



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 our office at  
 (913) 573-8737 or email us at [ageneraux@wycokck.org](mailto:ageneraux@wycokck.org).

### Upcoming Holidays Impact Trash & Recycling Services

Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2014. There will be normal trash and recycling services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Because of the Christmas Day holiday, Thursday pickup will be done on Friday December 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday pickup will be done on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.



In addition, Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015. There will be normal trash and recycling services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Because of the New Year's Day holiday, Thursday pickup will be done on Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Friday pickup will be done on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### NRC Sock Drive ends December 12th

Through the months of October and November, the Neighborhood Resource Center will be collecting donations of socks for Crosslines Community Outreach. You can drop off your donation to the Neighborhood Resource Center Monday - Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. For more information contact Andrea at (913)573-8645 or [ageneraux@wycokck.org](mailto:ageneraux@wycokck.org).

#### Christmas Tree Recycling Locations

Residents of Wyandotte County can drop off their tree for recycling December 26, 2014 through January 31, 2015 All tinsel, lights and ornaments must be removed. **All drop off locations will be clearly marked with a sign.**

Christmas tree drop off locations are as follows:

- Stony Point Park - 527 N. 86th (North East corner of parking lot)
- Alvey Park - 4834 Metropolitan (North side of the South parking lot)
- City Park - 2601 Park Drive (In the park around the corner on the grass)
- Wyandotte County Park (Bonner Park) - 631 N 126<sup>th</sup> (Ball field parking)

**\* Please drop off trees in designated areas only.**

#### Adventures In Learning

December 19, 2014 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
 Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Wood Ave.  
 913-281-8908 or  
[www.shepherdscenterkck.org](http://www.shepherdscenterkck.org)  
 Call for a lunch reservation.  
 Meet a friend and make a friend.

#### Yard Waste Drop Off Closed for Winter

The Unified Government's Yard Waste Drop Off Site located at 3241 Park Dr. in Kansas City, Kansas is closed for the winter for the time period of December 2014 through March 2015. This is the former Recycling Center that was converted into a Yard Waste Drop Off Site in 2014.

#### Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting

There is no meeting in November or December. Have a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year!

From April through November, the Yard Waste Drop Off Site accepts yard waste such as grass clippings, garden trimmings, leaves and branches.

## 3rd Annual Community Development Workshop Saturday January 31, 2015 9:00am-4:00pm

The Community Capital Fund is partnering with the Greater Kansas City LISC and Communities Creating Opportunity (CCO) for the 3rd Annual Community Development Workshop that will bring together neighborhood associations, nonprofits, public agencies, residents and other community stakeholders in order to connect with one another and to resources, learn new tools and best practices for neighborhood initiatives, share insights on how to best address issues and opportunities in their communities, and develop new means for collaboration and cooperation.

This workshop is FREE. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/CDWorkshop2015> for more information and to register or contact Amanda Wilson with the Community Capital Fund at [Amanda@cdfkansascity.org](mailto:Amanda@cdfkansascity.org) or (816) 502-9584 Registration includes breakfast and lunch.

### Youth Volunteers Needed for Community Project Mapping Tool Saturday, January 31, 2015

20 youth volunteers are needed to guide participants at the Community Development Workshop in entering their project information into the community project map. Youth volunteers would act as the mapping tool facilitator by walking participants through the process of determining whether their project qualifies as a 'community project' and accurately recording their project information. Youth mapping facilitators will be trained and provided all necessary materials and support. Youth facilitators should be friendly in working with Workshop participants and should be committed to accurately capturing their project information.

#### Benefits to Volunteering

This Community Project Mapping Tool is a much-needed resource for community organizations, nonprofits, neighborhood organizations, funding agencies, and other stakeholders involved in community development and revitalization. Youth mapping facilitators have a key role in developing this important resource and will have the opportunity to meet and network with many in the region, gain valuable experience to add to their resume, and acquire community service hours that some schools and programs require.

#### Time Commitment

A total of 2.5 to 5 hours is needed of each volunteer. Time commitment will depend on volunteer availability. All volunteers must attend one 1-hour training session in late January and volunteer 1-3 hours at the Community Development Workshop on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:45am-11am. Volunteers are also needed in 1-2-hour shifts from 11am-3:30pm. Training will likely take place at the Community Capital Fund office at 1900 Vine. The Community Development Workshop on January 31<sup>st</sup> will be held at the Kauffman Conference Center at 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64110 ([Directions](#)) just north of the UMKC campus.

#### Contact Information

For questions or to sign up to be a volunteer facilitator for the Community Project Mapping Tool, please contact Amanda Wilson at 816-502-9584 or [amanda@ccfkansascity.org](mailto:amanda@ccfkansascity.org).

KCK Public Library presents:

## Merry Krampus!

Local author Lissa Sloan will be here doing a short reading from her story in the recently published *Krampusnacht: Twelve Nights of Krampus*. Who is Krampus, you ask? Krampus is Santa's dark helper, sent to take care of the children who misbehave during the winter holidays. Want to hear more? Come to Lissa's reading and discussion of Krampus!

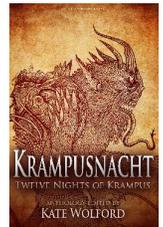
Join us Saturday, December 6th at 2pm for a reading and delicious German treats!

Main branch

625 Minnesota Ave.

For more information call

(913) 551-3280 or visit [www.kckpl.org](http://www.kckpl.org).



## Applications Sought for BPU Ethics Commission

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is seeking letters of interest and resumes from persons interested in filling a vacancy on the BPU Ethics Commission.

The purpose of the Ethics Commission is to ensure proper implementation of BPU's code of ethics and to review and report on all violations of the ethics policy. The commission meets to deliberate ethical issues and renders advisory opinions concerning questions of ethics, conflicts of interest, and the applicability of BPU's Ethics policy.

The commission is comprised of five members. The BPU Board of Directors desires that the Ethics Commission represents the diverse population of the community. The commission must fill one vacancy.

Applicants must live in Wyandotte County. They must be of good moral standing and cannot have been convicted of a felony or serious crimes. All commission members must comply with BPU Ethics policy.

### The deadline for submitting letters of interest and resumes is December 19, 2014.

A search committee will review the applications; the full BPU Board will make the appointment. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and a resume to:

Ethics Commission Application  
C/O Chief Communications Officer  
Board of Public Utilities  
540 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101

Letters and resumes may also be faxed to (913) 573-9175 or emailed to [dmehlhaff@bpu.com](mailto:dmehlhaff@bpu.com)

For further information, please call (913) 573-9173.