

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

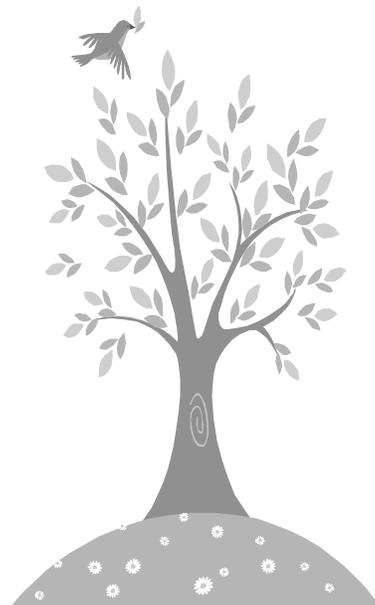
MAY 2010

Spring is here!

Your neighborhood group information can be placed right here. If you would like newsletters made, please contact our office at (913) 573-8737 or vmLiveableNeighbor@wycokck.org.

In order to lower costs and send information more efficiently we will be changing the way that we mail the newsletters out to neighborhood groups. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter by mail please call (913) 573-8645 and ask to be on the mailing list. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically by email, please email us at vmLiveableNeighbor@wycokck.org.

Thank you



BPU To Hold Public Hearings on Possible Rate Increase

BPU has scheduled two days of public hearings held on Monday May 3rd 7:00pm and Tuesday May 4th 9:00am in the BPU headquarters, 540 Minnesota. Public comments will be heard during this process after which time technical testimony will be provided until the hearing process has concluded.

The intent of these public forums and hearings is to share information with customers, stakeholders and the community, while affording an opportunity for any comments or questions. For more information, contact David Mehlhaff, BPU Public Affairs Officer at (913) 231-9399 or dmehlhaff@bpu.com.



Unified Government Offices will be closed May 28th and the 31st.

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



Christmas In October Is In KCK!

If you need minor home repair services and can not afford it, Christmas in October may be able to help. For more information contact your local Neighborhood Business Revitalization (NBR) organization. If you need contact information for your NBR or do not have an NBR in your area, please contact Liveable Neighborhoods at

(913) 573-8737.

May Calendar of Events

5/2/2010

Cinco De Mayo Parade & Fiesta

Emerson Park
 Strong and South 29th
www.aztecdegkc.org
 (816) 597-5815
 Free
 Enjoy live entertainment, authentic food and family fun!

5/8/2010

Polski Day - 26th Anniversary Celebration

St. Joseph - St. Benedicts Church 8th and Vermont
 913-721-0081
 11am Parade, 4pm Mass, 11am-7pm Festivities
 Free 11am Parade, 4pm Mass, 11am-7pm Festivities
 Enjoy Polish food , music and entertainment.

5/10/2010

Grassroots Leadership

KCKCC Jewell Building Commons Area
 7250 State Ave.
 Please R.S.V.P. to (913) 288-7685
 Dinner at 6pm, Presentation at 7pm
 Free

5/14/2010

KCK Second Friday Arts Walk

Downtown KCK, Multiple Areas
 (913) 371-0024 or www.kcartsnetwork.com
 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 Free
 A celebration of art, art space and art lovers in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Several galleries will be included in the art walk.

5/15/2010

Native Gardening

F.L. Scagle Environmental Library
 4051 West Drive
 For information call (913) 299-2384
 10:00am - 12:00pm
www.kckpl.lib.ks.us/sclagle For information call (913) 299-2384
 Join K-State Master Gardeners to learn the basic of creating and maintaining a native garden as well as the advantaged of native gardening, such as water conservation and attracting wild life. Seating is limited so call today to reserve your spot.

5/15/2010

Black Police Officers Association Kids Fishing Derby

Wyandotte County Lake Kids Pond
 8am registration, Fishing 9am-11am, Prizes 11am -12pm
KIDS MUST BE ACOMPAINED BY AN ADULT
 Free

5/15/2010

"Be Healthy in 2010" Health Fair

Bethany Community Center 1121 Central Ave.
 10:00am—12:00pm
 For more information call Linda at (816) 838-8485
 Free
 Sponsored by the Evangelist Temple

Good Neighbor/ Blue Card Training

The next training will be May 25th 8:30am to 4:00pm in the Community Room in Indian Springs Shopping Center (lower level) 4601 State Ave. If you are interested in attending please call Live-able Neighborhoods at (913) 573-8737 or email vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org

2010 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2010. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, and October 16. 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.

Source: Operation Brightside

Community Development Public Hearings

Community Development public hearing to be held on Thursday evening, May 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Unified Government Board of Commissioners Chambers in the Lobby of the Municipal Office Building.

The purpose of this meeting is to request public comment for the upcoming Unified Government's revised 2010 and proposed 2011 budgets. In addition, the public hearing is also being held to receive public comment on housing and community development needs, including priority non-housing community development needs for the 2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2011 One-Year Action Plan and budget. The 2011 One-Year Consolidated Plan includes the following program applications: 36th Year Community Development Block Grant Program, 2011 HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program, and the 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

What Happens to Stormwater Runoff?

