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#### WELCOME!

We are excited to share this UG Spotlight with important information about our programs and services, including an overview of our recently adopted 2024 Unified Government (ŬG) budget.

#### **PLANKCK: A SHARED VISION FOR OUR FUTURE**

We all make plans - whether they are for the short-term (what's for dinner, what are we doing this weekend) or more long-term (like your career and finances). Plans offer goals to guide decisions along the way. Similarly, a comprehensive plan provides a shared vision and roadmap for how our community develops over time.

Traditional comprehensive plans have included land use, housing, economic development, and other aspects of long-range planning. As the practice has evolved, so too has the understanding of the importance of sustainability, arts and culture, historic preservation, and so much more. This past Spring, the UG launched PlanKCK to update the 2008 comprehensive plan for the City of Kansas City, KS to address issues ranging from our economic vitality and neighborhood resiliency to climate action and equitable development.

With the unique functions as a citycounty government, the UG has also

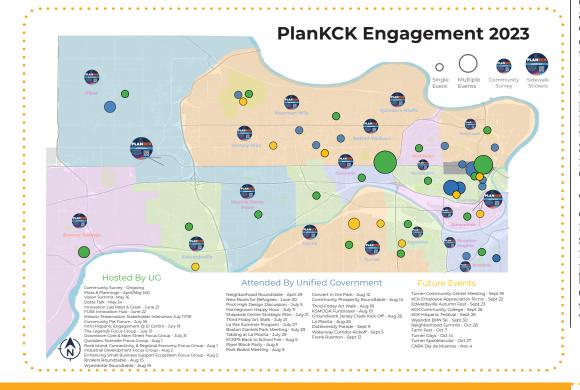


while informing economic development strategies in KCK.

The summer has been busy with community outreach in partnership with neighborhood organizations, community nonprofits, and private citizens. We have hosted summits, round tables, focus groups and surveys to illicit your priorities and needs in neighborhoods

across the city. Join us at the Third Friday Artwalk in Strawberry Hill on October 20 as we showcase the vision of our young KCK artists submitted through our FUTURES competition. During the October 28 Neighborhood Summit, the PlanKCK team will present the findings and seek your input to develop strategies for action. The goal is to have the completed plan to the UG Board of Commissioners for adoption by the end of 2023.

Explore the latest on PlanKCK on our website and subscribe for email updates. More information is available at wycokck. org/PlanKCK



#### Stay Connected with the UG

This Newsletter is published by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and mailed to every residential address in Wyandotte County. An electronic version is posted on the official Unified Government website at wycokck.org. Comments or questions can be sent to communications@wycokck.org.

In accordance with the Department of Justice regulations, the Unified Government's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP) is available on the Unified Government website at wycokck.org.

#### Website 0

Find the latest events, information, and online services at wycokck.org.

#### **Email Updates**

Sign up for our various e-newsletters for general updates or more specialized information

Facebook, YouTube & NextDoor Follow along on social media for daily updates and information on local events, programs and services.

## **UG VISION**

We are a vibrant, resilient community of compassionate and diverse neighbors, united for an equitable, healthy, prosperous future that is proudly Wyandotte.

#### **HELP US SHAPE OUR HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

- - - - - - - - --Every five years, Wyandotte Public Health develops a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to address the causes and symptoms of public health issues and systemic inequities. After completing an extensive Community Health Assessment in 2022, the Unified Government will be looking for your input and feedback in fall/winter 2023 on a variety of topics ranging from housing to community violence to access to health care.

This is an extensive process because the Unified Government relies on a network of community partners and support to realize the goals established in the CHIP. Check out our calendar of events for upcoming opportunities to participate in the development of this important plan.

#### **GROWING OUR COMMUNITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

This year, the UG has facilitated a public review of our land bank policy; development of a county-wide market analysis; and extensive outreach on economic issues ranging from housing to community prosperity. The UG recently transferred land to the Kansas City, Kansas Community College to develop its downtown campus. In late September, the UG will be announcing a shortlist of lead developers and subconsultants who have expressed interest in redeveloping three UG-owned sites: the former Indian Springs Mall site; Fourth and Minnesota in Downtown KCK; and 18th Street and Ouindaro.

The UG will be establishing a new economic development department to focus on creating more opportunity, support small business development, and focus on new development opportunities, project accountability, and community benefits. Join us for the State of the Government on Tuesday, December 5 to hear more about what is coming for Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS.



Watch Commission meetings in real-time or on-demand. Discover videos on our programs, services and community. UGTV is available on Channel 2 (Spectrum), Apple TV and Roku, or on our website. Download the Cablecast app to your phone.

## MAYOR/CEO TYRONE A. GARNER

This spring, as promised, the Unified Government welcomed a new permanent county administrator, David Johnston, to the organization. Mr. Johnston brings considerable experience as a professional public administrator which will benefit our organization today and well into the future. We have charged Mr. Johnston with the challenge of reimagining the Unified Government, to focus on our fiscal health and equitable economic development while delivering enhanced services to Wyandotte County. In just a few months, Mr. Johnston's leadership has already helped us address some challenges in both the budget and organizational systems. I look forward to continuing our work to address our community priorities.

Like many communities faced with aging infrastructure, affordable housing demand, and an inflated cost of living, we know there are major issues to address as an organization and county-wide. We have sought data-driven ways to examine these issues and develop strategies whether it is public and community safety, racism as a public health crisis, inequitable impacts of fines and fees, promoting equitable growth, or the need for tax and BPU PILOT relief. We have convened task forces to examine some of our greatest challenges (see right). As we have seen throughout the PlanKCK process, the community is eager to address these issues and staff at the Unified Government are working tirelessly to support this transformation. Thank you to the men and women who have committed their career to public service - keep up the good work.

As I have said from the very beginning, being community-driven is the driving force behind my administration's efforts. I have sought more innovative ways to solve our biggest challenges by opening doors of opportunity for increased collaboration and open communication. I deeply appreciate the hours of time that our civic volunteers contribute to making Wyandotte County a great place to live, work and play. Furthermore, I hope you get involved, participate in problem-solving, and connect with the Unified Government as we work toward a brighter, more equitable future.

