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THE HOMES, INC MARCH 2011

NEWSLETTER

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2010 Real Estate Taxes

**Pro rata portion of 2010 real estate taxes:**

**Single unit: $277.66**

**Double-unit: $555.32**

**\*\*\*WATER SERVICE LINE COVERAGE\*\*\***

If you receive a letter in the mail from HomeServ or any other company selling service coverage for your water lines, disregard it. Water lines are covered under the maintenance fees you pay to The Homes.

**The following candidates accepted the nomination to run for The Board of Directors:**

**Karen Anver**

**Elaine Hines**

**Catherine Verderame**

**Harold Watson**

**Monday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.**

**Meet the Candidates in the clubroom**

**Friday, March 11** (in the Clubroom)

**Vote 7:30 am to 7:30 pm**

**Annual Meeting 8:00 pm**

**Seating begins at 7:45 pm**

**Cash door prizes will be raffled.**

**1st-$35, 2nd-$25, 3rd-$15**

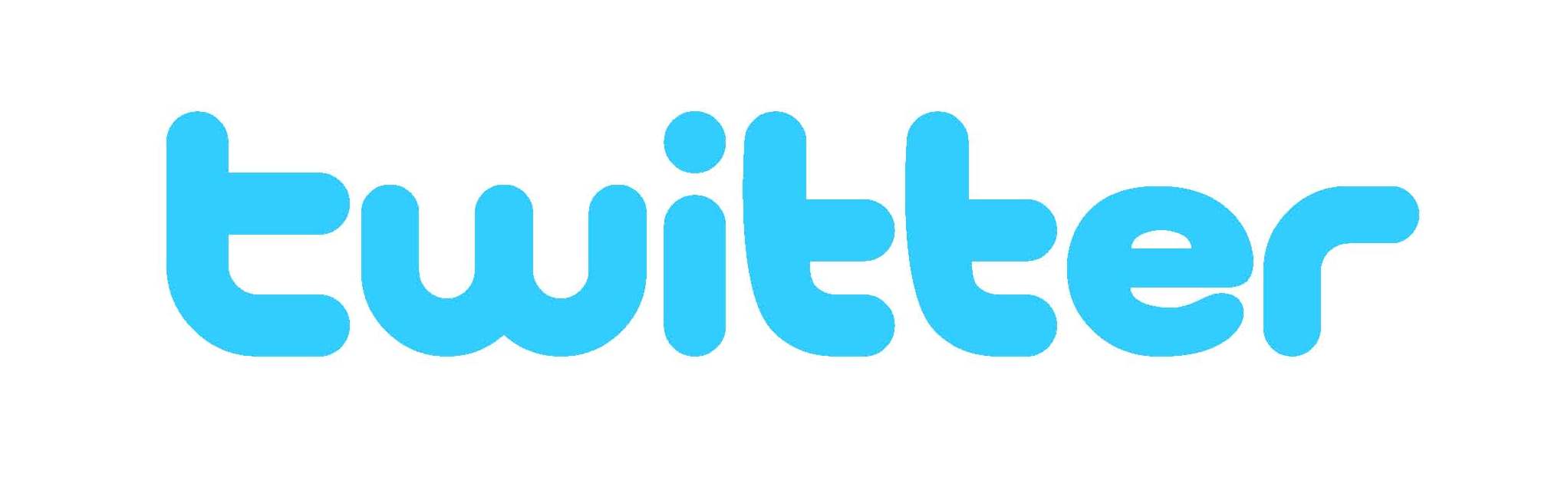
**Candidates** **for Board of Directors**

THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

March 21st, 6pm

IN THE CLUBROOM

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***On February 7, Gregory Quinn, 855 Manorcrest, lost his battle with a long-time illness. Mr. Quinn had a caregiver for the past three years. During this time, Mr. Quinn and his caregiver developed a friendship. The caregiver was saddened by the loss of his friend. On February 16, Mr. Quinn’s caregiver took his own life. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.***

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 6:30 P.M.-Homes Clubroom**

**Guest Speakers:** Community Police Officer, Master Patrol Officer W.F. Carver

Deputy Sheriff M.D. Snelson will talk about Wyandotte County Tag Enforcement

1. Vehicles housed or garaged in Wyandotte County for 90 days or more must be registered in the county.
2. Vehicles within the State of Kansas but registered in counties other than Wyandotte can go to the Courthouse and purchase a sticker until tag renewal is due. When tag renewal comes due, renewal notice will be mailed to KCK address.
3. Vehicles must be tagged where resident is registered to vote.
4. Students with 9 or more credit hours that drive a vehicle owned by someone else that lives outside Wyandotte County do not need to register the vehicle in Wyandotte County.
5. Any stockholder that drives a vehicle owned by someone else must register the vehicle in Wyandotte under the owner’s name. The stockholder will be listed as a 2nd driver.
6. Vehicles that don’t comply will be towed. Owners will pay the tow bill and provide proof of registration before vehicle will be released.
7. The Sheriff’s Department will verify vehicle owners by:

Run license plate numbers

Personally contact the vehicle’s owner

Contact voter registration and other resources as needed

**WHY YOU SHOULD BE A PART OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Being a part of this group, you will be better informed of what is going on in your neighborhood and the first to know when crimes occur near you. It has been statistically proven that watch programs are effective in crime prevention. The investment of your time in such programs will yield huge returns by making your neighborhood as well as your own home a safer and better place to live. This program educates its group members about what security measures are effective and ineffective. This program can be a good tool for dealing with issues such as barking dogs, loud parties, abandoned vehicles, run down properties, and other issues that attract criminal activity. Your neighbors can be a pillar in your home security program. Being an active member of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program guarantees that both law enforcement and your neighbors will part take in maintaining your home security.

