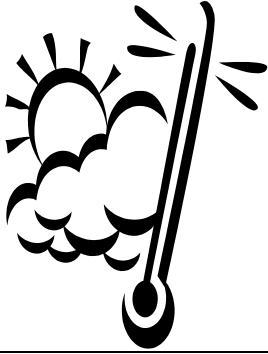


LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

AUGUST 2010



## 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).

### REMEMBER TO VOTE

Primary Election - August 3, 2010

General Election - November 2, 2010

You can now register to vote online! Kansas residents with a current drivers license can now register to vote online or update current registration information.

Go to <https://www.kdor.org/voterregistration/default.aspx>. You can also receive important election updates and alerts anytime, anywhere on your cell phone, wireless PDA and or pager.

To view your personal voter registration information online, go to <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org>

For more information or to find out your voting site please call the election office at (913) 573-8500.

**\*All registrations received after July 19, 2010 will be for the general election only\***

### Mayor's First Floor First Friday

August 6, 2010 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Lobby of City Hall

### Important Phone Numbers

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

### RICK ARMSTRONG NAMED KCK POLICE CHIEF Source: [www.wycokck.org](http://www.wycokck.org)

Unified Government County Administrator Dennis Hays announced today the appointment of Rick Armstrong as Chief of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. Chief Armstrong, a 32-year veteran of with the department, was Deputy Chief under former Police Chief Sam Breshears who retired in June.

Chief Armstrong has a Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of Kansas; a Bachelor of Arts degree in management from Mid-America Nazarene University; and an Associate Arts degree in Administration of

Justice from Johnson County Community College. He is also a graduate of the FBI's National Academy and Leadership School.

In addition his formal education in law enforcement, Chief Armstrong has worked in nearly every possible position in the KCK Police Department during his 32-year career. He has worked as commander on dozens of tactical incidents, including barricade and hostage situations, the 2003 tornado which devastated Wyandotte County and other parts of the KC metro and race events at Kansas Speedway. Armstrong authored

and implemented the Community Policing philosophy in the KCK Police Department and currently serves as Deputy Chief overseeing the Bureau of Operations.

Chief Armstrong worked his way up the career ladder from police cadet, become the youngest Captain in KCK Police Department history to attain rank under competitive promotional testing.

Chief Armstrong takes the helm of the Police Department as KCK is currently experiencing a 15% reduction in violent crime, which is at a twenty-five year low.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of my community as Chief of Police," Armstrong said. "I will continue to build on the positive and productive relationships with our residents which have been crucial in making our community safer. I look forward to leading the dedicated women and men of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. Working together, we will continue to provide the highest level of public safety for our citizens and we will continue the dramatic reduction in crime which has made KCK a safe place to live and work."

## August Calendar of Events

**8/6/2010**

### Psycho Night Trail Run 10k

Wyandotte County Lake Park (91st and Leavenworth Road)  
 (816) 810-0440 or [www.psychowyc.com](http://www.psychowyc.com)  
 8:00pm \*Please remember to bring a flashlight or headlamp\*

**8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/2010**

### Legends Free Summer Concert Series

913-428-2992 or [www.phoenixtheatres.com](http://www.phoenixtheatres.com)

Free

Live at The Legends features some of Kansas City's finest musicians, performing everybody's favorite classic and top 40 hits. In addition to a free concert, there is also a beer patio for adults and an interactive kid's zone for the children. The event takes place in the center courtyard every Saturday night

**8/7/2010**

### Back To School Fair

Indian Springs Shopping Center (Southeast Corner)  
 4601 State Ave.  
 913-627-4352  
 9:00am to 1:00pm FREE

Must show proof that you live in Wyandotte County and children must be present to receive school supplies. Health Screenings and Sports Physicals, Immunization Cards must be present. There will be Information about community Organizations. **FREE** School Supplies (first come first served), **FREE** Identi-Kid Identification Cards, **FREE** Books

**8/13/2010**

### KCK Second Friday Art Walk

Downtown KCK (multiple venues)  
 913-371-0024 [www.kckartsnetwork.com](http://www.kckartsnetwork.com)  
 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Free

A celebration of art, art spaces and art lovers in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Several galleries will be included in the artwalk.

