

Neighborhood News



April is burn month!

Kansas City Job Fair

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

10 AM—2 PM

Field House

Kansas City, Kansas

Community College

7250 State Avenue

Kansas City, Kansas

- Visit with area employers
- Fill out applications
- Free-Open to the Public

This event is sponsored by Career Center, Kansas City Kansas Community College 7250 State Ave. For more information, call 913-288-7644

Grants for Block Parties

Liveable Neighborhoods has funds available for Block Parties. The Block Party seasons begins May 15, thru October 31, 2009. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received; on a first come first serve basis. For more information call Sherry at 913-573-8737.

Appliance Replacement Program

Kansas Housing Corporation will sponsor the Appliance Replacement Program. The program will allow income eligible homeowners and renters the opportunity to replace old and unsafe appliances. For more information and to apply for the program visit www.kshousingcorp.org or call 1-785-291-3282. Copies of the application may also be pickup at Liveable Neighborhood 4601 State Ave 913-573-8737.

Open Enrollment for Youth Summer Jobs
Call 279-2600

Did You Know?

No More Homeless Pets KC

No More Homeless Pets KC has been actively working with a number of local municipalities (Riverside, for example) to implement TNR and we have received many inquiries from other cities in the area for information. Apparently there is an effort to trap and kill stray cats in KCK. My group (No More Homeless Pets KC) is attempting to contact the neighborhood groups to educate them about TNR (trap-neuter-release), the more effective and humane way to control feral cats. Please contact Kimberly Adwell No More Homeless Pets KC 816-333-7387 for additional information.

Randall Funding

Under the Wyandotte County contract Neighborhood Groups and Non Profit organizations can take advantage of having a company provide grant writing services, research, access to Grants-Match. The services have been paid for under the Wyandotte Contract. Neighborhood Groups and Non Profits will only be responsible for paying the incentive fee. The incentive fee is paid directly to Randall Funding which is 5% of the award amount, capped at \$5000.00.

For additional information feel free to contact Susy Campos 510-985-8416

Source: Randall Funding

Residential Trash Pickup Kansas City, Kansas

When does trash get picked up? Trash is picked up once per week. Normal collection hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Deffenbaugh may come at any time during the day.

What happens on Holidays? There are 8 holidays in which trash is not picked up: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. On these holidays, pickup of everyone's trash is moved back one day.

When can I place my trash to the curb? 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.

Where should your trash be placed? Place all items 3 feet or closer to the curb for collection. Place refuse outside of any enclosure and at ground level. No refuse can be placed on vehicles.

How does trash need to be packaged for pickup? Garbage or trash should be in a plastic bag, box, trash can or any other container 50 gallons or less with adequate handles for lifting and a tight fitting lid. City regulations require bags to be tied. 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. Contents being too heavy for one container (more than 75 pounds) must be divided into additional containers.

How is cardboard to be placed to the curb? City regulations require empty large boxes be flattened and bundled.

What bulky, large items are picked up? Bulky items such as large household furniture, beds, chairs, etc. should be set three feet or closer to the curb for collection each week.

What about tree limbs and lumber? Tree limbs, loose lumber, etc. must be tied in bundles not more than four feet long and not in excess of 75 pounds

What about rugs? Rugs must be rolled up and tied, not to exceed 5 feet or 75 pounds.

Are tires taken in our trash? Tires must be dismounted (no rims), then set at curb for pickup. Limit 10 tires per year.

What about refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners? 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. A special truck is dispatched on Thursdays.

What about construction or demolition debris? This is not included in weekly trash pickup. Construction or demolition materials will require special pickups; call 913-631-3300.

For More Information Call 913-573-8318

2009 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 or business sites. If you operate a business out of your home you are classified as a business and cannot participate. The burn permit is valid for up to 3 days during the month of April 2009 and from October 16 through November 15, 2009. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of burning. Open burning with a permit is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The resident doing the burning must be at the burning site at all times. 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.

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.

