May 2019

Livable Neighborhood News

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

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Good Neighbor Training
LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Panel Discussion on
Having a Clean Community
Note Date Change
May 20 @ 5:30 PM
Speakers TBD
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 a new topic each month featuring different areas of the Unified Government.

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, 2019 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, 2019. 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.

Livable Neighborhoods

Next
Livable Neighborhood Meeting
May 23rd @ 8:30 AM
Neighborhood Resource Center
Conference Room
4953 State Avenue

The Unified Government Offices will be closed in Observance of Memorial Day, Remembrance and Honor, Monday, 27 May 2019

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
Going Green With the Benefits of Trees

Rain refreshes the land and nourishes the green landscape. But as houses, stores, schools, roads and parking lots spread and natural tree cover is lost, so is the absorbing effect of vegetation and soil. The welcome rain becomes costly stormwater runoff. Without the benefit of trees and vegetated infrastructure, waterways are polluted as oils, heavy metal particles and other harmful substances are washed away. Fish and wildlife suffer, drinking water becomes expensive or impossible to reclaim, property values are reduced, and our living environment is degraded.

Whether you plant trees around your home and property, in your community, or in our national forests, they help fight climate change. Through the natural process of photosynthesis, trees absorb CO$_2$ and other pollutant particulates, then store the carbon and emit pure oxygen.

When you plant trees in your yard and around your home they’ll provide shade to cool your home in summer and wind-breaks to reduce cold winds in winter—reducing your energy needs.

When you plant trees in your community such as in parks, around schools, and in urban areas, trees help shade buildings and pavement, reducing the heat-island effect and conserving energy.

Plants the right trees in the right places conserves energy and reduces your energy bills, while helping to fight climate change. See how properly placed trees save energy by providing summer shade, winter warmth, and winter wind-breaks.

Large deciduous trees planted on the east, west, and north-west sides of your home create soothing shade from the hot summer sun and reduce summer air conditioning costs by up to 35%. You use less energy. The utility company uses less energy. Less fossil fuel is consumed by the utility to create the energy. Less fossil fuel consumption means less carbon dioxide emissions.

You can also plant trees to shade your air conditioner to help keep it cooler and running more efficiently. Trees that shade patios, sidewalks, and driveways, cool the concrete, the entire yard, and even the neighborhood.

Source: Arbor Day Foundation

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2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents includes the following Saturdays: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19, 2019. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on those Saturdays.

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.
Who Litters and Why People Litter?

Along roadways, motorists (52%) and pedestrians (23%) are the biggest contributors to litter. Research also shows that individuals under 30 are more likely to litter than those who are older. In fact, age, and not gender, is a significant predictor of littering behavior.

Why do people litter? Here’s what Keep America Beautiful Littering Behavior in America research found:

- **Personal choice.** Individual behavior—or choosing to litter—means litter on the ground. Nearly one in five, or 17% of all disposals observed in public spaces were littering, while 83% disposed of litter properly. And 81% of littering was intentional, e.g., flicking, flinging, or dropping. On the other hand, individuals who hold the belief that littering is wrong, and consequently feel a personal obligation not to litter, are less likely to do so.

- **Litter begets litter.** Individuals are much more likely to litter into a littered environment. And once there, it attracts more litter. By contrast, a clean community discourages littering and improves overall community quality of life. Availability and proximity to trash and recycling receptacles also impact whether someone chooses to litter.

- **It’s “not my responsibility”**. Some people feel no sense of ownership for parks, walkways, beaches, and other public spaces. They believe someone else will pick up after them; that it’s not their responsibility.

Where do People Litter, and What Is Littered?

K.A.B.’s National Visible Litter Survey and Litter Cost Study identified individual behavior as the primary contributor to litter in all locations. Individuals are littering on roads and highways and in retail, recreational, and residential locations:

- **Roadway Litter** - Tobacco products, mostly cigarette butts, are the most littered item on U.S. roadways (38%). This is followed by paper (22%) and plastic (19%). Most of the litter on roads and highways is caused by people. Research shows that littering along roadways is generated by the following individual actions: motorists (52%); pedestrians (22.8%); improperly covered truck or cargo loads, including collection vehicles (16.4%); and improperly secured containers, dumpsters, trash cans or residential waste or recycling bins (1.5%)

- **Non-Roadway Litter** – Off the roads and highways, litter originates from many sources, but litter primarily collects at “transition points”.

- **Transition points** are entrances to businesses, transportation, and other places where items must be discarded before entering. Confection (candy, chocolate, gum, etc.) ranks at the top (53.7%) of what is littered at tran-

Other locations that attract litter—starting from where most non-roadway litter occurs to least—include:

- **Storm drains** - Located primarily in gutters and designed to drain excess rain from paved streets, parking lots, etc. storm drains tend to attract cigarette butts, confection, and other litter.

- **Loading docks** - Areas behind retail and wholesale business where products are loaded/unloaded from trucks and trailers can become littered with cigarette butts, confection, and paper.

- **Recreational Areas** - Parks, beaches, courts, and open areas where people congregate for leisure activities create lots of opportunities for littering.

- **Construction sites** - Active residential or commercial construction are a trap for cigarette butts, paper, and plastic.

- **Retail** – High-traffic locations such as shopping centers, strip malls, and convenience stores can generate packaging litter and cigarette butts and confection on the ground.

(Source: Keep America Beautiful Inc.)
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Things to do in the DOTTE

PLANT SALE
Friday, May 3, 9am-5pm
Saturday, May 4, 9am-2pm
Extension Office, Wildcat Room, 1200 N. 79th Street, Kansas City, KS

35TH ANNIVERSARY
POLSKI DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019
11:00 AM - 6:30 PM
All Saints Parish, 2201 N. 16th Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102

The Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kansas

25th Annual
BOOK & BRIC- A- BRAC SALE
Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kansas

Annual used book and bric-a-brac sale benefiting the Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kansas (an interfaith organization helping older adults in Kansas City, Kansas)

Books and Bric-a-brac

Saturday, May 11, 2019
First Baptist Church of Turner
701 S. 55th St., Kansas City, Kansas

Donations will be accepted at the church beginning at 8am on Thursday, May 9. No donations or requests will be accepted after 8pm on May 10.

Call 913-203-8900 with questions or to schedule donation pick-up.

Donations are tax deductible.

Please deliver your donation to the church on Thursday or Friday at the church in or near the church office.

Please deliver your donation to the Shepherd’s Center office, 913-203-8900, to sign up for a shift.

MOVIE

Thursday, May 16, 2019
Boulevard Drive-In Theatre

Festivities begin at 8:00PM
Movie begins at 9:00PM

Game cards and activities for all ages FREE for those arriving by BIKE

$5 Donation for CAARS

Community Resources / Health Fair

Thursday, May 9, 2019 (11am – 2pm)

Come join the fun at our Sock Hop themed annual event!

Food & Music

Dance Contest

Questions about the event or to order your sock hop tickets contact our sock hop committee at 913-747-2465.