



UNIFIED GOVERNMENT



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 Andrea at (913) 573-8737 or email ageneraux@wycokck.org.

2014 KCK Burn Permit Process

Residents in Kansas City, Kansas are allowed to apply for a burn permit for the time period of the month of April 2014 and the time period of October 16, 2014 through November 15, 2014 at any of the Fire Stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. Kansas City, Kansas residents are limited to one 3-day burn permit per burn period that allows for the combustion of one 10 foot by 10 foot or smaller pile of naturally occurring residential organic yard waste generated onsite. If you operate a business out of your home you are classified as a business and cannot participate. 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.

Each Burn Permit allows for one organic pile per permit, one permit per residential property. (yard waste generated such as tree limbs, leaves, weeds, brush and grass) 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 Government of Wyandotte County/KCK.

At no time shall wire insulation, tires, rubber products, plastic, automobile products, paper, cardboard, construction chemicals, household chemicals or any other material that normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors or hazardous air pollutants be burned.

At any time, the Fire Chief or his designee 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.

Source: Operation Brightside

2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2014. 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 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.

15th Annual Memorial Service and Candle Light Vigil

April 14, 2014

5:00pm - 6:00pm Light meal provided

6:30pm - 8:00pm Memorial Program

Forest grove Baptist Church

1417 North 9th Street Kansas City, KS 66101

For more information contact Friends of Yates, Inc.

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Sponsored by the Crime Awareness Coordinating Effort (C.A.C.E.)

April Calendar of Events

04/12/2014 Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival
 Free - 10:30am-5:00pm KCKCC Field House 7250 State Ave.
 Dr. Curtis V. Smith (913) 288-7314 or cvsmith@kckcc.edu
<http://freewebs.com/wycoethnicfestival>

Come explore music, ethnic food and entertainment representing cultures who have immigrated to the area at the Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival on Saturday, April 12th. It will be an educational experience for the whole family! See website for more details.

04/19/2014 Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center)
 Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Wood Ave.
 913-281-8908 or 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 , make a friend.

04/24/2014 Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting
 Free - everyone welcome 8:30am-10:00am
 Neighborhood Resource Center (4953 State Ave.)
 913-573-8737 or vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org
 Come learn about important programs and services available in your community. Also get updates on what's happening at city hall, the KCKPD and the WYCO Sheriffs Department.

For more information about events in Wyandotte County go to www.visitkansascityks.com and go to www.wycokck.org and register for the UG E-News.

Reminder: All Unified Government offices will be closed Friday April 18, 2014.

KCKPD Meet and Greet Dates

East Patrol Division (State Line to 29th Street, north of I-70) Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014 at 6:00pm [Donnelly College, 608 N 18th]

South Patrol Division (State Line to I-435, south of the Kansas River) Thursday, April 3rd, 2014 at 6:00pm [Argentine Community Center, 2810 Metropolitan]

Midtown Patrol Division (29th to 65th Streets, Kansas to Missouri Rivers) Wednesday, April 9th, 2014 at 6:00pm [Trinity Community Church, 5010 Parallel]

West Patrol Division (65th Street west to County Line, Kansas to Missouri Rivers) Thursday, April 10th, 2014 at 6:00pm [FOP Hall, 7844 Leavenworth Road]
 Anyone with questions regarding these community meetings may contact a community policing supervisor or their community policing officer at: (913) 573-8720.

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.

Your lawn care can also impact air quality. Lawn mowers are a major air pollutant. You can reduce air pollution by scheduling regular maintenance and oil changes for your mower. In addition, mowing your lawn in the evening is recommended over mowing in the heat of the day.