NOTICE: There will not be a July Liveable Neighborhoods meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday August 25, 2011.

ATTENTION: ALL RESIDENTS OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND a public hearing to be held on Thursday evening, July 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Unified Government Board of Commissioners Chambers in the Lobby of the Municipal Office Building. The public hearing is being co-sponsored by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Departments of Budget and Community Development. The purpose of this meeting is to request public comment for the upcoming Unified Government’s revised 2011 and proposed 2011 budgets. In addition, the public hearing is being held to receive public comment on housing and community development needs, including non-housing community development needs for the 2011 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and budget.

The 2011 Consolidated Annual Action Plan includes the following program applications: 37th Year Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), 2011 HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program, and the 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). At the time of this publication, HUD may not have informed the Unified Government of the amount of entitlement funds that will be received by the City for the programs described above. However, the need for public comment is essential to meeting anticipated timelines that require citizen participation.

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Department of Community Development is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Department’s mission is to provide safe, sanitary, and attractive housing to the city’s low and moderate-income residents and to preserve and revitalize the community’s neighborhoods.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!
The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas will make reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities on an as needed basis provided adequate notice (48 hours prior to) is given to the ADA Coordinator. If you require accommodations, please contact the Office of Disabilities at 573-5680 (V) or 573-5681 (TTY).

Copies provided by Community Block Grants.
July Calendar of Events

7/01/2011—7/31/2011
Legends 14 Theatre Free Summer Movies
Legends 14 Theatres 1841 Village West Parkway
(913) 428-2978 or www.phoenixtheatres.com
Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10:00am Free
Free special G and PG rated movies every Tuesday and
Wednesdays at 10:00am, during the months of June and July.

7/02/2011
Quindaro Family Health Care and Oak Grove Neighborhood
Association Block Party and Community BBQ
530 Quindaro Blvd. KCK 66101
Free food and prizes for kids and adults! Come on out for good
food, good fun and a chance to hang with your neighborhood.

Job Fair: Under Armour
Legends Shopping Outlet
913-548-8479 or www.juneteenthkck.com
Fri. and Sat. 9:00am - 5:00pm each day
Armour, known for its sports gear, performance sports apparel, athletic shoes, and workout accessories, will be conducting a job fair at the Legends Shopping Outlet. The Workforce Partnership Mobile Unit will be on hand and job applications will be taken on these days.

7/13/2011
Lyrics at the library: The Grisly Hand
KCKPL: Argentine Library at 625 Minnesota Ave.
(913) 551-3280
12:00pm Free
Enjoy the music of The Grisly Hand, winner of the Pitch Music Award for best folk/Americana band.

Local Farmers Markets
Buy fresh, buy local!

Rosedale Farmers Market
May 1 to September 25, Sundays 12-3 p.m.
340 Southwest Boulevard (corner of Rainbow Blvd and Southwest Blvd)
For more information contact:
www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com
info@rosedalefarmersmarket.com or
913-645-7826

Grinter House Market
June 4 to October 22, Saturdays
Grinter House Barn 1400 South 78th Street
For more information contact:
grinter@kshs.org
(913) 299-0373 or

KCK Green Farmers Market
June 1st - September 28th
Strawberry Hill (6th and Taurome)
Wednesdays 8:00am to sell out
Juniper Gardens (3rd and Richmond)
Monday's 9:30am to 1:00pm
The market doubles the Senior Vouchers and the SNAP/Vision program.
For more information contact:
Rachel at (913) 909-1027

Important Phone Numbers
City questions and complaints . . . . . . . . . . 311
Police Non-Emergency . . . . (913) 596-3000
Liveable Neighborhoods . . . . (913) 573-8737
Community Policing . . . . . . (913) 573-8720
Code Enforcement . . . . . . . (913) 573-8600
Animal Control . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 321-1445
BPU . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 573-9000
Deffenbaugh . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 631-3300
Potholes . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 573-8307
Dispute Resolution . . . . . . . (913) 573-5225
Fire Department . . . . . . . . . . . . . . (913) 573-5550
2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2011. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15. The site is located at 2443 South 88th Street in Kansas City, Kansas. (South on 88th Street from K-32) or (East of I-435 using Woodend exit near Kaw River)

When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items accepted include tires (limit of 10 tires and rims need to be removed), motor oil, batteries, antifreeze, degreasers, paints, varnishes, solvents, lawn & garden insecticides/pesticides, and household cleaning products. For additional information call 573-5400.

