

# Neighborhood News

## You're Invited

By Sherry Martin  
Unified Government

### Mayor Reardon to deliver 2009 State of the City Address

The Rotary Club of Kansas City will host Mayor Reardon's 2009 State of the City Address and Luncheon on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at the Reardon Civic Center, 520 Minnesota Ave. Kansas City, Kansas.

Reardon will address the current State of the City, the accomplishments that have been made under his leadership during the past years and offer highlights of what is on the horizon for the future.

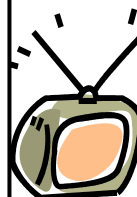
The reception will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a luncheon at 12 p.m. followed by the Mayor's Address at approximately 1 p.m. The cost to attend this event is \$20 per person. Neighborhood leaders will receive one free ticket. For additional information and to RSVP contact Jim Knight at 913-299-0466.

### First Meeting 2009

Liveable Neighborhood Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, January 22, 2009  
8:30 am  
Neighborhood Resource Center  
4601 State Ave.  
Kansas City Kansas



### Unified Government Television



Everyday at 10am, 3pm and 8pm, citizens can watch "Community Focus with Mayor Joe Reardon," and "Around the District," featuring UG Commissioners. At 7pm every night, an original show called "Wyandotte County Tour" is airing.

Live news and sports headlines run 24 hours a day across the bottom of the screen. UGTV is aired on Time Warner Cable channel 2 and Sunflower Cable channel 25.

Source: UG News

### First Floor First Friday

Mayor Reardon's First Floor first Friday will be Friday, January 9, in the Court House 710 N. 7th 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Citizen wishing to speak with the Mayor will have five minutes.

### Unified Government Offices will be closed to observe the following:

King Holiday  
Monday, January 19, 2009

## News and Notices

### UNIFIED GOVERNMENT NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

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The Unified Government Neighborhood Grant Program provides funds for neighborhood improvements or enhancements as identified by registered neighborhood groups. This program encourages citizens to take an active role in organizing their neighborhoods and prioritizing neighborhood needs to ensure the best use of City resources in the community. Approximately fifty Neighborhood Groups and NBR's received grants in 2008.

Liveable Neighborhoods administered the grants. To qualify for the Grant Program your organization/neighborhood group must be registered with Liveable Neighborhoods.

Groups that are registered with Liveable Neighborhoods also receive services that include copies for your neighborhood groups, newsletters, handouts, watch signs, technical support, phone tree service, mailings, and assistance solving neighborhood issues and problems.

### "Christmas Tree Drop Off"

Parks and Recreation will offer a Recycling "Christmas Tree Drop Off" program again this year at the following locations:

- City Park, 26th and Park Drive
- Alvey Park, South 49th and Metropolitan
- The Wyandotte County Park, 126th and State Ave.

Drop off locations will be open from mid December to the end of January.

### Building a Sustainable Earth Community Kansas City Second Annual Conference: "Breaking the Silence and Taking Action"

Reardon Civic Center, 520 Minnesota Ave. in KCK  
Friday, January 16, 5-10 PM  
Saturday, January 17, all day beginning at 9 AM - midnight

The focus is on seeking multicultural solidarity in addressing the global environmental crisis and creating local sustainability. Two major keynote speakers will be featured at the Saturday portion of the conference during the lunch and dinner banquets---David Korten, author of The Great Turning and David Cobb, from Democracy Unlimited, respectively. Author, educator, and poet Lloyd Daniel will be the keynote speaker on Friday, which will be held from 5-10pm and there will be an interfaith service on Sunday from 8:30-11:30am. The conference is sponsored by Kansas City Kansas Community College and Johnson County Community College.



### Join Keep America Beautiful (KAB), Operation Brightside Inc. Sprint and ReCellular in recycling old cell phones in celebration of America Recycles Day.

Together, we can help recycle the 130 million cell phones sitting unused in drawers and closets across America.

The goal of the Round-up is to raise awareness about cell phone recycling and collect retired cell phones. There are postage paid recycling envelopes in which you can place your old cell phones and batteries. Pick up your envelopes at Liveable Neighborhoods Inc. 4601 State Ave. or call 913-573-8737.



### NE Kansas City, KS Farm Business Developer: Job Opening

PO Box 6043  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-2444  
[www.kccua.org](http://www.kccua.org)

The Kansas City Center for Urban Agriculture is hiring a full-time Farm Business Developer to work at the Juniper Gardens Training Farm and in the surrounding community. KCCUA is a non-profit organization that promotes entrepreneurial food production in metropolitan Kansas City. This person will work with new farmers, community gardeners, and the general community to promote and help develop urban farm businesses in and around northeast Kansas City, KS. To apply: Cover letter, resume, and 2-3 writing samples to Katherine Kelly, [katherine@kccua.org](mailto:katherine@kccua.org) or by mail to KCCUA, PO Box 6043, Kansas City, KS 66106.



