During the month of February there is an extra feeling of LOVE in the air.

Have you considered finding ways to spread that love on to your neighbors? It may not be in the form of a tangible gift, a night out or even homemade gift. Here are a few suggestions to share all of that love that you have been holding to in these frigid cold temperatures:

- **Phone Call**—in a very automated world, it would be a nice surprise to receive a call from one of your neighbors.

- **Send a little note** - Handwriting has almost become a lost art. Let them see that you still have it on a nice piece of stationery or in a card.

- **Meet up**—Maybe offer the use of your home for coffee, sweet treats, lunch or dinner.

- **Meet a new neighbor**—Introduce yourself to someone that you don’t already know in the neighborhood.

- **Get Involved**—If your neighborhood has a neighborhood association or watch group, consider joining them. If there isn’t one, feel free to reach out to Livable Neighborhoods and we can get you all the tools you need to get started.

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### The Kansas City Kansas Police Department’s Spring Citizens Academy Announcement

The Kansas City Kansas Police Department Training Academy is now accepting applications for the Spring Citizens Police Academy, (class # 42), which begins Monday, March 5, 2018, and continues through Wednesday, April 25, 2018. The Citizens Police Academy classes are held twice a week (usually Monday and Wednesday evenings), from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The participants of the Citizens Academy receive lectures and training that our police officers have received and they are instructed by the men and women who work in their respective fields such as Crime Scene Investigations, SWAT Unit, Bomb Squad, Police Gun Range and much more. By graduation, the citizens will leave with a better understanding of police operations and the organization. Training topics and dates may change. The schedule may include a couple of Saturday mornings. Details will be discussed during class.

### QUALIFICATIONS

The minimum age is 18 years old. The Citizens Police Academy is free for residents, business owners or stakeholders of KCK/WYCO. All interested individuals must pass a criminal history background check. The Citizens Police Academy is held at the KCKPD Police Training Academy, 7340 State Ave. (on the KCKCC campus). Please Contact Officer Barajas at the KCKPD Training Academy by calling 913-596-2059, emailing him at Wbarajas@kckpd.org or, visiting the Police Academy for an application. Seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis.
The Low Income Energy 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 2018 LIEAP application period begins Tuesday, January 16, 2018 and ends March 31, 2018.

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

1. 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.
2. Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy.

Benefit levels vary according to the following factors:

- Household Income.
- Number of persons living at the address.
- Type of dwelling and type of heating fuel.

Inquiries may be directed to Division of Children and Family Services at 913-279-7171 or by dialing toll free 1-800-432-0043.

Senior Citizens Utility Tax Rebates 2018

The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) staff assists the Unified Government Clerk’s Office with the Senior Citizen’s Utility Tax Rebate Program (by appointment only). To qualify for this program you must:

1. Be a Kansas City, Kansas resident. Residents of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville are NOT eligible.
2. Be 65 years of age or older during the entire calendar year of 2017 (Born before January 1, 1952).
3. Gross household income from all sources, including that of your spouse shall not exceed $25,000.

If you are eligible, your refund will be the total of the following, not to exceed $150.

- Gas franchise tax paid to Kansas Gas or Atmos Energy
- 90% of water pollution control charges paid to the Board of Public Utilities
- 7.9% of water and electricity paid to the Board of Public Utilities
- Franchise tax (special municipal charge) paid to AT&T telephone
- A refund on city sales tax (based on income)

For Assistance:

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, 2018 to March 31, 2018. For questions or more information regarding the Utility Tax Rebate Program, contact the Unified Government Clerk’s Office at 913-573-5260.
Now Accepting 2018 Grant Applications
Deadline: March 1, 2018 by 5:00 pm CST

What is the Neighborhood Opportunity Grant? The Neighborhoods Rising Fund (NRF) is a funding collaborative that annually provides grants up to $3,000 for community-driven projects and initiatives that help build stronger and more effective neighborhood organizations in low- to moderate-income areas throughout the Greater Kansas City region. The NRF is managed by the Community Capital Fund and Greater Kansas City LISC.

Who is eligible?
To qualify, applicants must be a neighborhood association or 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization serving a neighborhood located in either a Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas low- to moderate-income census tract. See a map of eligible census tracts by downloading the 2018 NRF Guidelines + Application.

