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Livable Neighborhood News

Mission of Livable Neighborhoods
To improve the quality of life in our community through organized neighborhood and government partnerships that provide information, training, resources, and a forum for open discussion

Office: Neighborhood Resource Center, 4953 State Ave
Hours: 8-5 pm Monday through Friday
Contact: livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org or 913-573-8737

x MARK YOUR CALENDARS x

Good Neighbor Training
LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Law Enforcement Panel
July 22, 2019
Light Meal provided
Please RSVP at 913-573-8737 or livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org
Neighborhood Resource Center
Conference Room
4953 State Avenue

Good Neighbor Trainings are held the fourth Monday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend. There a new topic each month featuring

Next
Livable Neighborhood Meeting
July 25th @ 8:30 AM
Neighborhood Resource Center
Conference Room
4953 State Avenue

Attention all Neighborhood Groups!!!!
ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!!

Join NCPP at this year’s
Night Out Against Crime

Prizes will be awarded to the Group:
• With most creative table display
• With most members participating

Each group is asked to provide a door prize for the raffle.

For more information about participating, contact:
LaMonica at 913-573-8737 or via email at livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org

Stay connected with us via Facebook or
Receive our weekly e-news by emailing livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org
Copies provided by the Community Development Block Grant
Proper Handling of Pet Waste

During a rainfall, water runs across rooftops, down driveways, streets and across parking lots and yards, picking up substances along the way. This stormwater “runoff” often contains materials such as pet waste. Runoff then washes down storm drains, eventually reaching local rivers and streams where it can pose significant risks to people and wildlife. Every time it rains, thousands of pounds of pet waste wash down storm drains into streams, rivers, and lakes.

A recent United States Geological Survey study of streams and creeks in the Kansas City region showed that bacteria associated with pet waste is the source of approximately 25% of the bacteria in samples collected from local waterways. When pet waste is disposed of improperly, water quality is not the only thing that suffers—your health may be at risk also. Adults working in their gardens, children playing outside and family pets are the most at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.

Many residents don’t realize how their everyday habits impact our region’s water quality. Even small amounts of pollution can add up to big problems when it comes from an area the size of the Kansas City region. Leaving pet waste in yards and on streets can be hazardous for our neighborhoods and the environment. Remember: if it’s on the ground, it’s in our water.

What can I do?

- Pickup pet waste from your yard. It is not a fertilizer.
- Carry disposable bags while walking your dog to pickup and dispose of waste properly. When you dispose of pet waste in the trash, wrap it carefully to avoid spilling during collection.
- If you bury pet waste in your yard, bury it at least 12 inches deep and cover with at least eight inches of soil to let it decompose slowly. Bury the waste in several different locations and keep it away from vegetable gardens. Do not bury in clay soils.
- Contact your local homeowners association about residents picking up pet waste in their yards as well as when they walk their dogs in the subdivision.

### 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

| Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents include the following Saturdays: July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19, 2019. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on those Saturdays. | Home improvement products accepted include concrete cleaner, driveway sealer, furniture stripper, glue with solvents, latex & oil based paints, paint thinner, putty, grout, calc & spackle, roofing tar, stain varnish & lacquer, turpentine, water-based glues, and wood preservatives. |
| Wyandotte County residents need to take their household hazardous products to 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) The HHW Days are not for business or nonprofit groups. | Household items include aerosol products, drain & oven cleaners, mothballs, nail polish remover, polishes with solvents, spot remover, and propane cylinders. |
| When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items accepted include automotive products, home improvement products, household items, as well as lawn and garden products. | Lawn and garden products include fertilizer with weed killer, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodent bait. |
| Automotive products accepted include auto batteries, brake fluid, carburetor cleaner, degreasers, gasoline & fuels, and used motor oil. In addition, residents can bring 10 car and/or pickup tires if the rims are removed from the tires. | For additional information call 913-573-8318 or 913-573-5400. |
Reducing Waste Through Food Safety

Practicing food safety methods and reducing food waste go hand in hand. You are not saving food if you do not take proper care to ensure that it remains safe to eat because food spoils more quickly and quality suffers, leading to more food thrown away.

Taking advantage of the USDA’s FoodKeeper app is a great way to learn more about how to store all kinds of food properly. The app is free and designed for both Apple and Android users.

The most important part of food safety is storing your food properly. Make sure you put perishable foods in the fridge after two hours of being out (one hour if it’s 90 degrees or warmer outside), unless you are keeping them hot or cold. Be sure to store items that could possibly contaminate other foods (like raw meat and poultry) on a bottom shelf and/or in a container to catch drips. It’s also important to keep your fridge organized so that you can keep track of what you already have and can eat things that will go bad soon first.

Pay attention to your food date labeling, but it is not the final word on whether your food is still good. Because there are no federal regulations on how to date food (except for infant formula), labels are inconsistent and can lead to perfectly good food being thrown out. They serve as a good guide for quality, but using your senses is often a better way to tell if something is still okay to eat. If the texture, color, smell, or taste is off, don’t eat it and throw it away, composting if possible. Risking your own health and safety with food poisoning is not worth the food you might save.

That being said, keep track of what you buy but end up throwing away because you never ate it. If there are a few repeat offenders, consider not buying that product or buying less of it. Is your gallon of milk always going bad before you can finish the last few cups? Try buying a half gallon instead. Never get a chance to finish the last of your apples? Buy fewer, or share with a neighbor or friend if you don’t think you’ll be able to finish them.

Much of food safety and waste reduction don’t require much more than common sense, but whenever working with raw or undercooked meats like pork and chicken, practice safe handwashing and be sure to avoid contamination between cutting boards and knives by keeping your meats and other products separate. Meats should all be cooked to a safe internal temperature, whole cuts of red meat should be cooked to 145 °F, ground meat should be cooked to 160 °F, and poultry should be cooked to 165 °F. For more information on safe cooking temperatures and other food safety practices, check out the USDA and FDA.

KCK let’s represent!! Nominate your favorite person/organization for the 2019 Thrive Event!

http://www.lisc.org/kansas-city/regional-stories/thrive-honoree-nominations-are-open/
The KCK Farmers' Market

We accept cash, debit, SNAP (food stamps), Kansas Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers.

The KCK Farmers' Market operates THREE locations in Wyandotte County.

June 11th - October 7:30am - sellout

Tuesday
In front of Catholic Charities
2220 Central Ave, KCK 66102

Wednesday
Behind the Health Department
6th & Taurome, KCK 66101

Thursday
At KCK Community College
Campus Blvd & Argentine Lane, KCK 66112

SUNDAYS
10am - 2:00 pm
Commerce Bank
4020 Rainbow Blvd. KCK

www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com

A network of farmers' markets in Wyandotte County featuring local producers!

The Unified Government Offices will be closed in Observance of

Thursday, July 4, 2019

July Fourth Impacts Residential Trash & Recycling Services

Waste Management Inc. will be observing Thursday, July 4th as a holiday. Waste Management Inc. will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on the 4th of July in Kansas City, Kansas. Thursday pickup will be done on Friday. Friday pickup will be done on Saturday. The holiday will not impact pickup of Mon-

Wyandotte County Fair 2019

July 9-13, 2019

Admission

Tuesday - Thursday 5-10pm
Friday 5-11pm
Saturday noon to 11pm

$2.50 per person before July 9th
$5.00 per person July 9-13th

***ages 12 and under are free

Parking $5