**Please join us at**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2009**  
**Painted Hills Golf Course**  
**7101 Parallel, Kansas City,**  
**KS**

**7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m**  
**for our free breakfast event**  
**to kickoff**

**March is Red Cross Month**  
**and**

**Then, meet us back at Painted Hills from**  
**5 p.m. to 7 p.m as we sponsor the**  
**Business After Hours**

**With the KCK Chamber of Commerce!**

**We hope you can join us!**

**RSVP to [BynumMeli@usa.redcross.org](mailto:BynumMeli@usa.redcross.org)**

**Or**

**913-321-6314**

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**Northeast Economic Development Corporation**

**By Royal Scott**

The Northeast Economic Development Corporation will be conducting monthly Home owner Education Class at the office in the Donald Sewing Building 1301 Quindaro Boulevard. The first class will be January 31 beginning at 10:00 until 2:00. NEDC is in partnership with Allstate Insurance, Champ Realty, Robert Hughes Development, Premier Group, Liberty Bank and LeaderOne Financial.

The class will provide information on credit restoration, responsibilities of loan officers, insurance agencies, and real estate agents, buying and selling a house, foreclosure options and other important information for home owners and buyers. It is a four hour class and certificates will be given to those who complete. You may also be eligible for down payment assistance and closing cost assistance if you are below the 80% median for low-moderate income families

The class is free and space is limited. You may call the NEDC office 913-766-3604 and make reservations now.

**SENIOR CITIZEN**

**Utility Tax Rebate To Begin**

Beginning January 2 thru March 31, 2009, senior citizens will be able to take advantage of a utility tax rebate. The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount paid for utilities during 2008. Persons applying must be 65 years of age during the entire year of 2008, live in the city of Kansas City, Kansas, and their total income not to exceed \$25,000. The maximum refund is \$300.

Applications will be taken at the Municipal Office Building East, 701 N. 7th St., Room 323, Kansas City, Kansas, in the Unified Government Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

The Area Agency on Aging, located in the First Community 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 2008; 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.

## ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS!!!

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, working in cooperation with your Unified Government, can help you address Lead-Based Paint Hazards in your home for **FREE** in order to **prevent lead poisoning in young children**. A state-certified risk assessor will inspect your home and determine the services needed to stabilize the lead-based paint in your home. Types of work may include removing and replacing windows and doors, as well as painting. **All inspections and lead hazard work are FREE for Homeowners (landlords will pay a small fee).**

### Owner-occupied property may qualify if:

- You own and occupy a home in Wyandotte County that was built before 1978.
- Your household income is less than 80% of the area's median income. For a family of 4, household income must be less than \$54,700.
- You have a child **6 years of age or younger** who lives in your home or visits your home often.
- For at least 5 years following lead hazard work on your property, you agree not to sell the property.

### Rental property may qualify if:

- You own rental property in Wyandotte County that was built before 1978, and has no more than 4 housing units.
- All rental units are occupied by or available to families with a household income at or below 80% of the area's median income.
- For at least 3 years following any lead hazard work on your property, you agree to give priority to families with a child under 6 years of age.
- For at least 5 years following lead hazard work on your property, you agree not to sell the property.

For more information, please contact us at: Project Lead-Safe KCK

1333 South 27th Street

Kansas City, KS 66106

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[www.unleadedks.com](http://www.unleadedks.com)

The **Kansas 511** Phone System, has also been enhanced over the past year, including:

- **Direction of travel** - Callers may now hear reports given in their direction of travel
- **Landmark descriptions** - New landmark descriptions should make route descriptions easier for callers to understand or locate on a map
- **Expanded menu** - Callers now select "7" for information for Nebraska or other neighboring states. Motor carrier information has also been added by selecting "4."  
**AMBER Alerts automated** to provide more real-time information when they occur.

Source UG News



*10 Month training program helping to change the lives of.  
Class begins January 12, 2009 (Ages 16-24)*

- Earn a GED or High School Diploma
- Build & rehab affordable housing
- Develop leadership skills
- Participate in community service projects
- Receive a \$ living allowance \$

An opportunity to earn a college scholarship through AmeriCorps

**YouthBuild Kansas City, Kansas**

**1821 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Kansas City, KS 66101**

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