



LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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## Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood News

Your neighborhood group information can be placed here.

If you would like newsletters made, contact our office at

(913) 573-8737 or email us at

[vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org](mailto:vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org)

### Farmers Market News



#### The Rosedale Farmers Market

The Rosedale Farmers Market is now accepting vendor applications for the 2011 season!

Open Sundays, 12 - 3 p.m., May 1 - September 25, 2011

Located at Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care  
340 Southwest Boulevard, KCK

For more information you can reach us by phone, 913-645-7826, or email, [rosedalehealthykid@att.net](mailto:rosedalehealthykid@att.net). We will be participating in the Beans and Greens program, and will schedule our first SNAP training for vendors later this month. The application and guidelines are also available on our website,

[www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com](http://www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com)

Thanks, and happy growing!

#### Grinter Place Farmers' Market

The Friends of Grinter Place is planning to revive the longtime tradition of the Grinter Place Farmers' Market and the group is recruiting growers to take part. The market would feature fresh, locally grown agricultural items and locally made items. The market could operate weekly, for 25-30 days a year beginning in May.

All vendors will be required to obtain a Retail Sales Tax Certificate. We can provide contact information so you can obtain that certificate.

Those interested in becoming vendors can contact Lou Braswell, president of the Friends of Grinter Place at 913-220-8266 or [grinterfriends@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grinterfriends@sbcglobal.net) Phil Noah at 913-721-9735 or [pnoah1@kc.rr.com](mailto:pnoah1@kc.rr.com).



### Christmas In October Is In KCK!

If you need minor home repair services and can not afford it, Christmas in October may be able to help. For more information contact your local Neighborhood Business Revitalization (NBR) organization. If you need contact information for your NBR or do not have an NBR in your area, please contact Liveable Neighborhoods at (913) 573-8737.



### Remember to vote! Tuesday April 5th.

If you need to find out where you go to vote contact the Election Office at (913) 573-8500.

#### Wyandotte/ Leavenworth Area Agency on Ageing To hold Town Hall Meetings

- April 6th 10:00am Vernon Multi-purpose Center (3436 North 27th Street).
- April 13th 10:00am at the Argentine Community Center.

For more information call (913) 573-8531.

## April Calendar of Events

**4/04/2011**

**Cake Decorating at Your Library (Argentine Library)**

Argentine Community Center 2810 Metropolitan  
(913) 722-7400

6:00pm - 8:00pm (Please register in advance.)

Free

Learn the secrets of a great wedding cake or maybe just a cake for a special occasion. Have you ever wondered how professional cake decorators make cake decorating look so easy? Come and find out. Please register in advance.

**4/05/2011**

**Open Mic Night Featuring the West Wyandotte Writers Group**

West Wyandotte Library 1737 North 82nd Street  
(913) 596-5800

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Step-up to the microphone and share your poetry and short prose or just come and listen. Members of the West Wyandotte Writers Group will get the evening started. All ages are welcome.

**4/15/2011**

**Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center)**

First Baptist Church 29th and Minnesota  
913-281-8908 or [www.shepherdscenterkck.org](http://www.shepherdscenterkck.org)

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Call for a lunch reservation. Join us for adventures in learning. Meet a friend or make a friend.

**4/16/2011**

**Next Chapter Book Discussion: How to Retire Happy, Wild and Free**

West Wyandotte Library 1737 North 82nd Street  
913-281-8908 or [karenh@sckk.org](mailto:karenh@sckk.org) or [www.nextchapterkc.org](http://www.nextchapterkc.org)

7:00 - 8:30pm Free

**4/23/2011**

**Easter Family Fun Day at the Legends**

Legends Outlet 1843 Village West Parkway  
(913) 788-3700 or [www.legendsshopping.com](http://www.legendsshopping.com)

12:30pm - 3:30pm

Free

Hey kids! Hop over for some egg-citement at Easter Family Day.

**4/28/2011**

**Liveable Neighborhoods Monthly Meeting**

Neighborhood Resource Center(4601 State Ave)  
913-573-8737 or [www.wyockk.org](http://www.wyockk.org)

8:30am - 10:00am

Come and get great community information and share your ideas on how we can continue to improve quality of life in Wyandotte County.



**Reminder:** Unified Government Offices will be closed Friday April 22nd.



## Donnelly College

**4/8/2011**

**Art Festival & Exhibit**

For the second year in a row, Donnelly is bringing the arts to the heart of KCK through our Arts in the Heart celebrations! Help us

kick-off this month-long series of events by attending the **Art Festival & Exhibit** from 12-6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, at Donnelly. Stop by to view artwork, enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and listen to live jazz music. Learn about all of DC's April 2011 Arts in the Heart events at [donnelly.edu/artsintheheart](http://donnelly.edu/artsintheheart).

**4/19/2011**

**"Taking Care of Financial Basics" with Lynette-Khalfani Cox, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

Donnelly College is partnering with American Century Investments and the Greater KC Financial Planning Association to bring personal finance expert Lynette Khalfani-Cox to its campus from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on April 19 for a FREE presentation titled "Taking Care of Financial Basics." Cox, a former financial news journalist and Wall Street Journal reporter for CNBC, has appeared on national TV programs such as "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Dr. Phil," and "Good Morning America." The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are encouraged. To RSVP, visit [donnelly.edu/moneysmart](http://donnelly.edu/moneysmart).

