

# Neighborhood News

## DID YOU KNOW?

Wyandotte County has a mandatory Spayed/Neutering Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance 7-147 is to promote health, safety and welfare of the residents by reducing the number of spay cats and dogs. One of the intended purposes of this ordinance is to eliminate the excessive number of unwanted animals and to also reduced the need for euthanizing animals.

It shall be unlawful to own, possesses, or keep in the City any dog or cat over the age of six (6) months that has not been spayed or neutered except as provided in City ordinance 7-147 . You may review the ordinance on line at @www.kckpd.org "Animal Control" or Pet Adoption" or pick up a brochure at Liveable Neighborhoods. Animal Control staff is available to discuss questions regarding the ordinance. For low cost spay and neuter service contact one of the following:

- <http://www.snkc.net> Spay & Neuter of Kansas City
- <http://www.kcpets.org/> No More Homeless Pets KC
- <http://www.hsgkc.org> The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City

## Monthly Meeting

**Would you like a letter for your group. Please call Sherry at 913-573-8737**

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## BPU Sponsors Energy Workshop

On Saturday, April 26, 2008 - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM El Centro, Inc., Home Ownership Center, 650 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. For information, call 913 – 573-9922.

**For City Services Call 311**

## April Events

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## **Rules & Regulations for all Kansas City, Kansas Residents Receiving Weekly Curbside Trash Pickup**

**Time of Collection:** Normal collection hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition there are 7 holidays when trash is not picked up: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

### **General Rules:**

Garbage or trash should be in a plastic bag, box, trashcan or any other container 50 gallons or less with adequate handles for lifting and a tight fitting lid.

Contents being too heavy for one container (more than 75 pounds) must be divided into additional containers. Bulky items such as large household furniture, beds, chairs, etc. should be set three feet or closer to the curb for collection.

City regulations require bags to be tied and empty large boxes be flattened and bundled.

Place all items 3 feet or closer to the curb for collection.

Place refuse outside of any enclosure and at ground level. No refuse placed on vehicles.

Barrels or containers exceeding 50 gallons may be used for bag storage only. Only sealed bags placed in storage containers will be collected. Loose trash will not be removed. Container openings must not be constrictive and allow for easy removal of stored bags.

It shall be unlawful for a person, owner, owner's agent or occupant to set out or allow to be set out any garbage or trash for collection before 4 p.m. of the day prior to the day of collection or allow remaining at or near the curb.

### **Special Conditions:**

Tree limbs, loose lumber, etc. must be tied in bundles not more than four feet long and not in excess of 75 pounds. Rugs must be rolled up and tied, not to exceed 5 feet or 75 pounds.

Tires must be dismounted (no rims), then set at curb for pickup. Limit 10 tires per year.

Please arrange a special pickup for large appliances that have refrigerants in their systems, such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and freezers by calling 631-3300.

Construction or demolition materials will require special pickups, call 631-3300.

### **Wyandotte County Community Recycling Center.**

**Location:** 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, Kansas.

**Hours:** Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Accepts:** Newspapers, corrugated cardboard, paper board (slick or flat finish non-corrugated paper board packaging) magazines, mixed office paper, cans, plastic (plastic #1 and #2 plastic bottles and Jars [must have a threaded neck]), glass food & beverage containers only, aluminum foil products, household batteries, toner & ink jet cartridges, cell phones, and scrap metal.

**Questions:** Call 913-573-5400 for information.

Information Compiled by Operation Brightside/Public Works Dept. 913-573-8735.

**2008 Burn Permit Process**

Residents are allowed to apply for a burn permit at any of the Fire Stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. The burn permit does not include commercial sites. The burn permit is valid for up to 3 days during the month of April 2008 and from October 16 through November 15, 2008. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of burning. Residents shall maintain a copy of the burn permit on site, an adequate water supply and/or fire extinguisher while conducting open burning. In no circumstance shall open burning occur within 15 feet of any building or within 15 feet from any one's property line. Piling of brush, tree limbs, grass and other organic materials are limited in size to 100 square feet at the base.