Thank You / Gracias

We are offering a section of the newsletter for residents that want to thank neighbors, maintenance & office staff or any stockholder living in The Homes.

Elaine Hines, 7 Viewcrest, thanks her neighbors for their friendliness and help.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Viewcrest, thanks her neighbors for generously shoveled snow.

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, thanks the maintenance staff for their work on a recent plumbing problem.

Ron Bond, 870-872 Manorcrest, thanks the maintenance staff for their hard work with snow removal.

Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, thanks her neighbors and the maintenance staff for snow removal.

The office and maintenance staff thanks Pat Reid for her generosity.

The manager would like to thank all those stockholders who thoughtfully shoveled out neighbors and extra parking spaces. You are greatly appreciated!

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

**7:30 AM – 7:30 PM**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**8:00 PM**

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

THE HOMES INC 913-321-2471

AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE 913-948-2211

Q.H.F. CREDIT UNION 913-342-3421

KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 913-596-3000

KCK ANIMAL CONTROL 913-321-1445

POTHOLES 913-573-8307

CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAINTS 311

STREET LIGHTS/POWERLINES 913-573-9522

BPU 913-573-9000

KS GAS SERVICE 1-800-794-4780

**ANNUAL ELECTION NEWS**

On January 20, 2011 nominations for candidates to the Board of Directors were mailed out toThe Homes, Inc. stockholders.

**The following stockholders were nominated:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bob Anver | 1 | Sherry McCool | 3 |
| Karen Anver | 9 | Patricia Reid | 1 |
| Rosetta Cantwell | 4 | Jim Tavis | 2 |
| Sherry Davis | 1 | Lance Twyman | 4 |
| Isaac Falcon | 1 | Catherine Verderame | 1 |
| David Foran | 3 | Harold Watson | 5 |
| Elaine Hines | 1 |  |  |

***MEET THE CANDIDATES***

***MONDAY, MARCH 7, 7PM – 9PM IN THE CLUBROOM***

This open forum gives stockholders the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the candidates running for the Board of Directors. Mark your calendar!

**Candidates who accepted their nominations and statements**

***KAREN ANVER***

I am running for the Board because I truly care about our safety and welfare of our community. To encourage the residents to get more involved in Neighborhood Watch and activities for the children and adults encouraging all to keep our homes and yards clean and presentable.

***ELAINE HINES***

As a stockholder of The Homes for nearly 5 years, I have been a regular attendee of the monthly Board meetings. While I have been critical of the actions of previous Board members, I can honestly say I have always had the best interests of the Corporation – and its future – at heart. As a longtime administrative professional, I feel I have much to contribute to the Board, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve.

***CATHERINE VERDERAME***

I would like to see all units sold (which the office has done well). I would also like to see the units look great so the new people will be proud of their new home. The election is in your hands, please vote. I do congratulate you on the important decision you made to move here.

***HAROLD WATSON***

I have served on the Board for the last 2 years, the last year as secretary. I have enjoyed this experience to serve the community and hope to continue to be able to provide guidance, understanding, and innovative insight for the future of The Homes, Inc.

***FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011***

***VOTE FOR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

***THE HOMES ANNUAL MEETING***

7:30 am The voting polls open at the clubhouse, 660 Manorcrest Dr.

**PLEASE VOTE**

7:30 pm The voting polls are closed.

7:45 pm The Clubroom is opened for seating for the Annual Meeting

8:00 pm Annual Meeting begins

8:20 pm Raffle Drawing for cash prizes of $35, $25 and $15

**Statements from departing Board of Directors**

**Robert Anver**

Thank you to all those who nominated me to run again for the board this spring.  I appreciate your confidence in me. I have been on the board for a total of over seven years.  That is enough.  I am going to be the Master at the Scottish Rite Masons next year and am currently a team leader at the Shrine. There are many other talented stockholders who will do a great job on the board.  I will be happy to attend board meetings and offer my suggestions. Your cooperation and help over the past years is valued.  I know The Homes will continue to prosper under new leadership.

**Rosetta Cantwell**

I want to thank everyone who voted me in on the board. It has really been a learning experience for me. I didn’t know how much energy and time is spent in running our Corporation, and what all it takes to keep everything in tune. Hopefully, I did help in some small way doing all I could to make things better and praying before every meeting asking the Lord for His help.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**THE HOMES, INC.**

**February 21, 2011**

President Rosetta Cantwell called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 21, 2011.

Present were: Rosetta Cantwell, Charles Sawyer, Harold Watson, Bob Anver, and Jena Garr, Board Members; Elizabeth Bothwell, Manager; Greg Goheen, Attorney; and Karen Brokesh, Transcriber.

Thirteen stockholders attended the meeting.

President Cantwell welcomed the stockholders to the meeting and announced that, as provided by the By-Laws of the corporation, only stockholders of record are entitled to attend the board meeting. President Cantwell also asked all stockholders in attendance to hold their questions and comments until after the finish of regular business at which time anyone who wishes to speak will be allowed to make a statement.

