



LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS



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

vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org.

LIEAP (LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

Please direct customers to **USA 800** for LIEAP questions and information as they are the LIEAP contracted provider that processes applications and approves benefits. The phone number is **1-800-432-0043**. Further information can be found at <http://www.usa800.net/LIEAPPortal/Home.aspx>. Customers can also apply online at this site beginning December 28, 2010.

Note the following changes to the application dates this year:

LIEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay for home energy costs. The application period is **January 13, 2011 through March 31, 2011**. Applications can be submitted on this site or by mail.

To allow us to get a jump start in gathering information, we will begin accepting **online applications on December 28, 2010**. However, no benefits will be approved for payment until the actual program start date of January 13, 2011.

Quindaro, Kansas: Revolutionary Heart 1854 and Beyond



Celebrate Black History Month!

Join us for Diane Eickhoff's reenactment of Clarina Nichols, one of Quindaro's and Kansas' most memorable underground railroad conductors and women's rights activist. Eickhoff is the author of the book *Revolutionary Heart: The Life of Clarina Nichols and the Pioneering Crusade for Women's Rights*. This program is free and open to the public.

2-4 pm, Saturday, Feb 26

Third Floor Auditorium
Kansas City, Kansas Public Library
625 Minnesota Ave. Kansas City, KS
913-551-3280



Kansas City, Kansas
Public Library www.kckpl.org



Quindaro Boulevard Family Health Care

530 Quindaro Boulevard, KCK 66101

Phone: (913) 722-3100

www.swbfhc.org

Se habla Español



Your Health is important to us!

Family Health Care provides primary health care for the entire family. Services include care for pregnant women, children and adults (including chronic diseases such as HIV, HepC and diabetes). Family Health Care is a non-profit safety net clinic with services provided on a sliding scale for those who do not have insurance.

Our goal is to improve your family's health by providing comprehensive health care services.

No patient is turned away for inability to pay.

Call (913) 722-3100 for an appointments.

Monday - Friday Social and legal services from 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Monday - Thursday The medical clinic is open 3:00pm to 6:00pm

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
Dispute Resolution	(913) 573-5225
Fire Department	(913) 573-5550

February Calendar of Events

2/05/2011

Go to Sleep, Groundhog!

Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Environmental Library

4051 West Drive

(913) 233-2384 or www.kckpl.org

3:00pm, Free

Just in time for Groundhog Day, join us for this silly story about a groundhog who just can't sleep through winter. We'll learn about how this unique holiday came about as well as some fun facts about groundhogs, also known as woodchucks. We'll also make a groundhog craft to take home!

2/09/2011

Get Comfortable With Computers

Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Main Branch at Computer Lab

625 Minnesota

(913) 551-3280 (to register)

This 2 hour class will give you the basics: the parts of a computer, what it does, how to move a mouse and how to start a program.

2/18/2011

Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center)

First Baptist Church 29th and Minnesota

913-281-8908 or www.shepherdscenterkck.org

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

2/24/2011

Liveable Neighborhoods Monthly Meeting

Neighborhood Resource Center(4601 State Ave)

913-573-8737 or www.wycokck.org

8:30am - 10:00am

Come and get great community information and share your ideas on how we can continue to improve quality of life in Wyandotte County.

3/11/2011 - 3/12/2011

Building a Sustainable Earth Community: The 4th Annual Breaking the Silence Conference

Reardon Convention Center 520 Minnesota Ave.

Contact Richard Mabion for more information at

(913) 481-9920 or www.breakingthesilence.us

Friday 5:00pm to 10:00pm Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Conference issues and concerns: A buy local first campaign, social responsibilities, local energy efficiency efforts, local watershed issues and minority employment concerns.

Reminder: Unified Government Offices will be closed Monday February 21st for Presidents' Day.



Senior Citizens Utility Rebates

The Unified Government's Senior Citizen Utility Tax Rebate program will begin January 3 and run through March 31, 2011. Under the program, senior citizens who meet the guidelines will be able to take advantage of a utility rebate.

The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount paid for utilities during 2010. Persons applying must be at least 65 years of age during the entire year of 2010, live in the city of Kansas City, Kansas, and their total income not to exceed \$25,000. The maximum refund is \$150.

Applications will be taken at KCK City Hall, 701 N. 7th St., in the Unified Government Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, 8am- 4:30pm.

The Area Agency on Aging, located in the Security Bank Bldg., 1300 N. 78th St., Suite 100, will fill out applications by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling 573-8531.

Eligible persons should bring all gas, telephone, and BPU bills paid during 2010; proof of income, social security statements, interest statements and social security number. Please call the Unified Government Clerk's Office at 573-5260 if you have questions.

Apply for Rental Assistance

through



Eligibility requirements

- Meet income requirements (be at or below 60 percent of the area median income).
- Head of the household or spouse must be a person with a disability.
- No restrictions on number of persons in household.
- Complete an application.

Receiving services through Wyandot Center is not an eligibility requirement.

