

LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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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.



Kids Halloween Safe Night Locations

JFK Recreation Center - Monday October 31, 2011 6:00pm to 9:00pm at 1310 North 10th Street. There will be costume contest, dance contest, candy and fun! There will also be a family pumpkin carving contest. For more information or to volunteer call (913) 231-4135.

Eisenhower Center— Monday October 31, 2011 6:00pm 2901 North 72nd Street. There will be free candy and hotdogs. For more information call (913) 573-8327.

Argentine Community Center-Monday October 31, 2011 6:00pm 2810 Metropolitan. There will be free candy and hotdogs. For more information call (913) 573-8327.

Armourdale Community Center - Monday October 31, 2011 6:00pm 730 Osage. There will be free candy and hotdogs. For more information call (913) 573-8327.

Bethany Community Center - Monday October 31, 2011 6:00pm 1120 Central Ave. There will be free candy and hotdogs. For more information call (913) 573-8327.

Kensington Gym - Monday October 31, 2011 7:00pm 2900 State Avenue. There will be free candy and hotdogs. For more information call (913) 573-8327.

Alcott Arts Center Trunk or Treat - Monday October 31, 2011 5-8pm There will be free candy with face painting by Sheryl Nance-Durst. If you would like to volunteer or donate please call (913) 233-2787

Turner Recreation Commission Spooktacular - Saturday October 29, 2011 6:00pm to 8:00pm 831 South 55th Street. There will be games, free candy and more! For more information call (913) 287-2111.

Amnesty Program Gives People a Second Chance

Have you or someone you know been bogged down for far too long by past due traffic citations and fines? The Unified Government's Municipal Court is offering an opportunity to set yourself free from those burdensome fines.

Individuals with bench warrants for failure to appear in court, resisting arrest, and overdue fines that are under warrant status, dating as far back as 5-years, can pay just half of the total balance due during a one-time only 3-day Amnesty Program beginning Wednesday, October 5th, 6th, and 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"There are some individuals who haven't been able to get hired due to past warrants and costly citations that have become even more difficult to pay off as time passes on," Commissioner Nathan Barnes said. "A lot of times people feel inadequate or like they're a criminal due to small incriminating issues that too often keeps them isolated and looking over their shoulders."

Barnes has seen the impact outstanding citations and unpaid bench warrants have had on residents living in his district. "This is a great opportunity for people to settle those fines and get a fresh start," he said.

There are a set of very important guidelines that must be followed to be able to take advantage of the program. One of the requirements is that the fines must be paid in person in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check, visa or master-card at Municipal Court, which is located on the 2nd floor of City Hall. Also, reductions will not be given for partial payments and the program does not extend to probation warrants or felony cases. Overdue fines are defined as those that are currently under warrant status and have been sent to the collection agency.

The Unified Government is ready to address any questions someone may have regarding what is offered through amnesty. They are encouraged to call Municipal Court at 913.573.5200 for more detailed information what is or is not covered under the Amnesty Program. **Source UG ENews www.wycokck.org**

October Calendar of Events

10/01/2011

Silver City Days

Emerson Park (1429 South 29th) 9:00am to 4:00pm
(913)549-4950 or www.silvercitydays.org

You are invited to join the Silver City Day on October 1st. It will be a full day of fun for the entire family. The day will begin with a parade and continue at Emerson Park where there will be a variety of local entertainment performing throughout the day.

10/01/2011 - 10/22/2011

Grinter House Market

1400 South 78th Street
(913) 299-0373 or grinter@kshs.org

Fresh and local farmers market with produce, baked goods and local artisans.

10/06/2011

Community Health Fair

Donnelly College 608 North 18th Street 8:30am - 1:30am
913-621-8705 or donelly.edu/healthfair

Mark your calendars! Donnelly College, in partnership with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC), will be hosting a 2011 Community Health Fair. Come enjoy free flu shots, exhibits providing info on local health services and multiple prize raffles.