**8/14/2010**

### Second Saturdays/ Open Jam Featuring Betsy Barratt

Alcott Arts Center 180 South 18th Street KCK 66102  
 (913) 233- ARTS or [www.alcottartscenter.org](http://www.alcottartscenter.org)  
 6:00pm to 11:00pm

The Great domestication of Betsy Barratt .... But also Viva La Femme .... Round Two... A group show of all women's artists including Christel Highland, Kacy Maddux, Jennifer Boe, Holly Matthews, Michelina Nicotera Taxiera, Nikki Moreno, Apryl McAnerney, Christal Ann Wentling, Jaclyn Schanes and Molly Murphy.

**8/21/2010**

### 2nd Annual F.L. Sclagle Library End of Summer Carnival

F.L. Sclagle Library at WYCO Lake Park 4051 West Drive KCK 66109  
 (913) 299-2384 or <http://www.kckpl.lib.ks.us/schlagle>  
 10:00am to 12:00pm

Join us for our second year of food, fun and entertainment! Try your hand at a variety of carnival games or test your skills with challenges from the hit TV show "Minute to Win It". Enjoy a puppet show presented by Stonelion Puppet theatre.

## Grassroots Leadership

Monday August 9, 2010

Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm

Please RSVP to

(913) 288-7685

## Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting

Please join us for the next meeting

Thursday August 26, 2010 8:30am at

the NRC Community Room 4601 State Ave.

## FREE Landlord Training Program

*"Keep illegal destructive activity out of rental property"*

Thursday September 23, 2010 8:15am to 4:30pm

At the Neighborhood Resource Center Community Room

Indian Springs Shopping Center (lower level) 4601 State Ave.

To register call (913) 573-8737 or email Mary Jane Johnson at [mjohnson@wycokck.org](mailto:mjohnson@wycokck.org).

Learn to use a process that is legal, simple and fair.

### You will learn about:

- The Kansas Landlord Tenant Act
- Evictions
- Prevention and application screening
- Requirements necessary to obtain a rental licens
- Drug awareness
- Crime Free Multi-Housing
- Experienced landlords
- Proper paperwork for legal action

## ECKAN WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO WYANDOTTE COUNTY RESIDENTS

ECKAN Weatherization Program assists a target population consisting of the elderly, handicapped and low-income families in Wyandotte County. The Weatherization Program has been recognized and acknowledged as one of the best in the State of Kansas.

This help is provided at no cost to those who own their own home as well as those who rent that qualify under the program guidelines. The program is paid for with federal Department of Energy (DOE) and Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) funds that are regulated by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation.

Energy saving measures may include:

- Cleaning and tuning up of the furnace
- Sealing leaks in heating system.
- Repairing broken glass in windows
- Sealing holes in outside walls and ceiling for insulation installation
- Insulation attic areas
- Insulating exterior walls.

**For an application or for more information call (866) 242-7450 or go to [www.eckan.org](http://www.eckan.org).**

**The program is filling up fast so get your applications in soon!**

### 2010 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The 2010 schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents will be on the following Saturdays: August 21, September 18, and October 16. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 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.

**Source: Operation Brightside**



**Join us For  
Adventures in Learning  
First Baptist Church, 29th & Minnesota  
August 20, 2010**

**Meet a friend, make a friend**

**For more information, or to make a  
lunch reservation call the Shepherd's  
Center at**

**913-281-8908**

**Or email**

**[lindas@sckck.org](mailto:lindas@sckck.org)**

**The Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas is an inter-faith, multicultural nonprofit organization that promotes and supports successful aging**

