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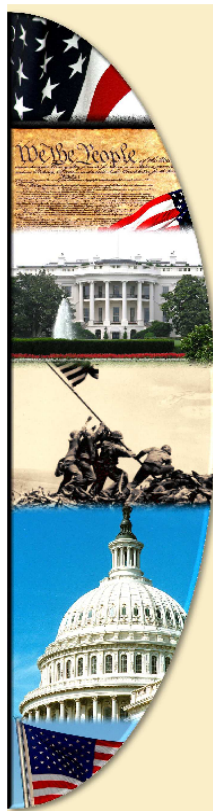
Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood News

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.



In Partnership with the

Kansas City, Kansas Convention & Visitors Bureau
Kansas City, Kansas Public Library
VFW Post 6401 & Auxiliaries

Presents the 11th Annual

WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Veterans Day Commemoration

Thursday, November 10, 2011
Ceremony Begins at Noon

Salvation Army Harbor Light Village
6723 State Ave
Kansas City, KS



Commemorative Displays and Music at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch is Served at 11:30 a.m.

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

There will be no Liveable Neighborhoods meetings in November or December. The next meeting will be January 19, 2012.

Reminder:

Unified Government Offices will be closed in honor of Veterans Day on Friday November 11th. Offices will also be closed November 24th and 25th to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.



Quindaro Community Center Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



The Quindaro Community Center, at 2726 Brown Avenue, will host it's annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This dinner is an outreach effort to the local community and our goal this year is to serve 1000 people a hot, nutritious meal. The menu is turkey, ham, dressing, a variety of vegetables, rolls, dessert and a beverage. For more information or to become a sponsor for this event please contact Beverly Robinson at (914) 321-5022 or Gene Jackson at (913) 593-1495.

Governor Brownback's Town Hall

Rising to the Challenge: Reducing Childhood Poverty and Improving Childhood Outcomes in Kansas

Monday, Nov. 14, 2011 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Jack Reardon Convention Center
500 Minnesota Avenue



Going Green Corner



2011 Fall Burn Permit Process

Residents are allowed to apply for a burn permit at any of the Fire Stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. The burn permit does not include commercial or business sites. If you operate a business out of your home you are classified as a business and cannot participate. The burn permit is valid for up to 3 days from October 16 through November 15, 2011. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of burning. Open burning with a permit is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The resident doing the burning must be at the burning site at all times. Residents shall maintain a copy of the burn permit on site, an adequate water supply and/or fire extinguisher while conducting open burning. In no circumstance shall open burning occur within 15 feet of any building or within 15 feet from any one's property line. Piling of brush, tree limbs, grass and other organic materials are limited in size to 100 square feet at the base.

At any time, the Fire Chief may revoke burn permits or ban open burning. Weather conditions (high winds, low humidity) may make open burning too dangerous. Open burning may also be suspended when air pollution "Red Alert" days are declared by the Mid America Regional Council, MARC, and the Unified Government.

Each Burn Permit allows for one organic pile per permit, one permit per property. All organic materials burned within the city limits of Kansas City, Kansas are limited to organic materials and/or burning without a permit shall be subject to Section I-7 (General Penalty, Continuing Violations) of the general provisions code of the Unified Government.

Source: Kirk Suther, Operation Brightside

What Will You Do With Your Leaves?

What will you do with all those leaves that fall on your lawn in the autumn? Will you burn them? Will you bag them and put them into the landfill? Will you blow them onto the street and have them end up causing problems with our stormwater drains?

Have you considered using your leaves in your landscaping? The tree leaves that accumulate in and around your lawn represent a valuable natural resource that can be used to provide a good source of organic matter and nutrients for use in your landscaping. You can and should take advantage of managing and using leaves in your yard's landscaping with the following options:

Mowing Leaves: A light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply leaving the shredded leaves in place on the lawn. However, mowing the lawn is not an effective method of leaf management when a heavy leaf cover is present. Removing the leaves is then required.

Mulching with Leaves: A layer of leaves applied to the surface of the soil as a mulch around trees, shrubs, in flower and vegetable gardens will conserve soil moisture, control weeds and grasses, reduce soil erosion, and prevent soil crusting. Mowing your leaves or putting them thru a shredder will create a more uniform mulch material.

Composting Leaves: The process of decomposition or composting can be carried out in simple compost piles, bins or more elaborate homemade or purchased devices. Composting leaves and other landscape wastes can be used to add a natural source of nutrients to soil; to loosen tight heavy clay soils; and to help sandy soil retain moisture and nutrients.

Tilling Leaves into Soil: Organic materials can be directly applied to garden soil using a plow or tiller which will allow the decomposition or composting process to occur directly in the soil rather than in the compost pile. The autumn season, when a variety of organic materials are available in the form of leaves, pruning, garden refuse, and lawn clippings is an ideal time to do direct application of organic materials into garden soils. A backyard garden tiller should be able to directly incorporate 4" to 5" of organic materials at one time.

Source: Kansas State University Extension Website