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Reminders

Good Neighbor Trainings are the fourth Monday of the month at the NRC at 5:30PM!

The next Livable Neighborhood meeting is May 24th!

Thrive Nominations are Open and Due May 19th!

On October 11th at the Scottish Rite Temple, it’s time again to celebrate the great work community leaders and organizations are making to revitalize our city’s neighborhoods. **Thrive** is an annual celebration of achievements in community development. With your help, we will honor the best of Kansas City as we savor local food and entertainment while recognizing seven leaders and organizations for their contributions to community transformation.

Take this opportunity now to nominate an organization that demonstrates long-standing commitment to our community, a project that contributes to the well-being of our community, or an individual or youth leader who is championing change in his/her community (or all of the above!).

Official launch of the Deportation Defense Legal Network

Join us for the official launch of the Deportation Defense Legal Network (DDLN) on the one-year anniversary of Jean Jiménez-Joseph’s death in immigration detention. Jean was born in Panama and spent much of his life in Kansas, where he attended high school and made life-long friendships. A DACA recipient, Jean died while in ICE custody at the Stewart Detention Center in Georgia on May 15, 2017.

The Network honors Jean’s life and legacy by providing free legal representation in immigration bond hearings to people detained by ICE who cannot afford an attorney. Our mission is to protect the dignity and rights of all immigrants and to eradicate prolonged and unnecessary confinement in immigration detention.

Speakers will include the family of Jean Jiménez-Joseph, our immigration partners, participating law firms, and community leaders.

Join us on May 15th at 2pm at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church at 4501 Walnut, Kansas City, MO 64111 as we stand alongside our immigrant communities and commit to equal justice under the law.

We hope to pack the room with community leaders showing support for this project and our immigrant community. There will be a lot of press present and it will be important to show community support. More information about the DDLN can be found at [www.ddlnkc.org](http://www.ddlnkc.org).

2. Please plan to come early for a Roundtable lunch at the same location to discuss how we can work together to leverage our resources when a family is facing ICE detention. We know you have been working on this issue for a long time and we want to facilitate working together. AIRR and Cosecha KC will share how they have been working with Crecensio Mendez’s family for the last two months with individual community volunteers.

3. After the DDLN Launch event, we will march to the Plaza with Jean’s family to celebrate his life. This should take place around 3:30pm and is just a few blocks away. We will have memorial t-shirts for a donation to the DDLN. See attached flyer for details.

It is critical that we collaborate in these difficult times. I look forward to seeing each of you on May 15th at these important events!

Add us on Facebook and email liveableneighbor@wycokck.org to join our e-news!
Pick Up a New Attitude and Don’t Litter!

The careless and casual handling of waste creates litter. Litter is blown by wind and traffic and carried by water. Once litter has accumulated, it invites people to add more. Keep America Beautiful Inc. research has identified three attitudes that allow people to feel that it is acceptable to litter:

- They feel no sense of ownership of the property.
- They expect someone else will clean up after them.
- They believe it is acceptable to litter where trash has already accumulated.

Keep America Beautiful research has identified seven primary sources of litter. Number 1 and 2 below identify litter from motorists and pedestrians that are “deliberate” acts of litter. Number 3 thru 7 below are considered “passive” forms of littering which account for 40% of litter:

1. Motorists. (debris thrown out of car windows or left on the side of the road)
2. Pedestrians. (individual littering of packaging, beverage containers, cigarette butts, etc.)
3. Household trash at the curbside (leaving lids off trash cans; overflowing trash cans; unbundled or covered paper that blows, etc.)
4. Dumpsters used by businesses (overflowing dumpsters or uncovered trash that invites blowing and spreading)
5. Loading docks (high truck traffic contributes to litter)
6. Construction and demolition sites (debris in and around sites and blown by wind or carried by rain)
7. Trucks with uncovered loads (trash falling or blowing off moving and stationary vehicles)

How can residents make a difference?
- Set a good example and do not litter.
- Always use a litterbag in your car and dispose of properly.
- Make sure your household garbage is secured and doesn’t blow away prior to being picked up.
- Organize a street cleanup or a neighborhood cleanup.

How can businesses make a difference?
- Set a good example and do not litter.
- Make sure that your dumpster is secured.
- Make sure your loading docks are cleaned up.
- Make sure that your trucks have a cover over their loads.

Pedestrians and motorist litter most at:
- Special event venues such as fairs, concerts, ball games or other events that attract a large number of people.
- Roadways and highways such as road sides, on/off ramps, median strips, and rest stops.
- High traffic areas such as fast food businesses, convenience stores, picnic or playgrounds, stadium bleachers, and other areas with a lot of foot traffic.
- Transition points such as places where someone stops eating, drinking or smoking before proceeding, such as entrances to buildings, train platforms, and bus stops.
What Can I Do if I Have an Ash Tree?

In August of 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of the emerald ash borer in Kansas City, Kansas. The infected ash tree was located at Wyandotte County Lake. The emerald ash borer will feed on and kill ash trees. It will not harm people, pets, or animals.

Research conducted by Purdue University reveals that once the Emerald Ash Borer is found in a community that the numbers of untreated ash trees infected with the emerald ash borer double every year. It is estimated that by 2020, all untreated ash trees in Wyandotte County will be infected by the emerald ash borer.

There are numerous options available to private property owners who own ash trees on their properties. The alternatives for the cutting, transporting, storing and disposing of dead trees will need to be chosen by the owners. As the emerald ash borer impacts more ash trees the management options for private property owners could include:

**Do Nothing to Dead Ash Trees:** Private property owners may choose to do nothing about ash trees dying. This option poses liability, safety, and utility line risks as well as financial and environmental impacts. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is responsible through its local ordinances to address problems with dead trees on private property in Kansas City, Kansas through the Unified Government’s Code Enforcement Department.

**Do Nothing to Dead Ash Trees in Wooded, Natural Areas:** Private property owners may choose to let alone ash trees that die in natural, wooded areas so that nature will take care of them. Some surveying may be necessary to identify dead ash trees that may pose a dangerous liability risk for private property owners.

**Chemical Treatment of Ash Trees:** Private property owners may choose for chemical treatment of their ash trees. Factors that should be considered include the cost of the insecticide and expense of application, the size of the trees, the likelihood of success, and potential costs of removing and replacing the trees.

**Cut Down Ash Trees and Replant Another Tree:** Private property owners may choose to cut down their ash tree and to replant a different tree. The private property owner would need to cut, transport, and dispose of the ash tree. In replacing dead ash trees, it is recommended that a variety of tree species be planted.

**Cut Ash Trees and Do Not Replant:** Private property owners may choose to cut down ash trees with no replacement tree planted. The private property owner would need to cut, transport, and dispose of the ash tree. A reduction of the urban forest by not replacing ash trees would mean increased stormwater runoff; increased water consumption; increased heating & cooling costs created from an increased heat island effect; property value reduction; and a loss of neighborhood character.
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2018. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, and October 20.

Wyandotte County residents need to take their household hazardous products to 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) The HHW Days are not for business or nonprofit groups.

When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items accepted include automotive products, home improvement products, household items, as well as lawn and garden products.

Automotive products accepted include auto batteries, brake fluid, carburetor cleaner, degreasers, gasoline & fuels, and used motor oil. In addition, residents can bring 10 car and/or pickup tires if the rims are removed from the tires.

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

May Events

Memorial Day Impacts Residential Trash and Recycling Pickups

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 28, 2018 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 28, 2018. 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.