10/21/2011

Adventures In Learning (Shepherd's Center)

First Baptist Church 29th and Minnesota 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
913-281-8908 or www.shepherdscenterkck.org

Call for a lunch reservation. Join us for adventures in learning. Meet a friend or make a friend.

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

BPU 2011 Fall

Energy Efficiency Workshop

October 28 12:00pm - 3:00pm

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) will sponsor a free energy efficiency workshop for the community and customers on Friday, October 28, 2011. The event, which promotes energy efficiency techniques and offers tips on how to reduce energy costs, will feature speakers, exhibits and hands-on demonstrations by BPU staff and industry experts.

The workshop will be held from 12:00 - 3:00 pm at the West Wyandotte Public Library, 1737 N. 82nd Street. The event is kid-friendly, with Halloween refreshments and treats being served from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., followed by the energy efficiency program.

Due limited seating, please RSVP before October 24th by calling 913-573-9922 or email RSVP to dallen@bpu.com.

About BPU

BPU's water department was originally created in 1909, and its electric utility was operational in 1912. The purpose of the utility, then and to this day, is to provide the highest quality electric and water services at the lowest possible cost. Today the publicly owned utility serves approximately 65,000 electric and 51,000 water customers, primarily in Wyandotte County, Kansas. The mission of the utility and its employees is "to focus on the needs of our customers, to improve the quality of life in our community while promoting safe, reliable and sustainable utilities." BPU's Web site is www.bpu.com.

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



It is tree decorating time!

It is that time of year again for the Mayor's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting
November 18, 2011

We are calling on neighborhood groups to join the decorating fun. Bring your creative ideas and show your neighborhood pride.

To reserve your tree contact us at:

(913) 573-8737 or email

vmLiveableNeighbor@wycokck.org

There are a limited number of trees so please reserve yours as soon as possible!!



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 1-7 (General Penalty, Continuing Violations) of the general provisions code of the Unified Government.

2011 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2011. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday October 15. 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.

Closing the Recycling Loop Locally with Glass

When talking about the importance of recycling have you ever heard of someone talking about closing the recycling loop? This is done when a recyclable material such as glass is purchased and used by a manufacturer to make a new product. Once a consumer purchases that product made with recyclables such as glass they are closing the recycling loop.

This closing of the recycling loop with glass has occurred in the Kansas City metropolitan area with the Kansas City, Kansas Owens Corning plant. The Owens Corning plant is purchasing recycled glass in the metropolitan area thru Ripple Glass and using this glass as a raw material in manufacturing insulation locally.

Although glass is not picked up with curbside recycling, Kansas City, Kansas residents can still participate in this process of recycling their glass. First, glass can be recycled at the Wyandotte Community Recycling Center, 3241 Park Dr., Kansas City, Kansas. Hours of Operation: Thursday & Saturday: 8 am to 1 pm and Friday & Sunday: 11 am to 4 pm.

In addition, Ripple Glass has several of their purple glass drop off containers placed at several locations in Kansas City, Kansas at:

- Owens Corning Plant at 300 Sunshine Rd.
- Kansas City Community College, 7250 State Avenue. (Enter KCKCC Parallel entrance, in parking lot near the track) Schuler Liquor Store, 928 S. 55th (North of 55th & Swartz in parking lot)

Here are some important facts you should know about glass recycling.

(Source: Ripple Glass website: <http://rippleglass.com>)

- Container glass is 100% recyclable, can be recycled endlessly, and is a primary ingredient in fiberglass insulation and new glass containers.
- Burying perfectly good glass in the landfill wastes all the material, energy, and labor that went into making it.
- Using recycled glass produces 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than creating new glass (or fiberglass) from raw materials.
- Every ton of glass that's recycled results in more than one ton of raw materials saved. That's 1,300 lbs. of sand, 410 lbs. of soda ash, 380 lbs. of limestone, and 150 lbs. of feldspar.
- Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.
- A six-pack of recycled beer bottles produces enough fiberglass insulation to fill a standard wall cavity.
- The Kansas City metropolitan area consumes approximately 80,000 tons of container glass each year. In the past, because of the difficulty and inconvenience, only about 5% was recycled. (Nationally, the average recycling rate is over 30% and climbing; in many places in the world, its north of 90%!)

