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

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

Congratulations to ALL of the 2019 KCK Recipients

- Argentine Betterment Association
- Central Avenue Betterment Association
- Douglass/Sumner Neighborhood Association
- Downtown Shareholders of KCK, Inc
- Frank Rushton Neighborhood Association
- Hanover Heights Historic Association
- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
- Organization for the Community Preservation, Inc
- Prescott Neighborhood Group
- Rosedale Development Association
- Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Association
- Turtle Hill Community Association
- Wyandotte Countians Against Crime

Next Livable Neighborhood Meeting
June 27th @ 8:30 AM
Neighborhood Resource Center
Conference Room
4953 State Avenue

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
Washing your Car

Residents don’t realize that if they wash their car on their driveway or on the street that 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?

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 of 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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.

2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents includes the following Saturdays: June 15, 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.

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.

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.

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, calc & 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.
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
- Land 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.

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 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday service.
JUNE 2019

Things to do in the DOTTE

Saturday, June 1, 2019

4th Annual Levee Fest
555 River Park Drive, KCK
Boat & Bridge Tours 9:30 a.m.
Levee Fest 10:00 a.m.—2 p.m.
Fun, Food trucks & Family Activities on the Armourdale Levee Trail

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Leavenworth Road Association’s
Kid’s FREE Fishing Derby (Ages 3-15)
Wyandotte County Lake Kid’s Pond
Registration 7 a.m.
Derby Fishing 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Trophy Presentation 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Free Energy—Efficiency Workshop
CHWC
2 S. 14th Street, KCK 66102
To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/saveenergyworkshop or call 913-342-7580, ext. 1211

June 11, 2019

Let’s Talk Housing Solutions
Memorial Hall ~ 600 N. 7th Street, KCK 66101
5:30 p.m.—7p.m.
FREE
A productive & uniting conversation about housing affordability, safety & accessibility.
Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Tiffany Manuel
President & CEO of TheCaseMade

Public Notice:

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

The following applications, 1404 N 24th St & 3500 N 27th St, will be heard by the Kansas City, Kansas Landmarks Commission on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Building, 701 North 7th Street, Lobby Level.

Applicants for Ethics Commission sought; deadline is June 14th

For Immediate Release – May 9, 2019

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS – Wyandotte County residents who have an interest in serving on the Ethics Commission for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas should submit a written application to the Office of the Legislative Auditor by 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2019.

Interested parties should send their written application to:

Thomas L. Wiss, Legislative Auditor
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas
710 N. 7th Street, Suite 140
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

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