



## Neighborhood News

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### **First Floor First Friday**

First Floor First Friday will be Friday, March 6, City Hall 701 N. 7th 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Citizen wishing to speak with the Mayor will have five minutes.

**Call Liveable Neighborhood  
for newsletters for your neighborhood.**

**Call Sherry 913-573-8737**

### **Master Gardeners Plant Sale**

**WHEN:** Friday & Saturday – May  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-5pm

**WHERE:** Wyandotte County Extension Office (79<sup>th</sup> & State Ave)

**WHO:** Wyandotte County Extension Master Gardeners are Members of this community who have traded K-State horticultural classroom training for volunteer time.

## **2009 BUILD GREEN CONFERENCE**

Board of Public Utilities will host their 2009 Build Green Conference Thursday April 2, 2009, Jack Reardon Convention Center 500 Minnesota Avenue.

Registration for the Build Green Conference is \$35, and includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch and registration packet. Attendees can register at the door on the day of the conference.

For more information or to register for the conference, call 913 - 573-9898. Exhibitors call 913-573-9180

The **Parks and Recreation Department** announces the beginning of the **2009 Fishing Season**. Fishing Season begins on Saturday, February 28th, at Wyandotte County Lake Park, Pierson Park, Bonner Park and Big 11 Park.

**Over 34,000 lbs of fish** (both trout and catfish) are stocked annually in Department lakes. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Also, feel free to make a copy of the flyer and share with family, friends, and co-workers.

## News and Notices

### No More Homeless Pets KC

No More Homeless Pets KC has been actively working with a number of local municipalities (Riverside, for example) to implement TNR and we have received many inquiries from other cities in the area for information. Apparently there is an effort to trap and kill stray cats in KCK. My group (No More Homeless Pets KC) is attempting to contact the neighborhood groups to educate them about TNR (trap-neuter-release), the more effective and humane way to control feral cats. Please contact Kimberly Adwell No More Homeless Pets KC 816-333-7387 for additional information.

### Grassroots Leadership

Community Gardens

**Monday, March 9,  
2009**

**Dinner 6:00**

**Program 7-9**

**Kansas City, Kan-  
sas Community  
College  
7250 State Ave.**

**Please Call 913-  
288-7625 to RSVP.**

### Please join us

**Wednesday, March 4, 2009 Painted Hills Golf Course  
7101 Parallel, Kansas City, KS**

**7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m**

**for our free breakfast event to kickoff**

**March is Red Cross Month**

**and**

**Then, meet us back at Painted Hills from**

**5 p.m. to 7 p.m as we sponsor the**

**Business After Hours**

**With the KCK Chamber of Commerce!**

**We hope you can join us!**

**RSVP to [BynumMeli@usa.redcross.org](mailto:BynumMeli@usa.redcross.org) Or 913-321-6314**

### Neighbors Who Care Presents

**Severe Weather Fair 2009**

**March 7, 2009 \* 11:00 am-2:00 pm**

**4601 State Ave Indian Springs**

**Be prepared\* Get a kit\* Make a plan\* Be informed\***

**Get involved**

**Come and enjoy films, speakers, information booths, and activities for the children.**

**For additional information contact**

**Marlene 913-287-8129**

### Citizens Academy Current Opening

The Kansas City Kansas Police Department will sponsor their Annual Citizens Academy. Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin March 5, 2009 at the Police Training Academy, 1228 North 79th Kansas City, Kansas. The Citizens Academy is designed to build a relationship with the community. It will also help citizens understand what is necessary to keep their neighborhoods safe from crime. For more information or to register for the class please contact Maj. Hall at 596-2056.

## News and Notices

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### **2009 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 or business sites. If you operate a business out of your home you are classified as a business and cannot participate. The burn permit is valid for up to 3 days during the month of April 2009 and from October 16 through November 15, 2009. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of burning. Open burning with a permit is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The resident doing the burning must be at the burning site at all times. 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.

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.

