Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood News
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KCK Introduces Dotte Meals
Kids in Kansas City, Kansas can receive up to two meals a day through the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (KCKPS) district’s ‘Dotte Meals program. The meals will be served in June and July at 40 locations across the city.

“The program is like the district’s existing free-lunch or afterschool meal programs,” said Gwen Childs, KCKPS’s Nutritional Services Operations Manager.

“‘Dotte Meals is meant to reach more children and teens, regardless of whether those kids are in summer school.”

Last year, KCKPS had approximately 30 summer meals locations that served an average of 950 breakfast and 1,600 lunch meals daily. But the district is hoping to reach a significantly larger number of children.

This year, any child between the ages of 1 and 18 can come and have breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday during June and July. All children in the area – including over 21,000 students in the district – are eligible to eat these summer meals. Meanwhile, Wyandotte County was recently noted as having the highest rate of “food insecurity” (lack of access to nutritious food) in Kansas.

Each site determines the exact dates and times they serve the meals, which are listed on the KCKPS district website. The meals will be served at 40 locations across Kansas City, Kansas, including schools, community centers, and even apartment complexes.

In addition to the increased reach of the program, ‘Dotte Meals will put a new focus on nutrition. Promotional materials for the program introduce kids to characters like Ms. Strawberry and Mr. Broccoli that represent the healthy ingredients that will be used in meals served to students.

“We’re not just trying to feed more kids, we’re trying to sell them (and their parents) on the value of healthy eating,” says Childs.

More information about ‘Dotte Meals can be found at kckps.org/schools or by calling 2-1-1 in KCK.

‘Dotte Meals is part of the Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) initiative, organized by the National League of Cities. KCKPS and Healthy Communities Wyandotte are partners in this initiative.

Source: Healthy Communities Wyandotte
**July Calendar of Events**

**07/18/2014** Adventures In Learning (Shepherd’s Center)  
Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Wood Ave.  
913-281-8908 or www.shepherdscenterkck.org  
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Call for a lunch reservation. Join us for adventures in learning. Meet a friend, make a friend.

**07/24/2014** Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting  
Free - everyone welcome 8:30am-10:00am  
Neighborhood Resource Center (4953 State Ave.)  
913-573-8737 or vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org  
Come learn about important programs and services available in your community. Also get updates on what's happening at city hall, the KCKPD and the WYCO Sheriffs Department.

**07/03/2014** Fire Works Display at Pierson Park  
1800 South 55th Street 9:45 (after sunset)  
Turner Recreation Commission  
(913) 287-2111 or www.turnerrec.com  
Turner Recreation Commission in conjunction with the KCK Unified Government of Wyandotte County Parks and Recreation and Pro Fireworks Unlimited, Inc. present a Fireworks Display at Pierson Park. No personal fireworks are allowed in the park.

For more information about events in Wyandotte County go to www.visitkansascityks.com and go to www.wycokck.org and register for the UG E-News.

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**Local Farmers Markets**

**Rosedale Farmers Market**  
May 18, 2014 to September  
Sundays 10:30am-2 p.m.  
4020 Rainbow Blvd.  
(Commerce Bank Parking Lot)  
For more information contact:  
www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com  
info@rosedalefarmersmarket.com or Call 913-677-5097

**KCK Farmers’ Market**  
June - October  
Strawberry Hill (6th and Ann)  
Wednesdays 7:30 to sellout  
Jupiner Gardens (3rd and Richmond)  
Mondays 7:30am - to sellout  
Catholic Charities (2220 Central)  
Tuesdays 7:30am - to sellout  
The market doubles the Senior Vouchers and the SNAP/Vision program.  
For more information contact:  
Rachel at (913) 909-1027

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**Night Out Against Crime**  
August 5, 2014 5:00pm  
National Guard Armory (18th and Ridge)  
Prizes, Fun and Information!  
- Kids come out for a Yoyo demonstration and competition. Adults are invited to relive their yoyo days.  
- Community groups working together  
- First 100 adults who belong to a registered neighborhood group will receive a free t-shirt!  
- Meet with members of our local police and sheriff department  
- Meet elected officials

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**Free Family Friendly Films at the Legends 14 Theatres**  
1841 Village West Parkway  
Doors open at 9:00am movies start at 10:00am.  
This event is a FREE family friendly films offered over the summer! All ages and groups welcome. Snack Pack Combos Available. Seating is limited to availability.  
**July 1-3**: Despicable Me 2 and Rugrats In Paris  
**July 8-10**: The Croods and Wallace and Gromit: Cures of the Were-Wolf  
**July 15-17**: Cloudy With A Chance of Meatball 2 and Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked  
**July 22-24**: Epic and Doogal  
**July 29-31**: Turbo and Tale of Despereaux

For more information go to www.phoenixtheatres.com
**Washing Your Car Can Impact Water Quality**

Citizens don’t realize that if they wash their car on their driveway or on the street that the dirty, polluted water ends up going down the storm drain and into streams, rivers, and lakes untreated. Dirty water from washing your car can include soaps, detergents, residue from exhaust fumes, gasoline, heavy metals from rust, and motor oils.

