

Liveable Neighborhoods Newsletter

May 2013

The Liveable Neighborhoods meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the Month at 8:30 a.m. at Indian Springs in the Neighborhood Resource Center Community Meeting Room.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 23, 2013.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

U.G. Neighborhood Resource Center Moving to New Location

The Unified Government Neighborhood Resource Center which has been located in the Indian Springs Mall since 1999 is preparing to move to its new location at 4953 State Ave. All eight U.G. divisions will be located together at the new site to continue to provide a central location for neighborhood groups, businesses and residents to conduct business. Mary Jane Johnson Executive Director of Liveable Neighborhoods said, "Indian Springs has served the community well over the years, both as a retail business marketplace and most recently as a satellite for easy access and a streamlined core of Unified Government neighborhood services."

The official opening of the new location is expected during the first part of June 2013.

Memorial Day Impacts Residential Trash & Recycling Services

Deffenbaugh will be observing Memorial Day as a holiday. Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2013 in Kansas City, Kansas. Service for both trash pickup and curbside recycling will be moved back one day for Kansas City, Kansas residents the week of May 27, 2013. Monday's pickup will be done on Tuesday. Tuesday's pickup will be done on Wednesday. Wednesday's pickup will be done on Thursday. Thursday's pickup will be done on Friday. Friday's pickup will be done on Saturday.

Where can I pick up one of the green Unified Government recycling bins?

If you don't already have your green recycling bin, you can pick one up from the Wyandotte County Community Recycling Center located at 3241 Park Drive in Kansas City, Kansas. The Recycling Center will be the permanent location in which residents can get a recycling bin. The hours of operation for the Recycling Center are Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm and on Fridays and Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm. During the Recycling Center's hours of operation, their number is 913-371-2034. To pick up a bin you need to show proof of residency in Kansas City, Kansas.

Joe Info...Series

Good Neighbor
Training



May 21, 2013

9:00am to 11:00am

Trinity Community Church

5010 Parallel KCK

Presentations by U.G. Animal Control Dept. and the U.G Health Dept.

Coffee and snacks provided.

May Calendar of Events

May 2...3:00 Neighborhood Housing Task Force
Neighborhood Resource Ctr. Meeting Room

May 4.....12:00 Polski Day Parade
8th - 12th Central Ave.

May 5.....Cinco de Mayo Music Concert
for families **12:00 to 5:00** 1150 Minnesota Ave.

May 9.....11:30 Fairfax Industrial Luncheon
Fairfax Drainage District—1620 Fairfax Tfy

May 11....Commission McKiernan, District 2
Neighborhood Clean Up

May 13.....Women’s Health Fair (Free)
10 - 2 U.G. City Hall Lobby - Door Prizes
Screenings and Assessments

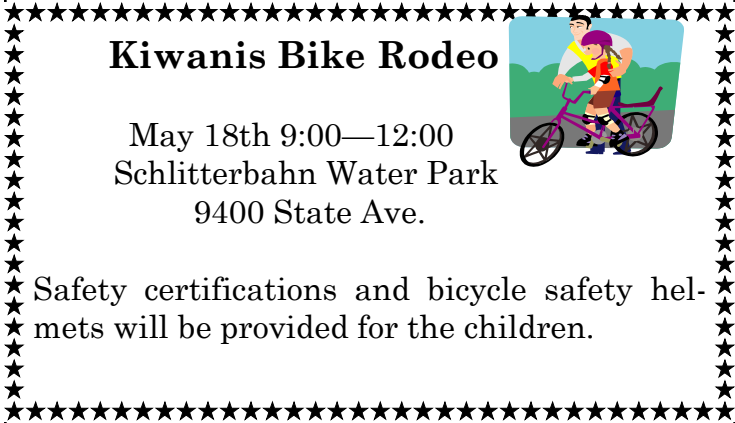
May 14....12:00 Armourdale Optimist Lunch-
eon 1206 Osage - Honoring Officer Keith Faulkner



Regional Prevention Center

Tip of the Month.....

A common question is how quickly can someone become addicted to a drug, It depends on many factors, including your biology (your genes, for example), age, gender, environment, and interactions among these factors. Vast differences characterize individual sensitivity to various drugs and to addiction vulnerability. While one person may use a drug one or many times and suffer no ill effects, another person may overdose with first use, or become addicted after a few uses. There is no way of knowing in advance how quickly you will become addicted—but there are some clues, one important one being whether you have a family history of addiction.



Kiwanis Bike Rodeo

May 18th 9:00—12:00
Schlitterbahn Water Park
9400 State Ave.



Safety certifications and bicycle safety helmets will be provided for the children.



During the Month of May...The U.G. Neighborhood Resource Center offices will be in the process of packing to move to the new location at 4953 State Ave. KCK. The plan is to continue to provide services during this time, knowing that we may be working at times with limited resources. We hope to make the move as seamless as possible to the public.