President Cantwell reminded the stockholders to state their name and address so that the minutes can accurately reflect all comments made during the open session. Stockholders were asked to hold their comments until executive session or to speak with the manager one-on-one if they did not want their comments reflected in open session.

It was announced that the work order report for January, 2011 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2011 and the January 17, 2011 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Harold Watson moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Bob Anver. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver reported that he has reviewed the profit and loss statement, balance sheet and bank reconciliation and all are in order. Bob Anver moved to accept the profit and loss statement and bank reconciliation as presented. Seconded by Charles Sawyer. Carried unanimously.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

2 Reidcrest: Install satellite dish – Julie McVey. Work will be done by AT&T.

124 Viewcrest: Install satellite dish – Ramon Melendez. Work will be done by Direct TV.

79 Viewcrest: Install an 8 x 8 wooden shed – Jose Meraz. Work to be done by self.

Harold Watson moved to approve the change requests approved by the manager.

Seconded by Bob Anver. Carried unanimously.

There were no stockholder change requests for board consideration.

Secretary Watson read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 741 Manorcrest | Edward W. Scholten, Jr. and/or Mildred A. Scholten | Sidney Murphy |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Harold Watson and seconded by Charles Sawyer that the Corporation waive its option to purchase those shares of stock and approve transfer of same. Carried unanimously. The manager was reminded that all original signed stock certificates must be stored with the credit union if the stockholder has an outstanding loan.

Bob Anver encouraged everyone to attend the March Neighborhood Watch meeting to meet the new community policing officer. Kansas City Kansas will begin cracking down on out of state license plates.

Debbie Walters provided a report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. This year fourteen persons were nominated for election to the board of directors. The following persons have accepted their nominations: Karen Anver, Elaine Hines, Catherine Verderame and Harold Watson.

*Announcements:*

The speed limit throughout The Homes is 20 miles per hour. Please be alert and careful as you drive through the neighborhood.

Stockholders are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep all walkways and steps clean and free of snow and ice in front of their units.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders will be held on March 11, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the clubroom. The doors to the clubroom will open at 7:45 p.m. The General Election for the three vacancies on the Board of Directors will be held from 7:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. on March 11, 2011. Only stockholders of record as of February 14, 2011 will be eligible to vote in the election. Only one vote per share of stock is allowed even though there may be more than one stockholder listed on the share of stock. Thirty shares of stock will need to be present at the Annual Meeting to have a quorum.

The Valentine’s Day dance was very fun and the music enjoyable. The Board of Directors thanks all musicians for their time and talents.

Anyone with ideas for upcoming social events is asked to contact the office.

The recent death in the unit at 855 Manorcrest has been ruled a suicide.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

None.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

The board asked for volunteers for Election Judges for the March 11, 2011 election. The Judges must be present from 7:30 a.m. until the final tally of the votes are counted at the end of the election and then reported at the Annual Meeting. Bill Bradford, Evelyn Doorman and Becky Blankenship have volunteered to serve as Judges. Bill Bradford requested that all absentee ballots be accounted for. Absentee ballots are due February 25, 2011.

The next bingo night will be held February 28, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the clubroom. All persons attending are asked to bring items for prizes such as baked goods, books or white elephant items.

Persons interested in meeting the candidates for the Board of Directors are invited to the clubroom on March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Unified Government had decided to install speed bumps throughout The Homes in

the Spring as a result of the traffic calming study it recently conducted.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Evelyn Doorman, 62 Viewcrest, commented that she was happy to hear that traffic calming devices are going to be installed.

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, reported that his neighbors are upset about the Sycamore trees cut down recently by the BPU, commented on the inability to set trash cans out due to parked cars and recent snows, and thanked the maintenance staff for their help with a recent plumbing issue.

Ron Bond 870-872 Manorcrest, thanked maintenance for cleaning up the snow so quickly after recent snows.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Viewcrest, said she was looking forward to people driving slower in the neighborhood and thanked her neighbors for helping shovel snow.

Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, thanked the maintenance staff for their wonderful work with snow removal.

Elaine Hines, 7 Viewcrest, thanked her wonderful neighbors at 9 Viewcrest for all of their help.

No further business to come before the board the board adjourned into executive session.

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HAROLD WATSON

SECRETARY

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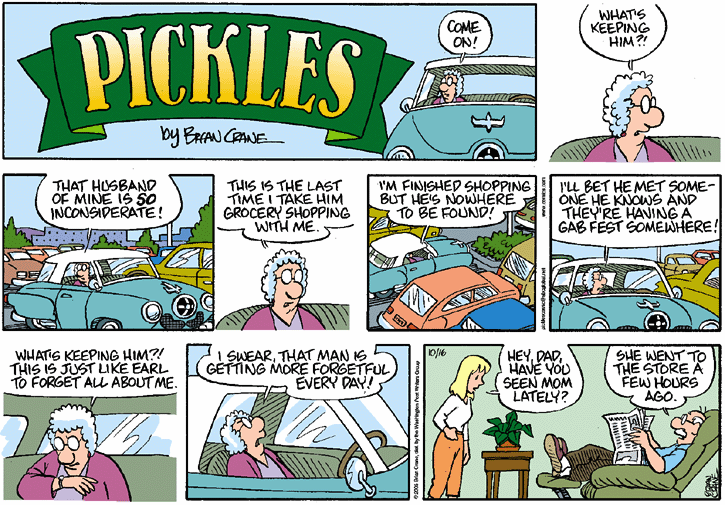
ROSETTA CANTWELL

PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**LOST & FOUND**

The Neighborhood Watch bought a Cordless Rotary Tool Set about 5 years ago. Last year, we loaned it to one of the stockholders who has forgotten to return it. It’s in a gray box about 12” x 8”.   We use it to engrave names and phone numbers on lawn mowers and other article for stockholders. Please return it to the office or contact Bob Anver at 913-342-2660.



