**Juneteenth Parade And Celebration**
June 15th –16th

**The Celebration at Big 11 Lake:**
Friday - Bands in the park: The vigil will begin at 6pm and the bands will play afterwards. We will feature at least two local bands.
Saturday - The celebration will begin at 12:00pm. There will be entertainment, vendors, informational booths, a car/truck show and much more.

**The Parade:**
The parade will begin at 10:00am and will go from 7th and Quindaro to 18th street to Washington Blvd to Big 11 Lake.

For more information:
(913) 548-8479
(913) 963-1118 or go to www.juneteenthkck.com.

**Voter ID Information**

If you're a registered voter, bring one of these to the polls: Driver's License, Non-driver ID Card, Concealed Carry Handgun License, U.S. Passport, Government Employee ID, U.S. Military ID, Kansas College ID, or Government Public Assistance ID. (See List of IDs at www.kssos.org for more detailed descriptions.)

**Changes in Kansas Voting Law**
On April 18, 2011, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed the Kansas Secure and Fair Elections (S.A.F.E.) Act into law. Sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State, this website contains information every voter should know about changes impacting elections under the S.A.F.E. law.

**Starting January 1, 2012:**
1. Kansas voters must show photographic identification when casting a vote in person; and
2. Kansas voters must have their signature verified and include a copy of an acceptable form of photographic identification or provide a full Kansas driver's license or non-driver ID number when voting by mail.

**Starting January 1, 2013:** Persons registering to vote for the first time in Kansas must prove U.S. citizenship when registering to vote. You can find more information on the list of IDs at http://www.kssos.org.

**July 4th 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 Wednesday the 4th of July in Kansas City, Kansas. Service for both trash pickup and curbside recycling for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week will be impacted. Wednesday July 4th pickup will be done on Thursday. Thursday July 5th pickup will be done on Friday. Friday July 6th pickup will be done on Saturday. Monday, July 2nd and Tuesday, July 3rd pickup will not be impacted by the Fourth of July.

Copies provided by Community Block Grants.
June Calendar of Events

06/08/2012
KCK Second Friday Art Walk
Downtown KCK (multiple venues)
913-371-0024 www.kckartsnetwork.com
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Free
A celebration of art, art spaces and art lovers in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Several galleries will be included in the art walk.

06/05/2012 - 07/25/2012
The Legends 14 Theatre Free Summer Movies
Legends Outlets Kansas City (1843 Village West Parkway)
(913) 788-3700 or www.legendsshopping.com
The Legends 14 has free G and PG rated films every Tuesday and Wednesday in June and July. Doors open at 9 am (movies start at 10am) and although seating is on a first come, first serve basis, there is no age limit for moviegoers. The Legends 14 offers a discounted Kid's Meal and a bunch of great movies this summer to beat the heat.

06/15/2012
Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center) Free
First Baptist Church 29th and Minnesota 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
913-281-8908 or www.shepherdscenterkck.org
Call for a lunch reservation. Join us for adventures in learning. Meet a friend or make a friend.

06/28/2012
Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting Free—everyone welcome
Neighborhood Resource Center (4601 State Ave. SE Corner)
8:30am-10:00am
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.

07/06/2012
Li'l Legends Kids Club (Free)
Legends Outlets Kansas City (1843 Village West Parkway)
11:00am to 12:00pm
(913) 788-3700 or www.legendsshopping.com
A free event hosted by Legends Outlets Kansas City and Radio Disney AM 1190 every first Friday of the month for children 12 and under. The first month’s “green” theme will incorporate “recycle crafts.” Kids will create something using only aluminum foil and newspaper. Face painters and balloon artists will add more fun to the event.

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.

Please remember that all Unified Government offices will be closed Wednesday July 4, in honor of Independence Day.
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 pet 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 and water sources. Do not bury in clay soils.
- Contact your local homeowners association about educating residents of picking up pet waste in their yards as well as when they walk their dogs in the subdivision.