Mental Health First Aid classes

May 8-9

Learn to help in a mental health crisis

Mental Health First Aid training is designed to help you recognize signs and symptoms of a mental illness, and know what to do in a mental health crisis to help a family member, friend or person you encounter.

Wyandot Center and PACES will offer our next Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training on Wednesday and Thursday, May 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day with time for breaks and lunch. The 12-hour program will be held at Wyandot Center's 1301 North 47th Street facility, Kansas City, Kansas, and is open to the community. There is a \$40 fee per each participant. Register by emailing Beth Yoder Stein at yoderstein_b@wmhci.org, or contact her for more information at 913-328-4633.

Does Washing Your Car Impact Water Quality?

Citizens don't realize that if they wash their car on their driveway or on the street that the dirty, polluted water ends up going down the storm drain and into streams, rivers, and lakes untreated. Dirty water from washing your car can include soaps, detergents, residue from exhaust fumes, gasoline, heavy metals from rust, and motor oils.

Phosphates from soap can cause excess algae to grow in water. Excessive algae smell bad and harm water quality. As algae decay, this process uses up oxygen in the water that fish need.

Many residents don't realize how their everyday habits impact our region's water quality. Even small amounts of pollution from an activity such as washing your car can add up to big problems when it occurs throughout the Kansas City region. Remember: *if it's on the ground, it's in our water.*

As you wash your car, what can you do to help reduce storm water pollution?

1. The best way to minimize the effect of washing your car on the environment is to take your car to a commercial car wash. The average homeowner uses 116 gallons of water to wash a car. Most commercial car washes use 60% less water for the entire process than a homeowner uses just to rinse the car.
2. If washing your car at home, wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel or grass. This can filter water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or streams. Avoid washing cars on concrete or asphalt pavement unless it drains into a vegetated area.
3. If washing your car at home, use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water based cleaners only. To minimize water usage use a spray gun with flow restriction to minimize water use and runoff. Always empty wash buckets into sinks or toilets.
4. Car Fund Raisers: When planning a car wash fundraiser, try developing a partnership with a commercial car wash facility or wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel or grass.

2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2013. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19. 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.

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2013

Please join us for the 29th annual Polski Day Celebration benefiting All Saints Parish!
LIVE MUSIC | DANCING | ETHNIC FOOD | COLD BEER | KIDS' GAMES



ALL SAINTS PARISH

8th & Vermont, Kansas City, KS
(formerly St. Joseph-St. Benedicts)

PARADE @ 12PM

New Routel Central Ave, 12th St. - 8th St.

POLKA MASS @ 4PM

LIVE MUSIC

Inside Strolling Accordionists
Noon - 4pm Don Lipovac
4pm - 7pm John Soptick

Outside Bands

Noon-4pm Ed Grisnik Band
4pm-7pm Don Lipovac Band



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Colorful Cinco de Mayo... May 4 & 5

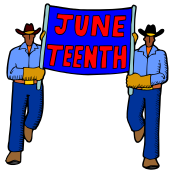
PLEASE "DON'T RAIN ON OUR PARADE"!

Join us...

With: *an entry of a float, a car, or just yourself in the Downtown KCK Business and Neighborhood Cinco de Mayo Parade, OR simply come watch at 11am, Saturday, May 4, up and down Minnesota Avenue from 8th to 18th Street.*

Celebrate: *Cinco de Mayo, with events located on the surrounding streets of and sponsored by Bonito Michoacan directly following the parade. Partake in food, drink, music, prizes, etc. May 4; and on Sunday, May 5, enjoy Bonito's family Day, featuring a Children's Concert, stage coach rides donated by Mahaffie Farms & more.*

Please help us beat last year's total of almost 10,000 in attendance. Help us turn the Cinco de Mayo parade into a perpetual "Neighborhood" event. Simply place this information on your websites and in your news-letters. Tell everyone to contact Betty Norris at 816-337-2266, bettynorrisadvertising@outlook.com for more information and to learn how to enter the parade.



Juneteenth Parade and Celebration

8th Anniversary - June 14 & 15, 2013

Friday, June 14, 2013 - 6:00 pm Prayer Vigil and Music in the Park at Big Eleven Lake 11th & State Ave.

Saturday, June 15, 2013 - Parade at 10:00 a.m. 7th & Quindaro to 18th St. South to Washington Blvd. East to Big Eleven Lake. Any marching bands/units and floats are welcome.

- Celebration at Big Eleven Lake at 12:00. Any performance groups or vendors wishing to participate should contact Victor Harris at 913-963-1118 or 816-332-5318.
- Classic Car/Truck Show at 1:00 p.m. Judging at 3:00 p.m. Open to vehicles 1980 and older.
- BBQ/Greens Competition—Open to anyone who feels they can handle some friendly competition. Call for details and prices.

This event will take place Rain or Shine! No alcohol! No refunds!

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