**Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood News**

Your neighborhood group information can be placed here. If you would like newsletters made, contact our office at (913) 573-8737 or email us at vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org.

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**The Neighborhood Resource Center Has Moved!**

As of June 3rd the following departments will be located at 4953 State Ave. KCK 66102

- Code Enforcement
- Building Inspection
- Business License
- Rental License
- Demolition
- Livable Neighborhoods
- Community Policing

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**BEWARE: Google Fiber Scam**

There is an individual attempting to scam Kansas Citians by posing as a contractor and charging for fake tree removal and trimming services. This individual is telling homeowners that they must pay for tree removal or trimming — and if you don't pay him, he is threatening to report you to the city government and revoke your access to Google Fiber.

This individual is not associated with Google Fiber in any way. Please do not pay him money or allow him to do work on your property. If you see him, call the police.

We want to be very clear: installation of Google Fiber does not require homeowners to pay for any kind of landscaping or tree removal. Additionally, Google Fiber contractors will **never** ask for or require payment directly from a homeowner. If you have any additional questions about this, you can reach our customer service team 24/7 by calling 877-777-7550.

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**Juneteenth Parade and Celebration- 8th Anniversary**

**Friday, June 14, 2013**

- 6:00 pm Prayer Vigil and Music in the Park at Big Eleven Lake 11th & State Ave.

**Saturday, June 15, 2013**

- Parade at 10:00 a.m. 7th & Quindaro to 18th St. South to Washington Blvd. East to Big Eleven Lake. Any marching bands/units and floats are welcome.
- Celebration at Big Eleven Lake at 12:00. Any performance groups or vendors wishing to participate should contact Victor Harris at 913-963-1118 or 816-332-5318.
- Classic Car/Truck Show at 1:00 p.m. Judging at 3:00 p.m. Open to vehicles 1980 and older.
- BBQ/Greens Competition—Open to anyone who feels they can handle some friendly competition. Call for details and prices.

This event will take place Rain or Shine! No alcohol! No refunds!

www.juneteenthkck.com or kck.juneteenth@yahoo.com
June Calendar of Events

06/05/2013
Negative Behaviors/Positive Discipline
Keeler Woman’s Center 2220 Central Ave. 9:30-11:00am
(913) 906-8990

06/04/2013—06/27/2013 (not June 13th)
Take a Look: How do you See Yourself? Then Move Forward
Keeler Woman’s Center 2220 Central Ave. 1:30-3:30pm
(913) 906-8990
Often the way we view ourselves sets limits on the value we place on ourselves and our expectations of what we can accomplish. Ome to explore with other women. It is important to plan to participate in all seven sessions.

06/08/2013
Leavenworth Road Association Annual Fishing Derby
Wyandotte County Lake Kid’s Pond Starts at 7:00am
913-281-8908 or www.shepherdscenterkck.org
Fishing begins at 8:00am to 11:00am. It is open to all youth ages 3-15, Wyandotte County residents. Trophies will be awarded to 5 age groups, 1st, 2nd place and trophy for smallest overall and largest overall. Fishing worms, a goody bag and a coupon for a free hot dog will be given to each registered youth.

06/21/2013
Adventures In Learning (Shepherd’s Center)
Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Wood Ave. (NEW LOCATION)
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.

06/22/2013
3rd Annual Healthy Block Party
JFK Recreation Center 1310 North 10th Street
913-231-4135 or lvquinn@ksu.edu 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

06/27/2013
Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting
Free - everyone welcome 8:30am-10:00am
Neighborhood Resource Center 4953 State Ave. (NEW LOCATION)
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 KCCKPD and the WYCO Sheriffs Department.

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.

Reminder: All Unified Government offices will be closed Thursday July 4, 2013.

Local Farmers Markets
Buy fresh, buy local!