Open burning with a permit is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At any time, the Fire Chief may revoke burn permits or ban open burning. Weather conditions (high winds, low humidity) may make open burning too dangerous. Open burning may also be suspended when air pollution "Red Alert" days are declared by the Mid America Regional Council, MARC, and the Unified Government.

Each Burn Permit allows for one organic pile per permit, one permit per property. All organic materials burned within the city limits of Kansas City, Kansas are limited to organic materials and/or burning without a permit shall be subject to Section I-7 (General Penalty, Continuing Violations) of the general provisions code of the Unified Govt.

**2008 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set**

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2008. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, and October 18. The site is located at 2443 South 88<sup>th</sup> Street in Kansas City, Kansas. (South on 88<sup>th</sup> Street from K-32) or (East of I-435 using Woodend exit near Kaw River)

When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items accepted include tires (limit of 10 tires and rims need to be removed), motor oil, batteries, antifreeze, degreasers, paints, varnishes, solvents, lawn & garden insecticides/pesticides, and household cleaning products. For additional information call 573-5400.

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**Listening Tour on Disparities  
Congressman Dennis Moore's office will host the event.**

Come share your opinions, concerns and suggestions.  
Thursday, May 1st , from 6pm-8pm  
West Branch Library  
1737 N. 82nd  
Tuesday, May 6th , from 2pm-5pm  
Downtown Library  
625 Minnesota Ave.

**MEET WITH THE MAYOR**

Mayor/CEO Joe Reardon's next "First Floor, First Friday Program" will be held Friday, April 4, 2008, noon to 2 p.m. in City Hall Lobby, 701 N. 7th St. Citizens wishing to meet one-on-one with the Mayor on a specific issue will have the opportunity to spend up to five minutes to discuss the issue. For more information please call the Mayor's Office at (913) 573-5010.



# Mayor Reardon's Green Initiative

## Recycling Bins Available in May 2008

As part of Mayor Reardon's Green Initiative, Kansas City, Kansas will be implementing a curbside recycling program scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008. The specific starting date will be communicated to the public in the near future.



All homes, up to a four-plex, who receive residential trash service from Deffenbaugh, who reside in Kansas City, Kansas will have curbside recycling. This program does not include apartments or businesses.

Residents must have a green recycling bin in order for them to participate in curbside recycling. Neighborhood groups have the option of distributing recycling bins to their residents if they choose.



There will be a coupon for a free recycling bin in the April BPU bill. Residents can take the BPU coupon with them to get a free bin in May 2008 at the following locations:

- Recycling Center, 3241 Park Dr., Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm and Fridays and Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm.
- Neighborhood Resource Center at Liveable Neighborhoods in the lower level of 4601 State Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8 am. to 5 pm.
- Rosedale Development Association, 1403 S.W. Blvd. M-Fri 9 am. to 5 pm.
- UG Annex, 8200 State Ave. using western entrance. M-Fri 8 am. to 5 pm.
- In May 2008 contact 311 or look on the website at [www.wycokck.org](http://www.wycokck.org) to find other locations where you can pickup a free recycling bin.



When curbside recycling begins, place your recyclables in your green recycling bin and place the bin at the curb weekly on your regularly scheduled trash day. The green recycling bin signals the truck to stop, as Deffenbaugh will have a truck picking up recycling and trash on the same day. The recycling trucks will look similar to trash trucks; but all recyclables will be picked up together at the curb and taken to a facility where they are separated and processed. This is called single stream recycling.



You do not have to separate your recyclables, just place all your recyclables into the same green bin, this makes it easy and convenient for you. There is no limit on how much you recycle. You can place extra recyclables in other containers, cardboard boxes or paper bags and put them next to your bin and place cardboard under your recycling bin.



Once curbside starts, you can recycle paper, paperboard, plastic containers labeled #1 and #2, aluminum and steel cans, and corrugated cardboard. Please separate your green recycling bin 3-4 feet from your garbage if possible.