**EVENTS**

**Meet The Candidates**, Monday, March 7**,** 7-9pm, at The Homes Clubroom. Candidates running for The Board of Directors will be available to answer stockholder questions and address concerns. Refreshments will be served.

**Spiritual Study**, Every Thursday, 1-2pm at The Homes Clubroom. All faiths welcome. Bring your bible.

**Social Club, Bingo**, Monday, March 28, 7-9pm at The Homes Clubroom. All adults are invited. The cost to play is FREE! Players are asked to bring a white elephant item, books, or baked goods for prizes. If you have an idea or event for the social club, please contact the office.

**Engineerium Robotic Adventure**, Explore the world of LEGO Mindstorm robotics, as you design, build, and program a robot for a challenging mission. Experience LEGOs in an amazing new way! Meet at the entrance of Science City Admission to the workshops is $16 for members (one adult and one child), plus $5 for each additional person, or $30 for non-members (one adult and one child), plus $10 for each additional person. Each workshop will be held twice per scheduled day, March 5, March 19, and April 2 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Workshops last about 1 hour & 45 minutes.  For more information or to make a reservation, call Union Station at (816) 460-2020.

2/7/2011 – 4/2/2011 - County Threads: Quilts from the Museum.

Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum, 631 North 126th Street, Bonner Springs Ks, 913-573-5002, Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. $2.50 ages 18 and older. Visitors will enjoy an array of colorful and artful Wyandotte County Historical Museum quilts on display

**3/4/2011** (12 – 9 pm) **– 3/5/2011** (10 am – 5pm), **Marble Crazy** at Moon Marble, 600 E. Front St. Bonner Springs, Ks, 913-441-1432. 18 marble artists will demonstrate the marble making process. Patrons are asked to park in the lot behind Kobi’s Bar on Oak St. (next to Dairy Queen) and ride the shuttle bus to Moon Marble. Visit the website at [www.moonmarble.com](http://www.moonmarble.com).

**3/5/2011 - Opening Fishing Day**, **Wyandotte County Lake Park**, 91st & Leavenworth Rd and **Pierson Park,** 1800 South 55th.  A Unified Government fishing permit and a Kansas Fishing License are required for Kansas residents over 15 and younger than 65. All non-residents over the age of 15 are required to have the permit and the Kansas License. Lake hours are 6:00 a. m. to midnight opening day to November 30. Boats require a Wyandotte County Boat Permit and they need to be off the lake by 11:00 p. m. Visit [www.wycokck.org/parks](http://www.wycokck.org/parks) for more fishing and boating information. **Important Note:** ICE could delay opening day!  Please call 913-573-8303 and select option (#5) to check lake ice conditions.

**3/05/2011- Native Americans, Native Plants: A hike into the past.** Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Environmental Library 913-299-2384 or www.kckpl.org 1:00pm– 2:30pm. Join us for a hike along the Stotler Cove Nature Trail as we learn to identify the native plants to Kansas and their value to Native Americans as food, shelter and medicine. \*Please dress for the weather.

3/10/2011 - Crafts for Adults - Crystal Daisy Necklace, 6:00 pm , Main Library, 625 Minnesota Ave. Kansas City KS 66101, 913-279-2066, [www.kckpl.org](http://www.kckpl.org),. $5 materials fee for supplies. Get ready for spring by learning how to make a beautiful daisy necklace from sparkling crystal beads! We'll have several colors of beads to make your creation special. Registration is required. Call 913-279-2066 to register. Teens welcome if accompanied by an adult.

 **BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

**3/11/2011 - 3/12/2011 Building a Sustainable Earth Community: The 4th Annual**

**Breaking the Silence Conference** Reardon Convention Center 520 Minnesota Ave.

Contact Richard Mabion for more information at (913) 481-9920 or www.breakingthesilence.us Friday 5:00pm to 10:00pm Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm Conference issues and concerns: A buy local first campaign, social responsibilities, local energy efficiency efforts, local watershed is-sues and minority employment concerns.

**3/12/2011 - 27th Annual Snake Saturday Parade and Festival**, Saturday at 11 a.m. at 14th & Swift, North Kansas City, Mo.. The festival is from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and includes a children's square, pony, train & carnival rides, entertainment, a car show and more!

**Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

Are you aware of the program called LIEAP?  LIEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible households pay for home energy costs. The application period is ***January 13, 2011 through March 31, 2011***. To find out more about this program call **1-800-432-0043** or apply on the website at: [http://www.usa800.net/LIEAPPortal/Home.aspx](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=4jaobacab&et=1104372279083&s=3432&e=00156S66YnetPMscGWevBuLTmCcPOwi52zn6fOZYJgfvInVkDHkH2TL0qYAJU8dK_B9sIA4giztM8xC4MzdNJIjOVAT7bsAeI8gfl1ReUr2GhdfE2coSkAIlxZTu2Q5fQvn3WswlgR17VE=).