Looking ahead, I am encouraged by the progress we have made these past two years but know there is so much more work to be done. We must grow our community to address our long-term fiscal health and we can only do that by focusing on improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods and equitably expanding economic development. Our team is ready and willing to work to ensure that our community receives the quality of services and programs they deserve. Through my proactive interactions, I know there are countless people working to make a difference and am encouraged by the resilience of those that call WyCo home. Working together, I believe that the best is yet to come.

- Mayor Tyrone A. Garner



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mayor's State of the Government Address Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12PM, Memorial Hall

Please join Mayor Garner as he provides the annual update on the state of the government and outlines his vision for 2024 and beyond.

Office of the Mayor Community Driven Every person. Every neighborhood. Every single day.





## Join a Task Force!

At the onset of my administration, I sought new ways to engage our community on some of our most urgent issues. For nearly two years, community volunteers have worked to identify ideas, best practices, and recommendations to improve our quality of life across our county.

#### **ARTS, CULTURE & EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT**

This committee is focused on how to mobilize the local arts and culture to spur economic activity and shape our neighborhoods.

**BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 

This task force is exploring ways to promote equitable economic growth and a healthy ecosystem of local businesses.

#### **CHARTER ORDINANCE**

This committee is conducting a comprehensive review of the existing foundational document, the UG Charter Ordinance, seeking amendments or revisions that increase efficiency, effectiveness, and shared governance.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH, RECREATION & WELLNESS

Access to open space can improve our overall well-being as a community. With Wyandotte County ranking low in overall public health indicators, this task force is looking for ways to advance health equity across the community.

#### **COMMUNITY SAFETY & JUSTICE**

Public safety is a partnership and this task force is examining various practices that address system reform and promote positive conflict resolution and de-escalation.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & GREEN ENERGY

Pollution and climate change disproportionately impacts our most vulnerable communities. This task force will look to assess environmental justice across our county and, through meaningful involvement, shape policy recommendations for a sustainable county.

#### **GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**

This task force is charged with identifying issues that impact residents and stakeholders, while also studying and proposing more efficient methods of organizational reform. Recommendations from this committee will be forwarded to the respective governing boards and/or administrators for consideration.

#### **UNHOUSED RESIDENTS & NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

This task force has been working to establish minimum standards for wrap-around, community-based services to address local housing costs, rising homelessness, warming stations and shelters, food insecurity and substandard housing.

#### WORLD CUP 2026 READINESS

Having the World Cup grace our region will be extremely beneficial for our community. This task force will ensure Wyandotte County is included and prepared for the needed accommodations and large projected crowds that are to come.

All of these task forces host regular open meetings and anyone from the public is welcome to attend. More information on each task force can be found on our website at **wycokck.org/mayor** 

## FROM OUR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

David Johnston, ICMA-CM joined the Unified Government on March 27, 2023 after being confirmed unanimously by the UG Commission earlier that month. Mr. Johnston brings over 35 years of professional experience in public service and management to our organization with a proven track record of intergovernmental relations, economic development, strategic planning, financial management, budgeting and staff development. Here Mr. Johnston shares his perspective and goals six months into his tenure as our county administrator.

The UG is a relatively young organization having just celebrated 25 years in 2022. However, the world has changed and so too has our community. It is a great honor to join the UG at this time in its evolution as I believe we can effect lasting change for Wyandotte County, the City of Kansas City, KS and all of its residents, businesses, and visitors.

## COMMITMENT TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The UG will require substantial fiscal responsibility over the coming years to address rising costs and tenuous revenue streams to ensure the organization fulfils its commitment to our community, while operating with a balanced budget. As I shared with department directors at the beginning of the budget process, we must get out of the practice of borrowing money for deferred maintenance and focus on delivering high quality basic services. I charged each department with bringing forward ways to cut costs for the 2024 budget but our work is just beginning.

The message I brought to the UG Commission is that we can no longer mortgage our future. Bad habits of the past must be forgotten and a new fiscal discipline is required. Over the coming years, I will be working closely with our departments and our publicly-elected body to dive deeply into our operations and budget to ensure that we are on course for the future that keeps us out

of the red while meeting our community needs.

As we all know from our own personal budgets, there are always trade-offs and hard decisions must be made. These processes can be uncomfortable and will require an honest conversation about all of our programs, their impact, costs and benefits to the community. I will work with our Mayor and Commission to determine a path forward that will ensure the UG is equipped to serve our community more efficiently and effectively.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE**

I take the commitment to public service very seriously and look forward to bringing this mindset and culture to the ŬG. Our staff have worked under difficult circumstances and have multiple challenges to address every day. My commitment to Wyandotte County is to bring a culture of customer service and professional excellence to the UG. Not only is this important to the future and morale of our organization, it is essential as a premier employer in our county. Our residents and employees deserve a work environment that is welcoming and inclusive, conducive to collaboration, and encourages data-driven decision-making. We must strive for the highest standards of customer service in all that we do, and I look forward to empowering our staff to do better every day.

#### **FOSTER GOVERNMENT** ACCOUNTABILITY

As public servants, we have an obligation to our community to be transparent and follow-through on our commitments. In meeting with community members across the county, it is clear that the UG must rebuild trust and establish better ways to work with our community partners and neighborhood organizations. We know we must work harder to ensure information about our programs and services are getting to you in a timely manner and that we track and report our



[Above] Mr. David Johnston meets with staff at the Municipal Building upon his arrival to Wyandotte County in late March 2023.

progress on major policies, developments, and our general operations. In the coming months, we will be focusing in on our performance measures across departments and working with our elected body on clear priorities

#### **PROMOTE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC** DEVELOPMENT

As mentioned in our budget overview, we will be forming a new Department of Economic Development to guide equitable growth and business attraction. With the release of a county-wide market analysis later this month, we will be in a better position than ever to act on the potential of our neighborhoods for infill development, new commercial growth, and industrial sector attraction and retention. Working with our partners, I am eager to foster strategic investments in our community to help grow our population and support thriving, diverse neighborhoods.

The road ahead will require that we dig in, ask some tough questions, and ultimately craft a path forward that will ensure the UG can provide the community with the affordable services it needs and deserves.

#### **BUDGET EXPLAINED**

There are different sources of funds with different rules as to how they can be used.

General Funds Discretionary funds, most flexible and support general operations.