We all have heard of the saying, “April showers bring May flowers.” But with all of those heavy spring rains, have you ever thought about where all that excess rain water goes?

When water falls to the earth as rain most of it seeps into the ground. If the ground is saturated, frozen, or covered with surfaces like roads, sidewalks, or paved parking lots the water flows over the land creating what is know as stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff flows from rooftops, over paved streets, sidewalks and parking lots, across bare soil, and through lawns and is directed into storm drains. These storm drains are often at street corners and on the sides of curbs and gutters. In turn, this stormwater runoff is directed to flow into local streams, rivers and lakes.

Since this stormwater runoff is not treated before flowing into local streams, rivers and lakes; most people never think about this stormwater runoff causing water pollution. But as the water flows; this stormwater runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, litter and other pollutants that enter into storm drains.

Residents can help to minimize their impact on stormwater pollution with the following actions:

- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing them off. Washing them causes soil and other pollutants to be washed down the storm drain.
- Either wash your car at a commercial car wash or on a surface that absorbs water such as grass or gravel. Use bio-degradable, phosphate free water-based cleaners only.
- Pickup pest waste from your yard and dispose of properly. It is not a fertilizer.
- If your home is on a private septic system, make sure that you have the septic system inspected and pumped periodically.
- Use lawn chemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides safely. Always follow label instructions, do not over apply. Never apply before rain or watering the lawn unless directed by the product instructions.
- Don't blow your grass clippings and leaves onto the street or driveways. The grass clippings and leaves will be carried to the storm drain and will cause problems.
- Recycle your used motor oil and automotive fluids. Never place used motor oil or automotive fluids in the trash and never pour them down the storm drain.
- If you are a smoker, never empty your cigarette butts on the street or parking lot. These will end up washed down the storm drain into our local waterways. Keep America Beautiful Inc. has identified cigarettes as the #1 item that is littered.

Learn ways to Conserve Energy

Mr. Richard Mabion has partnered with The Sierra Club-Kansas Chapter to promote energy efficiency and conservation to citizens in Wyandotte County.

The program's goal is to help families save money on their energy bills. Energy efficiency is nothing new, but with the struggling economy and fuel prices continuing to rise, you may be looking for additional ways to save. Mr. Mabion would like to educate the residents in your neighborhood.

Feel free to contact Mr. Mabion at 913-481-9920 or email him at rmabion@sbcglobal.net. He would be glad to speak at your neighborhood meeting.



Communities In Schools Needs Volunteers for Reality U Project

The program consists of students answering a 10 question survey on where they want to be by age 26 and looking at their current grade point average (GPA). The students are then “given a life” and are challenged to live out that life through visiting a series of booths (manned by volunteers) based on life necessities such as: child care, the supermarket, car dealers, real estate, medical insurance , ect. As they go along they are met with many challenge and they are forced to make decision based on those challenges. The activities encourage students to make different choices and think about where they are academically. It is a true reality check.

If you are interested in volunteering for either Wednesday May 5th at Eisenhower Middle , Friday May 7th at Schlagle high school or at Northwest Middle School, please contact Dola Williams at (913) 627-4352 or dwilliams@ciskck.org.

Shepherd’s Center

Minor Home Repair Program

Are you handy with tools and enjoy helping others? Are you a senior who requires a small repair job to be completed in your home? The Shepherd’s Center of KCK has a Minor Home Repair program for older adults in Kansas City, Kansas. Jobs are small repair jobs that normally take one to two hours to complete.

Minor Home repair volunteers are willing and able to evaluate and refer more complicated repair work. Volunteers with the Minor Home Repair program are skilled and experienced in plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, and other general repairs. They are recruited, trained, and supported by Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kansas.

As a rule, the jobs do not include painting or climbing on ladders. If you enjoy doing small repair jobs and helping others, OR if you require small repair projects completed in your home, please contact the Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas at (913) 281-8908.



Free Parenting Classes

PACES of Wyandot Center, Inc. announces free public parenting classes for May 2010. Class titles include:

- Negative Behavior/Positive Discipline
- Becoming a Love and Logic Parent
- Active Parenting of Teens
- Responsive Discipline
- The Adventures of Amazing Preschoolers: Ages 1-3 years
- Guiding Good Choices: Ages 9-14 years
- Helping You Child Succeed
- Resolving Fights Between Children
- Blended Families/ Parenting the Children of Others
- Steps and Starts of Middle School: Ages 5-10 years

All classes are taught by Nona Boyd, BS in Parent Education, Registration is necessary and can be made by calling (913) 328-4803, (913) 563-6541 or email boyd_no@wmhci.org.

Mayor’s First Floor First Friday

May 7, 2010

9:30am—11:00am

Turner Recreation Center

831 South 55th Street



Pet Registration



Pet registrations for 2010 are due. Animal Control is located at 3301 Park Drive. If you would like to register your pet you will need verification of shots, verification of spay or neuter and the cost is \$5.00. If you have any questions please call (913) 321-1445.

SAVE THE DATE!

National Night Out
Against Crime

Tuesday, August 3rd

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Come and show your support .