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KCK NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY
AUGUST 7TH, 2018
5:00PM TO 8:30PM

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
18TH & RIDGE
KANSAS CITY KANSAS

1st 100 Adults belonging to a Registered Neighborhood Group receives a Free T-Shirt

WHAT IS NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME? National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

BRINGING WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS CITY KANSAS TOGETHER

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Fresh Produce: Food Waste and You.

A vicious cycle has been created by consumers and grocery distributors that has led to millions of pounds of food waste every year: the valuation of appearance over quality. Because of our agricultural industry’s cosmetic standards, about half of our fruits and vegetables get thrown away or sent to feed livestock.[i] There is nothing wrong with this produce, but because it does not fit our idea of what a carrot, potato, or strawberry should look like, it is deemed unfit to grace the shelves of your local grocery store.

This practice is truly unacceptable since it wastes the resources put into growing these crops, such as water, oil, fertilizer, and not to mention time. Plus more often than not, these “ugly” fruits and vegetables go to landfills rather than to hungry people who could still be taking advantage of this perfectly fresh and nutritious food. This “cult of perfection”[ii] also harms farmers because they cannot sell half their produce and some shipments are rejected by grocers, and the farmers are never compensated even though the produce they offer is still fresh.

Several companies have popped up to start changing this culture around the appearance of our food. Imperfect Produce operates in the Bay area in California to deliver ugly fruits and vegetables at a discount of 30-50% to local consumers. Similarly, Raley’s supermarkets in California and Nevada are adding sections for “Real Good” produce which does not conform to typical cosmetic standards, and accompanying these new additions with in store education.[iii] A Massachusetts nonprofit called Daily Table, founded by former president of Trader Joe’s, Doug Rauch, takes rejected produce and sells it at a discounted price along with surplus goods and to-go meals.[iv] There are international efforts surrounding non-conformist produce as well.

There are also several organizations around the Kansas City metro area that are working hard to rescue produce that would otherwise go to waste. After the Harvest is a gleaning organization that harvests crops from local farms too small or undesirable for commercial sale and donates them to local food pantries and warehouses, like Harvesters, as a way of providing fresh produce to food insecure families. NourishKC also partners with several area grocery stores and other organizations to rescue food to turn into delicious meals at one of their community kitchens.

With a quickly rising population, estimated to reach 7 billion by the year 2050, these efforts regarding food waste and hunger can seem like too little too late. However, many experts believe that if we manage to shift our cultural view to consume less meat and dairy, along with reducing our waste, we will not have to destroy more wild lands than we already have. It’s true that we can have it all, less food waste, less hunger, and more environmental conservation, but only by making the vital changes necessary to our relationship with food. Being less picky about pretty produce and making an effort to divert as much food as possible from the landfill, be it either from composting, or buying less in the first place, or any other number of practices to reduce our waste are all important. And that work starts at home with you and me.

Article by Healthy Communities Wyandotte

Labor Day Impacts Trash and Recycling

Deffenbaugh will be observing Monday, September 3, 2018 as a holiday. Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on Labor Day Monday September 3, 2018 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.
Faulty 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.

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2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The remaining schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents for 2018 is August 18, September 15, and October 20. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on those Saturdays. Wyandotte County residents need to take their household hazardous products to 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) The HHW Days are not for business or nonprofit groups. When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items accepted include automotive products, home improvement products, household items, as well as lawn and garden products.

Automotive products accepted include auto batteries, brake fluid, carburetor cleaner, degreasers, gasoline & fuels, and used motor oil. In addition, residents can bring 10 car and/or pickup tires if the rims are removed from the tires.

Home improvement products accepted include concrete cleaner, driveway sealer, furniture stripper, glue with solvents, latex & oil based paints, paint thinner, putty, grout, calc & spackle, roofing tar, stain varnish & lacquer, turpentine, water-based glues, and wood preservatives.

Household items include aerosol products, drain & oven cleaners, mothballs, nail polish remover, polishes with solvents, spot remover, and propane cylinders.

Lawn and garden products include fertilizer with weed killer, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodent bait.

For additional information call 913-573-8318 or 913-573-5400.
Here is information about voting in the August 7 Primary Election.

Vote at one of the Early Voting Centers

| Election Office: 850 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101: |
| July 31 through August 3 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, August 4 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. |
| Monday, August 6 | 8 a.m. - 12 Noon |

| Eisenhower Rec Center: 2901 N 72nd Street, Kansas City, KS 66109: |
| August 1 through August 3 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. |
| Saturday, August 4 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. |

KCKPD: 2100 Metropolitan Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106:
August 1 through August 3 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, August 4 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Election Day: At your polling place
Many people still prefer to cast their ballot on Election Day.
Polling places open throughout the county from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Kansas law requires all voters to show an approved piece of photographic identification when voting.

- Most voters choose to use their valid and current driver’s license, but we accept any of the following:
  - Driver's License or ID Card issued by any state or district of the United States
  - U.S. Passport
  - Government employee badge or ID
  - Concealed carry license issued by any state or district of the United States
  - Student ID Card issued by an accredited Kansas college or university
  - U.S. military ID
  - Public assistance ID issued by a municipal, county, state or federal government office
  - An identification card issued by an Indian tribe

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**AARP Driver Safety Program**

Refresh your driving skills and learn how to adjust to age-related challenges while earning a discount on your auto insurance.
Traffic statistics indicate that older adults are safe drivers with good driving records. However, medical conditions, certain medications and age-related changes in physical and mental function can increase the risk of crashes & injury among older drivers.
Join us as we make driving safer a personal priority!

- Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.
- WHEN Saturday, August 11th from 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
- *Please arrive at 8:45 a.m. to complete your registration.
- WHERE Partners in Primary Care, 7527 State Avenue, KCKS
- COST $15 for AARP Members, $20 for non-AARP members
- REGISTER by calling Lauren Huck at (816) 372-1989.
  Payment via credit card, check and cash accepted.

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**DO SOMETHING GOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

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**PIPE welcomes back the AARP Driver Safety Program**

Presented by Kansas AARP

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**SPECIAL EVENT**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 18, 2018**

Providence Medical Center Amphitheater
601 N 135th St, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
(Parking at VIP Entrance off 135th & State Avenue)

**Race Information**

- **Race Day Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Packet Pick-Up:** July 28-Aug. 3 at 9 a.m.
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