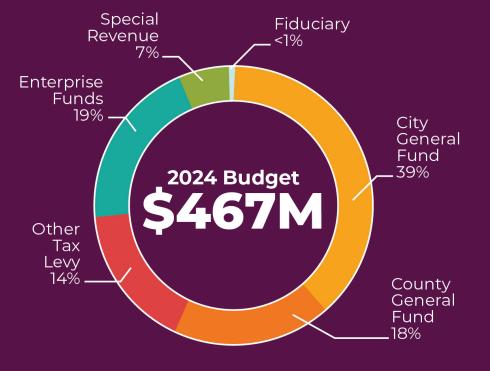
Receive set property tax levy; dedicated to specific purpose (e.g. Health, Aging, Bonds & Interest, and Election Levies)

Enterprise Funds Self-supporting funds maintained by user fees (e.g. Sewer, Solid Waste)

#### **Special Revenue**

Hold revenue from a special source for a specific purpose (e.g. Technology Funds, Dedicated Sales Tax, Streets & Highway)

**Fiduciary** Assets held by the UG as a collection or paying agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, or other funds (e.g. Environmental Trust Fund)



## WYANDOTTE COUNTY BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

Wyandotte County is required by the State of Kansas to offer various services to all residents, including elections administration, motor vehicle registration, district court and community corrections functions, register of deeds, public health services, and more.

The Unified Government projects that the total revenue across all Wyandotte County funds for 2024 will be \$111.5M with the total County General Fund revenue of \$82M. With a 2024 County General Fund budget of \$84M, the Unified Government will rely on its reserves to cover the difference while creating cost-cutting measures to eliminate this practice in the future.

#### **CHANGES TO OUR REVENUE** SOURCES -

Overall market uncertainty and volatility today makes the process of forecasting our revenues challenging for both the County and City. The revenue projections on the County side have been adjusted to reflect a drop in motor vehicle registrations (down 14% or \$720K) and revenue at the Register of Deeds (45% or \$1.3M). Additionally, due to market volatility, our interest income projections were adjusted by 19% which is the equivalent of \$851K.

#### **COUNTY INITIATIVE FOR** FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE (CIFI)

CIFI is a newly-created fund for infrastructure projects across the county. In 2024, the Unified Government has committed \$2M to support infrastructure projects in unincorporated Wyandotte County as well as within the Cities of Edwardsville and Bonner Springs.

#### **ELECTIONS**

. . . The upcoming election on

November 7 will be an opportunity to vote for your UG Commission, BPU, KCKCC, Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, and School District's representation. This year, we have added an early in-person voting location in Edwardsville. Register to vote by Tuesday, October 17.

#### **SHERIFF PAY PARITY**

In 2022, the Commission voted to ensure that Sheriff deputies received comparable pay to others in law enforcement. This increase will help with recruitment and retention of talent which is particularly important for positions that have an established minimum for the safety and wellbeing of our staff and the public.

In addition, the Office of the Sheriff will launch a cadet program in partnership with area schools to introduce youth to careers within the Sheriff's Department.

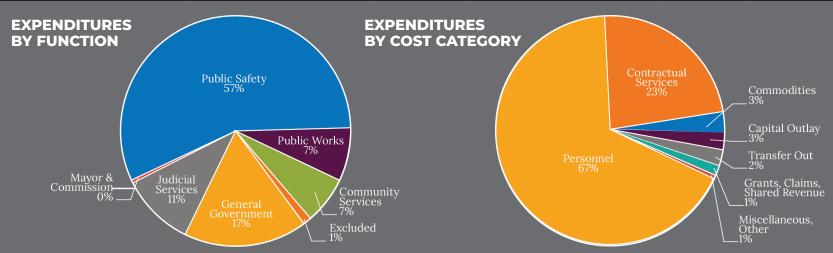
#### **NEXT STEPS**

. . . . . . . . . . . . . . Now that the budget has been adopted, there will be continued efforts to address the structural deficit in the County General Fund for our long-term fiscal sustainability.

With federal COVID funds and other one-time revenue, it will be important to identify what services should be prioritized for continued funding and where we can eliminate costs to reduce the impact on our reserves.



<b>County General Fund</b>	2022 Estimated Actuals	2023 Amended Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUE	\$75,089,370	\$75,203,210	\$81,975,030	\$87,221,963	\$91,377,015	\$95,242,348	\$99,381,577
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$74,452,874	\$82,023,935	\$84,008,832	\$87,376,597	\$90,883,532	\$94,535,530	\$96,338,734
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$646,496	\$(6,820,725)	\$(2,003,802)	\$(154,633)	\$493,483	\$706,818	\$1,042,843
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	\$14,548,334	\$7,637,107	\$5,603,305	\$5,448,672	\$5,942,154	\$6,648,972	\$7,691,816
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	\$17,589,358	\$10,768,633	\$8,734,831	\$8,580,198	\$9,073,680	\$9,780,498	\$10,823,342
Reserve % of Expenditures	23.62%	13.13%	10.40%	9.82%	9.98%	10.35%	11.01%
Fund Balance 17% Target	\$12,656,989	\$13,944,069	\$14,281,501	\$14,854,021	\$15,450,201	\$16,071,040	\$16,717,585



## WHERE DO MY TAXES GO?

Our property taxes fund our streets, community services, libraries, schools, drainage districts, and community college. Each taxing jurisdiction in Wyandotte County collects property taxes to support their mission and the

## CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KS BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

The City of Kansas City, KS provides a variety of municipal services to the residents and businesses within KCK. If you are a resident of either Bonner Springs or Edwardsville, check with your local municipality on the services provided.

The total projected revenue for the City of Kansas City, KS in 2024 is \$345M. The City General Fund is the primary source for financing the programs and services for the City of Kansas City, KS with projected revenues totalling \$179.2M. Total City General Fund expenses for the adopted budget in 2024 is \$179.9M.

## ADDRESSING A STRUCTURAL DEFICIT

From the very beginning of the budget process, it was important to address the structural imbalance in our city general fund. In the past, UG expenses exceeded total revenue. To cover those additional costs, the Commission has elected to dip into the reserves, the "rainy day fund," or to finance projects through debt. At the onset of this year's budget process, the Unified Government had a structural deficit of \$10.7M.

