

UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FEBRUARY 2014

**Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood News**

neighborhood group information can be placed here. If you would like newsletters made, contact our office.

(913) 573-8737 or email us at

[vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org](mailto:vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org).

**Notice:** January 27, 2014, the police report desk will move to its new Mid-Town Patrol Division location at 4777 West 47th Street, Suite A. It will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Also the Police headquarters report desk located at 1000 Minnesota Avenue. Its open from 9-5, 7 days a week, weekends and Holidays.

**Change the Neighborhood Resource Center Hours:** Neighborhood groups will continue to meet at the Neighborhood Resource Center (4953 West 47th Street). Please coordinate with your Community Officer to gain access to the building after 5:00pm on weekends.

**Order:** Unified Government Offices will be closed on Monday February 17, 2014 in honor of President Lincoln's Birthday.

**From Liveable Neighborhoods:**

Due to the retirement of Mary Jane Johnson, the office will have only one staff member. Please be patient as I try to fulfill your requests as quickly as I can. If at all possible, please call and get newsletter and phone tree orders in as soon as possible so that I have plenty of time to fulfill them.

**Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting**

Please join us for the next Liveable Neighborhoods meeting Thursday, February 27, 2014 8:30am at the Neighborhood Resource Center 4953 State Ave.

**Adventures In Learning (Shepherd Center)**

Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Woodward  
913-281-8908 or [www.shepherdcenter.org](http://www.shepherdcenter.org)  
8:30am - 1:00pm Call for a lunch reservation



**Kansas City Community Gardens  
Wyandotte County Spring  
Workshop Schedule**

*There is no cost for attending the workshop. Space is limited; call 816-931-3877 to reserve a spot.*

Bethany Park Community Center, 1120 Central Ave.

March 24 Monday 6:00pm Growing Early Spring

March 31 Monday 6:00pm Vegetable Gardening

April 14 Monday 6:00pm Raised Bed Gardening

April 28 Monday 6:00pm Growing Tomatoes & Sweet Peppers

May 5 Monday 6:00pm Cooking; Spring Gardening

Rosedale Development Association, 1403 Southwest Blvd

Feb. 4 Tuesday 6:00pm Selecting, planting, and caring for fruit trees and berry bushes

March 4 Tuesday 6:00pm Raised Bed Gardening

April 1 Tuesday 6:00pm Growing Tomatoes & Sweet Peppers

May 6 Tuesday 6:00pm Spring Harvest and Meal Preparation; Cooking with Herbs

## SENIOR CITIZENS' UTILITY REFUND PROGRAM

Information for 2014

For the refund, **all THREE** must apply:  
1. Kansas City, KS resident. Residents of Bonner  
or Edwardsville **are NOT** eligible for the

65 years of age or older during the entire calendar  
year (born before January 1, 1948)  
2. Income from all sources, **including** that of  
a spouse, must not exceed \$25,000 per year.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR THE REFUND:

1. Complete and return the application form to the  
Unified Clerk's Office on the 3rd floor, room 323 of the  
Museum building, 701 North 7th Street Kansas  
City, MO 64101. Bring all 2013 utility bills for tele-  
phone, gas, water and BPU. You must also provide proof of  
income (social security, pensions, W2s, interest  
on investments, etc.). Said information may  
be mailed to the Clerk's office. All mail-ins must  
be received no later than March 31, 2014.

Applications between January 2nd and  
March 31, 2014. Between the hours of 8:30am  
and 4:30pm.

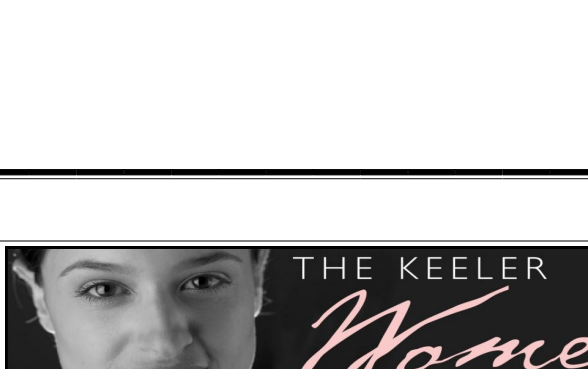
Agency on Aging, located at the Midtown  
Center (849 North 47th Street, south entrance)  
Fill out applications **by appointment only**  
and Thursday by calling (913)573-8531.

**Eligible, your refund will be the total of  
all utility bills (not to exceed \$150):**  
- Gas  
- Water  
- Telephone  
- Franchise tax paid to Kansas Gas or Atmos

- Sewer  
- Water pollution control charges paid to the  
City of Kansas City  
- Public Utilities  
- Franchise tax paid to the Board of  
Public Utilities  
- Franchise tax (special municipal charge) paid to  
the City of Kansas City  
- Franchise tax on city sales tax based on income

**NOTE:** Individuals other than the senior  
resident living in the residence will result in the re-  
funded amount being reduced by one-half for water pollution,  
gas, water and gas. Example, adult children and  
grandchildren living with the applicant. This also  
applies to adult grandchildren.

For more information, call the Unified  
Clerk's Office at (913) 573-5260.



THE KEELER  
*Women's*  
CENTER  
A Ministry of the Benedictine Sisters

**Credit Management after the Holiday Crunch**, presented  
with Heartland Habitat for Humanity and Wells  
Fargo on **Thursday, February 6, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Men and women  
are welcome.

**Keeler Film Series on Mondays, 1:30 p.m.**, Roxanne  
is the facilitator. We will present films about women and  
with subjects important to women. Discussions will be  
deeper understandings, touch the heart, and feed your  
natural passion for empowering women. **February 3, 1:30 p.m.,**  
**Root, the story of Wangari Maathai, February 10, 1:30 p.m.,**  
**Women Have Curves, February 17, Norma Rae.**

Our **Holy Women Series**, on **Thursday, February 13, 2:30 p.m.**,  
will feature a presentation by Heather Moll, a spiritual  
director, on the life of **Gianna Beretta Moll**, a woman  
unfamiliar to many of us. Born in 1922 in Italy, Gianna was  
a mother, wife and medical doctor who is remembered for  
her passion and love of life. Her final actions are a witness  
to the sanctity of life.

**Mediation: A Path to Making Things Right**, will be presented  
on **Wednesday, February 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** The presenter is  
Kathy Pojman who is a civil mediator approved by the Superior  
Court of the State of Kansas. Mediation is a process that  
avoid large legal fees and winners and losers in the courtroom.  
It is a path to justice and a way to end conflict. A trained  
skilled mediator listens to two sides and helps them reach a  
win-win agreement. This presentation will be both educational  
and entertaining. It will be helpful for: women who feel they  
have been treated unfairly; business women who want to avoid  
litigation with an employee; men whose landlords have not  
kept agreements; anyone who wants to avoid costly court fees  
associated with a lawsuit.

**Life Skills for Job Readiness** is a workshop recommended  
for women seeking entry level positions or women who  
have had a hard time keeping a job. Participants will be  
better prepared for work and feeling much more confident  
in their ability to find and keep a job that matches their  
interest and skills. The workshop will be held on **February 20,  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Lunch is included. **Space is limited  
and reservations are required.**

**All programs are located at Keeler Women's Center, a  
ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Missouri, 2220 Central  
Ave., KCK. (913) 573-5260.**