Applications available Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Wyandot Center
1301 North 47th Street
(North of State Avenue on 47th Street)
Kansas City, KS 66104**

Wyandot Center is one of 12 agencies designated in the state to receive funds from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

PREP-KC
College and Career Preparation
for Kansas City's Urban Students



PREP-KC Launches Urban FAFSA Project - Volunteers Needed

PREP-KC is launching a pilot project to increase the percentage of urban high school students completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA must be completed to qualify for financial aid for post-secondary education, yet urban students and their families often report that completing the FAFSA is a difficult process. High school educators report that it often creates a significant barrier to college enrollment. This pilot project is designed to remove that barrier.

Partners in the project include:

- Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (Wyandotte and Harmon High Schools)
- Kansas City, Missouri School District (East and Northeast High Schools)
- University of Kansas - Educational Talent Search
- Donnelly College
- Kansas City Kansas Community College
- Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley
- KC C.A.S.H. (Creating Assets, Savings & Hope)
- University of Missouri-Kansas City

Students and families from the four pilot high schools will receive no-cost tax preparation and FAFSA completion services.

This project is designed to:

Increase post-secondary enrollment – A 2009 report released by the National Bureau of Economic Research finds that providing students with support in completing the FAFSA significantly increases the percentage of students who receive aid, the amount of aid received, and college enrollment (<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/09/23/fafsa>).

Increase financial literacy and college-preparation knowledge in students, teachers, and families – This project will provide multiple opportunities for students, families, and teachers to develop important financial literacy and college-preparation skills.

Coordinate efforts among Kansas City organizations which are already supporting college access for urban students – By strengthening these partnerships and aligning efforts, strategies can be developed to more effectively reach *all* seniors in participating schools.

To learn more about opportunities to volunteer, contact Randy Lopez at rlopez@prepkc.org. Volunteers will receive special training to help students and families complete the FAFSA.

PREP-KC is a bi-state, non-profit educational intermediary working with six urban school districts, four higher education institutions, and more than 100 of the region's employers to improve college and workforce readiness. Through district partnerships, PREP-KC supports more than half of the low-income students in Kansas City's five-county bi-state region.

Homeless Woman's Veteran Program

The Salvation Army's Homeless Women's Veteran Program is an on site facility. This program offers an apartment, meals, bus passes and a safe place to call home, while gaining stability and self sufficiency. It is a drug and alcohol free environment. Many needs are met directly and others are met in partnership with other agencies and the VA.

Other services offered by this program are:

- Strengths Based Case Management
- Financial Management
- Employment Training
- Resource Referrals
- Documentation Assistance
- Life Skills Classes
- Career Counseling
- Education/Training
- Spiritual Guidance
- Discharge Planning & Follow-up
- Family Connections

For more information concerning this program contact:

The Salvation Army Virginia Harding Center

Cheryl Patrick, MS
 Program Director
 6711 State Avenue
 Kansas City, Kansas 66102
 Phone: (913) 232-5400



Cheryl_Kirkeminde-Patrick@usc.salvationarmy.org
www.salarmy-mokan.org

Wyandotte County Warming Centers

The following facilities will be open for use as warming centers should the National Weather Service issue a wind chill warning or advisory.

KCK Public Library:

Main Branch 625 Minnesota
 Argentine Branch 2800 Metropolitan
 Wyandotte West 1737 North 82nd St
 Turner Community Branch 831 South 55th

Bonner Springs/Edwardsville Library

201 North Nettleton

Bonner Springs Community Center

200 East 3rd Street

Eisenhower Community Center

2901 North 72nd Street

Argentine Community Center

2810 Metropolitan

Armourdale Community Center

730 Osage

Neighborhood Resource Center (Indian Springs)

4601 State Ave.

KCK City Hall

701 North 7th Street

Willa Gill Center

645 Nebraska

Public Housing High Rise (Cafeteria)

915 Washington Blvd.

Mt. Carmel Cogic (South Wing)

2025 North 12th Street

Bonner Springs Family YMCA

2251 South 138th Street

Providence YMCA/Ball Family Center

8601 Parallel

8th Street Family YMCA

900 North 8th Street

Good Neighbor Guide

Here are a few examples of common Code Enforcement Violation. Be a good neighbor and make sure you are in compliance.

•All **garbage, trash, dead trees and debris** must be removed from your property. Garbage or trash cannot be set on the curb for pickup before 4:00 p.m. on the day before your scheduled collection day. You cannot leave trash on the curb after the day of collection.

•**Address must be posted on house** – All residential property should have an address posted on the house with 3 inch numbers. If you are purchasing new house numbers the new ordinance requires 4 inch numbers.

•**Vehicles** that are not licensed and cannot move under its own power, cannot be parked on residential property. You cannot park vehicles in your yard unless it is paved with cement, black top or existing gravel. You cannot park tow trucks, dump trucks, semi-tractors and trailers, back hoes, high loaders, or other heavy dirt moving equipment in a residential area.