Working with all departments, the UG has reduced expenses, focused on cash projects to reduce our overall debt, and tightened our budget to reduce that gap without impacting personnel. While there is still more work to be done to cut costs and find efficiencies, this exercise has bought additional time for the UG to address these critical budgeting needs.

#### **ADJUSTMENTS TO REVENUES**

Economic uncertainty can make it challenging to estimate how much revenue will come in each year but our budget team works to track trends and their impacts. This year, sales tax projections were adjusted upwards to \$4.2M. The increase on BPU rates will result in about \$2.7M of additional revenue which helps address some of the fiscal sustainability of our general fund.

#### MANAGING RISING COSTS

Inflation has made the cost of doing business increase for all sectors, including government. With supply chain issues and increased costs for basic materials and supplies, the budget reflects these increases. In the 2024 budget, the UG has eliminated several unfilled positions and will fund full-time firefighters to manage the Fairfax Fire Station in lieu of staffing with overtime.

#### **COMMISSION PRIORITIES**

In addition to our DotteTalks, our community input sessions on the budget, the Unified Government Commission continues to prioritize our streets, bridges and parks, with continued cash investments in routine maintenance and repairs. The 2022 community survey also indicated the need to focus on reducing blight so the Unified Government will be launching a new beautification program to support those priorities.

#### HARD WORK AHEAD

To address long-term fiscal responsibility and sustainability, it will be critical for the UG to evaluate its entire budget in greater

#### **BPU PILOT RELIEF**

This year, the Commission convened a subcommittee of community stakeholders to review the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) PILOT and develop



strategies for providing utility bill relief, a top concern among residents. In July 2023, the Commission hosted a joint meeting with the elected board of the BPU to discuss the cost of services.

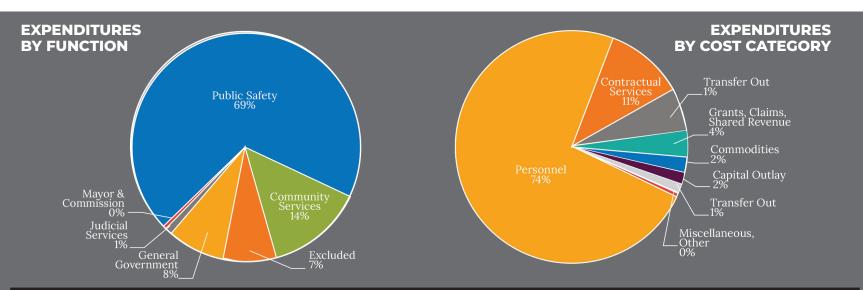
The 2024 budget includes funds for BPU PILOT relief by expanding the utility tax rebate program. With additional 2024 BPU revenue due to the rate changes, these funds support qualified households that may be struggling to pay their utilities.

> detail. Due to an abbreviated budget season with a new county administrator joining the UG in March 2023, it was important to stabilize the budget for 2024 while acknowledging more work is needed.

The UG will embark on a multi-year effort to look at its core service offerings, eliminate programs that are not required or effective, and find additional budget efficiencies in our operations. This will likely impact the \$22M in "discretionary" funds identified within the City General Fund as part of this process and reshape our partnerships with community organizations.

#### **EXPLORE THE BUDGET**

Dive into the details and line items of the 2024 adopted budget on our website. wycokck.org/budget



City General Fund	2022 Estimated Actuals	2023 Amended Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast
TOTAL REVENUE	\$166,757,724	\$162,454,269	\$169,110,982	\$175,798,284	\$181,823,879	\$188,588,447	\$195,690,868
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$168,225,051	\$163,791,208	\$170,593,501	\$177,684,106	\$185,077,218	\$192,785,952	\$200,823,999
Targeted PILOT Relief			\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$(1,467,327)	\$(1,336,939)	\$(1,482,519)	\$(1,885,822)	\$(3,253,339)	\$(4,197,505)	\$(5,133,131)
Cash Basis Ending Fund Balance	\$29,552,469	\$28,216,530	\$26,734,011	\$24,848,189	\$21,594,850	\$17,397,345	\$12,264,214
ACFR Ending Fund Balance	\$44,401,208	\$43,064,269	\$41,581,750	\$39,695,928	\$36,452,589	\$32,245,084	\$27,111,953
Reserve % of Expenditures	26.39%	26.29%	24.37%	22.34%	19.69%	16.73%	13.50%
Fund Balance 17% Target	\$28,598,259	\$27,844,505	\$29,000,895	\$30,206,298	\$31,463,127	\$32,773,612	\$34,140,080

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS &** INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **COMMUNITY CARE CENTER**

Currently, there is no permanent shelter or destination for wraparound services for our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Wyandotte County. The UG and our community partners have provided warming shelters, including an overnight warming shelter, for the past few years. The community care center will co-locate multiple services in one place to help address the needs of our unhoused population. The 2024 budget includes a \$3M allocation to find a location for this center.

#### **NEW CSI LAB AND SEWER** MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Earlier this month, the UG broke ground on two projects in the area of 47th and State Avenue: a new crime scene investigation lab and sewer maintenance facility. These midtown facilities will help improve service delivery, team efficiency, and provide staff with the latest technology to serve the community.

#### **FIRE STATION #16 & #20**

Pierson Park Fire Station, which will consolidate two outdated fire stations in Turner, will open for service this November. The \$10.1M investment will address the community's immediate needs with room to grow. The 2024 budget includes the replacement of Fire Station 20 (7741 Kansas Ave) for \$9.8M.

#### **KANSAS AVE BRIDGE REPAIRS**

The UG is pursuing federal funds to address needed repairs on the Kansas Avenue Bridge. The 2024 budget provides some funds in the near-term to address repairs and help move toward reopening the bridge, key to our local economy and regional connectivity.

#### **KCKPD WEST PATROL**

As our community has grown and moved around the county, the construction of West Patrol for KCKPD will ensure that our police department is located in key places across the city. With a budget of \$10M, the final site will be determined soon.

#### **LEVEES CONSTRUCTION**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a \$529M project along the Argentine, Armourdale, and Central Industrial District (CID) levee units along the Kansas River. This project, slated to be completed in 2026, will reduce the risk of flooding to the homes and businesses located behind the 17-miles of levees.

