Livable Neighborhood News

MARCH 2019

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

x MARK YOUR CALENDARS x

Next Livable Neighborhood Meeting

March 28th @ 8:30 AM
Neighborhood Resource Center Conference Room
4953 State Avenue

DO YOU.....?

• Live in Kansas City, KS
• Own your home
• Live in a home built before 1978
• Meet federal income guidelines
• Have a child under the age of 6 that lives in or visits your home more than 6 hours a week or is a member of your household pregnant?

IF SO, you may qualify for the kNOw LEAD program for lead abatement, which may include:

• Replacement of windows, doors, trim, and porches
• Removing deteriorated lead paint and repainting
• Replacing contaminated soil

CALL 913-573-5100 IF YOU THINK YOU OR

Good Neighbor Training

March 25 @ 5:30 PM
featuring
Community Policing
Light Meal provided

Please RSVP at 913-573-8737 or
livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org
Neighborhood Resource Center Conference Room
4953 State Avenue

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

7th Annual
Community Development Workshop
March 9, 2019
Kauffman Foundation Center

For Registration go to:
www.alt-cap.org/communitydevelopmentworkshop

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
This is a friendly reminder from the Wyandotte County Appraiser’s Office that the March 15th deadline is quickly approaching for the owners of the following types of Personal Property to file their rendition:

- Flatbed, enclosed trailers, horse and stock trailers
- ATV’s, golf carts, mopeds, off road motorcycles, snowmobiles, race cars, aircraft
- Non-highway motor vehicles and non-commercial trucks whose tag weight is 16,000 or higher
- Manufactured homes and tiny home trailers
- Commercial Machinery and Equipment acquired prior to June 30, 2006

The filing requirement does not apply to the following:

- Motor vehicles that are taxed at the time of licensing (with exception to non-hwy vehicles)
- Commercial equipment that cost $1,500 or less
- Commercial equipment purchased after June 30, 2006

Kansas law (K.S.A. 79-306) states that every person who owns or holds tangible personal property subject to taxation must list that property with the County Appraiser of the county where property is located on January 1st.

On December 31, 2018, the Wyandotte County Appraiser’s Office mailed a 2019 Property Worksheet (Rendition) to owners of the above personal property types. In order to avoid filing penalties, the 2019 Property Worksheet (Rendition) should be returned to the Wyandotte County Appraiser’s Office no later than March 15, 2019. Penalties for failure to file will accrue 5% monthly up to 50%. These filing penalties can greatly affect your tax bill in November.

Notice to all boat owners:

Watercraft should be listed in the taxing district in which it is located on January 1, unless it is in transit; then it shall be listed in the taxing district where the owner resides (K.S.A. 79-304). Property in transit includes watercraft located outside the State of Kansas on January 1, if such watercraft is covered by the federally approved numbering system administered by the Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks.

If you have questions on your reporting responsibilities or you need a replacement form, we will be happy to assist you. Please call our office at 913-573-8400.

You may return the completed, signed form via USPS, by fax to 913-334-0418, or email the completed signed form to wycoappraiser@wycokck.org.

**Note:**

If you did not file your 2018 Personal Property Worksheet (Rendition), there is still time to file and take advantage of reducing your current 50% failure to file penalty. Please call our office prior to March 14, 2019 to find out how.

Address: 8200 State Avenue Kansas City, Kansas 66112
Phone: (913) 573-8400 Fax: (913) 334-0418
Website: www.wycokck.org

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**Stay, Strong, Stay Healthy**

The first session of the Stay Strong, Stay Healthy is quickly approaching, Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The exercise program will meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays two times a week, for eight weeks (unless otherwise noted):

- **Room 1208 (Sunflower)** March 5, 7, 12, 14
- **Room 1200 (Wildcat)** March 19, 21, 26 and (Friday) 29, April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25
- **Level 1:** 11:00 am — 12:00 pm
- **Level 2:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (for those who have already taken Level 1)

This program is for Older Adults that targets Strength, Balance and Flexibility.

Benefits: Increases muscle strength, improves balance, enhances flexibility, strengthens bones, relieves arthritis, promotes weight maintenance, lifts depression, reduces stress, reduces risk of heart disease.

The program will be held at the K-State Research and Extension, Wyandotte County office located at 1216 N. 79th Street in Kansas City, KS 66112.

Please call (913) 299-9300, e-mail Lori Wuellner, huwelrne@ksu.edu, or e-mail Jo McLeland, jo1@ksu.edu to register or for more details.

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**Master Gardeners Class**

The Wyandotte County Extension Master Gardeners invite you to join them for a presentation by Megan Glavin from Suburban Lawn and Garden about What’s New in Annuals, Perennials and Vegetables.

The class will be **Thursday, March 7, 2019, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

In the Sunflower Room of the Wyandotte County Extension Office, 1216 N. 79th Street, Kansas City KS. Fee: $5 (waived for currently certified EMGs). For further information, call 913-299-9300.

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**19th Annual Marble Crazy**

March 1, 2019 - March 2, 2019
Moon Marble Company
600 East Front St.
Bonner Springs, KS 66012
(913) 441-1432
Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Web: http://moonmarble.com
email@moonmarble.com

**K-STATE Research and Extension**

**Master Gardener**

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**The Citizen and Community Stakeholder Budget Initiative** form is available for citizens and community stakeholders to provide input into priorities and initiatives for the 2020 Budget.