**Medicare Savings Program Application Assistance** is offered by appointment, over the phone, or in your home. Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) is a free program offering older Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained, community volunteers and get answers to questions about Medicare and other insurance issues. Please call the SHICK Hotline at 1-800-860-5260 to speak to a volunteer. If you are a resident of Wyandotte or Leavenworth County, you can reach a local volunteer at 913-573-8531.

**Volunteers Needed**

The Wyandotte County Historical Museum will host the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibition. *Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings* and *Our Jewish Past.* **April 20 to June 17, 2011** at 631 N. 126th, Bonner Springs, KS. It includes displays of documents, and news coverage, along with film, video, and newsreel footage. **The Exhibit will run daily from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Weekends included)** To make this historic event possible community volunteers are needed to serve as docents. **Volunteer shifts from 9 - 12 and 12 - 4 are available. (Or FULL DAY 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) At least 4 volunteers will be needed at all times.** *Some special evening events require volunteers as well.* For more information on the exhibition and guest speakers highlighting the exhibits at the Wyandotte County Historical Museum visit www.wycomuseum.wordpress.com or www.wycokck.org. Or call (913) 573-5002

**Quindaro Boulevard Family Health Care**

530 Quindaro Boulevard, KCK 66101. Phone: (913) 722-3100. www.swbfhc.org

**Se habla Español.** Your Health is important to us! Family Health Care provides primary health care for the entire family. Services include care for pregnant women, children and adults (including chronic diseases such as HIV, HepC and diabetes). Family Health Care is a non– profit safety net clinic with services provided on a sliding scale for those who do not have insurance. Our goal is to improve your family’s health by providing comprehensive health care services.

**No patient is turned away for inability to pay.** Call (913) 722-3100 for an appointments.

Monday - Friday Social and legal services from 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Monday - Thursday The medical clinic is open 3:00pm to 6:00pm

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**SNOW REMOVAL**. Don't shovel snow out to the street. Shovel the snow to the yard. The plow truck pushes it back to the parking area. Be kind to neighbors. If a parking bay has been shoveled and another resident usually parks there, then assume they have shoveled it and don't park there.

**KEEP FUNANCE AND WATER HEATER AREAS CLEAN.** Having too many clothes, boxes, or general clutter in your utility area can be a fire hazard. Please keep yourself and your neighbors safe and keep your utility areas clean.

**ONLY FLUSH TOILET PAPER.** The pipes in our homes are over 60 years old. They do not have the capacity to wash away any other material. Do not flush baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, diapers, paper towels, Q tips, etc. If maintenance finds these items consistently causing a back up in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

**CABLE & SATELITE DISHES**. If you install cable or dish services YOU MUST complete a stockholder change request. It is a simple form that gives you the rules about the installation, such as, no drilling through siding, dishes cannot be attached to the unit or in a front yard.

**CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.** Carbon monoxide or CO is found in combustion fumes that are produced by gas stoves and heating systems. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned by breathing it. The Homes offers carbon monoxide detectors for $25 installed.

**YARDS & PORCHES.** Please take the time to clean up/organize your yard and porch. The size of our porches do not allow for you to keep many items on them before they start to look cluttered and messy. If you do not have a shed, an affordable idea to store your items in are deck and patio boxes. They range in cost from $30 to $100 and can be purchased on-line or at your local discount store. Items that should not be on your porch...appliances, boxes, buckets, mops, paint containers or any other "non outdoor" items.

**SPEEDING.** The speed limit in The Homes, Inc. is 20 mph. It only takes a few seconds for a distracted child to dart out in the road. Please be aware and safe while driving.

**PARKING.** The Homes does not have assigned parking. Please be considerate of your neighbors and their parking needs. Try not to park in a spot that is normally used by your neighbor. If you have guest, have them park in the overflow lots.

**NOISE.** Please be mindful of the level of noise you create. It is our responsibility to keep the sound we make to a reasonable level so we are not disturbing our neighbors. Sometimes, simply communicating with your neighbors and working out an understanding can resolve this and many other problems.



** BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM**

**ANNUAL MEETING, 8 PM**

**Helpful Information**

* **Replacement of Sidewalks, Curbs and Plumbing**. The office has a petition to request a benefit district feasibility study by the Unified Government. If we have enough residents sign the petition the Unified Government will investigate our neighborhood to see if we qualify for various community improvements that will be paid for over several years through our real estate taxes. Please sign the form on the back page and return it to the office. If you have questions call the office for more information.
* Want to know about what is **"Going On"** in The Homes. Check out www.facebook.com or www.twitter.com. Become a fan and post pictures or helpful information.
* **Have your pet spayed or nuetered**. The Humane Society (5445 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66104 - 913-596-1000) offers the best rates for this service. For dogs to be spayed or nuetered, along with the required vaccinations it is $36. For cats to be spayed or nuetered, along with the required vaccinations it is $5. Shirley Elmore volunteers to pick up your dog or cat and take them to the Humane Society then bring them home after the procedure. Please call the office for Shirley's contact information.

By having your pet spayed or neutered, you are not only helping your pet to live a longer and healthier life but also saving the lives of other animals. Spayed or neutered pets lose their desire to roam the neighborhood in search of a mate so are less likely to be injured, lost or to get into fights. They are also less likely to bite and have other behavioral problems. Males are less likely to spray or mark territory. Plus, the reproductive organs removed during surgery are those that frequently cause medical problems in older animals, including many types of cancer.