#### **MEMORIAL HALL**

. . . . . . . . Next year marks 100 years since Memorial Hall first opened to the public. Since then, it has been host to concerts, boxing matches, roller derby, and celebrations of all kinds. Memorial Hall will undergo renovations to ensure it remains a central place for convening in our community.

#### **MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

If you've visited our downtown offices

recently, you may have seen a lot of construction around the Municipal Building. Replacement of concrete, the installation of a police memorial,

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and improvements to the plaza will be completed by Fall 2024. Meanwhile, our doors remain open to the public!



#### **PARKS, RECREATION & TRAILS** (OH MY!)

Investments in trails, community centers, and parks were high priorities this year. This year, we improved park shelters at Wyandotte County Lake; the design and construction of a walking trail at St. Margaret's Park; and updates to our community centers. Improvements to trails in Vega, Ruby, Alvey and Matney Parks were also completed. This summer, we installed four new playgrounds at Hope Park; Parkwood Park; Westheight Park; and Wyandotte County Lake. With federal funds, the UG installed a new splash park at Clifton Park. The new disc golf course has opened at City Park and plans are underway for new recreation at Quindaro Park, pickellball at WYCO Lake, and updates to Boston Daniels Park.

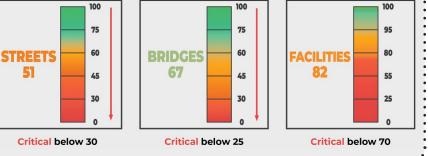
In 2024, Parks & Recreation will reconstruct the WYCO Lake rock wall; invest \$175,000 in upgrades to electric heating at our facilities; and continue repairs to park shelters. The UG will continue improving access to playgrounds and address neighborhood parks.



#### **ROCK ISLAND BRIDGE PROJECTS**

The Rock Island Bridge project is converting an abandoned rail bridge into a regional entertainment and food destination, connecting Armourdale to the West Bottoms across the Kansas River. The UG has worked with the private developer to raise the bridge for flood protection and enhance trail connections. The Rock Island Bridge

INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITIONS AT-A-GLANCE (June 2023): Like many US communities, aging infrastructure is presenting challenges which need to be addressed. Infrastructure condition is declining in streets and bridges. Facility conditions are holding steady.



project is slated to open in Spring 2024. You can follow the construction updates on the project website: rockislandkc.com

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#### **STREETS (AND CURBS)**

In 2022, the Public Works Department replaced 50,033 feet of curb - that is nearly 9.5 miles! This year, with the additional 2023 budget for street preservation, we have paved 43 lane miles and filled thousands of potholes. Construction was completed at 7th and Central, making the busy intersection safer while improving traffic flow. We will continue our investment in street preservation while moving away from using debt to fund routine maintenance.

#### **TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS**

Part of our capital budget includes several technology modernization programs and upgrades to our systems to support new technology such as body-worn cameras. Our Parks & Recreation Department will adopt an asset management system to help them manage routine maintenance and long-term capital projects.

#### WATERWAY CORRIDOR PLAN

In September, the community previewed the top design options for a new waterway corridor, connecting Jersey Creek to Waterway Park with green infrastructure. This project will help address the federal consent decree for our storm sewer system with smart infrastructure that not only treats water onsite but improves the overall quality of these spaces. More information on this project is available on our website.

#### WORLD CUP READINESS

With the KC region on a global stage for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the UG will be prioritizing infrastructure updates and beautification along key corridors and gateways into our community while to ensure Wyandotte reaps the full benefits of this significant event.

Research your family history. Add to our shared history.

#### **Explore the** Wyandotte County **Historical Museum.**

Monday-Saturday, 9AM-4PM 631 N. 126th St. Bonner Springs Free admission.

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wycokck.org/museum



**Congratulations, Graduates!** KCKPD offers a Spanish-language citizen academy where you can discover the behind-the-scenes of law enforcement.



In a Pinch: When the weather took a bitter turn last winter, our Public Works and Transit teams jumped in to deliver shelf-stable meals to seniors.



Listening to You: Our DotteTalks brought together neighbors and UG staff to talk about different budget priorities this spring as we worked toward a balanced budget.



Welcoming Our Future | ProX Internship: The second annual internship program introduced youth to the many functions and careers within the public sector.



Putting Down New Roots | Earth Day 2023: Tree planting on Central Avenue this year is a great example of the Central Avenue Area Plan in action, funded by grants and powered by volunteers.



Rock Island Bridge Ribbon Cutting: This old railroad bridge will be reimagined as a tourist destination while connecting Armourdale to the West Bottoms.



PlanKCK Summer of Engagement: Our comprehensive plan team has been meeting with stakeholders of all ages to identify a shared vision for Kansas City, KS.



**Offering a Fresh Start:** The District Attorney's Fifth Annual Expungement Fair helped people move forward by addressing their criminal record.

#### **KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

#### **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS**

The hours of operation at our community centers will be changing this fall for the safety of our employees and customers. Staffing shortages have meant that some community centers only have one person on shift at a time. The UG will be adjusting operating hours so we can adequately staff each center during peak usage and best serve our community. Check out the hours of operation at wycokck.org/parks

- We're actively recruiting recreation specialists! Apply today.
  - wycokck.org/careers

**NEIGHBOR DIFFERENCES** 

**RESOLVE THOSE** 

For neighborhood annoyance issues (dog barking, etc.), the Office of Dispute Resolution attempts to resolve issues without court action. Providing mediation services to citizens helps reduce Municipal Court case load. If you have questions, contact Gregory Carr at 913-573-5225 or gcarr@wycokck.org.

#### **KCK MUNICIPAL COURT IS NOW MULTI-LINGUAL**

The Municipal Court has launched a new service for onsite translation services for all proceedings and transactions. The service can be requested upon arrival to the court for immediate service.

#### **REGISTER YOUR SECURITY** ALARM SYSTEM . . . . . . . .

All residential and business alarm systems must be registered with the police department to minimize and manage false alarms. There is no fee for an alarm permit if it is applied for within 10 days of installation or conversion of the alarm system. Email alarms@kckpd. org or call 913-573-6109.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: TEST YOUR DETECTORS**

Twice a year, KCKFD partners with neighborhood groups to go doorto-door. They ask residents to test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and pass out fire safety literature. Smoke detector installations are available for homeowners upon request at your local fire station.