Rosedale Farmers Market
May 19 to September, Sundays 11-2 p.m.
4020 Rainbow Blvd. (Commerce Bank Parking Lot)
For more information contact: www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com
info@rosedalefarmersmarket.com or 913-677-5097

KCK GreenMarket
June - October
Strawberry Hill (6th and Ann)
Wednesdays 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

Oak Grove Neighborhood Market
End of June-September or October
Sundays 10:00am - 12:00pm
North 5th Street and Haskell Ave
The market accepts Senior Vouchers
An on-farm market experience. See where your food is grown! Fresh herbs and vegetables grown using organic practices!
For more information contact: Rachel Jefferson at 913-206-0047 or email: iejfarms@live.com

June 18, 2013
9:00am to 11:00am
Trinity Community Church
5010 Parallel KCK
Coffee and snacks provided.

Presentation: Wendell Maddox from the United Way of Wyandotte County on the Wyandotte County needs assessment.
Going Green Corner

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

2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2013. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19. 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.

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 Thursday the 4th of July in Kansas City, Kansas. Service for both trash pickup and curb-side recycling for Thursday and Friday of that week will be impacted. Thursday July 4th pickup will be done on Friday, July 5th. Friday July 5th pickup will be done on Saturday, July 6th. Monday, July 1st through Wednesday July 3rd pickup will not be impacted.
Kansas City Board of Public Utilities Unveils New Brand

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities launched a new brand designed to highlight their involvement in the continued growth of Wyandotte County. “The Power of Community” is our new brand and tagline,” said BPU Chief Communications Officer, David Mehlhaff, “but it’s based on a sentiment that’s over 100 years old – the idea that BPU is much more than just clean water and reliable power. We’re dedicated to powering the growth, opportunities, and the very future of Kansas City, Kansas.”

The brand was developed, and was shaped, in large part, out of research and interviews with existing BPU customers and employees. “We started with a benchmarking study of our customer base,” said Mehlhaff, “and then we interviewed over 20 BPU staff and board members. The insight we gathered was that customers were keenly interested in our community involvement – from our involvement in economic development, to our United Way efforts and charity golf outing. Our customers were proud of the work we do, and wanted to know more about it. We believe strongly that the new brand clearly communicates what BPU stands for” BPU. The Power of Community will roll out in stages, beginning with BPU communications including letterhead, business cards, and newsletters. “But over time,” said Mehlhaff, “The Power of Community will be a part of every touch point between BPU and the community it serves, from our trucks to our water towers and beyond.”

Source: BPU

Wyandotte/Leavenworth Regional Prevention Center

Tip of the Month

Most people want to know is beer or wine safer to drink than hard liquor?

The answer is No. One 12-ounce beer has about the same amount of alcohol as one 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1.5-ounce shot of liquor. It is the amount of alcohol consumed that affects a person most, not the type of alcoholic drink. (Reference: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Popular Adventures in Learning Program Has a New Home

After more than 27 years of hosting its signature program, Adventures in Learning, at First Baptist Church, the Shepherd’s Center of KCK has a new location for this monthly series. Starting with the May 17 program, Adventures in Learning will now take place at Grace Lutheran, 3333 Wood Ave., in Kansas City, Kansas.

The Shepherd’s Center of KCK is grateful for its very long and successful partnership with First Baptist Church, and presented First Baptist Pastor Bill Delphi with a plaque expressing our appreciation for the use of their beautiful and spacious building. In spite of the generosity of First Baptist, the building was becoming increasingly difficult for the attendees to navigate the various flights of steps inside the building.

Grace Lutheran church offers entry-level parking and easy drop off of both people and equipment. Everyone is welcome to attend part or all of the day’s activities.

Designed to celebrate and engage older adults, Adventures in Learning has been providing enrichment, fellowship and a noon meal for more than 27 years in Wyandotte County. Adventures in Learning provides free morning health screenings, selections of informational and educational workshops, and lunch with an entertaining program. These monthly programs are free and everyone is welcome to attend; join in one workshop or stay for the entire program. Lunch is served at noon for $4. Please call the Shepherd’s Center office at 913-281-8908 for more information. Visit the Shepherd’s Center of KCK online at www.shepherdscenterkck.org.