Phosphates from soap can cause excess algae to grow in water. Excessive algae smell bad and harm water quality. As algae decay, this process uses up oxygen in the water that fish need.

Many residents don’t realize how their everyday habits impact our region’s water quality. Even small amounts of pollution from an activity such as washing your car can add up to big problems when it occurs throughout the Kansas City region. Remember: if it’s on the ground, it’s in our water.

As you wash your car, what can you do to help reduce stormwater pollution?

1. The best way to minimize the effect of washing your car on the environment is to take your car to a commercial car wash. The average homeowner uses 116 gallons to water to wash a car. Most commercial car washes use 60% less water for the entire process than a homeowner uses just to rinse the car.

2. If washing your car at home, wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel or grass. This can filter water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or streams. Avoid washing cars on concrete or asphalt pavement unless it drains into a vegetated area.

3. If washing your car at home, use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water based cleaners only. To minimize water usages use a spray gun with flow restriction to minimize water use and runoff. Always empty wash buckets into sinks or toilets.

4. **Car Fund Raisers:** When planning a car wash fundraiser, try developing a partnership with a commercial car wash facility or wash on an area that absorbs water, such

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**2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set**

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2014. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 19, August 16, September 20, and October 18. 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.

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**July Fourth Impacts Residential Trash & Recycling Services**

Deffenbaugh will be observing July 4th as a holiday. Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on Friday the 4th of July in Kansas City, Kansas. Friday, July 4th pick up will be done on Saturday, July 5th.

**Reminder:** All Unified Government and BPU offices will be closed Friday July 4, 2014.
Kansas Open Carry Legislation

On July 1, 2014 the Kansas Open Carry statute goes into effect. This means that persons within the State of Kansas will be allowed to openly carry a firearm. This includes a firearm in a holster, a rifle on a sling or someone simply pointing the firearm in a safe direction while carrying it. There are a few exceptions to this law;

- A person may not possess a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics that causes them to be incapable of safely operating the firearm.
- A person may not possess a firearm who is both addicted to and an unlawful user of a controlled substance.
- A convicted felon may not possess a firearm.
- A person may not be suffering from a mental illness that would be cause for involuntary commitment.
- A person under 18 may not possess a firearm with a barrel less than 12 inches.
- Automatic weapons are prohibited.
- A shotgun shall not have a barrel of less than 18 inches.
- A person may not possess a firearm on any unified school district or accredited nonpublic school property or in attendance of school events for grades K-12
- For more detail please refer to K.S.A. 23-6301.

Business owners within Kansas City, Kansas may prohibit the carrying of firearms into their business by posting the proper signage. The link to the proposed signs and regulations is; http://ag.ks.gov/public-safety/concealedcarry/2014-proposed-signage.

The Board of Trustees of a Community College may restrict or prohibit the open carry or concealed carry into some or all buildings. A Municipality as defined by K.S.A. 2013 Supp 75-7c20, may adopt personnel policies to restrict the concealed carry of handguns in the municipal building in which the employee’s work place is located if the building is exempt from the provisions of K.S.A. 2013 Supp 75-7c20 or if the building is posted as prohibiting concealed carry and adequate security measures are provided.

Source: Kansas City, Kansas Police Department

Job Opportunity for an Executive Director Position

The Historic Northeast-Midtown Association (HNMA), a 501©3 nonprofit, is seeking a full-time Executive Director. HNMA is a Neighborhood Business Revitalization organization with a service area bounded by the Missouri River to the North and East, Washington Blvd. to 18th St. and Minnesota Ave. from 18th to I-635 on the South, and I-635 to the West.

The qualified applicant should have excellent inter-personal skills, with the ability to interact with a diverse population of individuals and organizations. Strong written and oral communication and organizational skills are required. Applicant should possess a solid working knowledge of Office Suite software.

Some evening and weekend time is necessary. Experience with a start-up organization, nonprofit management, working with a Board of Directors, recruiting and managing volunteers, fundraising, grant writing, and program creation and management are a definite plus.

Applicant must live within Wyandotte County, preferably within service area, and have reliable transportation, valid Kansas driver’s license, and proof of insurance. Applicant should submit a cover letter, resume, 3 references with contact information, and salary requirement to Selection Committee, HNMA, P.O. Box 172403, Kansas City, KS 66117 or email hnama.2012@gmail.com. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. Deadline for applying is July 4, 2014.