



LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



MAY 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.

The Unified Government Adopts Complete Streets Program

The Unified Government (UG) officially adopted a Complete Streets resolution during the commission meeting last Thursday night, April 7th. The resolution is part of ongoing efforts by the UG to develop an effective policy that supports the goals of designing, constructing, and maintaining an infrastructure that encourages active living within the City of Kansas City, Kansas.

"I think it was a significant step forward in tying the day-to-day work we do in city government to the health conditions of our citizens," said Mayor Joe Reardon.

The Complete Streets program is part of the Mayor's Healthy Community Task Force Initiative. Although the resolution is a recent policy action taken by the governing body, some components of the program have already been implemented according to the Public Works Department.

"We've been incorporating sidewalks on major thoroughfare projects and new developments; this has been happening for the last decade," Bill Heatherman, County Engineer said. "So the new resolution is a confirmation that we were on the right track."

The Complete Streets program helps ensure that all users are considered at the outset of every transportation project and consists of 4 main areas:

1. A walk ability assessment; a rigorous guide to grading our current performance.
2. An updated master plan to provide more details on sidewalks, trails and bicycle paths - so that when new people come to the community to build and invest, they know what they should provide and how things will connect.
3. A direction to staff to go through policies and procedures and identify things that get in the way of providing safe and friendly walking on streets - and the commitment to correct them
4. An initial focus on safe routes to schools, and safe places for children to wait for the bus.

"While we're going to do all this planning work, my hope is that we can take first steps to provide safer sidewalks for kids to go to school and wait for the bus," Reardon said.

When planning and designing streets the UG will be considering a variety of elements, such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, street trees and landscaping, accessible curb ramps, refuge islands, public transportation stops, traffic calming circles and raised medians.

These are some of the improvements you can see currently on the newly completed portions of State Ave. from 47th to 67th.

Heatherman says the public will be informed of future public meetings and will be asking for resident's participation in preparing future plans for sidewalks and trails.

"Bringing key and diverse stakeholders together to help implement more travel options in our City is very important," said Heatherman.

Source: UG ENews For more ENews go to www.wycokck.org.

May Calendar of Events

4/30/2011 - 5/01/2011

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Emerson Park (Strong Ave. and 29th Street)
 (816) 985-6606 or www.aztecadegkc.org
 1:00pm - 7:15pm , Parade starts at 1:00pm rain or shine
 Free
 Come and enjoy the parade, music and food.

5/07/2011

4th Annual Cinco de Mayo Charro Parade and Festival
 Downtown KCK

(816) 591-5815 or <http://bonitomichoacankck.com/cinco%20de%20mayo.html>
 10:00am - 12:00am - Parade starting at 11:00am
 Free
 The parade will start at 11:00am followed by a fabulous dancing horse show, ethnic-inspired musical entertainment, mechanical bull, moon walks and of course the delicious Mexican food.

5/18/2011

The Nature of Kansas: Butterflies of Wyandotte County

West Wyandotte Library 1737 North 82nd Street
 913-299-2384 Craig Hensley
 7:00 - 8:30pm Free

5/20/2011

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.

5/26/2011

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.

6/17/2010 - 6/18/2010

Juneteenth Celebration

Big Eleven Lake 11th State Avenue
 913-548-8479 or www.juneteenthkck.com
 Fri. 6:00pm - prayer vigil and live bands.
 Sat. 10:00am-6:00pm - parade and celebration
 Free. Come join in the celebration of Juneteenth.



Reminder: Unified Government Offices will be closed Monday May 30th, for the holiday.



Local Farmers Markets

Buy fresh, buy local!

Rosedale Farmers Market

May 1 to September 25, Sundays 12-3 p.m.
 340 Southwest Boulevard (corner of Rainbow Blvd and Southwest Blvd)

For more information contact:
www.rosedalefarmersmarket.com
info@rosedalefarmersmarket.com or
 913-645-7826

Grinter House Market

June 4 to October 22, Saturdays
 Grinter House Barn 1400 South 78th Street

For more information contact:
grinter@kshs.org
 (913) 299-0373 or

KCK Green Farmers Market

June 1st - September 28th, Wednesdays
 8:00am to sell out

Strawberry Hill (6th and Tauromee)
 Juniper Gardens (3rd and Richmond)
 The market doubles the Senior Vouchers and the SNAP/Vision program
 For more information contact:
 Rachel at (913) 909-1027

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

Google™ is in Kansas City, Kansas!



