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 ageneraux@wycokck.org.

Juneteenth Parade and Celebration 9th Anniversary

Friday, June 13, 2014
• 6:00 pm Prayer Vigil and Music in the Park at Big Eleven Lake 11th & State Ave.

Saturday, June 14, 2014
• The parade will begin at 10 am. The parade route is 7th & Quindaro (west) to 18th Street (south) to Washington Blvd (east) to Big Eleven Lake (11th & Waterway Dr). We are looking for marching bands/units, walking units and floats. We are featuring a Cancer Walk supporting ALL types of cancer. {Free to participate}
• Celebration at Big Eleven Lake at 12:00.
• 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
Or call (913) 963-1118, (816) 332-5318 or (913) 548-8479

Call for Participants!
The Wyandotte County Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition—WyCo-SAP—is a group of people working together in Wyandotte County that works to prevent sexual assault and sexual abuse. In June and July WyCo-SAP will be conducting a community needs assessment to learn what people in Kansas City, Kansas think about the problem of sexual assault and abuse, and to hear ideas about how to prevent it. As part of this project, we will have one hour-long focus groups of members of the community share their thoughts and ideas.

We need your help! We are looking for people:
• To take part in the one hour-long focus groups;
• Who care about ending sexual violence in their community and want to join our coalition;
• Who want to stay up-to-date with what WyCo-SAP is doing.
For more information, or to sign up to participate in the focus groups, please contact Bridget Flores at bflores@mocsa.org or 816-285-1333.

¡Buscando Participantes!
La Coalición del Condado Wyandotte para Prevenir el Asalto Sexual (WyCo-SAP) es un grupo de personas del condado Wyandotte que trabajan juntos para prevenir el asalto y abuso sexual. En junio y julio el WyCo-SAP conducirá una evaluación en la comunidad para aprender que piensan la gente de Kansas City, Kansas sobre el problema del abuso y asalto sexual, y para escuchar ideas para prevenirlas. Como parte de este proyecto, facilitaremos grupos de discusión de una hora de gente de la comunidad para que ellos puedan compartir sus opiniones e ideas.

¡Necesitamos su ayuda! Buscamos personas:
• Para participar en los grupos de discusión de una hora;
• Quienes quieren eliminar la violencia sexual en su comunidad y quieren ser parte de nuestra coalición;
• Quienes quieren estar al tanto de las actividades de WyCo-SAP.
Para recibir más información, o para registrarse para participar en los grupos de discusión, por favor contacte a Bridget Flores por bflores@mocsa.org o 816-285-1333.

Copies provided by Community Block Grants.
June Calendar of Events

06/07/2014 OK Kids Fishing Derby  
Pierson Park Shelter #2 (1800 South 55th)  
913-287-2111 or www.turnerrec.com  
Registration starts at 8am for kids 1-15 years  
There was a time when kids took the outdoors for granted. They seemed to grow up outside. Time was spent working on the farm, fishing in ponds or wandering along creeks and rivers. Join TRC as we experience the outdoor beauty and learn a little about its natural resources and wildlife through games and activities.

06/14/2014 LRA Fishing Derby  
Wyandotte County Lake (91st and Leavenworth Road)  
(913) 573-8327 or www.wycokck.org/parks  
Registration begins at 7:00am  
The Leavenworth Road Association Ed and Lone Trapp Kids Fishing Derby. The event is co-sponsored by the Unified Government Parks and Recreation and is held at the kid's pond located by the boathouse parking lot on the west side of Wyandotte County Lake. Registration begins at 7:00am. The derby begins at 8:00am and is over at 11:00am. The event is limited to Wyandotte County Residents, 15 years old or younger with an adult. Each participant will receive free worms, a free hot dog and goodie bag.

06/20/2014 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.

06/26/2014 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.

Local Farmers Markets

Buy fresh, buy local!

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  
Juniper 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

Has Your Neighborhood Group Filed Your E-Postcard 990?  
All not-for-profit groups who earn less than $25,000 or less a year are required to file a 990 e-postcard with the IRS. This should be no cost to you but is required.  
To file go to http://epostcard.form990.org and follow the easy instructions.  
If you do not have access to the internet you can make an appointment with Andrea Generaux at Liveable Neighborhoods by call (913) 573-8645 and she can help you through the process.
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

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: June 21, 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 infor-

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.
FOG: 101! What do bacon, ice cream, and peanut butter all have in common? They are more than just tasty treats. They are also sources of fats, oils, and grease, also known as FOG. While fats, oil, and grease add extra flavor to your food, pouring FOG down the drain can leave a real mess in Wyandotte County’s sewer collection system. FOG creates clogs that can back up sewage into your street, yard, or home and can even send it spilling into a neighborhood stream! Think of it this way—if it can clog arteries in the body, then it will probably clog the sewer pipe. Fortunately, clearing up FOG is as easy as doing a few simple things around the kitchen. When the clogs cause wastewater to back up, it can end up spilling into a stream or into your street, your yard, even your home. Consider this, if every person in Wyandotte County poured just one teaspoon of FOG down the drain, it would be the equivalent of dumping 18 55-gallon drums of FOG into a sewer! If you saw that happening, wouldn’t you want to help fight this grease menace? The good news is that your County continues its fight against grease menace and is asking for your help! Reducing FOG is simply a matter of changing your food preparation and clean up habits. Here are some easy ways to become part of the solution.

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<td>Wash food scraps (solid or liquid) down the drain, dump them in the toilet, or grind them up in the garbage disposal. Wash contents of soaking pots and pans down the drain</td>
<td>Use mesh drain strainers to catch solid food scraps for disposal in a trash can. Pour liquid food scraps, e.g. sauces, milkshakes, into a container and place in the trash can.</td>
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<td>Pour used oil down the drain</td>
<td>Pour used oil into a container with a top (the original if available) so it can be reused, recycled, or placed in the trash can for disposal</td>
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<td>Use water to “pre-wash” plates</td>
<td>Scrape plates over the trash can or dry wipe with a paper towel</td>
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<td>Pout hot grease (including poultry skimming) down the drain</td>
<td>Pour cooled grease into a grease can or other container for disposal and/or absorb with paper towels or newspaper</td>
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*For more information on grease management, or if you would like to request a Spanish version of the article, please contact: Scott Craig, Environmental Compliance Officer, scraig@wycokck.org, (913) 573-1300. Remember to frequently read these newsletters to catch new and exciting information regarding the FOG program!"