

Liveable Neighborhoods News

The Liveable Neighborhoods monthly meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be:

Thursday April 25, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Unified Government Neighborhood Resource Center
4601 State Ave. KCKS (Lower Level)



Mayor /CEO Joe Reardon A Strong Neighborhood Advocate

By: Mary Jane Johnson

Mayor Joe Reardon will officially leave office on April 24. While serving eight years as Mayor his priority and commitment to neighborhoods remained strong and steady. He stated at the Mayor's State of the Government Address that, "We have seen record growth in business development and job creation. In large part, due to the reduction of crime over the last eight years making our community the safest it's been in 30 years." The Mayor has stated on many occasions that the neighborhood groups have played a key role in helping with the reduction of crime. Mayor Reardon also credited Liveable Neighborhoods with coordinating and communicating with neighborhood groups over the years which has led to one of the strongest networks of neighborhood groups in the region.

Whenever he spoke at Liveable Neighborhoods his enthusiasm and excitement for the community was infectious. He made the neighborhood groups feel proud to be a part of the solution. We will miss him and wish him and his family the best of life to come.

Re-Investing in the State Avenue Corridor:

Creating Sustainable PlacesCommunity Meeting
April 3, 2013.....6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
KCK Chamber of Commerce - 727 Minnesota Ave.
Please join us to review and discuss potential redevelopment sites along the State Ave. corridor that can be developed to meet environmentally friendly goals and increase community vitality.

Midtown Patrol Division

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

6:00 pm

Indian Springs
NRC Common Area
4601 State Ave.

South Patrol Division

Thursday, April 11, 2013

6:00 pm

Argentine Community Center
2810 Metropolitan

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Any questions contact:
913 - 573 - 8720

Joe Info...



Good Neighbor Training

9:00am to 11:00am

Trinity Community Church
5010 Parallel KCK

April 23, 2013: U.G. Business License, Rental Licensing, Health Dept. and Animal Control, and to be held at Trinity Community Church 5010 Parallel.

April/May Calendar of Events

- April 1**.....Red Cross Heroes Breakfast
KCK Fire Dept. 816 N. 6th KCK
\$10.00 per person...call 321-6314 for info
- April 2**.....General Election—Get Out to Vote!
- April 6**....Score Your Goals: Soccer Challenge
1:00 to 5:00 Sporting KC Park
Info at: <http://www.moneysmartkc.org/soccer-challenge...>The event is free
- April 13**.....Wy. County Ethnic Festival
KCKCC Field House 7250 State Ave. KCK
11:00 - 6:00 Free to the public
- April 11**.....KCKCC Annual Health Fair
Questions contact 913-288-7683
- April 18**...Fairfax Industrial Assoc. Luncheon
Date and location to be announced.
- April 20**.....KCK Community Health Fair
10:00 to 3:00 Free Health Screenings
Blessed Sacrament Church 2215 Parallel
- April 25**.....Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting
8:30 am Indian Springs NRC Meeting Room
- April 27**.....Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Locations at: Degoler Pharmacies, Hen House
Walgreens, Bond Pharmacy and CVS
- May 4**.....Cinco de Mayo Parade 11:00a.m.
Parade route: 4th & Minnesota to 18th
Contact 913-341-6248 to be a part of the parade.
- May 5**.....Cinco de Mayo Music Concert for families 12:00 to 5:00 1150 Minnesota Ave.
- May 13**.....Women's Health Fair (Free)
10 - 2 U.G. City Hall Lobby - Door Prizes
Screenings and Assessments



Regional Prevention Center

Tip of the Month.....

Common myths about sobering up are drinking black coffee, cold shower, sleep, and walking it off.

The only way to reverse the effects is time depending on your weight, it takes about three hours to eliminate every two drinks you've had, however this number will vary dependent on several factors. Age, metabolism and gender can affect the amount of time alcohol stays in the blood!

<http://www.healthguidance.org>

Information provided by:

Wyandotte/Leavenworth

Regional Prevention Center, Mirror Inc.

Prescription Drug Take Back Locations

DeGoler Pharmacy

202 Oak Street, Bonner Springs
5701 State Avenue, KCK
21 North 12th Street, KCK
2040 Hutton Road, KCK

Hen House

8120 Parallel Parkway, KCK

Walgreens

2850 State Avenue, KCK
7739 State Avenue, KCK

Bond Pharmacy

3017 Strong Ave., KCK (Argentine)

CVS Pharmacy

4645 Shawnee, KCK



South Branch Library Book Signing

Will host a book signing with local author Joe H. Vaughan. He will meet patrons and autograph copies of his new book *Images of America: Kansas City Kansas* April 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. 3104 Strong KCK

2013 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 2013 and from October 16 through November 15, 2013. 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.

2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2013. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19. 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, anti-freeze, degreasers, paints, varnishes, solvents, lawn & garden insecticides/pesticides, and household cleaning products. For additional information call 573-5400.

Going Green with Lawn Care

With spring time coming, we are looking forward to seeing all of the colors of early flowers, of green leaves on our trees, and of a nice green lawn. But we don't always think about how some of our lawn maintenance issues can impact our environment.

For example, over application of lawn chemicals can result in stormwater runoff that carries toxic levels of chemicals or excessive nutrients in our streams, lakes and groundwater. Many fertilizers can threaten our ecosystem and pose health risks for humans, pets, wildlife and aquatic organisms. It is possible to minimize lawn chemical runoff with actions such as:

Go Natural: Consider compost or natural lawn chemical alternatives.

Landscape with Native Plants: They require less watering, fertilizers, pesticides, & care.

Conduct a Soil Test: To determine type and amount of fertilizer if you use them.

Follow Label Instructions: Read labels on lawn chemicals carefully.

Fertilizer Location: Use caution on slopes & lawn edges so it doesn't wash away.

Let fertilizer dry properly: Allow time for liquid chemicals to dry and don't use lawn chemicals before a heavy rainfall.

Lawn care options involved with mowing your grass may also have environmental impacts. Many people will bag their grass clippings and send them to the landfill. An alternative to bagging your grass clippings is to leave them on your lawn. Some are worried that grass clippings cause thatch in your lawn but research by K-State has shown that grass clippings do not cause thatch. In fact grass clippings can serve as a natural lawn fertilizer.

Some tips to consider when leaving grass clippings on your lawn include:

Mow only when your lawn is dry.

Cut grass regularly. Don't remove more than 1/3 total leaf length on one mowing.

Maintain a sharp blade on your mower.

Another suggestion for lawn care is to never blow and leave your grass clippings on the street or on your driveway. Grass clippings can then be carried away by rain water into storm drains which will enter and pollute local streams, rivers, and lakes.



Crime Awareness Coordinating Effort (C.A.C.E.)

(A Program of Friends of Yates)

invites you attend the

Fourteenth ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

AND

CANDLE LIGHTING FOR CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK April 21-27, 2013

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

5:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner at 5:00; program at 6:00

Forest Grove Baptist Church, Reverend Desmond Lamb

1417 North 9th Street, Kansas City, Kansas

For more information call Arica Roland, 913-321-1566 or email at aroland@friendsofyates.org