**[www.shepherdscenterkck.org](http://www.shepherdscenterkck.org).**

## UNIFIED GOVERNMENT SMALL BUSINESS SERIES

AN EDUCATIONAL+NETWORKING RESOURCE FOR AREA BUSINESSES

**SESSION 1**

KCK Chamber of Commerce &  
Wyandotte Economic Development Council Present

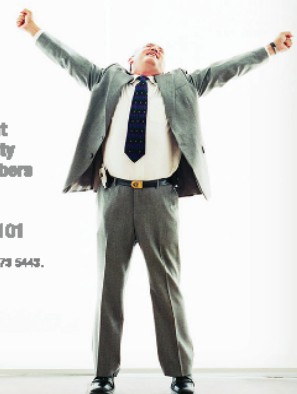
**CHAMBER BENEFITS  
and ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**AUGUST 4TH  
3:00-4:30**



Unified Government  
of Wyandotte County  
Commission Chambers  
Lobby Level  
701 N. 7th Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101

Please RSVP to [contracts@plaza@sckck.org](mailto:contracts@plaza@sckck.org) or call 913 573 5443.  
Include your company name and the number of attendees.



We do not validate parking.

## UG Launches Appliance/HVAC Rebate Program

The Homeowner Efficiency Rebate Program is just one of many energy efficiency initiatives the UG will be implementing this year for the community. The program will :

- Help homeowners save on utility bills.
- Raise awareness about energy efficiency.
- Promote and encourage the purchase of Energy Star Compliant appliances and HVAC.
- Stimulate the economy through job creation and support of local business.

### Rebate Requirements:

- Must be a Kansas City, Kansas homeowner.
- Vouchers awarded on a first come first serve basis.
- 30-Day expiration on voucher.
- 1 appliance/HVAC per category
- Appliance must be purchased from an approved KCK business.
- Appliances must be Energy Star Certified and compliant.
- Must be current on property taxes.
- Must trade in similar appliance

For more information call Bill Sixta (913) 573-8868 or email [energyefficiency@wycockc.org](mailto:energyefficiency@wycockc.org).

## Ready For A Change? Need More Education But Are Not Sure Where To Start?

### Career Going In The Wrong Direction? FREE HELP is Available to you!

The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) assists individuals with enrolling in high school equivalency programs, real-world job training, vocational training and post high school education programs. EOC also assists with exploring career options, selecting a school and applying for financial aid.

The EOC is a TRiO program funded by the United States Department of Education and administered through the Institute for Educational Research and Public Service in the School of Education at the University of Kansas.

For more information call (913) 233-1124 or (888) 320-4097.

You can also check out our website at [www.eoc.ku.edu](http://www.eoc.ku.edu).

## City Parade Schedule

Parade Season is just around the Corner:



**September 11, 2010** - Central Area Betterment Association, 11:00am along Central Ave. Please call (913) 281-9222 if you would like to participate or have any questions.

**September 19, 2010** - Leavenworth Road Association, theme "*TEAMWORK, makes it happen*". Please call (913) 788-3988 if you would like to participate or have any questions.

**October 2, 2010** - 75th Annual Silver City Parade, 10:00am along Strong. Festival runs all day in Emerson Park. Please call (913) 432-2506 if you would like a booth or have any questions.

**October 9, 2010** - Turner Days Parade, 10:00am along 55th Street. Please call (913) 287-2111 if you would like to participate or have any questions.



Walking School Bus

### WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Are you passionate about promoting healthy habits in children, keeping our air clean, combating childhood obesity or promoting alternative transportation? Whether you are a parent, grandparent, retired or just someone who cares about strengthening your community, Bridging The Gap's Walking School Bus program can use your help. We are looking for volunteers to help walk a group of children to and from school safely. The program starts at the beginning of the school, runs through Thanksgiving, starts back up after Spring Break and concludes with the end of the school year. Every volunteer has to pass two background checks (criminal history and child abuse and neglect) and take part in an one-hour training. Currently, Walking School Buses are being established at Frank Rushton, Quindaro and Banneker Elementary Schools in Wyandotte County. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Katharina Poetter Krouse, Walking School Bus Program Manager, at [katharina@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:katharina@bridgingthegap.org) or 816-561-1061, ext. 131.