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Valentine Voice

VALENTINE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

April 17, 2023

Upcoming Events in Valentine

April 18 5-7 p.m. Broadway Water Main Replacement Meeting

April 20, 5:30 p.m. Thirsty Thursday, 3732 Washington

April 26, 6:30 p.m. Public Meeting on Short-term Rental at 3608 Jefferson

April 26, 7 p.m. General Meeting

May 1: Meeting to Discuss Planting at the Triangle

June 24: Dumpsters

September 23: Dumpsters

Oct. 14: PorchFestKC in Valentine

Join Us For A General Meeting April 26, 7 p.m.

General Meeting April 26, 2023

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7:00 p.m. General Meeting

Agenda

- **Porchfest Update**
- **Streetcar Construction Update**
- **Midtown Yard Sale – June 10**
- **Broadway Water Main Replacement**
- **Safety Update from KCPD**
- **Updates from our committees.**
- **Word on the Street:** Your chance to bring up issues, ask questions and let us know what topics you would like to hear discussed in the future.

The meeting will be held at our new meeting location, the Education Center, room EC004, at Penn Valley Community College. The building is in Penn Valley Parking Lot A. [map](#)



Thirsty Thursdays Are Back!

Join Us To Meet Your Neighbors and Share a Drink

April 20 5:30-7 p.m
3732 Washington

Our hosts for this Thirsty Thursday on April 20 will be Santi and Jess at 3732 Washington. Thursday Thursdays are Valentine's informal social gatherings on a front porch or in a back yard. It is your chance to meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends. There is no agenda; the event is strictly social.

Meeting on Request for Short-Term Rental at 3608 Jefferson

The owner of the home at 3608 Jefferson has requested a meeting with the Valentine Neighborhood to request our approval to use the home as a short-term rental. Under Kansas City rules, a property owner can ask for a special use permit if that owner does not

obtain the approval from 55 percent of adjacent property owners to operate the short-term rental.

After meeting with the neighborhood, the owner will need to appear before the city Plan Commission, which will make a recommendation on whether or not the permit should be issued. That recommendation then goes to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) which makes the final decision.

At the meeting on April 26 at 6:30 p.m., the property owner, Jordan Grove, will have 10 minutes to present his argument for why the special use permit should be granted. Those VNA members who want to have input into the decision will then discuss the issue and take a vote. Based upon that vote, the neighborhood will testify at the hearings before the Plan Commission and the BZA.

The meeting will be held at Penn Valley at our regular meeting location just before the general meeting on August 26.



PorchFestKC Returns to Valentine and Roanoke

As a reminder, PorchFestKC will be returning to Valentine on October 14th. Though that seems like a distant future -- we're getting close to porch registration. PorchFestKC organizer, Kathryn Golden, will be joining us at the April meeting to share what to expect -- how you can participate as a porch host (or musician), and to answer any questions that we all might have. We especially encourage those who did not live in Valentine in 2017 to come for this important update. Everyone will be involved with PorchFestKC in one way or another, whether you opt to register your porch -- or just need to get in/out of the neighborhood that day. Join us to learn more!

[PorchFestKC Informational Flyer](#)

Help Us Plan for the Future of the Valentine Triangle



Our Neighborhood Association is responsible for the planting and upkeep of the traffic triangle at the intersection of Southwest Trafficway and Valentine Road. Volunteers from the neighborhood have for many years trimmed the trees, planted flowers and kept the triangle looking its best. Last year, the Valentine board submitted a grant proposal to put in a water supply on the island so that volunteers would not have to haul buckets of water. Now it has been suggested that another option would be to plant the triangle with native plants that would not require such frequent watering. We want to give everyone who has an interest in the triangle a

chance to weigh in on this issue. If you have an opinion or ideas, please join us for a meeting on May 1 at Mary Jo Draper's house, 3625 Pennsylvania at 7 p.m.

Valentine To Participate in June 10 Yard Sales

Several Midtown neighborhoods are joining together again this year for a big day of yard sales. At our April 26 general meeting, we'll discuss plans for the yard sale and hear what you can do to participate.

Board Seeking Approval for Investment

The Valentine neighborhood has some savings in the bank, and the board is proposing to invest some of it to take advantage of good interest rates right now. At the April 26 meeting, the board will propose investing up to \$2500 a quarter for up to four quarters. The membership will be asked to vote on this proposal.

KC Water Public Meeting: Water Main Replacement on Broadway from 31st to 39th

The Kansas City Water Department will be replacing almost two miles of water main along Broadway beginning in May and lasting through February of 2024. The city says this is part of a comprehensive program to improve service and provide sustainable water service for the future. Some water mains that are being replaced are more than a century old. According to the water department, streets or traffic lanes may be temporarily closed, but business owners and residents will always be able to drive to their property. Other expected issues along Broadway include:

- Large equipment will create noise and dust, which will be controlled.
- Water service will be shut off for brief periods. Property owners will get advance notice.
- If your water meter is inside, the city will move it outside.

- Street, curbs, driveways and sidewalks will be restored and the city will restore lawns during planting season.

If you have detailed questions, there is a public meeting set for Tuesday, April 18 where you can get answers. The meeting will be held at MidtownKC Now at 3931 Main Street (enter from the parking lot at the rear of the building between 39th and 40th on Walnut).

[more information](#)

Please patronise our business members and thank them for their support!

Chez Charlie, 3809 Broadway
[Kansas City Indian Center, 600 W. 39th](#)
[Norman School Lofts, 3514 Jefferson](#)
[Westport Regional Business League, 4050 Pennsylvania](#)

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Your dues help support VNA initiatives that create community, keep residents informed, and initiate neighborhood improvement projects. Members also receive access to the bi-annual neighborhood dumpsters.

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