What types of projects qualify?
Proposed NRF projects should demonstrate: 1) a direct service or benefit to the community identified in the proposal. (501(c)3 tax-exempt organizations who are not neighborhood organizations must exhibit a strong, working relationship with the neighborhood or neighborhood association serving the proposed project location); 2) inclusivity to all members of a neighborhood; 3) an inclusive process was used to identify community need for the project; 4) support for long-range plans for neighborhood improvement; 5) can be completed by December 15, 2018; 6) financial feasibility; and 7) leveraged funding through strong partnerships, additional donations or grants, and in-kind community resources.

How do I apply?
Download and read the 2018 NRF Guidelines + Application. Other resources are available at www.ccfkansascity.org and you may consider attending an optional NRF Information Session. Submit your completed application to info@ccfkansascity.org by 5:00 pm CST on March 1, 2018.

Questions?
If your organization/project is located in Kansas City, Missouri, please contact Megan Crook, Community Capital Fund at (816) 502-9584 or info@ccfkansascity.org.

If your organization/project is located in Kansas City, Kansas, please contact Amanda Wilson, Greater Kansas City LISC at (816) 753-0055 or AWilson@lisc.org.
WARMING CENTERS – Wyandotte County, Kansas – Winter 2018

Should the National Weather Service issue a wind chill warning or advisory, the following facilities are open as Warming Centers in Wyandotte County. Addresses and hours available are as posted.

LIBRARIES are open and available during the hours listed for Warming Centers. Citizens will be asked to use the library resources while in the building. Using the library for sleeping purposes will not be allowed. It is a great place to come in during the day to get warm. Lots of reading materials!

KANSAS CITY KANSAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Main Branch
625 Minnesota Avenue, KCK
Hours: 8:30 AM till 8:30 PM, Monday through Thursday
8:30 AM till 5:00 PM, Friday and Saturday
1:00 PM till 5:00 PM, Sunday

South Branch
3104 Strong Avenue, KCK
Hours: 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM
Monday through Thursday
9:30 AM till 5:00 PM
Friday and Saturday
1:00 PM till 5:00 PM, Sunday

Wyandotte West Branch
1737 North 82 Street, KCK
Hours: 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM
Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM till 5:00 PM
Friday and Saturday
1:00 PM till 5:00 PM, Sunday

TURNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
831 South 55 Street, KCK
Hours: Noon till 8:00 PM
Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM till 5:00 PM, Friday
10:00 AM till 2:00 PM, Saturday
Closed on Sunday

TURNER RECREATION COMMISSION
831 South 55 Street, KCK
Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM
Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Saturday
Closed on Sunday

BONNER SPRINGS
EDWARDSVILLE LIBRARY
201 North Nettleton, Bonner Springs
Hours: 9:00 AM till 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday
9:00 AM till 5:00 PM, Saturday
1:00 PM till 5:00 PM, Sunday

BONNER SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER
200 East 3rd Street, Bonner Springs
Hours: 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION – Community Centers

Armourdale Community Center
730 Osage, KCK
Hours: 2:00 PM till 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday

Eisenhower Community Center
2901 North 72, KCK
Hours: 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday

Joe E Amayo Sr.
Argentine Community Center
2810 Metropolitan, KCK
Hours: 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday

Beatrice L. Lee Community Center
1310 N 10th St.,
Hours: 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday

Patricia Kane Community Center
3130 N 122nd St.
Hours: 2:00 PM till 9:00 PM
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday

KANSAS CITY KANSAS
CITY HALL LOBBY
701 North 7 Street, KCK
Hours: 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM
Monday through Friday

WILLA GILL CENTER:
645 Nebraska, KCK
Hours: 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM
2:00 PM till 5:00 PM
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM till 1:00 PM,
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

PUBLIC HOUSING HIGH RISE,
Cafeteria Area:
915 Washington Blvd, KCK
Hours: 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM Daily

PROVIDENCE YMCA
BALL FAMILY CENTER:
8601 Parallel Parkway, KCK
Hours: 5:30 AM till 9:00 PM,
Monday through Thursday
5:30 AM till 8:00 PM, Friday
7:00 AM till 6:00 PM, Saturday
8:00 AM till 5:00 PM, Sunday

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