



LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

MARCH 2011



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

vmLiveableNeighbor@wycokck.org.

Applications Sought For Safe Routes to School Programs

The Kansas Department of Transportation is now accepting applications through May 31 for its Safe Routes to School Program that provides funding for improvements encouraging children to work or bike to school.

Funding will be provided for infrastructure projects such as improvements to sidewalks, traffic calming, pedestrian and bicycle crossing, on and off street bicycle facilities, secure bicycle parking, and traffic diversions.

Non-infrastructure project activities include public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders, establishing walking school buses and bike trains, traffic education and enforcement, student training on bicycle and pedestrian safety, and funding for training volunteers and staff.

Funding will also be provided for applicants to develop safe routes to schools plans, with the possibility of future funding to implement the plan.

There is a Phase 1 non-infrastructure project maximum of \$15,000 and a Phase 2 infrastructure project funding maximum of \$250,000 in Kansas for the Safe Routes to School Program.

A copy of the application and supporting documents for the Safe Routes to School Program is on the KDOT website at www.ksdot.org/burTrafficEng/sztoolbox/pdf/SRTS-Application.pdf.

Questions about the program can also be directed to Pepper at rpepper@ksdot.org.

KDOT has scheduled three workshops to provide information about filling out applications. The workshops will be in Hays on Feb.15; Wichita on Feb.16, and Bonner Springs on Feb. 17. You must register for these workshops in order to attend by either e-mailing Pepper or calling her at 785 296-8593. **Source: Unified Government E News**

March Calendar of Events

3/04/2011 - 3/05/2011

Marble Crazy

Moon Marble company
 600 East Front Street Bonner Springs, Kansas
 (913) 441-1432 or www.marblecrazy.com
 Friday, March 4, noon-9:00pm; Saturday, March 5, 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Free
 Glass workers from across the country demonstrate the marble making process. Visitors are invited to watch them work and buy directly from the artists.

3/05/2011 - 11/30/2011

Opening day for fishing and boating in Wyandotte County

Wyandotte County lake, Pierson Lake and Big 11 Lake
 (913) 573-8327 or www.wycokck.org
 Monday - Sunday 6:00am to 11:00pm
 Call for more information.

3/05/2011

Native Americans, Native Plants: A hike into the past.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Environmental Library
 913-299-2384 or www.kckpl.org
 1:00pm- 2:30pm
 Join us for a hike along the Stotler Cove Nature Trail as we learn to identify the native plants to Kansas and their value to Native Americans as food, shelter and medicine. *Please dress for the weather.*

3/11/2011 - 3/12/2011

Building a Sustainable Earth Community: The 4th Annual Breaking the Silence Conference

Reardon Convention Center 520 Minnesota Ave.
 Contact Richard Mabion for more information at (913) 481-9920 or www.breakingthesilence.us
 Friday 5:00pm to 10:00pm Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm
 Conference issues and concerns: A buy local first campaign, social responsibilities, local energy efficiency efforts, local watershed issues and minority employment concerns.

3/18/2011

Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center)

First Baptist Church 29th and Minnesota
 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 or make a friend.

3/24/2011

Liveable Neighborhoods Monthly Meeting

Neighborhood Resource Center(4601 State Ave)
 913-573-8737 or www.wycokck.org
 8:30am - 10:00am
 Come and get great community information and share your ideas on how we can continue to improve quality of life in Wyandotte County.

Senior Citizens Utility Rebates

The Unified Government's Senior Citizen Utility Tax Rebate program will begin January 3 and run through March 31, 2011. Under the program, senior citizens who meet the guidelines will be able to take advantage of a utility rebate.

The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount paid for utilities during 2010. Persons applying must be at least 65 years of age during the entire year of 2010, live in the city of Kansas City, Kansas, and their total income not to exceed \$25,000. The maximum refund is \$150.

Applications will be taken at KCK City Hall, 701 N. 7th St., in the Unified Government Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, 8am- 4:30pm.

