Neighborhood News

Good Neighbor Training

GOOD NEIGHBOR TRAINING
Sponsored by Unified Government &
Liveable Neighborhoods
November 13, 2008
Neighborhood Resource Center
4601 State Ave.
8:15 am until 3:00 pm
To register for the training please call 913-573-8737

2008 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Unified Government will provide Christmas Trees for neighborhood associations to decorate for the 2008 tree lighting. Trees must be decorated and ready for judging by 12:00 pm Friday, November 21. Contest winners will be announced Friday evening, at the Lighting Ceremony. For more details or to reserve a tree please call 913-573-8737.

Your Monthly Meeting

Halloween Safety Tips

There are many ways to keep your child safe at Halloween; simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

- Make sure young children are accompanied by an adult or responsible teenager when they go door-to-door.
- If you can't accompany your children, instruct them to trick-or-treat in their own neighborhood and in well-lit streets.
- If children are going to be out after dark, make sure they carry a flashlight.
- Teach your children to use the sidewalks if they can. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing cars.
- Know which friends your children will be with and which route they are taking.
- Leave your porch light on so children will know it's OK to visit your home.
- Instruct children never to eat anything until they are home and the treats have been carefully examined. Cut and wash fruit before eating. Throw away anything unwrapped. Check the wrappers of commercial treats for evidence of tampering. Call the police if there are any suspicious treats.
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 sites. The burn permit is valid for up to 3 days during the month of April 2008 and from October 16 through November 15, 2008. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of burning.

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.

Open burning with a permit is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At any time, the Fire Chief may revoke burn permits or ban open burning.

**2008 Open Burning Permit Process**

**OPPORTUNITES 2008**

Employment-Training –Apprenticeships  
Tuesday, November 25  
9 PM-1 PM  
Reardon Convention Center  
500 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas  
For additional information call  
Sheridan Myrick at 913-577-5932

**SAFE HALLOWEEN NIGHT**

Sponsored by  
Unified Government  
Parks & Recreation & WCAC  
Bethany Park, 12th Central  
Oct. 31, 2008  
5:30 until 9:00  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**KIDS FISHING DERBY**

Sponsored By: Black Police Officers Assoc. UG Parks & Rec. KCK Weed and Seed Community Policing  
Big 11 Lake  
State Ave. Washington Blvd. & 11th Street  
Saturdays, October 11, 2008  
8:00 am Check In-9:00 am-11:00 am -Fishing -11:00 Presentation of Prizes  
Trophies will be given in five age categories. For ages 15 and under.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Free hotdogs to every child that participates

**Call 311 for City Services**
### SEPTEMBER 16-NOVEMBER 18

The Master Gardener classes are only offered once a year. Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Wyandotte County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardener (EMG) training program. The classes will take place Tuesdays from 9 am to 4 pm starting September 16 running through November 18, 2008. Course topics include:

### OCTOBER 10 THE DOWNTOWN SHAREHOLDERS

The Downtown Shareholders of Kansas City, Kansas in conjunction with the "Follow the Dotte Art walk" welcome a The Arts, Beats, and Eats Festival, the first festival of its kind to downtown Kansas City, Kansas. The event is Friday, October 10 from 6pm-9pm and Saturday October 11 from 10am-9pm. The event will feature all fine "arts" including local visual artists, children’s activities by Wonderscope, a green recycling initiative, and youth art competitions.

### OCTOBER 17 & 18

### OCTOBER 25 & 26 HAYRIDES AT WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAKE

- Hayrides start at the 83rd street shelter and each ride takes approximately 45 minutes. These are not haunted rides and participants can expect to see deer and enjoy a fall evening in the park. A bonfire is available at the shelter if participants want to roast hot dogs or marshmallows. Bring your own food, but sticks for roasting will be available. Friday night rides are for groups reserving the entire wagon; Saturday night tickets go on sale at 5:30 p.m. at the 83rd Street Shelter for all of the rides that evening. Saturday night rides go out at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00. Participants are invited to use the tables in the shelter (6 tables) prior to or after the ride. Call Vicki at 913-573-8354 for group reservations.

### NOVEMBER 22 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

- at Eisenhower Recreation Center, 2901 North 72nd Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is one of the largest and oldest craft shows in the city. It was started more than 20 years ago, available space is always sold out, and we have more than 80 vendors. Call Vicki at 913-573-8354 if you are interested in vendor space.

### DECEMBER 9 AWARDS LUNCHEON

Liveable and Community policing will sponsor their annual award luncheon on December 9, 2008 the event will be held at Trinity Unity Methodist Church 51st and Leavenworth Rd. Neighborhood Leaders should receive the grant application in late September. This luncheon is by invitation only.

### CODEVIATIONS

The Code Enforcement Department is responsible for enforcement of the Environmental, Zoning, and Minimum Housing Codes adopted by the Unified Government.

**Basic Property Standards:**
- The structure must be maintained in a safe and sanitary manner and must provide all basic services such as safe electrical, heating and plumbing services and adequate exits, floor space, ventilation and light.
- The structure must be weather and water tight, porches and stairs must be structurally sound, and any structures must be kept painted to prevent deterioration.
- The property must be free of trash, vermin and any other health hazard.
- There must be no inoperable vehicles, appliances or other large salvage items or large equipment stored outside. No vehicle can be parked on an unimproved surface like your lawn.
- Grass and weeds should not be allowed to grow higher than eight inches.
- All property must have the address posted with numbers that are at least 3 inches in height. Garbage or trash cannot be set out for collection before 4pm on the day prior to the day of collection.
News and Notices

Join Keep America Beautiful (KAB), Sprint and ReCellular in recycling retired cell phones in celebration of America Recycles Day. Together, we can help recycle the 130 million cell phones sitting unused in drawers and closets across America.

The goal of the Round-up is to raise awareness about cell phone recycling and collect retired cell phones to benefit Keep America Beautiful and WOWW. Keep America Beautiful affiliates across the country will be hosting local and regional events to promote the Round-Up, pass out postage-paid recycling envelopes and collect retired cell phones. Funds generated from the phones collected will go to benefit each affiliate where they were collected. Pick up your envelopes at Liveable Neighborhoods Inc. 4601 State Ave. or call 913-573-8737.

**GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP**

**Get the Picture**

Time Warner Cable Understanding the Switch to all Digital Television presented by Joyce Peters and Jeff Evans
The program will be held Monday, October 13, 2008
Dinner 6:00 pm
Program 7:00 until 9:00 pm.
Kansas City Kansas Community College, Jewell Center Lounge 7250 State Kansas City, Kansas. The Grassroots Leadership meetings are sponsored by the Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County.
There is no charge for the dinner and program. Reservation need to be made ASAP please call 913-288-7685.

**Limited Funds Remaining for Block Parties**

Liveable Neighborhoods has a limited amount of funds remaining for neighborhood block parties. Although the October 26, deadline is approaching Liveable Neighborhoods continues to accept applications for neighborhood block parties. More than 35 neighborhood groups have received grants. The grant money can only be used for food and paper goods. In order to apply for the grant the neighborhood group must be registered with the Liveable Neighborhoods office. For additional Information contact Liveable Neighborhoods at 573-8737.

**Last Hazardous Waste Collection Day for 2008**

**Saturday, October 18, 2008**

The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2008. 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.

**Reminder!**

**Session Two of the Lead-On Training will be**

**Sat. October 11,**

8:00 am
4601 State Ave.
Questions call 913-573-8737