2009 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2009. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, and October 17. The site is located at 2443 South 88th Street in Kansas City, Kansas. (South on 88th 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.

Code Violations

These are the most frequent code violations that citizens inquire about or report to us:

- Excessive weed growth
- House exterior needs painting or repair
- Inoperable/unlicensed vehicles
- Trash in yard
- Unrestrained pets
- Broken windows
- Unsecured residences
- Overgrown shrubs or trees
- Illegal dumping

Vehicles parked unimproved surface

What is Not a Code Violation?

Your valuable tax dollars are at work, and we want to expend our resources appropriately and efficiently. There are some neighborhood problems that do not fall under our jurisdiction. In general, we can act on behalf of the public at large, but we cannot take action on behalf of one citizen against another. The City does not handle neighbor disputes or civil problems that do not violate public law.

Often a neighbor's tree or other plantings may drop leaves or debris in your yard, or may cause damage to a fence or other structure. These conditions are private matters between the two property owners, and the City has no jurisdiction.

Source: UG Website

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS!!!

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, working in cooperation with your **Unified Government**, can help you address Lead-Based Paint Hazards in your home for **FREE** in order to **prevent lead poisoning in young children**. A state-certified risk assessor will inspect your home and determine the services needed to stabilize the lead-based paint in your home. Types of work may include removing and replacing windows and doors, as well as painting. **All inspections and lead hazard work are FREE for Homeowners (landlords will pay a small fee).**

Owner-occupied property may qualify if:

- You own and occupy a home in Wyandotte County that was built before 1978.
- Your household income is less than 80% of the area's median income. For a family of 4, household income must be less than \$54,700.
- You have a child **6 years of age or younger** who lives in your home or visits your home often.
- For at least 5 years following lead hazard work on your property, you agree not to sell the property.

Rental property may qualify if:

- You own rental property in Wyandotte County that was built before 1978, and has no more than 4 housing units.
- All rental units are occupied by or available to families with a household income at or below 80% of the area's median income.
- For at least 3 years following any lead hazard work on your property, you agree to give priority to families with a child under 6 years of age.
- For at least 5 years following lead hazard work on your property, you agree not to sell the property.

For more information, please contact us at: Project Lead-Safe KCK

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Northeast Economic Development Corporation

NEDC will hold its next Home Education Seminar on April 4 10 at the NEDC Office 1301 Quindaro. The cost is only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Please call the office, 913-766-3604 leave your name and phone number and we will register you.

NEDC is looking for houses east of 63rd Street and north of State Ave. that are vacant due to foreclosure. Please contact our office with the address. These houses may be eligible for purchase and resale by NEDC.

The Committee for the Quindaro Festival will be meeting to prepare the next Quindaro Festival on Thursday March 26 at 2:30 at the NEDC office. We are inviting all neighborhood presidents or a representative to be a part.

PORTABLE RECYCLING CONTAINERS NOW AVAILABLE

Liveable Neighborhoods now has a limited number of portable recycling containers that we will be loaning out for special events. We will try and accommodate all requests but it will be on a first-come first-serve basis. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to pickup and return the recycling containers from the Liveable Neighborhoods office at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 4601 State Avenue, KCK. Office hours: M.-F. 8 am to 5 pm.

The portable recycling containers are very easy to set up and the recyclables will end up in a clear plastic bag. You can recycle both plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the clear plastic bag. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to take the clear plastic bags with plastic bottles and aluminum cans to the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center accepts plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the same container so you will not have to separate the recyclables.

The Recycling Center is located at 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, Kansas. Their hours of operation are on Thursday and Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm and on Friday and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm.

When contacting Liveable Neighborhoods, each organization should estimate how many portable recycling containers and extra plastic bags they will need for their event. In addition, the organization should give dates for pickup and return of containers. The containers are foldable 3/8" steel frames which open up like scissors. They stand approximately 4' high when set up. Each container also has a lid that is placed on the top of each container. Please allow adequate room in your vehicle for transporting the containers.