## SUSPENDED LICENSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The Suspended License Intervention Program (SLIP) helps residents get out of the cycle of license suspensions. Under the law, Kansans struggling to pay fines and fees can ask a judge to reduce or waive the charges based on hardship. Ask for information when making your court appearance.

#### **KCKPD LAUNCHES NEW** AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

Check out the new kckpd.org website, launched earlier this year, with a ton of information on programs and services offered by the KCKPD.

#### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS** WASTE EVENT - OCT 21

We'll take your old paint, aerosol products, and more. The FINAL 2023 household hazardous waste collection event is on Saturday, October 21 from 8:30AM-1:00PM at the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Center (2443 South 88th St).

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#### **KNOW YOUR LANDLORD & TENANT** RIGHTS

Check out these video resources!

#### **PROTECT YOUR FAMILY: KNOW LEAD KCK**

kNOw LEAD KCK is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist residents with lead-based paint stabilization. Licensed lead inspectors identify hazards and make recommendations. Certified abatement contractors perform needed repairs, which may include: Replacement of windows, doors, trim, and porches; Removing deteriorated lead paint and repainting; or Replacing contaminated soil. To see if you qualify, please call 913-573-6773.

#### **OPEN BURN SEASON STARTS SOON**

. . . . . . . . The fall open burn season runs October 16 through November 15. Permits, available at any KCKFD fire station, are required at least 24 hours prior to





burning. Check kckfd.org for alerts

when burning is not allowed due to wind





#### **SHORT-TERM RENTALS: NEW RULES FOR HOSTS**



The UG recently adopted new policies for short-term rentals (STRs): rentals of less than 30 days and managed through online services such as VRBO or AirBnB. Enforcement is underway and all STRs must be registered with the UG or you will be cited for a code violation. Learn more about how to apply at **PlanningInfo@wycokck.org.** To report an illegal STR in your neighborhood: call 3-1-1

#### **DISABLED PARKING SIGNS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS**

If you park on the street and are having difficulty accessing your vehicle, you may be eligible for a disabled parking sign on a residential street near you. This can help by providing a dedicated spot for vehicles with the required placards. Email humanservices@wycokck.org to apply.

## KCKPD ID PROGRAM



If you are a KCK resident without state-issued identification, this program can help you with a temporary id. Schedule an appointment with Community Policing at 913-573-6262 or by email kckpdoutreach@kckpd.org



From food and financial assistance to medical care and mental health resources, United Way 2-1-1 offers the help you need. This free service provides access to thousands of services. Call 2-1-1 and reach a trained, caring professional seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

# Celebrate Park Tober

Bring \$5 for each outstanding minor parking violation from 2019, 2020, 2021 or 2022.



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Collect canned good(s) for each violation to be donated to the Harvesters Community Food Network.



The KCK Municipal Court will

accept \$5 + canned good for each

violation paid in October.

**Municipal Court** 701 N. 7th Street, 2nd Floor, Kansas City, KS 66101 Monday - Friday, 8AM - 4PM

## Questions?

kckmunicourt@wycokck.org 913-573-<u>5200</u>

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FLOODPLAIN SAFETY

LET US HELP!

Is your property in a floodplain?

How do you apply for flood insurance?

Learn more about building

modifications, request a site visit, and ask the UG Department

of Planning & Urban Design

questions to protect your home

or business

CALL 913-573-8664

• How can you protect

your home?

#### **FLOODPLAIN SAFETY**

KCK has roughly 6,650 acres of regulated floodplain. While rainfall typically peaks April to June, heavy rain can happen any season. In urban areas with a lot of hard surfaces, there is not always time for the ground and stormwater system to slow the sudden flow of water, creating flash floods. Maintaining open space and ensuring ditches and channels on your property are free from debris can prevent pooling water.

Turn Around, Don't Drown. Don't drive or walk in flood waters. Keep important documents, medication, etc. on higher floors. Shut your electricity off at the breaker panel. Sandbags at low-lying doors and opening such as garage doors or walkout basements can block water from entering your home.

Be prepared. Even if you don't live in a floodplain, have an emergency plan in place for you and

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your family, including alternative ways to exit your home. Protect yourself with flood insurance which help cover the cost of repairs after a flood and, in some cases, help pay the costs of elevating a substantially damaged building; all KCK properties are eligible through the National Flood Insurance Program.

Make improvements. If considering elevating your building above the flood level, you may be eligible for federal funds to cover up to 75% of the cost. Additional assistance programs with the State of Kansas and the Federal government may also be available. This is not a guarantee of funds, but for information only.

Prevent backup. Do not dump debris or chemicals into our stormwater or waste water systems as they flow into open bodies of water which are protected by regulation. Do not build without a building permit. Report illegal dumping or illegal development by calling 3-1-1.

The Unified Government has worked to improve our floodplain rating per the Community Rating System. FEMA has certified KCK as a Class 6 community which will save property owners 20% in their flood insurance premiums.

#### SENIOR RESOURCES

With a new grant, the Area Agency on Aging of Leavenworth and Wyandotte County extended the existing tele-access program to help seniors connect with the resources they need. If you are needing assistance, check out our Facebook page dedicated to senior resources.

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#### **CAREGIVER MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM**

If you are a caregiver, you may be eligible for assistance with installing a ramp/ railing, raking leaves, repairing doors/ windows, and more. Call R. Van Dyke at 913-573-8566 to learn more.

#### **CHAMPSS MEAL PROGRAM**

Choosing Health, Appetizing Meal Plan Solutions for Seniors (CHAMPSS) is a dining program where senior 60+ can enjoy a nutritious meal seven days a week, including a grab-and-go or dine-in option. Donations of \$3.50/meal are suggested. Request an appointment today by calling 913-573-8531.

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

The Meals on Wheels program is designed to improve and maintain the health of seniors. The meals meet one third of the recommended daily allowance for adults and have no added salt. Meals are provided to seniors 60 years of age and older who are temporarily or permanently home bound due to physical or mental impairment. An application can be found on our website or by emailing mealsonwheels@wycokck.org

#### **TAX REBATE PROGRAMS**

The Unified Government has expanded its Utility & Sales Tax Rebate Program criteria so more residents are eligible. Applications open in January 2024.