The Area Agency on Aging, located in the Security 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 2010; proof of income, social security statements, interest statements and social security number. Please call the Unified Government Clerk's Office at 573-5260 if you have questions.

**KANSAS CITY KANSAS / WYANDOTTE COUNTY
 NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION PATROL**



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13TH ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 25, 2011

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**5010 PARALLEL PKWY
 KANSAS CITY KANSAS**

**6:00PM TO 8:00PM
 EVERYONE WELCOME**

"FEEL YOUR MIND RACE"

Please join us as we celebrate our thirteenth year as extra eyes and ears for the Kansas City Kansas Police Department. Feel your mind race as we work to make KCK the safest Speedway city in America. Meet your Police Command Staff, your Community Police Officers, and members of the Sheriff's department as we say "HAND IN HAND WE CAN MAKE IT WORK"

- THIS YEARS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE INCLUDE
- GRAND PRIZE---SANYO 19" LCD HDTV, HDMI
- SECOND PRIZE---KODAK FULL HD 1080P VIDEO CAMERA
- THIRD PRIZE--- POLAROID 14MP DIGITAL CAMERA
- AND MANY MANY MORE
- DONATION : \$1.00 PER TICKET OR 6 TICKETS FOR \$5.00
- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

2011 State of the Government Address

Mayor Reardon Says Education and Jobs Key to Continued Wyandotte County Success

Wyandotte County ranks as one of the top places in the nation for creating new jobs during 2010, despite the lingering effects of the national recession. Mayor Joe Reardon says new jobs and more than \$300-million dollars in development are the result of a long-term commitment by the Unified Government to form successful public/private partnerships in which both large and small businesses can thrive. While there are still many economic challenges, Mayor Reardon says the community is emerging from the recession ready to seize opportunity. "We are now a growing community that has redefined itself. We are safer, stronger, more dynamic, and in a better position to reach new heights than perhaps ever in our history," declared Reardon during the annual State of the Government Address.

Reardon delivered the speech to more than 300 people at the Reardon Civic Center in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Reardon told the crowd continued development and success rests on three fronts: the health of the community; the development and redevelopment of the urban core; and the ability of governmental institutions to adapt to tough economic times.

"It is carried out by a governmental agenda that supports strong neighborhoods, fosters an environment where success becomes the chorus call, and ensures that opportunity is available to everyone," said Reardon.

Wyandotte County was recently ranked 11th nationally by the federal government in the creation of new jobs created over the last year, outperforming nearly every other county in the United States. In addition, Wyandotte County recently ranked 3rd in the nation for the creation of new construction jobs with a 9% gain over 2009. And Ingram's business magazine recognized the Unified Government for being one of the best business friendly local governments in the region. But Mayor Reardon warns that improved education is the key for residents to reap the benefits of the business development boom and qualify for the thousands new jobs coming to Wyandotte County. Workers in Wyandotte County earn an average annual wage of \$42,952, placing Wyandotte County number two in Kansas, behind only Johnson County, for the highest paying wages in the state. However, the per capita income earned by Wyandotte County residents is only \$27,966 a year, ranking the county 102 out of 105 Kansas counties. The wage disparity means there are a lot of good paying jobs being filled by people who live outside Wyandotte County. "Helping our own citizens fill those jobs and improve their earning potential is important to our future. The key is improving educational opportunities and job training programs," declared Reardon. "As we continue to grow, we must ensure our children reach beyond high school and seize the opportunities we will create."

Mayor Reardon is calling for a Unified Government Scholars program, giving KCK students a chance to gain real world work experience which is tied to school curriculum. Reardon is also calling on the business community to develop a scholars program to give students learning and work opportunities in the workplace. He also urged citywide support for a college scholarship program like the "Dotte Promise," which would use a portion of the community charitable dollars donated by the Hollywood Casino to fund college scholarships for eligible students. "It will be efforts like this that grow our workforce and inspire our young people to pursue educational tracts that lead to a career. Increasing college attainment not only will make our community healthier, it is a key component of further economic development for our city," Reardon explained.