**4/29/2011**

**Multicultural Festival, 5-10 p.m.**

This exciting, free festival features ethnic food sampling, live music and vendors selling unique, handmade items. Held outdoors, this event promises to be fun for the whole family!

Visit [donnelly.edu/mcfest](http://donnelly.edu/mcfest) to learn more.

### Communities In Schools Needs Volunteers for Reality U Project

The program consists of students answering a 10 question survey on where they want to be by age 26 and looking at their current grade point average (GPA). The students are then "given a life" and are challenged to live out that life through visiting a series of booths (manned by volunteers) based on life necessities such as: child care, the supermarket, car dealers, real estate, medical insurance, ect. As they go along they are met with many challenge and they are forced to make decision based on those challenges. The activities encourage students to make different choices and think about where they are academically. It is a true reality check.

If you are interested in volunteering for either Friday April 8th at Schlagle High School or Tuesday May 3rd at Wyandotte High School, please contact Dola Williams Gabriel at (913) 562-0402 or [dwilliams@ciskck.org](mailto:dwilliams@ciskck.org).



### **2011 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 2011 and from October 16 through November 15, 2011. 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.

### **2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set**

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2011. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15. 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.

### **Health Department is Providing Parents with Important Sex Education Information**

Parents, did you know that Wyandotte County has one of highest teen pregnancy rates in the country? And half of STD cases occur in young people! Talk to your kids! According to research, parents strongly influence teens' decisions about sex! Some tips:

**Prepare:** Learn more about everything sex: go to [sexetc.org](http://sexetc.org), a great website for teens from Rutgers University with hot topics, facts and a link for parents.

**Bring it up often:** Sex is everywhere: start a conversation with your child when sex is mentioned on TV or radio. Talk about sex many times as your child grows up.

**Listen:** Answer questions honestly and share your point of view. Be open for discussion.

Give age appropriate information:

Children under 8 should know:

Correct words for body parts

What privacy means

The difference between good touch and bad touch

Children 8-12 should know:

Changes that happen during puberty

How pregnancy happens

About Birth Control

How STDs are spread and prevented

Youth 12-18 should know:

How to communicate in a relationship

Know where to go for STD testing, condoms and birth control

The Health Department provides STD and Family Planning services for anyone for free or cheap! Call 913-573-8841 for more information!

## Start saving money with your ENERGY Smart Home



How to get started:

**Step 1** Obtain loan pre-approval. with your Call 913.912.1004 to request the utility release form and review eligibility requirements. BPU will review your account to determine if you qualify.

**Step 2** Schedule an energy audit. Visit [www.encykansas.com](http://www.encykansas.com) to select your approved, Certified Energy Auditor.

**Step 3** Receive your Energy Conservation Plan from your auditor to determine the scope of your improvement project.

**Step 4** Contact contractors of your choice to obtain bids for the work. There's no guesswork. All necessary specifications are included in your Energy Conservation Plan.

**Step 5** Finalize and sign loan paperwork. Call 913.912.1004 to schedule an appointment.

**Step 6** Complete the improvement projects.

**Step 7** Schedule a post-retrofit inspection with your auditor. This ensures that the work followed your Energy Conservation Plan, and will provide the optimum energy and cost savings.



### Important Phone Numbers

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| City questions and complaints . . . . . | 311            |
| Police Non-Emergency . . . . .          | (913) 596-3000 |
| Liveable Neighborhoods . . . . .        | (913) 573-8737 |
| Community Policing . . . . .            | (913) 573-8720 |
| Code Enforcement . . . . .              | (913) 573-8600 |
| Animal Control . . . . .                | (913) 321-1445 |
| BPU . . . . .                           | (913) 573-9000 |
| Deffenbaugh . . . . .                   | (913) 631-3300 |
| Potholes . . . . .                      | (913) 573-8307 |
| Dispute Resolution . . . . .            | (913) 573-5225 |
| Fire Department . . . . .               | (913) 573-5550 |

## Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival



\*Free Admission  
\*Free Parking

**KCKCC/Field House**  
**7250 State Avenue**  
**Kansas City, KS**

**Saturday**  
**April 23rd**  
**11:30a.m. - 5:30p.m.**

***"Reclaiming Our Common Humanity"***

For more information contact Curtis Smith at (913)288-7314 or e-mail [cvsmith@kckcc.edu](mailto:cvsmith@kckcc.edu)

### Wyandotte County Historical Museum to host U.S. Holocaust Exhibit

The Wyandotte County Historical Museum will host the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibition: *Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings and Our Jewish Past* from **April 20 to June 17, 2011** at 631 N. 126th, Bonner Springs, KS. It includes displays of documents, and news coverage, along with film, video, and newsreel footage.

**The Exhibit will run daily from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Weekends included)**

For more information on the exhibition and guest speakers highlighting the exhibits at the Wyandotte County Historical Museum visit

[www.wycomuseum.wordpress.com](http://www.wycomuseum.wordpress.com) or [www.wycokck.org](http://www.wycokck.org). Or call (913) 573-5002

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