Source: Mid America Regional Council website on Water Quality

Ideas to Reduce the Volume of Household Hazardous Waste

Many communities across the United States hold household hazardous waste collection days in which residents can bring in motor oil, batteries, degreasers, paints, varnishes, solvents, insecticides, pesticides, and household cleaning products to be properly disposed of. One of the best ways to reduce the amount of household hazardous waste generated is for residents to consider using safer alternatives whenever possible. The following are examples of some of these alternatives.

All Purpose Cleaners:

Vinegar and Salt: Mix together for a good surface cleaner.

Baking Soda: Dissolve 4 tablespoons baking soda in 1 quart warm water for a general cleaner or use baking soda on a damp sponge. Baking soda will clean and deodorize all kitchen and bathroom surfaces.

Drain Cleaners and Drain Openers:

Salt and Baking Soda. Pour ½ cup of salt and ½ cup of baking soda down the drain. Follow with 6 cups of boiling water. Let it sit overnight and then flush with water. The hot water should help to dissolve the clog and the baking soda and salt serve as an abrasive to break through the clog.

Lime & Mineral Deposit Remover:

Vinegar and Paper Towels. Hard lime deposits around faucets can be softened for easy removal by covering the deposits with vinegar-soaked paper towels. Leave the paper towels on for about one hour before cleaning. It will leave chrome clean and shiny.

For Metal and Plastic Showerheads:

To remove deposits which may be clogging your metal showerhead, combine ½ cup white vinegar and one quart water. Completely submerge the showerhead and boil for 15 minutes. If you have a plastic showerhead, combine 1 pint white vinegar and 1 pint hot water. Then completely submerge the showerhead and soak for about one hour.

Source: Clean and Safe: A booklet on safer alternative to hazardous household materials. Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County
Free Workshops

**Depression and Suicide In Teens** Catrina Bennett  
Fri., June 15, 2012 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Faith Deliverance Family Worship Center 3043 State Ave., KCKS

**Identifying and Treating Mental Health Conditions in African American Youth Workshop** Pam Taylor, PhD, LPC  
Thurs., June 21, 2012; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church 9301 Parallel Pkwy, KCKS

**More Information or to Register:**  
For program flyer with details go online to www.mhah.org and click on "CALENDAR OF EVENTS". For registration, please contact Stacy Davis at 913-201-2221, ext.112 or sdavis@mhah.org

**Who Should Attend:**  
Each workshop will be of benefit to persons with depression and related mental health conditions, their families and significant others, as well as care providers. The community and healthcare professionals are also welcome to attend.

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FreeWheels For Kids

**Overview:**  
Kids can do a whole lot more than adults give them credit for! In six classes, kids 12 and up will repair a bike for themselves and for someone else, learn the skills they need to maintain and safely ride their bikes anywhere, and earn a refurbished bike.

**How it works:**  
Up to 15 youth at each program site learn the basics of bicycle repair while carefully overhauling and repairing donated children’s bikes, which are given to younger children. After three sessions, they are allowed to choose a donated bicycle of their own to refurbish and keep!

Youth who “earn-a-bike” are encouraged to come back to help others learn as volunteers in later classes, as well as to get out and go on group rides on their new bikes. These Master Mechanics are the core of our program, and youth who stay involved get the most out of our offerings.

The last three sessions are focused on repairing the bicycle the youth will keep and on learning how to ride safely. The very last thing we will do as a group is go on a ride together around the neighborhood!

If you are interested in a program like this in your area, please contact Ben Alexander Director, FreeWheels for Kids at 913-205-3073 or go to http://www.freewheelskc.org

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Codes Corner

**Inspector Spotlight**  
**Glen Newbill**

Glen retired from the Army after 25 years as an E-7, Acting First Sergeant and four years with Special Forces in the 82nd Airborne. He was ranked 4th in the nation while wrestling for the Army and almost qualified for the 2006 Olympics. Glen has given back to the community by coaching wrestling and little league at local KCK schools. Glen says “I have spent the last 23 years as a Code Enforcement Officer trying to improve my community.” Last year Glen received the Liveable Neighborhoods 2011 Excellence In Code Enforcement award.