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- **Reminders**
  Good Neighbor Trainings are the fourth Monday of the month at the NRC at 5:30PM!
- The next Livable Neighborhood meeting is June 28th!

We would like to take the time to recognize the 2018 Kansas City, Kansas recipients of the Neighborhood Rising Fund Awards:

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**2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days**

The remaining schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents for 2018 includes June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, and October 20. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on those Saturdays. 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) 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. The HHW Days are not for business or nonprofit groups.

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. Home improvement products accepted include concrete cleaner, driveway sealer, furniture stripper, glue with solvents, latex & oil based paints, paint thinner, putty, grout, caulk & spackle, roofing tar, stain varnish & lacquer, turpentine, water-based glues, and wood preservatives. Household items include aerosol products, drain & oven cleaners, mothballs, nail polish remover, polishes with solvents, spot remover, and propane cylinders. Lawn and garden products include fertilizer with weed killer, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodent bait.

For additional information call 913-573-8318 or 913-573-5400.
The Story of Food Waste

According to the EPA, we waste 133 billion pounds of food in the United States every year. When food goes to the landfill it breaks down and creates methane, one of the most potent greenhouse gases that effects climate change. About half of that 133 billion pounds is wasted by households. Much of the food that goes to landfills can and should be redirected to other sources that can still make use of it and keep it from going to waste.

The EPA’s Food Recovery Hierarchy includes six recovery methods from most to least preferred:

- Source Reduction
- Feed Hungry People
- Feed Animals
- Industrial Uses
- Composting
- Landfill
- Incineration

While reducing the amount of extra food produced to begin with is the most desirable way of reducing waste, feeding people is a close second. 18% of Wyandotte County is food insecure, and 65% of residents are eligible for benefits like SNAP and free school meals, so any food that we save can go a long way towards providing meals for those most in need right here in our community.

However, not all food that gets thrown away is suitable for human consumption. Most food scraps make great animal feed and reduce the cost of care for farmers and other animal keepers. At home, you can use some of your scraps to feed family pets or livestock (hens love fruit and vegetable scraps!).

Another way to reuse food that would otherwise be thrown away is for industrial purposes. Many foods can be turned into valuable oils or biofuel that are greener alternatives to coal and natural gas and are a good way to recover some of the energy that went into producing that food.

Composting is another way to use the food that people or animals cannot eat. Composted food makes for a wonderful soil amendment in any gardens because all the nutrients from the food scraps get returned to the earth and used to grow new food. It can also be a fun way to teach friends, family, and children about the growing cycle and where our food comes from. Composting is also one of the easiest ways to keep food from going to the landfill as an individual or family, and there is a composting method out there for everyone.

Food waste can seem like a problem that doesn’t affect you, but if you spend a week keeping track of all the food you throw away, it adds up more quickly than you think. The great thing about food waste is that you can very easily reduce your impact through making small changes to your lifestyle, like shopping from a list and planning your meals. Even making just one change can greatly reduce the amount of food waste you send to the landfill, especially if you encourage others to join in. Because if we all work together, we can make a healthier environment for our community.

Article by Healthy Communities Wyandotte
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 as gravel or grass.

July Fourth Impacts Residential Trash & Recycling Services

Deffenbaugh will be observing Wednesday, July 4th as a holiday. Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on the 4th of July in Kansas City, Kansas. Wednesday pickup will be done on Thursday. Thursday pickup will be done on Friday. Friday pickup will be done on Saturday. The holiday will not impact pickup of Monday and Tuesday service.
FARMER’S MARKET VOUCHERS
The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging & Disability Resource Center will be distributing a limited amount of Farmer’s Market Vouchers again this year.

At this time the value of the vouchers is unknown and recipients must be at least 60 years of age or older, live in Wyandotte County and meet income guidelines.

Priority will be given to participants of the Congregate Meal Sites in Wyandotte County. Interested parties may contact the AAA after June 1, 2018 at 913-573-8531 for dates and times of distribution.

DOTTE FOOTBALL CAMP

FREE AGES: 7-18
JUNE 23 | 9AM - 1PM
BISHOP WARD HIGH SCHOOL 16TH AND ARMSTRONG, KANSAS CITY, KS 66102

HOSTED BY DARRELL STUCKEY
REGISTER AT WWW.DARRELLSTUCKEY.COM
CHECK IN BEGINS AT 8 AM

LEAVENWORTH ROAD ASSOCIATION
KID’S FISHING DERBY AGES 3-15
06.09.18
TAM-10:30AM | SATURDAY
WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

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(Pro Your Information)
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Three Wyandotte County locations
June through mid-October

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

WEDNESDAY
Behind the Health Department
10th & Tousmares Ave, KCK 66101

THURSDAY
KCK Community College
Campus Blvd & Armourdale 66112
MARKETS ARE OPEN FROM
7:30am to 1:00 pm

Se habla Español.

SUNDAY MARKETS NOT AVAILABLE

Visit us at www.kckfarmersmarket.com