

# Neighborhood Newsletter

## Liveable Neighborhoods Board honors two outstanding citizens



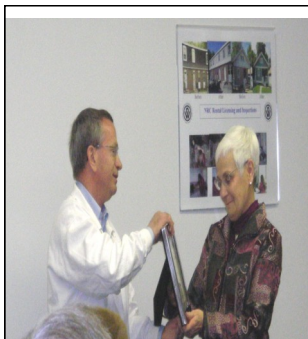
Pictured above Greg Talkin, Director of the Neighborhood

By Mary Jane Johnson  
Unified Government

The Liveable Neighborhood board recently honored Greg Talkin, Director of the Neighborhood Resource Center. Greg received Liveable Neighborhoods annual award which recognizes a Unified Government employee or department for their valuable contri-

butions to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Wendy Wilson, President of Liveable Neighborhoods said, "Greg has been instrumental in making sure that neighborhood leaders understand the legal process that staff has to follow and has provided opportunities for staff to understand neighborhood concerns through the Good Neighbor Training, the Blue Card Program and the Yellow Card Program".

"He is always courteous and professional and will go out of his way to work with neighborhood groups to resolve problems". Previous winners were the Code Enforcement Department and Marlyn Nevels (now retired) with the Engineering Department.



Marty Theonnes, Director of Central Avenue Betterment Association is shown giving Ronelle the award.

Liveable Neighborhoods also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Ronelle Neperud for donating her time to conduct the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Training which is a personal leadership program designed for persons interested in increasing their effectiveness in their

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Neighborhoods Inc

Monthly Meeting

Held on the 4th Thursday of the month @8:30 am.  
4601 State Ave

These meetings are open to the public .

# Your Meeting Information

## State of the Government Address

Mayor Reardon will deliver the State of the Government Address

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

12:00 pm at the

Reardon Center 5th Minnesota Ave.

RSVP at 913-573-5010



**Foreclosure Affects the entire family**

**1-888-995-Hope  
www.995hope.org**

**If you cannot pay your mortgage? Get Help**

**Don't Wait Contact the Homeownership Preservation Hope hotline. Getting help is as easy as 1,2,3,**

**Counselors are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Spanish-speaking counselors are also available. Call Your Lender depending on your situation you may have some options such as reinstatement, forbearance, repayment plan or loan modification.**

**Neighborhood Housing Services of Kansas City, Missouri  
5835 Troost  
816-822-7703**

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**NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LAUNCHES "GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM"**

**By Royal Scott NEDC**

The Northeast Economic Development Corporation is launching a Good Neighbor Program to bring awareness of African American Businesses on Quindaro Boulevard. All businesses will be contacted and asked to participate in the program. There are several small businesses and consultants in the Northeast area that deserve recognition.

The program will begin in February and continue throughout the year. Each month a different business will be highlighted in a community news letter sponsored by NEDC.

NEDC is now located in the Don Sewing Building 1301 Quindaro Boulevard. NEDC plans to renovate the building for offices and community meetings. The Call office will remain and an additional office will also be available for lease.

The first Marketing meeting for NEDC will be held Monday Feb. 4 at 5:00. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 5:00 pm. Persons interested in joining NEDC and being a part of the committee is welcomed to attend.

For more information contact Royal Scott, Executive Director at 913-269-5493.

**Senior Citizen's Utility Tax Rebate**

The Senior Citizen Utility Tax rebate program is underway. The deadline to apply is March 31. The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount paid for utilities during 2007. Persons applying must be 65 years of age during the entire year of 2007, live in the city of Kansas City, Kansas, and their total

income not to exceed \$25,000. The maximum refund is \$300.00.

Eligible persons should bring all gas, telephone, and BPU bills paid during 2007; proof of income, social security statements, interest statements, etc., and social security number. Printouts from the utility companies will be accepted. Please call

the Unified Government Clerk's Office at 573-5260 if you have questions.

Source : UG website

**Self- Help Grant**

James Prim formally of Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance informed Livable Neighborhoods that a home has been located for the Self Help Grant. Prim also stated that we should receive information in the near future regarding the grant.

Neighborhood Leaders please hold receipts from your last Self Help Grant

## Recycling Facts

- Throwing away a single aluminum can, versus recycling it, is like pouring out six ounces of gasoline.
- Last year, American recycled enough aluminum cans to conserve the energy equivalent of more than 15 million barrels of oil.
- The national recycling rate of 30 percent saves the equivalent of more than five billion gallons of gasoline, reducing dependence on foreign oil by 114 million barrels. This could be even higher!
- The aluminum can is 100 percent recyclable and can be used to make new beverage cans indefinitely – demonstrating recycling at its finest! “Every can every time!”
- Recycling 35 percent of our trash reduces emissions equivalent to taking 36 million cars off the road.
- Every Sunday 500,000 trees could be saved if everyone recycled their newspapers.

