMITH UPDATED
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Cafe Europa relocated from the Crestwood Shops, to an old fire station at 4928 Main St., in Kansas City. RICH SUGG

rsugg@kcstar.com Longtime Crestwood restaurant and retail shop Cafe Europa Gourmet Market & Bakery spent six months

renovating a spot nearby that is now offering an expanded line of customer favorites. It softly opened Tuesday in the 5,000-square-foot former Fire Station No. 32 at 4928 Main St., less than a mile from the Crestwood Shops. TOP VIDEOS Top Videos WATCH MORE Bert Grimm, a tattoo legend, gets midtown KansasCity museum × “It really feels good. Everyone was so positive on the first day, we’ve been really blessed,” said owner Ben Cascio. “We want people to really enjoy it, to try new things.”

Read more at: <https://www.kansascity.com/news/business/biz-columns-blogs/cityscape/article262755358.html#storylink=cpy>



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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

Make check payable to: South Plaza Neighborhood Association
311 West 51st Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64112

Complete document and mail with payment