Spaying and neutering is also necessary to stop the overpopulation of pets. Every year in this country, over 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters because there are not nearly enough people to adopt them. In the Kansas City area alone, over 20,000 animals are killed in shelters. The majority of these are young healthy animals, including puppies and kittens, who if given the chance would make wonderful pets. Thousands more die on the streets from starvation, disease and injury. So please do your part to help by having your pet spayed or neutered.

* You can **rent space** for a trailer, R.V. and boat (legally tagged and insured) at The Homes fenced in storage area. Call the office for more information.
* The Kansas City Kansas Public Library System offers free computer classes that many of our residents have taken advantage of. Call 551-3280 for more information.
* **KITCHEN NOOK,** Do you have a favorite recipe to share? The Homes will feature your recipe in the newsletter. Recipes will be published on a first come first serve basis. Please include your name and telephone number. We will include your name (not your phone number) in the newsletter unless you ask us not to use your name. Recipes must be received in the office by the 20th of the month.

FREE HEALTHY HOME PROGRAM is offering a FREE checkup of your child’s health and your home.

CALL 816-855-1895

To qualify you must:

* Live in the Kansas City Metro area
* Have a child between 2 and 17 years of age

with asthma, allergies, sinus problems, constant cough or other constant health problems

* Own your home or have lived in the same rental unit the last 6 months or plan to be there the next 12 months
* Meet the HHP Median Family Income Guidelines

The home checkup includes:

Checking indoor air quality & ventilation, dust & allergen levels, moisture & mold, home maintenance survey, & a home health safety check up

Presented by The Kansas City Safe & Healthy Home Partnership.

**FOR SALE**

Lawn Mower, used once, $100

Rubbermaid Storage Shed, $100

Rubbermaid Storage Bench, $60

Refrigerator, make offer , Call Judy, 913-321-5907

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1990 Lincoln Town Car, scheduled maintenance, new tires, 173,000 miles, $1750, Call Mark, 913-281-1868

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Ceiling Fan, $35, Call Bea, 913-999-4340

*Our Thoughts…*

*To the families of:*

*Gregory Quinn and his caregiver*

*Wilma Brown*

*Paul Forcier*

 Happy Birthday to those residents that celebrate their birthdays in March!

[**SENIOR CITIZEN UTILITY TAX REBATE**](http://www.thedotte.com/post/2132531570/senior-citizen-utility-tax-rebate)

The Unified Government’s Senior Citizen Utility Tax Rebate program will begin January 3 and run through March 31, 2011. Under the program, senior citizens who meet the guidelines will be able to take advantage of a utility rebate.  The program offers senior citizens a rebate on a portion of the amount paid for utilities during 2010.  Persons applying must be 65 years of age during the entire year of 2010, live in the city of Kansas City, Kansas, and their total income not to exceed $25,000.  The maximum refund is $150.

Applications will be taken at KCK City Hall, 701 N. 7th St. in the Unified Government Clerk’s Office, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

The Area Agency on Aging, located in the Security Bank Bldg., 1300 N. 78th St., Suite 100, will fill out applications by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling 573-8531.

TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT SUCH AS A BIRTHDAY, WEDDING OR DEATH, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE

** BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM**

**ANNUAL MEETING, 8 PM**

**KITCHEN NOOK**

**Best Choice Save-A-Label** **For P.A.W.S. (People Helping Animals)**  
The Save-A-Label program is an extremely successful program which helps non-profit organizations raise money. Currently, there are more than 10,000 non-profit groups in the Associated Wholesale Grocers trade area that participate in the program. These groups earn $.03 for each Best Choice UPC symbol redeemed, with a minimum of 1,000 labels required for redemption. This program represents more than 1.2 million cases of Best Choice products purchased by consumers in one year. You can bring your Best Choice UPC labels to the office and we will redeem them for credit to the P.A.W.S. (People Helping Animals) organization.

**14 Ways to Save Money on Groceries**

Save money and trips to the market with these tips and tricks from Rebecca DiLiberto’s [Penny Saving Household Helper](http://www.chroniclebooks.com/index/main,book-info/store,books/products_id,8197/title,Penny-Saving-Household-Helper/). You’ll be surprised how simple it is to keep food at its best.