Mayor Reardon also noted that in addition to the success in new development and job creation, Kansas City, Kansas experienced a 15.7% drop in violent crime in 2010. Violent crime has been cut in half in the last few years.

Reardon admitted the Unified Government will continue to face negative budget impacts and challenged elected leaders to change the traditional ways of doing business. The Mayor said it is imperative the Unified Government look for new opportunities to integrate operations and functions to realize savings.

Reardon noted that efforts are already underway to identify cost savings which could be gained by integrating basic operations of the Unified Government and Board of Public Utilities. Reardon said integrating technology operations, purchasing departments, human resources and payroll processes offer great promise to save both taxpayers and ratepayers money.

"Finding new, effective ways of providing services will require elected leaders to shatter the tried, true and traditional way of doing things and to be innovative and bold in their actions, Reardon said.

The complete text of Mayor Joe Reardon's 2011 State of the Government Address can be found at The Unified Government website, www.wycokck.org.

Source: Unified Government Press Release

Start saving money with you **ENERGY Smart Home**



How to get started:

Step 1 Obtain loan pre-approval. with your Call 913.912.1004 to request the utility release form and review eligibility requirements. BPU will review your account to determine if you qualify.

Step 2 Schedule an energy audit. Visit www.encykansas.com to select your approved, Certified Energy Auditor.

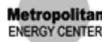
Step 3 Receive your Energy Conservation Plan from your auditor to determine the scope of your improvement project.

Step 4 Contact contractors of your choice to obtain bids for the work. There's no guesswork. All necessary specifications are included in your Energy Conservation Plan.

Step 5 Finalize and sign loan paperwork. Call 913.912.1004 to schedule an appointment.

Step 6 Complete the improvement projects.

Step 7 Schedule a post-retrofit inspection with your auditor. This ensures that the work followed your Energy Conservation Plan, and will provide the optimum energy and cost savings.



Important Phone Numbers

City questions and complaints	311
Police Non-Emergency	(913) 596-3000
Liveable Neighborhoods	(913) 573-8737
Community Policing	(913) 573-8720
Code Enforcement	(913) 573-8600
Animal Control	(913) 321-1445
BPU	(913) 573-9000
Deffenbaugh	(913) 631-3300
Potholes	(913) 573-8307
Dispute Resolution	(913) 573-5225
Fire Department	(913) 573-5550

Volunteers Needed

The Wyandotte County Historical Museum will host the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibition *Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings and Our Jewish Past* from **April 20 to June 17, 2011** at 631 N. 126th, Bonner Springs, KS. It includes displays of documents, and news coverage, along with film, video, and newsreel footage.

The Exhibit will run daily from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Weekends included)

To make this historic event possible community volunteers are needed to serve as docents.

Volunteer shifts from 9 - 12 and 12 - 4 are available. (Or FULL DAY 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) At least 4 volunteers will be needed at all times.

Some special evening events require volunteers as well.

For more information on the exhibition and guest speakers highlighting the exhibits at the Wyandotte County Historical Museum visit www.wycomuseum.wordpress.com or www.wycokck.org. Or call (913) 573-5002

Source: www.downtownkck.org

Qindaro Boulevard Family Health Care

530 Qindaro Boulevard, KCK 66101

Phone: (913) 722-3100

www.swbfhc.org

Se habla Español



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Family Health Care provides primary health care for the entire family. Services include care for pregnant women, children and adults (including chronic diseases such as HIV, HepC and diabetes). Family Health Care is a non-profit safety net clinic with services provided on a sliding scale for those who do not have insurance.

Our goal is to improve your family's health by providing comprehensive health care services.

No patient is turned away for inability to pay.

Call (913) 722-3100 for an appointments.

Monday - Friday Social and legal services from 12:00pm to 6:00pm
Monday - Thursday The medical clinic is open 3:00pm to 6:00pm