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Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood News

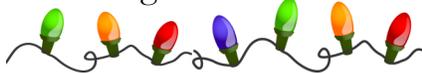
Your neighborhood group information can be placed here. If you would like newsletters made, contact our office at

(913) 573-8737 or email us at vmliveableneighbor@wycokck.org.

Mayor Mark Holland's Downtown Holiday Lighting Festival Friday, November 22nd

City Hall Plaza, 701 North 7th Street
4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Santa line until 6:15 p.m.
Lights go on at 7:15 p.m.

- Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Bring your camera.
- Goodie bags for the first 1,000 children.
- Holiday movies, free popcorn and crafts for the kids.
- Local choirs, bands and dance groups will perform.
- Neighborhood tree contest. Winners will be announced.
- Local food vendors will be selling.
- Free and convenient parking in lots E and E South.

Celebrate with your family, friends and neighbors as we welcome the holiday season. 

NOTICE: All Unified Government Offices will be closed Monday November 11th in honor of Veterans Day. They will also be closed Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th for Thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving Day Impacts Trash & Recycling

Deffenbaugh will not be picking up residential trash or curbside recycling on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th. There will be normal trash and recycling services on Monday thru Wednesday of the week of Thanksgiving. Because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday, Thursday pickup will be done on Friday November 29th and Friday pickup will be done on Saturday, November 30th.



Wyandotte/Leavenworth Regional Prevention Center Tip of the Month:

Drug use is Preventable

Each year, drug abuse and addiction cost taxpayers nearly \$534 billion in preventable health care, law enforcement, crime, and other costs. The best approach to reducing the tremendous toll substance abuse exacts from individuals, families, and communities is to prevent the damage before it occurs. Prevention is cost-effective; research has demonstrated that research-based drug abuse prevention programs are cost-effective. Each dollar invested in prevention achieves a savings of up to \$7 in areas such as substance abuse treatment and criminal justice system costs, not to mention their wider impact on the course of young lives and their families. Liveable Neighborhoods Prevention Coalition meets monthly to discuss these issues and others to create a healthier community in which we live. Please join us in our efforts.

For more information:

Wyandotte/Leavenworth RPC
1854 Minnesota Ave Suite 5
Kansas City, KS
913-281-7744



** Liveable Neighborhoods Prevention Coalition meets monthly to address community change in substance prevention efforts by dedicating time, support and resources to keep the youth of our community educated and healthy. If you're interested in how you can help, contact Donna Criss at (913) 281-7744. Meetings only last an hour but the impact could last a lifetime!*

Shepherd's Center Adventures In Learning

November 15, 2012 9:00am -1:00 at
 Grace Lutheran Church 3333 Wood Ave. Please call
 for a lunch reservation. Come and meet a friend or
 make a friend. For more information or to RSVP call
 (913) 281-8908 or go to
www.shepherdscenterkck.org.

There is no Liveable Neighborhoods meeting in November or December. Our next meeting will be January 23, 2014. Have a safe and happy holiday!

2013 Making a Difference Nominations

Send us your success stories about anyone you know who deserves to be recognized in neighborhood leadership, excellence in Code Enforcement or crime fighting. Just submit their name and contact information along with a brief summary of how they have made a difference in the community. The summary should relate to one of the three categories listed.

Feel free to e-mail your nominations to mjohnson@wycokck.org by Nov. 15, 2013. You can also mail your nomination to: Liveable Neighborhoods 4953 State Ave. K.C.K. 66102. Recipients will be announced at the 2013 Annual Neighborhood Group Luncheon. (date to be announced) For more information call (913) 573-8737.

November 19, 2013

9:00am to 11:00am

Trinity Community Church
 5010 Parallel KCK

Coffee and snacks are provided.

Presentation: *Government and Neighborhoods in Partnership: The history of Community Policing and Liveable Neighborhoods.*



Going Green Corner

Options for Yard Waste Disposal Expanded

Residents in Kansas City, Kansas are allowed to apply for a burn permit for the time period of October 16, 2013 through November 15, 2013 at any of the Fire Stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. Kansas City, Kansas residents are limited to one 3-day burn permit per burn period that allows for the combustion of one 10 foot by 10 foot or smaller pile of naturally occurring residential organic yard waste generated onsite. If you operate a business out of your home you are classified as a business and cannot participate. 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.

Wyandotte County residents can also take their residential yard waste to the Deffenbaugh landfill in Johnson County free of charge with proof of residency. Residents with a load of grass clippings, garden trimmings, leaves or branches can load them up and dump them in a designated site at the landfill without paying a tipping fee. Deffenbaugh cannot accept stumps, logs larger than 12 inches in diameter or items more than four feet in length. Commercially generated material will not be accepted.

Starting on October 1, 2013 Wyandotte County residents can take their yard waste to the Unified Government Recycling Center at 3241 Park Drive and drop it off for free. All that's required is proof of residency in Wyandotte County. Something as simple as a driver's license will work. The Recycling Center is now open Mondays 8am-1pm; Tuesdays 11am-4pm; Thursdays 8am-1pm; Fridays 11am to 1pm; Saturdays 8am to 1pm; Sundays 11am to 4pm. The center is closed on Wednesdays.

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 mulch mowing, mulching, composting, or tilling the leaves into the soil.

Excel In Career Technical Education Initiative

Excel in Career Technical Education is a bold and innovative plan to enhance career technical education in Kansas and better prepare high school students for college and careers. Through Senate Bill 155, free college tuition for high school students in postsecondary technical education courses and incentives to school districts for students earning industry-recognized credentials in high demand occupations is provided. The initiative has received national recognition as "Top Ten Innovations to Watch" from the Brookings Institute. Financial components included in Senate Bill 155:

- ◆ Student tuition reimbursement (\$11.75 million)
- ◆ \$1,000 incentive to high schools for students earning an industry-recognized credential (\$1.5 million)
- ◆ Transportation reimbursement provide student access to postsecondary programs (\$500,000)
- ◆ Marketing to increase student participation in career technical programs (\$50,000)

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