Source: Curbside Valued Partnership

## Let's Welcome the Midtown Police Unit

The Midtown Police Unit opened January 10, 2008. The Unit is located at Indian Springs Mall 4601 State Ave. Officers will serve citizens within the following boundary: north to the river, south to the river, east to 29th and west to 65th St. Major Kevin Steel is the commander of the Midtown Unit.

## Join the Children Museum in their Recycle Challenge

By Marty Porter, Executive Director Children's Museum of Kansas City

The Children's Museum of Kansas is working with Global Re-Source Funding, a local Kansas City company that is a subsidiary of Office Products Recycling Associates (OPRA) [www.oprausa.com](http://www.oprausa.com) - a worldwide leader of inkjets, toner/laser cartridges and cell phones recycling. We collect the cell phones and earn much-needed funding for our children's programs at the museum.

### What kind of phone can I recycle?

We accept all cell phones, iPods, Blackberrys, laptops bought after 2004 that are free from damage, preferably in working order. Please remember to remove all sensitive information before donating. We also accept empty inkjet and toner/laser cartridges.

### Where can I recycle my phone?

Collection bins, clearly marked and accessible during normal hours, will be placed inside the Recycled

Materials Center located within The Children's Museum of Kansas City. You can drop off your recyclable cell phones, iPods, and cartridges whenever it's convenient for you. The museum is located in the Indian Springs Shopping Center at 4601 State Ave. in Kansas City, Kansas. Or call the Children's Museum of Kansas City at 913.287.8888 to arrange for a large collection pick-up.

**Free Removal of Debris from Storm. All debris should be taken to the curb for pick-up. Please call 573-5400**

## SPAY & NEUTER

**Spay & Neuter Kansas City is holding a low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic on Saturday, February 16th, off site at The Armourdale Community Center 730 Osage Ave, Kansas City, KS from 10am-12pm (noon).** At this low-cost vaccination clinic we will be making appointments on the spot for our low-cost spay/neuter clinic which will be held the following day, Sunday, February 17th, at Spay & Neuter Kansas City (an appointment is needed for spay/neuter).

On Feb. 16th, Kansas City KS residents must purchase a city license which is \$5 for a pet that is spayed/neutered and \$25 for a pet that is not spayed/neutered.

There will be another low-cost vaccination and microchip clinic, Saturday, March 1st, from 9am-11am at Spay & Neuter Kansas City 3710 Main St. (downtown) Kansas City, MO 64111.

These clinics are open to the public regardless of where you live and no appointment is needed. The vaccinations are \$5-\$10 per shot depending on your zip code. Vaccinations available for dogs: Rabies, DA2PP, and Bordetella. Vaccinations available for cats: Rabies, and FVRCP. Kansas City, MO licenses are optional: \$12 for a pet that is spayed/neutered, \$35 for a pet that is not spayed/neutered. We also offer \$10 microchips (includes registration with 24PetWatch). Dewormer for cats and dogs is \$3/pet. FREE dewormer when you donate an item for a needy pet (food, collars, leashes, kennels, raw-hides).

For more info or to set up an appointment for a low-cost spay/neuter, call 816-353-0940 or go to [www.snkc.net](http://www.snkc.net)

## Concerned About Low Voter Turnout?

In Wyandotte County, 34% of registered voters **do not** vote and this is



the highest percentage in the state. One of the best ways to combat low voter registration

and turnout is through established community networks. Activists and leaders who are already on the ground in their own neighborhoods are in the best position to enact change through local grassroots movements. I am available to speak to your groups about the voter registration process and the most effective ways to increase participation and turnout. Contact Lindsay Gentry at 913-262-9300 or 913-314-6029 to speak at your neighborhood meeting.

## School Resource Officer Program "Seven Officers Strong"

By Sherry Martin  
Unified Government

The SRO program is a joint venture between Kansas City, Kansas Community Police Unit and Kansas City Public School District. According to Capt. Cosgrove the program began in Sept of 2005 with four officers and has been a win-win. In 2006 School Administrator from Turner, Sumner, and Piper requested officer for there schools. Additional officers where placed in these

schools. As of February 2008 there is an SRO Officer in every high school in Wyandotte County making a total of seven SRO Officers.

The mission of the School Resource Officers is to provide a safe environment, conducive to learning, where students and faculty can be free from hostility and disruptions which could negatively impact on the educational process.

Do you know the School Resource Officer in your community? For additional information on the SRO program or if you would like an officer to speak at you neighborhood meeting contact Community Policing 913-573-8720. Captain John Cosgrove is the commander of the Unit .