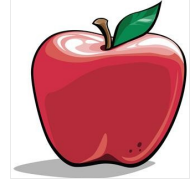




UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

AUGUST 2013



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.

PROPOSED UNIFIED GOVERNMENT 2014 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2014 Budget proposed for the Unified Government recommends a path to confront difficult budget challenges next year without raising the property tax rate.

Below are some of the highlights from the proposed budget.

- Generally reduces department operating budgets by 5%.
- Reduces the budget for capital projects & equipment.
- Holds the line on debt funded activity.
- Resumes efforts to reduce overall staffing through attrition.
- Reduces overtime.
- Transfers \$3-million from the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund to the City General Fund.
- The Department of Justice grant will not be accepted if awarded.
- The KCK Fire Department Cadet Program is not funded in 2014.
- The KCK Recycling Center does not play the important role it once did because residents are now provided curbside recycling services as part of their weekly

trash pick-up and private companies are taking on the recycling of glass. The 2014 Proposed Budget closes the Recycling Center.

- Provides funding for 2% pay bonuses for personnel effective July 1, 2014
- The Proposed 2014 Budget recommends steps to keep Public Safety the top priority of the Unified Government, while balancing the expenses so other programs, services and needs can still be met.
- While the Unified Government property tax will not increase under the proposed 2014 Budget, some fees will increase. Trash collection fees will increase \$1.50 a month due to increases in the contract with Deffenbaugh Industries. Sanitary sewer fees will increase 5% due to mandates from the Federal government. The Unified Government and Board of Public Utilities were moving to eliminate the Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) fee from monthly

utility bills. The Unified Government owned BPU would have instead simply transferred revenue to the general fund. However, the BPU Board is asking the PILOT fee not be eliminated at this time. The 2014 budget recommends the PILOT be set at 11.9% beginning January 1, 2014. This is a 1% increase over the current rate, but still lower than the 12.8% rate set two years ago.

Dates for the upcoming budget sessions:

- July 22, 6pm Budget Work Session (6th Floor Training Room)
- July 25, 5pm Final Budget Hearing (6th Floor Training Room)
- July 29, TBD Budget Work Session (6th Floor Training Room)
- August 1, 5pm (If Needed) Budget Work Session (Commission Chambers)
- August 1, 7pm Adoption of 2014 Budget (Commission Chambers)

The 2014 Budget Message and the complete 2014 Proposed Budget document and other budget information can be accessed on the Unified Government website at www.wycokck.org.

August Calendar of Events

08/10/2013 and 08/24/2013

Live At The Legends A FREE Summer Concert Series
 5-7:00pm at The Legends 1843 Village West Parkway
 (913) 788-3700 or www.legendsshopping.com

Live at The Legends features some of Kansas City's finest local and regional musicians, performing popular classic rock, pop and country hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's, and today. An outdoor brew patio will be provided by Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen. The concerts, outdoor patio seating and a brew patio all surround the 60-foot water fountain centerpiece.

08/16/2013

Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center)
 Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Wood Ave. (NEW LOCATION)
 913-281-8908 or www.shepherdscenterkck.org
 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

08/22/2013

Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting
 Free - everyone welcome 8:30am-10:00am
 Neighborhood Resource Center 4953 State Ave. (NEW LOCATION)
 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.

Wyandotte/Leavenworth Regional Prevention Center Tip of the Month



Data shows

- More than half of all people arrested in the United States, including for homicide, assault, and theft, test positive for illicit drugs
- The use of cocaine, MDMA (ecstasy), amphetamines, and steroids have been linked to abnormal cardiovascular functioning, ranging from abnormal heart rate to heart attacks
- Approximately one-fourth of AIDS cases in the United States have resulted from injection drug use
- In 2009, an estimated 10.5 million people age 12 or older reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs in the previous year.

IN 2009, AMONG FATALLY INJURED DRIVERS, 18 PERCENT TESTED POSITIVE FOR AT LEAST ONE DRUG.

REFERENCES

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Local Farmers Markets

Buy fresh, buy local!

