

# the Buzz

## UG PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### October

We're excited to announce that this October marks the 20th anniversary of the unification of our city and county governments - better known today as the United Government of Wyandotte County.

To celebrate this occasion, the city is holding a community-wide festival, featuring food samples from across the county, music, games, mascots, classic cars, raffle prizes and more!

What is unification? On April 1, 1997, voters overwhelmingly approved to consolidate the governments of the City of Kansas City, Kansas (the "City") and Wyandotte County, Kansas (the "County"), into one jurisdiction; The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas effective October 1, 1997.

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of unification of our city and county governments. Free food, free fun, and prizes from your favorite Wyandotte County stores and attractions!

**When:** Saturday, October 14th from 1-4PM

**Where:** Community America Ballpark

### Calendar

- Oct 7 Irish Road Bowling @ WYCO Park
- Oct 7 Silver City Days @ Emerson Park
- Oct 14 Park Foundation Dinner
- Oct 14 Consolidation Celebration @ Community Ballpark America
- Oct 31 Halloween Parties at Community Centers:
  - Kensington 5:30-8PM
  - Eisenhower 5:30-7:30PM
  - Bethany & Beatrice L. Lee 5:30-8PM
  - Armourdale 5:30-8PM
  - Joe E. Amayo/Argentine: 5:30-8PM



# What's Happening?

## In Review

### Metro 24 Fitness

The grand opening of Metro 24 Fitness at Joe E. Amayo/Argentine Community Center was on August 23rd, 2017. The fitness center opened with 170 paid memberships. The project began in fall 2016 and includes new cardio equipment and weight machines as well as a renovated multi-purpose room across the hall where fitness classes will be held.



### Beatrice L. Lee Renaming Ceremony

A commemorative tribute and ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open The Beatrice L. Lee Community Center (formerly known as John. F. Kennedy) took place on Saturday, September 30th from 2-5pm. Food, refreshments and cake were served for those who attended the ceremony to thank and honor Mrs. Beatrice L. Lee for her lifetime of devotion and service to the youth and families in our community started promptly at 3pm.



### Employee Appreciation Week

Congratulations to 15 of our Parks and Recreation staff members who celebrated between 5 and 40 years of service to the Unified Government this year! Employee Appreciation week took place September 11th-15th.

## Looking Ahead

### Candy Give-Away

Our Annual Candy Give-Away is October 31st, 2017 at our participating community centers. The event begins at 5:00pm and will end at 8:00pm or when all the candy bags are given out. This annual event is sponsored by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas, Parks and Recreation Department, along with local companies and community organizations.

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### Holiday Craft Show

Start your holiday shopping with us! We are looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful crafts vendors have made for the Holiday Craft Show to be held Saturday, November 18, 2017.

The show will be held at the Eisenhower Community Center located behind Eisenhower Middle School, 2901 N. 72nd and will open to the public at 9:00a.m. and we will close at 3:00p.m. Last year's craft show was a huge success and many beautiful handmade items were displayed by 50+ vendors!

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, November 14, 2017 or earlier if space is no longer available