Google announced its selection of Kansas City, Kansas, as the location for its ultra high-speed fiber project during a news conference on Wednesday, March 30th at Wyandotte High School.

Google unveiled their plan a year ago to build and study the use of ultra-high speed broadband networks in a small number of trial locations across the country. As part of this process, the company asked interested communities to submit an application. Like more than 1,100 cities across the nation, the Unified Government (UG) submitted an application for this unique and innovative partnership.

Google has committed to providing 1 gigabit per second fiber straight to homes and businesses beginning in 2012.

For more information on the Google fiber project, just go to www.google.com/fiber/kansascityks

Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging

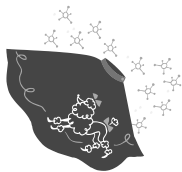
Older American's Month Celebration

May 24, 2011 11:00am - 2:00pm

George Meyn Center


126th and State Avenue
Bonner Spring, Kansas

- * Games
- * Concessions
- * Health Screenings
- * Information Booths
- * Drawings
- * Entertainment



Transportation is available from the Wyandotte/ Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging
1300 North 78th Street Kansas City, Kansas to event site!
Buses run every hour.

For questions call:
Margie Alcanter (913) 573-8533
Bridget Doty (913) 573-8535
Jennifer Long (913) 573-8546



Would you like a FREE checkup of your child's health and your home?

To qualify, all you need is to:

- Live in the Kansas City Metro area.
- Have a child between 2 and 17 years of age, with asthma, allergies, sinus problems, constant cough, or other constant health problems.
- Your child stays at your home at least 4 nights per week.
- Own your home, or have lived in the same rental unit the last 6 months and plan to be there the next 12 months.
- Meet the HHP Median Family Income Guidelines

The FREE home checkup includes:
checking indoor air quality and ventilation, dust and allergen levels, moisture and mold, a household chemical survey, a home maintenance survey, and a home safety check up. **All families will receive a Healthy Home Cleaning Kit that includes a HEPA Vacuum, high quality furnace filters, and a set of healthy home cleaning supplies.**

The Kansas City Safe & Healthy Home Partnership presents

The Healthy Home Program

Call the Healthy Home Program at:

816-855-1895

Enroll Now!

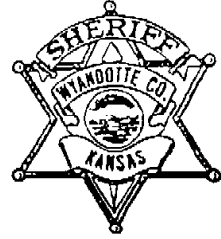






Office of the Sheriff

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 WYANDOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF
 710 North 7TH Street
 Kansas City, Kansas 66101
 Tag Enforcement Unit
 Phone 913- 573-8949



Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Tag Enforcement Unit:

The Tag Enforcement Unit of the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department is responsible for enforcing compliance with the Kansas motor vehicle registration laws K.S.A. 8-127/129. Enforcement of these laws recovers tax and registration revenue for the State of Kansas and Unified Government of WYCO/KCK that might otherwise be lost. All vehicles owned by residents of Wyandotte County, KS must be registered and tagged in Wyandotte County, KS. Exceptions apply to full-time active military and undergraduate students attending college in Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, KS. Persons moving into Wyandotte County have ninety (90) days to transfer their vehicle registration to Wyandotte County. Ownership of property in another county or state does not constitute an exception to this law.

The Wyandotte County Sheriff Department Tag Enforcement Unit requires the following information to complete an investigation:

- Vehicle Tag Number to include the State and County
- Description of vehicle (make, model, color)
- Is the vehicle on public street or private property?
- Does the tagged vehicle appear to belong to a resident of Wyandotte County?
- How long have you observed the violation?
- Specific address details concerning the location of the vehicle

You may send your complaint via email to SheriffTags@wycosheriff.org or by calling the Tag Unit at **913-573-8949**. Please title your email "complaint".

For more information or if you wish for a Deputy to speak at your informational gathering, please call Sheriff Deputy Mark Snelson at 913-573-8056.



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.

2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2011. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15. 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.