Rosedale Farmers Market

May 19 to September, Sundays 11-2 p.m.
 4020 Rainbow Blvd. (Commerce Bank Parking Lot)

For more information contact:
www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com
info@rosedalefarmersmarket.com or
 913-677-5097

KCK Green Market

June - October
 Strawberry Hill (6th and Ann)
 Wednesdays 7:30 to sellout
 Juniper Gardens (3rd and Richmond)
 Mondays 7:30am - to sellout
 Catholic Charities (2220 Central)
 Tuesdays 7:30am - to sellout
 The market doubles the Senior Vouchers and the SNAP/Vision program.
 For more information contact:
 Rachel at (913) 909-1027

Oak Grove Neighborhood Market

End of June-September or October
 Sundays 10:00am - 12:00pm
 North 5th Street and Haskell Ave.
 The market accepts Senior Vouchers
 An on-farm market experience. See where your food is grown! Fresh herbs and vegetables grown using organic practices!
 For more information contact:
 Rachel Jefferson at 913-206-0047 or email: iejfarms@live.com



Reminder: All Unified Government offices will be closed Monday September 2, 2013.



Going Green Corner



Septic Systems Can Pollute Stormwater

During a rainfall, water runs across rooftops, down driveways, streets and across parking lots and yards, picking up substances along the way. This stormwater “runoff” may contain materials like septic system wastewater, soil, chemical fertilizer, pet waste, litter, automotive fluids and yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings. Runoff then washes down storm drains, eventually reaching local rivers and streams where it can pose significant risks to people and wildlife. Since this stormwater runoff is not treated before flowing into local streams, rivers and lakes; most people never think about this stormwater runoff causing water pollution. But as the water flows; this stormwater runoff may collect and transport septic system wastewater.

The EPA estimates 25% of homes use septic systems. Over 4 billion gallons of wastewater per day is dispersed below ground into septic systems. As well as polluting the ground and ground water; an improper septic system can overflow onto the ground & can flow into storm drains.

What can residents do to help to prevent their septic systems from causing this pollution?

- 1.If you have a septic system have it inspected and pumped by a licensed contractor on a routine schedule, generally 3 years or less.
- 2.If necessary, fix or replace your faulty septic system with a licensed contractor.
- 3.Fix faulty toilets as you can waste 200 gallons of water that goes to your septic system each day.
- 4.Wash loads of clothes over several days so you don't run so much water thru your septic system at one time.
- 5.Don't plant trees and shrubs over or near your septic system.
- 6.Don't drive or park vehicles over any part of your septic system.
- 7.Not all items should be disposed of in your septic system.

2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The remaining schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents for 2013 are August 17, September 21, and October 19. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on these Saturdays. 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

Labor Day Impacts Residential Trash & Recycling Services

Deffenbaugh will be observing Monday, September 2, 2013 as a holiday. Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on Labor Day Monday September 2, 2013 in Kansas City, Kansas. Service for both trash pickup and curbside recycling will be impacted the entire week. Monday pickup will be done on Tuesday. Tuesday pickup will be done on Wednesday. Wednesday pickup will be done on Thursday. Thursday pickup will be done on Friday. Friday pickup will be done on Saturday.





Saturday, August 3, 2013

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Locations:

Sumner Academy
 1610 N. 8th Street
 Kansas City, KS 66101

Kansas City Kansas Community College
 7250 State Avenue
 Kansas City, KS 66112

Wyandotte County Back to School Fair

All Wyandotte County students and parents of private and public schools are welcome!

- Must show proof that you live in Wyandotte County
- Children must be present to receive school supplies

Health Screening, Sports Physicals and Immunizations

- Sports Physicals for 6-12 grade students – Bring your participation forms
- Immunization card must be presented

Ready Day One for School

- Free School Supplies (First come, First served)
- Free Identi-Kid (Identification card for each child)
- Free Books (KCK Public Library)
- Free Health Screenings
- Free Haircuts (Pre-K thru 12 grade)
- Information about community support



Food and Entertainment



For more information:
 (913) 288-7439