



UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood News

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If you would like newsletters made, contact our office at (913) 573-8737 or email us at vmLiveableNeighbor@wycokck.org.

Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting 2015

Please join us for this years Liveable Neighborhoods meetings. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month 8:30am at the Neighborhood Resource Center 4953 State Ave.

- January 22nd
- February 26th
- March 26th
- April 23rd
- May 28th
- June 25th
- July 23rd
- August 27th
- September 24th
- October 22nd
- November— No meeting due to holiday
- December—no meeting due to holiday

For questions, suggestions for presentations or to get on the agenda for a future meeting please contact Andrea at ageneraux@wycokck.org or (913) 573-8645.

Martin Luther King Holiday Impacts Residential Trash & Recycling Services

Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on the Martin Luther King Day holiday on January 19, 2015 in Kansas City, Kansas. Service for both trash pickup and curbside recycling will be impacted the entire week. Monday pickup will be done on Tuesday. Tuesday pickup will be done on Wednesday. Wednesday pickup will be done on Thursday. Thursday pickup will be done on Friday. Friday pickup will be done on Saturday.

January Calendar of Events

- January 16th, Shepherd's Center Adventures in Learning 8:30am to 1:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church (3333 Wood Ave.) Call (913) 281-8908 for a lunch reservation.
- January 19th - All Unified Government offices will be closed in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- January 19th - 2015 KCK Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration. 11:00am-1:00pm at the Jack Reardon Civic Center (5th and Minnesota).
- January 22nd - Liveable Neighborhoods monthly meeting 8:30am at the Neighborhood Resource Center (4953 State Ave.)
- January 25th - The Shift: What it Means to be Bilingual in America 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Don Chisholm Building (610 East 22nd St. KCMO). A 6 hour workshop introduction to medical interpreting for people who speak English and Spanish. To register or for questions contact Jose A. Torres at jtorres@cmh.edu.
- January 27th - Liveable Neighborhoods Prevention Coalition meeting 2:00pm at the Neighborhood Resource Center (4953 State Ave.)
- January 31st - 3rd Annual Community Development Workshop. Contact Amanda Wilson at amanda@ccfkansascity.org or (816) 502-9584 for questions and registration.

Mayor's Holiday Lighting Tree Winners

Grand Prize - Neighbors Who Care
 First Place - Spring Valley Neighborhood
 Second Place - Cathedral Neighborhood
 Third Place - Riverview Neighborhood

3rd Annual Community Development Workshop

Saturday, January 31, 2015

at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center!

This Workshop is open to both Kansas and Missouri neighborhoods & organizations, this will be the first year for a bi-state workshop. This promises to be a powerful event, rich in experience and in learning from one another.

The Community Development Workshop is a unique community event that brings together stakeholders from the urban core of Kansas City - neighborhood associations, residents, nonprofits, public agencies, and others - to **learn, connect, and be empowered**. The event is free to attend though advance registration is required since previous events were filled to capacity. **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

With our partners, Greater Kansas City LISC and Communities Creating Opportunity (CCO), CCF is bringing several new features to the Community Development Workshop in 2015. Our popular interactive panel sessions and facilitated table networking will be featured along with a brand new community project mapping tool, and a keynote speech and conversation with Joyce Perkins, co-founder and former Executive Director of the acclaimed [Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative](#) (LANI).

Panel session topics include:

- Individual Leadership Training
- Leadership for Neighborhood and Youth Engagement
- Creative Place Making
- Crime and Safety in Neighborhoods and Commercial Corridors
- Building Partnerships and Collaborating with Others

Rebuilding Abandoned Homes

Panel descriptions are available on our [website](#).

Technical skill training topics include:

- Free Google Products Available for Individuals and Organizations
 - Running a Neighborhood Organization and Fulfilling Legal Requirements
 - Creating Effective Collaboration and Facilitating Meetings
- Marketing and Branding Your Neighborhood and Projects

For questions about the event, contact Amanda Wilson at amanda@ccfkansascity.org or (816) 502-9584. Learn more about the Community Development Workshop and register online [here](#) or click on the picture below.

Liveable Neighborhoods Taskforce 2015 Goals

The Liveable Neighborhoods Taskforce has had many successes and has been instrumental in creating great change in our community over the last 20 years. Although we have come a long way, we understand that there is more to be done. That is why over the last year Liveable Neighborhoods taskforce board began a strategic planning process in which they have outlined goals and objective to focus on over the next few years. These goals will be instrumental in providing new vision, celebrating accomplishments and defining partnerships. Each of the goals will be lead by a committee of board members and anyone interested in participating. If you are interested in helping with any of the goals listed below or being part of a committee, please contact Andrea at ageneraux@wycokck.org or (913) 573-8645.

Communication

- Build on current communication methods by exploring social media tools (i.e. Next Door, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and other mobile tools)
- Unified message/branding – marketing
- Hear from and communicate with neighborhoods (i.e. Engage more people, keep grassroots informed about development, utilize focus groups, diverse communication One on One communication)
- Telling the Liveable Neighborhoods Story

Organization/Coordinating

- Neighborhood Training (Create training for neighborhoods (like KCNA), develop a neighborhood conference (like Cruise KC), training community about Community Policing, raining on how to facilitate conversations on development and zoning.)
- Organizing as a Non Profit (Work on getting 501©3 status, Review Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation)
- Youth Involvement (Education from young people, youth Advisory Committee)

Tie Grassroots Leadership

- Enhanced Board development
- Defining relationship of NBRs and Liveable Neighborhoods

Work with Government as a Whole

- Aligning of UG and Liveable Neighborhood Goals
- Work on tracking progress