



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 vmLiveableNeighbor@wycokck.org.

THE SPRING CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Interested in knowing how the Kansas City Kansas Police Department trains its officers?

Then the Citizens Academy wants You!

The sign up for the Kansas City Kansas Police Department Citizens Academy going on now. This Spring the Citizens Academy will be held every Monday and Wednesday, from 6PM – 10PM, beginning on Monday, March 2, 2015, and ends Wednesday, April 15, 2014. The Citizen's Academy curriculum is designed to inform and educate the residents and stakeholders of Police Department's resources, responsibility, and commitment to its citizens.

The Citizen's Academy is a mixed format of classroom lecture and field activity in a controlled environment. The classes are instructed by the men and women who work in the specialized field such as Crime Scene Investigations, SWAT, Bomb Squad, Criminal Investigations, and much more. Seating is limited to 25 people so sign up now.

For more information and an application visit WWW.KCKPD.ORG. or call the Police Training Academy at 913-596-2056.

See our videos on:

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOI3Q66nH8K2Y8ZcuJVz9A>
and our Facebook page.



WHO WE ARE: Low income young people ages 16 to 24 work full-time toward GEDs or high school diplomas while learning job skills which enable them to build affordable housing in their communities.

OUR PROGRAMS PROVIDES

- \$7.25 per hour Training allowance stipend
- G.E.D. Instruction classes
- Integrated construction curriculum with a nationally recognized pre-apprenticeship certificate, NCCER
- Life skills training/Leadership training
- College preparation
- Civic and leadership development
- AmeriCorps college scholarship opportunities, \$1493

APPLY TODAY

YouthBuild KCK office, application pick-up:

1821 North 3rd Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
Phone: 913.371.3770

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

The Low Income Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit.

The 2015 application period is from Tuesday, January 20, 2015 through Tuesday, March 31st, 2015. Applications must be received prior to 5:00pm on March 31, 2015.

LIEAP eligibility: In order to qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- ◆ An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor.
- ◆ Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy.

The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level according to the guideline listed in the chart:

PERSONS LIVING AT THE ADDRESS	2014 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE MONTHLY INCOME
1	1,265
2	1,705
3	2,144
4	2,584
5	3,024
6	3,464
➔ \$440 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	

Benefit levels vary according to the following factors: Household income • Number of persons living at the address • Type of dwelling • Type of heating fuel

You may apply online at: www.dcf.ks.gov or by dialing 1-800-432-0043.

THE UTILITY TAX REBATE

The Unified Government offers a utility tax rebate to senior citizens during the first three months of the year.

The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount of utilities paid during the previous year. Persons applying must meet all three qualifications listed below:

- ⇒ Be 65 years of age during the entire tax year
- ⇒ Live in Kansas City, KS
- ⇒ Total household income must not exceed \$25,000
- ⇒ If you are eligible, your refund will be a total of:
 - ⇒ Gas franchise tax paid to Kansas Gas or Atmos Energy
 - ⇒ 90% of water pollution charges
 - ⇒ 6.9% of water and electricity paid to the Board of Public Utilities
 - ⇒ Franchise tax (special municipal charge) paid to SBC or AT&T
 - ⇒ Refund on city sales tax (based on income)
 - ⇒ The maximum refund is \$150.

Eligible persons should bring:

All gas, telephone, and BPU bills paid during the tax year
 Proof of income, i.e. social security, pension, interest, work, etc.

You may visit the Clerk’s office Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4pm on a first come, first serve basis. The Clerk’s office is located inside of City Hall at 701 North 7th Street, KCK 66101 on the 3rd floor.

To visit the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging & Disability Resource Center, you must schedule an appointment by dialing 913-573-8531. The ADRC will assist on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only.

The program runs from January 2, 2015 to March 31, 2015. For questions or more information regarding the Utility Tax Rebate Program, contact the Unified Government Clerk’s Office at 913-573-5260.

Minnesota Ave Disruptions

Beginning Monday, January 19th HOWCO Utilities, a contractor for AT&T will begin installing new cable in existing conduit at 10th & Minnesota Avenue and the work will proceed to 5th & Minnesota Ave. The project should take approximately 21 days. The work will block parking areas and will also disrupt traffic lanes.