Mayors Reardon and James Announce Bistate Innovations Team Members for Google Ultra High Speed Fiber Project

Kansas City, Missouri, Mayor Sylvester James and Unified Government Mayor/CEO Joe Reardon have appointed a Bistate Innovations Team of 12 individuals led by Mike Burke and Dr. Ray Daniels. The goal of the team is to be imaginative, innovative and inspired in recommending ways the Google Ultra High-Speed Fiber ("Google Fiber") can benefit the KC metro area and its citizens. The group will explore ways the community can use Google Fiber to improve public services; create community; assist and advance education; spark economic development; create jobs; or otherwise improve the standard of life in the KC metro area.

The Innovations Team is charged with creating a playbook that identifies creative uses of the Google infrastructure and how best to market the KC metro's high-speed fiber connectivity in recruiting business, industry and institutional interests to the area. A key goal of the team is to support the mayors in modeling how communities can effectively cooperate in a strategic, sustained initiative to advance the progress of the region.

Mayor Joe Reardon said "We're asking the members of this unique team to think big about things that haven't yet been imagined. The playbook they create will be inspired and innovative in its suggestions for using the Google fiber project to spark economic development, advance educational and health-care opportunities and improve daily life in our urban neighborhoods. But as important, this effort will create a sustainable model for how our two Kansas City communities can effectively work together to advance the entire region."

"Google's deployment in Kansas City is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I am very proud of the talented group that has agreed to shape this process. They are a diverse group representing each of Google's high-speed focus areas. From designers to small-business owners, health care to education, the arts to industry, these exceptional individuals will work together to explore every possibility our exciting partnership with Google may offer. I am confident this team will seize this transformational moment for both Kansas Cities," said Mayor Sly James.

The Mid-America Regional Council will convene and facilitate the group. Entities such as the Kansas City Area Development Council, the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, the Wyandotte Economic Development Council and the Kauffman Foundation will be asked to serve as advisers. Other advisers and resources may be used upon agreement of the innovations team. The mayors will also ask Google to serve in advisory/resource role.

For more bio information about the members of the team, please visit the UG's website at www.wycokck.org

Mayor Reardon's appointments:

- **Kansas Co-Chair Ray Daniels** is former Superintendent of the Kansas City, Kan., School District and current Chair of the Kansas City, Kansas, Community College Board of Trustees.
- **Barbara Atkinson** is Executive Vice Chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center and Executive Dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine.
- **Bernard Franklin** is Assistant to the Vice President of student life at Kansas State University, education consultant at Redeemer Fellowship, and a higher education consultant.
- **Bill Miller** is a certified public accountant with Cochran Head Vick & Co and a former Commissioner for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kan.
- **Daniel Serda** is a city planner whose work focuses on revitalizing urban neighborhoods through strategies that reinforce sense of place while enhancing access to economic opportunity.
- **Latoria J. "Torrie" Chinn** is Principal of Trini-Con, Thel & Beck, LLC, a small government contract compliance results company.

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Mayor James' Appointments:

- **Missouri Co-Chair Mike Burke** is a director and Vice President of King Hershey, PC. He is a lifelong Kansas City resident and attended Rockhurst High School.
- **Christopher Carroll** is a Business Strategist with UMB Financial, responsible for enterprise-wide technology development and business process engineering.
- **Jase Wilson** is the CEO of the civic software development firm Lumino-polis, headquartered from Officeport in the Crossroads.
- **Sandra A. J. Lawrence** is Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of The Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, one of the nation's leading pediatric hospital systems.
- **Alex Couchonnal McManus** is a Project Manager for the Bioscience Technology Business Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center, a business incubator focused on creating and growing early-stage life sciences and high-technology companies.
- **Anthony Magliano** is the founder and Artistic Director of Quixotic, Kansas City's eclectic and innovative work of performance, visual and musical theater.