#### **VOLUNTEER: AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Volunteer and help support independent, meaningful and dignified lives for older persons in Wyandotte. Call 913-573-8531 or email 60plus@wycokck.org to volunteer.



LIVE chat online AND find what you need.

**KANSAS AGING & DISABILITY** 



#### A COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES?

As part of our PlanKCK process, we are exploring different aspects of our community at various stages of life. We want to hear if you think this is a place that is welcoming to older residents. Complete a short survey at pollev.com/ dottetalk



## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

We celebrate our UG team. They are community and neighborhood leaders, family and our neighbors working in service to the community and making a difference every day.



While often unsung heroes, we celebrate the honors received by many UG teams for their service excellence, professionalism, and care for our community. Congratulations!

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#### WYANDOTTE COUNTY

# **Dotte**Biz

Whether you are looking to start or grow your business, discover DotteBiz, a one-stop shop to help you find the opportunities and requirements for launching or building your business. Discover resources, connect with the Unified Government as a supplier, and so much more!

dottebiz.wycokck.org

#### **NOVEMBER ELECTIONS:** HAVE YOUR SAY IN LOCAL $\square$ GOVERNMENT

The August 6 primary saw a meager voter turnout of 7%. The **upcoming election on** November 7 will be an opportunity to vote for your Commission representation as well as BPU and KCKCC representation. This year, we have added a ballot dropbox in Edwardsville to make it easier to get your vote in early. **Register to vote by Tuesday, October 15**.

## BECOME AN ELECTION WORKER

We are always recruiting paid election workers, including students.

WYCOVOTES.ORG

#### **ETHICS ADMINISTRATOR: INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS**

We welcome your questions, comments, and complaints relating to the ethical conduct of government. The **Ethics** Hotline (913) 621-3294 is a confidential answering service monitored regularly by the Ethics Administrator. Though anonymous, callers are urged to leave a name and telephone number for return response as a means of effectively investigating all reported matters.

#### **MOTOR VEHICLES: APPOINTMENTS ONLINE**

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Did you know that you can schedule an appointment for all motor vehicle transactions? Plan ahead and save time! Visit **wycokck.org/treasury** and click the Motor Vehicle Division button to find the forms and information you'll need for faster processing.

#### **PROTECT AGAINST PROPERTY FRAUD**

The Wyandotte County Register of Deeds reminds property owners that fraud can happen to anyone. Property Fraud Alert is a FREE online service offered to the public that allows them to have their name monitored to track possible fraudulent recordings that affects their property. Sign-up today at propertyfraudalert.com

County services include programs for seniors, including transit to medical appointment; public health programs and clinical services; elections; district attorney and district courts; sheriff; jail operations; 9-1-1 dispatch; emergency management; and some public works buildings/facilities.

#### **REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Property tax is based on

the assessed value of your land, improvements to the land, and personal property. Payment is due on December 20 (first half) and May 10 (second half). Save time with paying online by ACH, electronic check, or credit card. Please visit **wycokck.org/treasury** and click on the Real Estate and Personal Property Tax button for more information.

#### **UPDATE YOUR OWN PROPERTY DATA**

The Office of the Appraiser invites you to update your property information to ensure they are working the latest information. Update contact information, square footage, building features (e.g. is there an attic?), and even allows you to share photos or other documentation. Our property information form here: wycokck.org/Appraiser.

### **START PLANNING FOR** SUMMER EARLY!

Wyandotte County residents can make shelter reservations online beginning at 8AM on Tuesday January 2. 2024. In-person reservations can be made at the Parks & Recreation office, 5033 State Ave. Shelter reservations available first-come, first-served. wycokck.org/ parks

#### **FLEXIBLE TRANSIT EXPANDING IN WYCO**

Microtransit is an on-demand shared ride transit service that allows riders to request and pay for rides through a mobile app or phone call, and to track the driver's location. This fall, we will expand our midtown service area to the southwest, covering Edwardsville and Legends and to the northeast.

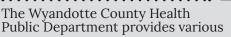
#### WYCO HEALTH LINK: DON'T MISS THAT NEXT **APPOINTMENT**

The WyCo Health Link program provides rides to-and-from nonemergency medical appointments at no cost to the patient. Who is eligible: people who live in Wyandotte County, regardless of income, insurance, or immigration status. Must have an appointment at a participating clinic. To learn more, go to wycokck.org and enter "WyCo Heatlh Link" in the search bar.

## WYCO CARE CONNECTION

WyCo Care Connection is a program by Vibrant Health and the KCKFD to reduce the number of individuals using emergency medical services for non-emergent care. careconnect@kckfd.org

## FIND CLINICAL SERVICES



# COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The UG recently completed its Community Health Assessment. Work is now underway to work with community and our partners to develop ways to address the most pressing health concerns as identified by the community:

- Community violence
- Health care access •
- Employment and income Affordable housing or homelessness

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- Drug misuse Mental health and suicide
- Chronic disease
- Poor nutrition or obesity

## Help us build a healthier county and engage in our community health improvement plan. More information at wycokck.org/CHIP

health services for individuals and families, such as:

- Family planning, including well woman exams, birth control, and "Becoming a Mom" prenatal classes;
- Prenatal care for uninsured women; Services for pregnant and parenting
- teens or young adults; •
- Happy Bottoms diaper program; Healthy Families Wyandotte home • visiting program;
- WIC services;
- Immunizations for children and
- adults (including COVID vaccines); •
- Lab services;
- Tuberculosis testing and treatment;
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing & treatment; and, •
- PrEP for HIV prevention.

For more information or to make an appointment, call **(913) 573-8855**.

#### WYCO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ORGANIZATION

WCDDO is a single point of entry for folks wanting to apply for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities services. (913) 573-5502 | WCDDO@wycokck.org

## WYCO LAKE PARK BRIDLE TRAIL

The Wyandotte County Parks Foundation initiated a planning process for the revitalization of the Wyandotte County Lake Park Bridle Trail. The Bridle Trail is the only walking/riding trail through a natural area in Wyandotte County. Discover the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation at wycoparksfoundation.org

## **VOLUNTEER:** COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Join our upcoming three-week basic disaster response skills training. Learn about fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Register today!

