



UNIFIED GOVERNMENT

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## 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.



## Police Patrol Division 2014 Meet and Greet Events



The Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) unit is hosting several opportunities for people in our communities to get to know the Patrol Division Officers assigned to their neighborhoods.

- These meetings are structured to;
- Introduce the Patrol Division Officers and their assigned areas,
- Introduce several community group leaders within the patrol division,
- Allow time for the community group leaders to briefly discuss issues and concerns important to the local areas,
- Provide a time for the community to face to face socially mingle with the patrol division officers to help build trust and partnerships.

We encourage all of our community partners to come out and support the "Meet and Greet" event and in their part of town.

Meetings listed in date order:

**East Patrol Division** (State Line to 29<sup>th</sup> Street, north of I-70) Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm [Donnelly College, 608 N 18<sup>th</sup>]

**South Patrol Division** (State Line to I-435, south of the Kansas River) Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm [Argentine Community Center, 2810 Metropolitan]

**Midtown Patrol Division** (29<sup>th</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup> Streets, Kansas to Missouri Rivers) Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm [Trinity Community Church, 5010 Parallel]

**West Patrol Division** (65<sup>th</sup> Street west to County Line, Kansas to Missouri Rivers) Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm [FOP Hall, 7844 Leavenworth Road]

Anyone with questions regarding these community meetings may contact a community policing supervisor or their community policing officer at: **(913) 573-8720**

## March Calendar of Events

### 03/07/2014 - 03/08/2014 14th Annual Marble Craze at Moon Marble Company Store

Free - 600 East Front Street Bonner Springs, KS  
 March 7th noon-9:00pm and March 8th 10:00am-5:00pm  
 913-441-1432 or <http://www.moonmarble.com>  
 This is a show for art lovers and marble lovers. Artists from all across the USA will gather for two days of marble making. They will demonstrate the techniques of taking molten glass from the furnace and from the torch and creating beautiful art marbles. The artists will also display their work and offer it for sale.

### 3/7/2014 Mennonite Author Shirley Hershey Showalter to speak at KCK Public Library

3:00pm South Branch Library 3104 Strong Ave.  
 913-722-7400 or [www.kckpl.org](http://www.kckpl.org)  
 Kansas City, Kansas Author Shirley Hershey Showalter will give a talk at the South Branch of the Kansas City Kansas Public Library on March 7th at 3:00pm. She will be speaking about her new memoir *Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World* and her journey from a young Mennonite girl to a college president.

### 03/21/2014 Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center)

Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Wood Ave.  
 913-281-8908 or [www.shepherdscenterkck.org](http://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 , make a friend.

### 03/27/2014 Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting

Free - everyone welcome 8:30am-10:00am  
 Neighborhood Resource Center (4953 State Ave.)  
 913-573-8737 or [vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org](mailto:vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org)  
 Come learn about important programs and services available in your community. Also get updates on what's happening at city hall, the KCKPD and the WYCO Sheriffs Department.

### 04/12/2014 Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival

Free - 10:30am-5:00pm KCKCC Field House 7250 State Ave.  
 Dr. Curtis V. Smith (913) 288-7314 or [cvs@kckcc.edu](mailto:cvs@kckcc.edu)  
<http://freewebs.com/wycoethnicfestival>  
 Come explore music, ethnic food and entertainment representing cultures who have immigrated to the area at the Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival on Saturday, April 12th. It will be an educational experience for the whole family! See website for more details.

For more information about events in Wyandotte County go to [www.visitkansascityks.com](http://www.visitkansascityks.com) and go to [www.wycokck.org](http://www.wycokck.org) and register for the UG E-News.

## 2014 KCK Burn Permit Process

Residents in Kansas City, Kansas are allowed to apply for a burn permit for the time period of the month of April 2014 and the time period of October 16, 2014 through November 15, 2014 at any of the Fire Stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. Kansas City, Kansas residents are limited to one 3-day burn permit per burn period that allows for the combustion of one 10 foot by 10 foot or smaller pile of naturally occurring residential organic yard waste generated onsite. If you operate a business out of your home you are classified as a business and cannot participate. 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. Each Burn Permit allows for one organic pile per permit, one permit per residential property. (yard waste generated such as tree limbs, leaves, weeds, brush and grass) 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 Government of Wyandotte County/KCK.

At no time shall wire insulation, tires, rubber products, plastic, automobile products, paper, cardboard, construction chemicals, household chemicals or any other material that normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors or hazardous air pollutants be burned.

At any time, the Fire Chief or his designee 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.

**Source: Operation Brightside**

## Wondering How to pay for College? Attend the Financing College Event!

Funding your education to attend a Technical School, 2-Year or 4-Year college!