New location for the Back to School Fair

By Diane Hentges, Director of the Volunteer Center at the United Way of Wyandotte County

This will be the 10th year for the Wyandotte County Back to School Fair. The goal of the Fair is that students in Wyandotte County will start school with basic school supplies. This year the Fair will take place on Saturday August 6, 2011 at Kansas City Kansas Community College. The venue has changed locations in the county over the past 10 years. However, the need for volunteers to help make this event a success has not changed. It fact, it is estimated that the fair will require about 40 more volunteers than in past years. Since the inception, over 15,000 students have been served. Each student receives a backpack; pencil box with pencils, pens and eraser; notebooks, notebook paper and 3-ring binder; glue, markers, crayons, scissors and a ruler.

The success of this project relies on contributions from the community. Donations of goods to fill the backpacks, or dollars to purchase items are needed as well as the contribution of your time. Volunteers are needed prior to the event to help sort supplies and to pack the back pack for the various grade levels. On the day of the event your help is needed with set-up, registration, distribution of the backpacks, library books, food, and help keep the site neat and tidy; and then of course help with general clean-up after the event. Over a hundred volunteers are needed on the day of the event.

If you would like to volunteer to make the Back To School Fair a big success; go to http://wycobacktoschoolfair.com/volunteer.html and register on-line as a volunteer. You can also call Diane at the Volunteer Center, the United Way of Wyandotte County, 913-371-3674. This is a wonderful opportunity for groups looking for a service project. If you would like to make a financial contribution or donate school supplies, please contact Dola Williams, Communities In Schools at 913-562-0411.

For more information on how you can GIVE, ADVOCATE, and VOLUNTEER please contact me at 913-371-3674 or at dhentges@unitedway-wyco.org. You can find volunteer opportunities by checking out our website, www.unitedway-wyco.org and click on Volunteer.
CARPORT ORDINANCE: The Code of Ordinance which previously excluded the use of metal siding and metal roofing has been amended to allow the use of metal siding and roofing providing the following exceptions are met: Metal can be used for the walls of a unit provided they have a factory applied and painted finish closely matching the color of the pantry structure or; if using a metal roof, the color must be a factory applied and painted finish that closely matches the roof color of the primary structure itself if the roof and walls are to be the same color.

Property owners with existing metal carports will have until December 31, 2011 (information was originally distributed in 2009) to bring their metal carport/garage into compliance or to remove the metal carport/garage. To take advantage of the 2011 and of year date, metal carport/garage owners/applicants must submit a metal carport/garage permit application and a $25.00 application/permit fee to the Unified Government Division of Building Inspections at 4601 State Ave, Suite 88. If you have questions or would like more information go to www.wycokck.org or call (913) 573-8620

PACES offers Free Parenting Classes

PACES is a non-profit agency dedicated to helping kids with emotional and behavioral health concerns and their families. Our goal is to help kids, heal families and create hope on the road to recovery. We want kids and families in Wyandotte County to live happy, healthy lives. We are a member of the Wyandot Inc. Family of organizations, dedicated to addressing the diverse needs of Wyandotte County community.

PACES offers wraparound services for children identified as having a Severe Emotional Disturbance or SED. These services bring the youth, his/her family and the family’s support system together so everyone is working toward a common goal: the youth’s recovery and improved quality of life for the youth and family. The support system may include teachers, grandparents, ministers or others identified by the family as important persons in your life. Services include therapy, psychiatric and medication services, case management and groups to help teach and model social skills.

PACES provides several services to the community-at-large. We operate an emergency shelter to serve youth in police protective custody due to abuse or neglect. And, PACES also works in partnership with the Wyandotte County District Court to provide a neutral, safe site for supervised visits involving families going through the courts due to divorce or custody cases. A parent can leave a child for a supervised visit with another parent through our Exchange and Visitation program.

We offer an array of Free Public Parenting classes, with topics that include “Building Children’s Self Esteem,” “Disciplining Kids Without Screaming,” “The Challenge of Parenting Early Teens” and “Blended Families – Parenting the Children of Others.” These classes are offered free to the public and a monthly schedule is available at www.paceswc.org, or by contacting Nona Boyd at 913-328-4803, or by emailing her at Boyd_no@wmhci.org.

Are you a Senior Citizen living in Kansas? (60+)

Is your yearly income less than $20,036?

Then you may qualify for $30.00 in Senior Vouchers, doubled at the KCK Farmer’s Market.

Call the Harvesters Customer Care line at 816-929-3220 to find a location near you to pick up your vouchers.

Notification of UG Clerk-West Department relocation:

We apologize for the inconvenience but the Unified Government Clerk-West Department has moved:

* If you are in need of changes related to: Addresses for Property Tax Statements Name corrections or updates to previously filed deeds.
* Homestead Rebate program.
* Appliance Rebate Applications (program expires 6/30/11)
* SAFE Senior Tax Refund

Our new address is in the City Hall Building, directly across the street at 701 N. 7th St, 3rd Floor, Suite 318. You may also reach us at 913-573-2876.