* Line the bottom of your refrigerator’s crisper drawer with paper towels. They’ll absorb the excess moisture that causes vegetables to rot.
* To keep herbs tasting fresh for up to a month, store whole bunches, washed and sealed in plastic bags, in the freezer. When you need them, they’ll be easier to chop, and they’ll defrost the minute they hit a hot pan.
* A bay leaf slipped into a container of flour, pasta, or rice will help repel bugs.
* Stop cheese from drying out by spreading butter or margarine on the cut sides to seal in moisture. This is most effective with hard cheeses sealed in wax.
* When radishes, celery, or carrots have lost their crunch, simply pop them in a bowl of iced water along with a slice of raw potato and watch the limp vegetables freshen up right before your eyes.
* Avoid separating bananas until you plan to eat them – they spoil less quickly in a bunch.
* Put rice in your saltshaker to stop the salt from hardening. The rice absorbs condensation that can cause clumps.
* Stock up on butter when it’s on sale – you can store it in the freezer for up to six months. Pack the butter in an airtight container, so it doesn’t take on the flavor of whatever else you’re freezing.
* In order to make cottage cheese or sour cream last longer, place the container upside down in the fridge. Inverting the tub creates a vacuum that inhibits the growth of bacteria that causes food to spoil.
* Believe it or not, honey is the only nonperishable food substance, so don’t get rid of the stuff if it crystallizes or becomes cloudy. Microwave on medium heat, in 30-second increments, to make honey clear again.
* Prevent extra cooked pasta from hardening by stashing it in a sealed plastic bag and refrigerating. When you’re ready to serve, throw the pasta in boiling water for a few seconds to heat and restore moisture.
* Keeping brown sugar in the freezer will stop it from hardening. But if you already have hardened sugar on your shelf, soften it by sealing in a bag with a slice of bread – or by microwaving on high for 30 seconds.
* If you only need a few drops of lemon juice, avoid cutting the lemon in half – it will dry out quickly. Instead, puncture the fruit with a metal skewer and squeeze out exactly what you require.
* If you’re unsure of an egg’s freshness, see how it behaves in a cup of water: Fresh eggs sink; bad ones float.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS FROM THE UG OF WYANDOTTE CO.

The Unified Government Transit Department is committed to providing transit services to residents of Wyandotte County through a number of programs. The services that are offered through the Transit Department include:

**Dial-A-Ride**

Transportation services provided to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) clients that are certified being disabled. This service is provided Monday through Friday. The fare for this pre-reserve service is: $3.00 each way. For assistance call (913)573-8351.

**Aging Transit**

Provides transportation for seniors 60 years of age and older to doctor and medical appointments anywhere in the Wyandotte County Area. The fare for this pre-reserve service provided Monday through Friday, is: $1.00 each way. For assistance call (913) 573-8308. The Aging Transit provides transportation for seniors 60 years of age and older to the area grocery stores, Monday through Friday. The fare for this pre-reserve service is: $1.00 each way 50 cents each way to Nutrition sites. For assistance call (913)573-8308. The Wyandotte County Area Agency on Aging provides a Nutrition Program for seniors 60 years of age and older.

**Nutrition Programs**

**Home Delivery Meals:** Hot and Frozen meals, better known as "Meals on Wheels" are delivered to seniors prescribed by a physician to be home bound. These meals are delivered Monday through Friday.

**Congregate Meals (Site Persons):** Seniors are picked up at their homes and transported to Nutrition Sites where they received a nutritious meal and participate in various other activities such as arts and crafts, and workshops. Contact the Area Agency on Aging at (913) 573-8531.

**Tax Service for Seniors:** The AARP Tax Counselors plan on providing tax service for senior citizens, students and others.  The volunteers will provide this service in the City Hall lobby again this year on following dates and times. **Mondays only:**  Time, 9:00am to 2:30pm

**Dates:** Starting    January 31, 2011 - Ending      April 18, 2011

**Help with Winter Heating Bills:** A state agency is accepting online applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Residents seeking help with winter heating bills can apply online now or submit a paper form from between January 13 and March 31. The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services says online applications won't be processed until starting Jan. 13, but getting them in early will help recipients get benefits sooner. The program provides an annual benefit for qualifying households, primarily helping people with disabilities, the elderly and families with children. Last year nearly 51,000 households received an average benefit of roughly $715. Anyone receiving SRS benefits will automatically receive an application packet in the mail by January 13. The website to apply is [www.ks-energy-assistance.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=4jaobacab&et=1104228227475&s=3432&e=001fCooHwsZqRRBmFH7K01IqwqI3tK4LvXYmMf3MstRg2sbW6ZRu_sMRWiX-9GM-oJ1fXw50DP-Fzl1vMrxkoPpZVxYPNc0PRszvQOSqUl7XUEPTYKMO2eQoYPVDoMukdGa)

**Teen Seat Belt Enforcement**

The KCK Police Department is participating in a state-wide program to increase the use of seatbelts by teen drivers. The Kansas Department of Transportation is promoting the Teen Seatbelt Safety Program. Police officers will be near all area high schools from February 27 through March 12, conducting enforcement efforts 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after school.

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| One Bedroom | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 918 Manorcrest | Sharts | 913.709.4297 | Ask S/H |
| 31 Summitcrest | QHFCU | 913.321.2471 | $ 6,200 |
| 3132 N Allis | Marquis/  HofMiller | 816.518.1165 | $ 8,775 |
| Two Bedroom Up | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 873 Manorcrest | Cisneros | 913.653.1313 | $ 5,000 |
| 113 Viewcrest | Melendez | 913.233.1067 | $12,000 |
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| 841 Roswell | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
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| 115 Viewcrest | Rivas | 913.371.3001 | $ 9,000 Make Offer |
| 130 Viewcrest | Rivera | 913.522.9147 | $11,983.61 |
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| 3143 N 9th Appt Only | Olivarez | 913.915.3926 | $10,000 |
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**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

**7:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

**ANNUAL MEETING, 8:00 PM**



**ATTENTION STOCKHOLDERS!**

The office welcomes referrals and encourages residents to tell their friends and family to submit application to live at The Homes.

To help your unit sell:

→Have it clean and ready to show

→Advertise it in the newsletter,

highlight “key” selling points

→Take pictures and submit them

for our website

→Promote and show your unit,

have an open house

If your unit has not sold in 6 months, re-evaluate your asking price – negotiate with a potential buyer.