Parents/Guardians & Seniors of Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools are encourage to attend April 15th 4:30pm-6:30pm at the KCKPS Central Office at 2010 North 59th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66104 (near F.L. Schagle HS). For more information and to find out what you need to bring contact Lori Hewitt, KCKPS Post-Secondary Connections Specialist at (913) 627-2685 or [lori.hewitt@kckps.org](mailto:lori.hewitt@kckps.org).



## Going Green Corner

By Kirk Suther, Operation Brightside



Pouring a little bacon grease down the drain or tossing meat scraps in the garbage disposal may not seem like a big deal, but every little bit adds up and can create major clogs and blockages in sewer lines that are part of the County's collection system. Once a line is blocked, wastewater can back up into streets, yards, homes, and even spill into Kansas's rivers and streams. If the clog occurs in the sewer lateral, then clean-up becomes the property owner's responsibility. The good news is that your County continues its fight against grease menace and is asking for your help!

The Water Pollution Control Division (WPCD) of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS (UG) has initiated a FOG Program (Fats, Oils, & Grease) in order to adequately protect human health and minimize overflow and backups caused by FOG. The FOG program applies to food service facilities (such as restaurants, schools, bakeries, etc.) and residential neighborhoods in Wyandotte County /Kansas City, KS, as they all discharge FOG-related wastes to the UG's collection systems.

### **So how can YOU do your part in fighting the grease menace? Here are a few ways YOU can help:**

- *Never pour grease or put food waste down sinks or toilets.*
- *Pour grease and oil into a container with a top (the original if available) so it can be reused, recycled, or placed in the trash can for disposal.*
- *Catch food scraps with baskets or strainers in sink drains and throw scraps in the garbage.*
- *Scrape food waste into the trash or dry-wipe with a paper towel.*

\*For more information on grease management, or if you would like to request a Spanish version of the article, please contact: Scott Craig, Environmental Compliance Officer, [scraig@wycokck.org](mailto:scraig@wycokck.org), (913) 573-1300. Remember to frequently read these newsletters to catch new and exciting information regarding the FOG program!



## **2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set**

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2014. 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.

Heartland Habitat for Humanity will be hosting an application meeting for their **2014 Wyandotte County Builds!**



Date: March 8, 2014

Time: Between 9:00 am and 12:00pm

Location: University United Methodist Church 3148 Parallel Parkway Kansas City, KS 66104

### **BPU Environmental Summit Set for April 17**

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) will hold its initial environmental summit on Thursday, April 17.

The event is called “E<sup>2</sup> Summit, Where Energy & Environment Meet” and will be held at Sporting Park.

Speakers will educate attendees on sustainable construction & design; energy efficiency; renewable energy and other environmental topics.

There will be general and breakout sessions for residential and commercial customers.

In addition attendees can participate in the Info Expo, where exhibitors will be sharing the latest products focusing on the environment and energy efficiency.

To register for this event or to sign up as a vendor, visit [e2summit.org](http://e2summit.org) or contact Jeffery Beeson at (913) 573-9982 . This site will be updated as the event unfolds with useful information.

### **Workforce Partnership Transformation**

Workforce partnership is holding a series of three community meetings to discuss how we can transform our services in the community and expand our services— But we need your help!

**March 12, 2014 1:30pm at the KCKPS Board Office 2010 North 59th Street Kansas City, KS 66104**

Meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. Please make plans now to attend so we can figure out the best way to serve our community together!

## **BPU Warns Customers of Fake Telephone Scams**

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is warning customers about a series of phone scams targeting electricity customers.

The scams involve telephone callers claiming to be from a utility company and then using various techniques to defraud customers. Some threaten customers with disconnecting electric service to their home or business if they do not make a payment immediately.

The scam artist instructs customers to send them money via a prepaid card such as a Green Dot Card, before their power is shut off. Other scam calls were made to collect money for replacing electric meters or adding surge protectors to customer’s homes. The person is asking customers to go to a CVS or a Walgreens and purchase a pre-paid card and asking them to have the card account information available when he calls back.

The person told potential victims if the information was not given within four hours, their electricity would be shut off or even worse, their home would blow up. Sometimes the scammer’s caller-ID is falsified so it appears to originate from the utility, a practice known as “spoofing.”

“Last year we had reports of calls from customers who had been contacted by these methods, we got the word out to the public about these scam calls and they stopped targeting our customers. Now it appears these scam artists are back and once again attempting to extort money from our customers using scare tactics and threats.

“We urge all who are contacted to call their utility before providing any type of payment to any such request,” stated David Mehlhaff, BPU Chief Communications Officer. “Any customers who receive such a call should not attempt to make any payment and should instead contact their utility’s customer service department.”

BPU customer service representatives are reassuring customers that this is a scam and warning them to not give out any personal information to these scam artists.

Please contact BPU or call the police if you believe you have been the target of this or any scam.

BPU said electric customers have been targeted in several states besides Kansas, including Nebraska, Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, The District of Columbia, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin and New Mexico.