Can you believe that the Last Meetings of the year are upon us:

Monday, October 22, 2018
Good Neighbor Training @ 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 25, 2018
Livable Neighborhoods Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

Neighborhood Resource Center
4953 State Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66102

We would love for you to join us!!

2018 Neighborhood Spotlight

We know that you have been hard at work doing “Something Good in your Neighborhood” and we would love for you to display that AMAZING work!

If your group is interested in participating in our “Neighborhood Spotlight” please submit your display of pictures from your Neighborhood Meetings, Grant Project, Annual picnic/dinner, if your group participated in a Community Event, Annual Garage Sale, Fundraiser or any other event that you are excited to SHINE the light on!

Deadline for Submission is Friday, November 16, 2018 by 3 p.m. Contact La-Monica at 913-573-8739 or via email at livableneighbor@wycokck.org

K.C.A.W. Neighborhood group recently donated school supplies to the New Chelsea Elementary School. Donnie Thomas, President of the neighborhood group presented the supplies to vice-principal Jan Turner on behalf of the group. This has become an annual project for K.C.A.W., as we strive to be a viable presence in the community.
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

2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, October 20th is the last day in 2018 for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for Wyandotte County residents. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 20th. 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.
2018 Kansas City, Kansas Burn Permit

Many residents think that it is local government’s responsibility to maintain trees in the street rights-of-way. While this may be the case in some cities, in Kansas City, Kansas it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and cut if necessary trees that are planted along the street right-of-way. One way residents can legally dispose of limbs is through open burning times.

Residents in Kansas City, Kansas are allowed to apply for a burn permit for the time period of October 16, 2018 through November 15, 2018 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.

The owner of the property must apply for and sign the permit. A responsible party must be present at all times until the fire is completely extinguished. Residents shall maintain a copy of the burn permit on site and an adequate water supply and/or other comparable extinguishing resources 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, street, or sidewalk.

Each Burn Permit allows for one organic pile per permit, one permit per residential property. All organic materials burned within the city limits of Kansas City, Kansas are limited to organic materials (yard waste generated such as tree limbs, leaves, weeds, brush, and grass) Burning without a permit shall be subject to Section I-7 (General Penalty, Continuing Violations) of the general provisions code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ KCK.

At no time shall rubbish, wire insulation, tires, rubber products, plastic, treated lumber, automobile products, paper, cardboard, construction chemicals, household chemicals or any other material that normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors or hazardous air pollutants be burned.

At any time, the Fire Chief or his designee may revoke burn permits or ban open burning. Weather conditions (high winds-sustained over 15mph, low humidity) may make open burning too dangerous. Suspension of open burning will be posted on the Unified Government’s website and on the KCKFD web and Facebook pages. 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.

On October 9, The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) will provide a free educational workshop focused on community solar and energy efficiency. The event will be held from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library in the 2nd Floor Auditorium.

Light refreshments will be served. Come prepared to learn about the BPU Community Solar program available now to Kansas City, Kansas customers. The workshop will cover how the program works, benefits, and how to enroll. The event also includes a variety of easy and effective home weatherization strategies that can help seal in the warmth during the winter months.

BPU provides education about community solar, energy efficiency and rebate incentives to the public year-round. These events are an opportunity for the community to learn how to reduce energy consumption with small changes and lower their environmental impact.

Registration is now open and seating is limited so register early. For more event details and to RSVP, please contact BPU Development Coordinator David Allen by October 4 at 913-573-9922 or email dallen@bpu.com.
What’s Happening in the DOTTE!!

October 2018

2018 Turner Days

The 2018 Turner Days will be held the 2nd weekend in October on the 13th and 14th. The parade will be at 10:00 on Saturday.

This year’s theme
A Community United To Promote Kindness

Argentine Proud!

Silver City Day Celebration!

Save the Date! – Saturday, October 6th, 2018

Parade begins at 10am

Great entertainment all day!

*Food  *Craft booths  *Live Music  *Dance Groups and more...

For the kids:
Parade, Face painting, Moonwalk

Want more information? Visit silvercityday@gmail.com
Or visit us on Facebook – Argentine Silver City Day Celebration

Silver City Day made possible by the Silver City Day Planning Committee and our sponsors: Argentine Betterment Corporation, Argentine Neighborhood Development Association, Security Bank, Argentine Activities Association, Argentine Federal Savings, VANA, SWAN, EANA, SANA & Argentine Businesses

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