

Neighborhood News

CODE VIOLATIONS

The most frequent code violations that citizens inquire about or report:

- Excessive weed growth
- House exterior needs painting or repair
- Inoperable/unlicensed vehicles
- Trash in yard
- Unrestrained pets
- Broken windows
- Unsecured residences
- Overgrown shrubs or trees
- Illegal dumping
- Vehicles parked on unimproved surface

Source: UG Website

Your Meeting Information

Monthly Meeting

Call Sherry if you would like Newsletters for your group. 913-573-8737



Grassroots Leadership

Guest Speaker Officer Jeff Brownlee will give a presentation on Gang Prevention Monday, March 10, 2008 Dinner @ 6:00 Program @ 7:00. Call 913-288-7685 to RSVP.

**For City Services
Call
311**

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Rules & Regulations for all Kansas City, Kansas Residents Receiving Weekly Curbside Trash Pickup

Time of Collection: Normal collection hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition there are 7 holidays when trash is not picked up: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

General Rules:

Garbage or trash should be in a plastic bag, box, trashcan or any other container 50 gallons or less with adequate handles for lifting and a tight fitting lid.

Contents being too heavy for one container (more than 75 pounds) must be divided into additional containers. Bulky items such as large household furniture, beds, chairs, etc. should be set three feet or closer to the curb for collection.

City regulations require bags to be tied and empty large boxes be flattened and bundled.

Place all items 3 feet or closer to the curb for collection.

Place refuse outside of any enclosure and at ground level. No refuse placed on vehicles.

Barrels or containers exceeding 50 gallons may be used for bag storage only. Only sealed bags placed in storage containers will be collected. Loose trash will not be removed. Container openings must not be constrictive and allow for easy removal of stored bags.

It shall be unlawful for a person, owner, owner's agent or occupant to set out or allow to be set out any garbage or trash for collection before 4 p.m. of the day prior to the day of collection or allow remaining at or near the curb.

Special Conditions:

Tree limbs, loose lumber, etc. must be tied in bundles not more than four feet long and not in excess of 75 pounds. Rugs must be rolled up and tied, not to exceed 5 feet or 75 pounds.

Tires must be dismounted (no rims), then set at curb for pickup. Limit 10 tires per year.

Please arrange a special pickup for large appliances that have refrigerants in their systems, such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and freezers by calling 631-3300.

Construction or demolition materials will require special pickups, call 631-3300.

Wyandotte County Community Recycling Center.

Location: 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, Kansas.

Hours: Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Accepts: Newspapers, corrugated cardboard, paper board (slick or flat finish non-corrugated paper board packaging) magazines, mixed office paper, cans, plastic (plastic #1 and #2 plastic bottles and Jars [must have a threaded neck]), glass food & beverage containers only, aluminum foil products, household batteries, toner & ink jet cartridges, cell phones, and scrap metal.

Questions: Call 913-573-5400 for information.

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2008 Burn Permit Process

Residents are allowed to apply for a burn permit at any of the Fire Stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. The burn permit does not include commercial sites. The burn permit is valid for up to 3 days during the month of April 2008 and from October 16 through November 15, 2008. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of burning. Residents shall maintain a copy of the burn permit on site, an adequate water supply and/or fire extinguisher while conducting open burning. In no circumstance shall open burning occur within 15 feet of any building or within 15 feet from any one's property line. Piling of brush, tree limbs, grass and other organic materials are limited in size to 100 square feet at the base.

Open burning with a permit is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At any time, the Fire Chief may revoke burn permits or ban open burning. Weather conditions (high winds, low humidity) may make open burning too dangerous. Open burning may also be suspended when air pollution "Red Alert" days are declared by the Mid America Regional Council, MARC, and the Unified Government.

Each Burn Permit allows for one organic pile per permit, one permit per property. All organic materials burned within the city limits of Kansas City, Kansas are limited to organic materials and/or burning without a permit shall be subject to Section I-7 (General Penalty, Continuing Violations) of the general provisions code of the Unified Govt.

2008 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2008. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 19, May 17, 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 information call 573-5400.

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CITY WIDE MASTER PLAN

The Unified Government will present the City -Wide Master Plan on Monday, March 24th at the Jack Reardon Center located at 500 Minnesota Avenue. Registration at 5:00 pm presentation at 5:30 and Visit stations from 6:30-8:00 pm. For additional information contact Janet Parker at 913-573-5758.

“Mayor Reardon on the Move”

Mayor Reardon is bringing City Hall to neighborhoods. Mayor/CEO Joe Reardon's next "First Floor, First Friday Program" will be held Friday, March 7, 2008, 12:00 pm until 2:00 p.m. at the Midtown Police Unit 4601 State Ave. Citizens wishing to meet one-on-one with the Mayor on a specific issue will have the opportunity to spend up to five minutes to discuss the issue. For more information please call the Mayor's Office at (913) 573-5010.



“Recycling Is The Right Thing To Do!”



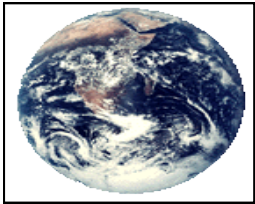
Recycling Saves Landfill Space.

- Forest View Landfill in KCK closed in 2006.
- Only 3 left in metro area. What happens when they fill up?
- Recycling 1 ton of plastics saves 30 cubic yards.
- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum saves 10 cubic yards.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 3-4 cubic yards.



Recyclables Are Used As Raw Materials For New Products.

- The U.S. annually throws away \$3-4 billion worth of paper.
- Plastics are made into bottles, carpeting, t-shirts & lumber.
- Paper made into newspapers, food packages, insulation, & mulch.
- Aluminum made into cans, pie pans, house siding, & appliances.



Recycling Saves Natural Resources:

- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 463 gallons of oil.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 4,077 kilowatts of energy.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 6,953 gallons of water.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees.



Recycling Saves Energy & Reduces Greenhouse Gases

- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum uses 28 times less energy than using bauxite ore to make aluminum.
- Using recycled aluminum reduces the gas of sulfur dioxide, which causes acid rain.



Recycling Industry Creates Jobs and Income

- 56,061 businesses in the recycling industry.
- 1,121,804 people employed in the recycling industry.
- \$36.7 billion annual payroll in the recycling industry.
- \$236.3 billion annual revenues in the recycling industry.