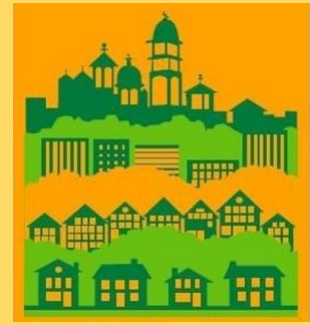




The South Plaza Neighborhood Association 2023 Spring Update



LIVE EAT

www.southplazakc.org

WORK PLAY

Short Term Rentals - What to Know

At our January meeting Tiffany Moore, the Co-Chair of the Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council spoke about short term rentals. Since the original ordinance was put in place in Kansas City in 2017, there have been increasing numbers of them operating without registration and some are causing nuisance complaints. They are more numerous in midtown neighborhoods. Owner-occupied STRs are generally not causing issues, but some poorly managed non-owner occupied, or “non-resident” ones are. The commercial operation of multiple non-owner occupied STRs by local and out of state investors removes housing units from local owners and longtime renters, further impacting increasing rental rates. The city passed a resolution in December to move the regulation of STRs from the Planning and Development Department to the Neighborhood Services Department and secure necessary funding for more staff. An audit had concluded that only 11% of over 1,900 STRs had the required permits. Consequently, over \$1 million in permit fees and renewals were not collected. Another audit found that the number of units with booking service listings in August 2022 were the equivalent of two downtown convention hotels, or about 10% of the city’s overall hotel room supply. The city is unable to collect convention and tourism taxes on STRs because unlike any other city in the state, our definition of hotel is a building with more than 8 rooms for guests. The audit recommended that the city take steps to tax STRs like other businesses in the accommodation industry. The April 4th election passed a \$3/bed occupancy fee and a 7.5% tax on STR's.



Spring SPNA Meeting Tuesday April 25

6PM-7PM @ PLAZA LIBRARY
THERE WILL BE PIZZA!

The Great Kansas City Cleanup Sunday April 23rd 1:00-3:30PM

JOIN US TO CLEAN UP
BRUSH CREEK!
MEET ACROSS FROM JACK STACK’S
BBQ ON THE PLAZA –
[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Save the Date: Dumpster Day Saturday August 26th

8AM – 12PM
LOCATION: 51ST TERRACE & BROOKSIDE

Fountain Day 2023

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH @ 10AM
MILL CREEK PARK FOUNTAIN



The South Plaza Neighborhood Association is Seeking New Volunteers to Fill Board Vacancy

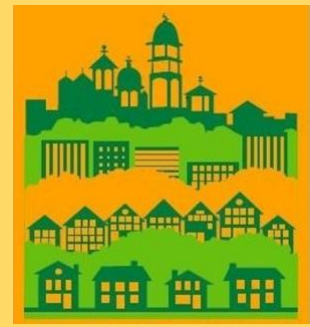
The SPNA is seeking out new talent to fill multiple board vacancies. If you have a passion for our neighborhood, city politics, volunteering to make a difference, or just want to use your skillsets to better the neighborhood, we think you would make a great fit. Please apply using this link. [Complete form here](#)

VOLUNTEERS
We need your help!





The South Plaza Neighborhood Association 2023 Spring Update



LIVE EAT

www.southplazakc.org

WORK PLAY

Neighborhood Safety Update

Tips: With Spring approaching, windows and porch doors left open for the breeze can also enable a burglary. Lock windows and doors when you are not at home. Window pins can be used to keep a window open at minimum height for ventilation but not enough for someone to squeeze through. Dusk to dawn lighting helps deter crime. Let your neighbors know when you are away.

Community Interaction Officer Richard Marquez attended our last meeting and remarked on the high numbers of stolen vehicles in our area. He advised not giving money to the panhandlers. If we continue to give it, they will keep coming back. The Plaza Branch library has a "street sheet" with contact information for services for the homeless. Residents with a Ring doorbell camera can register it with KCPD's WatchKC program which can be useful if an incident occurs nearby and the footage may help police. KCPD can do a burglary prevention analysis on a property.

Neighbors who want to start a block watch can give their contact information to Safety /Security committee member Donna Kerr and a training session can be set up with the Community Interaction Officer. Forward any inquiries through southplazanakc@gmail.com.

Need to Pay Membership Dues?

SCAN BARCODE FOR EASY
PAYMENT OPTION

RESIDENT \$20
BUSINESS \$100



Neighborhood Safety Update

OFFENSE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSE	0	0	0
ROBBERY	1	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0
SIMPLE ASSAULT	1	0	2
BURGLARY	6	5	5
THEFT	17	7	9
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	7	2	10
THEFT OF VEHICLE	7	5	8
ARSON	0	0	0
PROPERTY DAMAGE	5	1	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	2	4
TOTAL	44	22	43

Business Highlights