### **2009 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set**

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2009. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, and October 17. The site is located at 2443 South 88<sup>th</sup> Street in Kansas City, Kansas. (South on 88<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SENIOR CITIZEN

### **Utility Tax Rebate To Begin**

Beginning January 2 thru March 31, 2009, senior citizens will be able to take advantage of a utility tax rebate. The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount paid for utilities during 2008. Persons applying must be 65 years of age during the entire year of 2008, live in the city of Kansas City, Kansas, and their total income not to exceed \$25,000. The maximum refund is \$300.

Applications will be taken at the Municipal Office Building East, 701 N. 7th St., Room 323, Kansas City, Kansas, in the Unified Government Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

The Area Agency on Aging, located in the First Community Bank Bldg., 1300 N. 78th St., Suite 100, will fill out applications by **appointment only** on Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling 573-8531.

Eligible persons should bring all gas, telephone, and BPU bills paid during 2008; proof of income, social security statements, interest statements, etc., and social security number. Printouts from the utility companies will be accepted. Please call the Unified Government Clerk's Office at 573-5260 if you have questions.

## ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS!!!

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, working in cooperation with your **Unified Government**, can help you address Lead-Based Paint Hazards in your home for **FREE** in order to **prevent lead poisoning in young children**. A state-certified risk assessor will inspect your home and determine the services needed to stabilize the lead-based paint in your home. Types of work may include removing and replacing windows and doors, as well as painting. **All inspections and lead hazard work are FREE for Homeowners (landlords will pay a small fee).**

### Owner-occupied property may qualify if:

- You own and occupy a home in Wyandotte County that was built before 1978.
- Your household income is less than 80% of the area's median income. For a family of 4, household income must be less than \$54,700.
- You have a child **6 years of age or younger** who lives in your home or visits your home often.
- For at least 5 years following lead hazard work on your property, you agree not to sell the property.

### Rental property may qualify if:

- You own rental property in Wyandotte County that was built before 1978, and has no more than 4 housing units.
- All rental units are occupied by or available to families with a household income at or below 80% of the area's median income.
- For at least 3 years following any lead hazard work on your property, you agree to give priority to families with a child under 6 years of age.
- For at least 5 years following lead hazard work on your property, you agree not to sell the property.

For more information, please contact us at: Project Lead-Safe KCK

1333 South 27th Street

Kansas City, KS 66106

Phone: (913) 262-0796

Fax: (913) 262-8251

[www.unleadedks.com](http://www.unleadedks.com)

## St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance

Presented by The Central Area Betterment Association

### The City Limit Band

St. Patrick's Parish Center  
94th & State Avenue, KCK

### Saturday Evening March 14th

Dinner by Ross' Catering  
6:30 Entertainment 7:30

**Benefiting the C.A.B.A.  
David Alvarado Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**

Mrs. Petra Alvarado Honorary  
Chairperson

\$25 Donation Per Person in advance

Door Prize and Gifts Galore!

Info: 913/281-9222 or

[mt.caba@att.net](mailto:mt.caba@att.net)

## PORTABLE RECYCLING CONTAINERS NOW AVAILABLE

Liveable Neighborhoods now has a limited number of portable recycling containers that we will be loaning out for special events. We will try and accommodate all requests but it will be on a first-come first-serve basis. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to pickup and return the recycling containers from the Liveable Neighborhoods office at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 4601 State Avenue, KCK. Office hours: M.-F. 8 am to 5 pm.

The portable recycling containers are very easy to set up and the recyclables will end up in a clear plastic bag. You can recycle both plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the clear plastic bag. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to take the clear plastic bags with plastic bottles and aluminum cans to the Recycling Center. The Recycling Center accepts plastic bottles and aluminum cans in the same container so you will not have to separate the recyclables.

The Recycling Center is located at 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, Kansas. Their hours of operation are on Thursday and Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm and on Friday and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm.

When contacting Liveable Neighborhoods, each organization should estimate how many portable recycling containers and extra plastic bags they will need for their event. In addition, the organization should give dates for pickup and return of containers. The containers are foldable 3/8" steel frames which open up like scissors. They stand approximately 4' high when set up. Each container also has a lid that is placed on the top of each container. Please allow adequate room in your vehicle for transporting the containers.