Next class begins October 21, 2023, 8:30AM-4:30PM | Municipal Building

To register, contact Matt May at mmay@wycokck.org | 913-573-6300





## HONORING PUBLIC SERVICE

Public service is more than a job, it is a calling. Please help us congratulate your neighbors and friends who have dedicated their career to public service as they celebrate key milestones. Thank you for your service! **#DotteProud** 

#### **45 YEARS**

Paul Fiene Vincent Wolf

#### **40 YEARS**

Janice Barnett Dale Gooch

#### **35 YEARS**

Terry Allen Rick Bird Christopher Blaurock Brett Deichler Gary Everhart, Jr. Phillip Helliker Brenda Leiker Caleb Lindesay Hugh McQuitty Janice Scott Rickey Vitatoe

#### **30 YEARS**

Jason Allen Shaun Bitikofer David Carter Kim Crockett Ruth Jones Anthony McDaniel Danon Vaughn

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#### **10 YEARS**

Tanner Anderson Marni Arevalo Bryan Bauer Shawn Berry Kevin Bibbs Matthew Blevins Jacob Bolend Nicholas Bonci Chad Brown Deotis Brown Joshua Bubeck Shaun Carr Katelyn Chastain Joseph Chizmar David Churchill Jonathan Cortes Somhack Davenport Michael Davis Parker Dean Manuel DeLeon Shanna DePriest Chad Erwin Daniel Flores Gaytan Alisha Garcia Jami Garcia **Dennis Gearhart** Patricia Gomez Sir Schad Hampton Daniel Hashman Luke Hays Khou Herr Chester Holliday Wayne Hopkins

#### **25 YEARS** Charles Adams

Bruce Brooks Lillie Brown **Devlin Brown** Danny Brown Jr. Sheri Courtney Rhonda Cruz Cristi Desimone Vohn Drew Jeffrey Gardner James Grimm Angela Her Michael Kane II Scott Ladish James Laird, Jr. Sherry Love Larry Owens Russell Owens Jr. Leeann Shelton John Stewart III William Wallace Jerome Young

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Joseph Brockman Gerald Buckner Charles Bunnell Eron Carstensen Glenn Carter

Jason Hughey Ryan Johnson Deanna Johnson Jon Keltner David Kempker Todd Kleinshmidt Anthony Lee, Jr. John Lobner Monica Macias-Leyva Craig Maleta Bryan Maleta Zachary Martin Rocki Mayes Jared McGrew Wesley McKain Richard McMichael Walter Meierarend III Guadalupe Mendoza Abraham Mesler Dominic Moran Maggie Orendac Christopher Parrish Randal Phillips, Jr. Richard Rocha Clayton Schratter Jackson Selby George Steens Brandon Stevenson Angella Stewart Stevin Summers, Jr. Jay Sutera Ryan Teel Joshua Thomas Gayle Townsend Kevin Trader

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Erick Verser Sharron Villegas Brian Warczakoski Andrew Williams Dave Wimberly III James Wing Gary Wohlforth Tom Xiong Zac Zimmerman

#### **5 YEARS**

Michael Achens Cecil Alvis Eileen Bailey Zee Bishop Brenda Botello Ryan Bowles Mark Brinkworth Tom Burroughs Sonia Cabrera Martin Cervantes, Jr. Kenneth Clayborn Jeffrey Conway Drew Dierking Alvin Doty Nicole Douglas-Price Paul Edwards Mariana Esparza Edgar Estrada Patrick Fanning Brian Finney Timothy Fithian Calvin Fortune III Jesus Galvan

Joel Thornton Jeffrey Vielhauer Tyszu Woolridge

#### **15 YEARS**

Christopher Basler Scott Bennett Charity Bond Jonathon Bond Alex Bruce Gregory Carr Catheryn Carroll Joseph Casey Kenneth Denney John Diaz Erin Downing Theresa Duke Michael Eckel Keith Falkner Abigail Fithian Kevin Fithian Bradley Flanders Joseph Grasela III

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## Make an impact. Apply online today.

Explore full-time, part-time and seasonal job opportunities. Submit your application and track your progress online. Not sure what position interests you most? Submit your qualifications and we will help match you with the right opportunity. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity and inclusion in its workforce.

## wycokck.org/careers



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### See Something? Say 3-1-1 Something.

With 156 square miles in the county, there is a lot of ground to cover. Help us see what is happening in your neighborhood by reporting issues through 3-1-1. Report potholes, a missed trash pickup, or share a photo and brief description of a possible code violation. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 3-1-1 allows you to report an issue when you see it.

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- Call 3-1-1 (913-573-5311), download the MyWyCo app, •
- or complete a request on our website.
- Need to report suspicious activity? Call KCKPD 913-573-8680 Emergency? Please call 9-1-1.

### **Skip the Line: Pay Online**

Download the MyWyCo app at mywyco.wycokck.org or through the Apple App Store or Google Play. Then, use your phone to pay your property taxes, make a 3-1-1 request or renew your vehicle registration.

mywyco.wycokck.org

#### **2023 Unified Government Commission**



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# 2023 Neighborhood Summit

Discover resources and services. Connect with neighborhood leaders. Help shape our future.

Saturday, October 28 9AM-3PM Gloria Willis Middle School 1735 N. 64 Terr, KCK

wycokck.org/ neighborhoodsummit

#### LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS RELEASES UPDATED RESOURCE GUIDE

The Livable Neighborhoods Task Force has updated the Resource Guide, packed with useful information for you and your neighbors, including navigating our Neighborhood Resource Center, frequently asked questions, and common code violations.

You can find the Resource Guide in English or Spanish on our website or hard copy (while supplies last).





Livable Neighborhoods 4953 State Avenue, KCK, 66106 913-573-8737

### How to Use UG Spotlight

We have a lot of information to share and only so many pages! Find an online copy of this publication with live links to the many resources shared here. You can also **call 3-1-1** and listen to the articles in English or Spanish. Content will change regularly so please check in often.

#### **USING QR CODES**

You'll see a little box next to resources and more information which you can scan with your smartphone to link you online. This may require data or Internet.

#### TRANSLATED OPTIONS

Find this edition of the UG Spotlight translated into Spanish and other languages on our website.

Encuentre esta edición de UC Spotlight traducida al español y otros idiomas en nuestro sitio web.

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