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UNITS FOR SALE

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union  As of January 31, 2011 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
| LOANS | 540,394.88 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | - 11,272.36 |
| SECURITY BANK | 270,804.71 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 37.71 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 103,954.68 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 53,071.16 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,410.39 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 26.17 |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 84,053.73 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 1,542.58 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 100,000.00 |
| M & I BANK | 100,000.00 |
| COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS | 100,000.00 |
| PREPAID INSURANCE | 1,373.64 |
| NCUSIF | 8,778.21 |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,365,804.35** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 0.00 |
| AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE | 200.00 |
| NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 466.00 |
| FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 55.00 |
| SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE | 944.78 |
| MEMBER SHARES | 1,116,973.78 |
| REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| UNDIVIDED EARNINGS | 189,144.26 |
| NET INCOME | 10.32 |
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,365,804.35** |

**CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, March 19, 12:00 PM**

**The Clubroom**

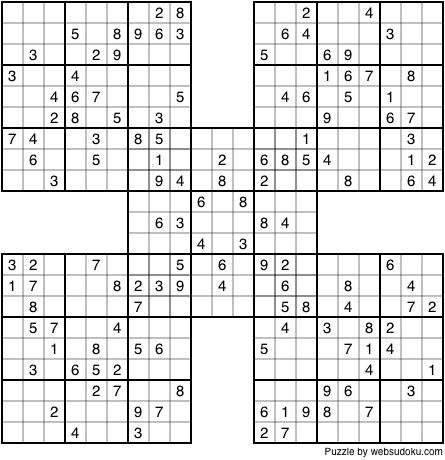
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| March 2011 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday  1  **NEIGHBORHOOD**  **WATCH**  **6:30 PM** | Wednesday  2 | Thursday  3  **SPIRITUAL STUDY**  **1-2 PM** | Friday  4 | Saturday  5 |
| 6 | 7  **MEET THE CANDIDATES IN THE CLUBROOM 7PM-9PM**  **--------------------EASTERN ORTHODOX LENT BEGINS** | 8 | 9  **ASH WEDNESDAY** | 10  **SPIRITUAL STUDY**  **1-2 PM** | 11  **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 7:30AM-7:30PM**  **------------------ THE HOMES ANNUAL MEETING 8:00 PM** | 12 |
| 13  **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** | 14 | 15 | 16  **CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING**  **4:30 PM** | 17  **ST. PATRICK’S DAY**  **----------------**  **SPIRITUAL STUDY**  **1-2 PM** | 18 | 19  **CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING 12:00 PM** |
| 20  **SPRING BEGINS** | 21  **THE HOMES BOARD MEETING**  **6 PM** | 22 | 23 | 24  **SPIRITUAL STUDY**  **1-2 PM** | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28  **BINGO**  **7-9 PM** | 29 | 30 | 31  **SPIRITUAL STUDY**  **1-2 PM** |  |  |
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**MARCH TRIVIA & FUN**

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**[Post](javascript:validatePost()" \o "Post)** Samurai Sudoku - Medium Level



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**Coffee Ground "Fossils"**[](javascript:ExpandThumbnailImg('http://crafts.kaboose.com/swf/coffee-ground-fossils-kaboose-craft-photo-350-fs-IMG_8905_rdax_65.jpg');)

Difficulty: **Easy**

Age: 4 and up

**Parental supervision is recommended**

Create your own fossils to display by using old coffee grounds. These work well as visual aids for science projects and makes a fun [Earth Day craft](http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/earth-day/earth_day_crafts.html) for kids.

**What you'll need:**

1 cup of used coffee grounds

1/2 cup of cold coffee

1 cup of flour

1/2 cup of salt

Wax paper

Mixing bowl

Some small objects to make impressions in the dough (Shaped cookie cutters work well.)

Empty can or a butter knife

Toothpicks, optional

String to hang your fossil, optional

**How to make it:**

Stir the together the coffee grounds, cold coffee, flour, and salt until well mixed.

Knead the dough together and then flatten it out onto the waxed paper.

Use the can to cut out circles of the dough or use the dull knife to cut slabs large enough to fit your "fossil" objects.

Press your objects firmly into the dough. When you take the object out, you have your "fossil". If you want to hang the fossil, poke holes into the edge to hold the string.

Let the fossil dry overnight (and up to two days) and then hang it if you wish.

**Tips:**

To reduce the drying time, bake the fossils for a short period of time to get the "dough" to harden.

**Can You Let Go of the Leprechaun’s Gold?**

Legend says a leprechaun can't lie, but he can be very tricky -- just like this St. Patrick's Day challenge. Can you let his gold slip through your fingers?

**What You Need**: A Coin

**Instructions**

**The Setup:** Put your hands together, palms facing. Bend your middle fingers as shown, then ask someone to slip a coin between the tips of your ring fingers.

**The Challenge:** Try to release the coin by pulling apart your ring fingers. Letting go of money is usually easy, so how come here it's so hard?

**What's Going On:** Because it lacks certain tendons that your other fingers have, your ring finger is at the mercy of its next-door neighbor, the middle finger. The two are connected by a piece of cordlike tissue, and when your middle fingers are bent as they are here, it tightens, drawing together your ring fingers. Until you unfold your middle fingers, the coin is all but impossible to release.