Forms must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) Friday, April 5, 2019 to the Unified Government Budget Office, 701 North 7th Street Suite #510 or via email to ugbudget@wycokck.org.

Please go to https://www.wycokck.org/home to download the budget initiative form.
Many residents assume that it is local government’s responsibility to maintain trees in the streets-right-of-way. While this may be the case in some cities, in Kansas City, Kansas it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain, prune, and remove any necessary, trees that are planted along the street rights-of-way. One way residents can legally dispose of limbs is through open burning.

Residents in Kansas City, Kansas may apply for a burn permit for the time period of the month of April 2019 and the time period of October 16, 2019 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 owner of the property must apply for and sign the permit. A copy of the permit must be on-site during the open burn. A responsible party must always be present until the fire is completely extinguished. An adequate water supply and/or other comparable extinguishing resource must be immediately available 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, street, or sidewalk.

All organic materials burned within the city limits of Kansas City, Kansas are limited to organic materials (yard waste such as tree limbs, leaves, weeds, brush, and thatch) generated on the property. 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 rubbish, tires, rubber products, plastic, treated lumber, automobile products, construction debris/chemicals, household chemicals or any other material that emits dense smoke,noxious odors or hazardous air pollutants be burned.

At any time, the Director or the Chief of the Fire Prevention Division may revoke any permit or ban open burning if either determine open burning would constitute a danger to public health or safety. Weather conditions (high winds-sustained over 15 mph, low humidity) may make open burning too dangerous. Suspension of open burning will be posted on the Unified Government’s website and the KCKFD web and the Plains-Clean & Safe Air Quality office. Applications can be found on the City website under Department-Health-Clean & Safe.

Home improvement products accepted include concrete cleaner, driveway sealer, furniture stripper, glue with solvents, latex & oil based paints, paint thinner, putty, grout, calk & 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.

**OPEN BURNING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION**

A fire permit is required for all bonfires. A fire permit is not required for a recreational fire. What is the difference?

**BONFIRE:** Larger than 3-feet in diameter and/or wood stacked higher than 2-feet.

- Must be at least 50-feet from a structure or combustible material.

**RECREATIONAL FIRE:** Smaller than 3-feet in diameter and wood stacked less than 2-feet high.

- Must be at least 25-feet from a structure or combustible material.

- May only contain ‘seasoned’ firewood.

(Leaves, vines, and green hedge are not considered recreational fire materials.)

All fires must be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. A hose with a reliable water source or at least one fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating shall be available for immediate use.

Rubbish, trash, construction debris, or non-residential waste shall never be disposed of by open burning. Conducting salvage operations by open burning is prohibited. Any open burning which creates a private or public nuisance or hazard is prohibited.

BURN BARRELS are not considered a recreational fire because of their height. Burn barrels may only be used during the open burn periods (April & Oct 16-Nov 15) by permit only.

**OBTAINING PERMITS:**

- During Open Burn periods (April and Oct 16-Nov 15)

  - Apply for these permits at any local fire station 24-hours in advance beginning your open burn.

- Outside of the Open Burn periods

  - Begin the application process by submitting the application to the ‘Air Quality’ office. Applications can be found on the City website under Departments-Health-Clean & Safe.

**REPORTING SUSPECTED ILLEGAL BURNING:**

Report suspected illegal burning operations to the Division of Fire Prevention, John Droppelmann, Fire Marshal.
Waste Management Re-Route

Waste Management (WM) has sent mail notifications to all residents impacted by the reroute. Mailers began to arrive in homes on February 7th. In total, 14,381 residential units will see their collection day change. The re-route will become active on February 25th.

On February 8th, Public Works distributed email and hard-copy notifications to more than 21 neighborhood groups, non-profits, and Home Owner Associations with residents impacted by the change.

The Solid Waste Management portion of the PW website was also updated to provide the community with re-route information and direct users to a searchable trash day map. The map is available at maps.wyckck.org/TrashDay.html. Since February 7th, more than 3,000 users have accessed the map.

Camp Fury

According to the International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services, only about 4% of our nation’s firefighters are women. The Kansas City Kansas Fire Department is currently a little more than 6% female. Improving these numbers is one of several recruitment priorities. These percentages are slightly higher in law enforcement but recruiting women into public safety careers continues to be a challenge for most communities.

In 2009, two female firefighters from Arizona launched an innovative camp, designed to introduce girls to careers in the fire service, law enforcement, and emergency medical services. Camp Fury is a collaborative effort between local chapters of the Girl Scouts of America and public safety agencies. In June of 2019, Catching Fury, the introductory Camp Fury camp, is coming to Kansas City! Catching Fury is a one-day camp for rising 8th and 9th grade girls and will be held June 22, 2019 in KCMO and June 29, 2019 in KCK. The Kansas City Kansas Fire Department has partnered with the Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Office, the Kansas City Missouri Fire Department, the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, and the Girl Scouts of NE Kansas/SW Missouri to develop and host our own KS/MO camp.

The Camp Fury concept is three progressive camps. Catching Fury. Camp Fury, a week long immersion camp for rising 10th, 11th and 12th grade girls, will be held summer of 2020. Camp Fury Executives is a leadership camp for 12th grade girls to help prepare them to take on the world post high school. Applications for Catching Fury are being accepted at https://gsksmo.wufoo.com/forms/q11kn2ad0wm7mw0/ and be sure to follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/campfurykc/