

THE HOMES, INC. NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019

THE HOMES BOARD MEETING AUGUST 19, 6:00 pm IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders and residents are
welcome

GRASS RULE OF THE HOMES AND WYANDOTTE COUNTY

GRASS HEIGHT CAN'T BE MORE
THAN 8 INCHES TALL!

IF THE HOMES SENDS YOU A
LETTER TO MOW YOUR YARD AND
YOU DO NOT, THE HOMES WILL
MOW YOUR YARD AND A CHARGE
OF \$50 WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR
ACCOUNT.

**Due to Heat Warnings,
Residential Trash Routes
to Start Earlier 6:00 a.m.
Start Time for Remainder
of July and August**

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

THE HOMES INC	913-321-2471
AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE	913-948-2211
QHFCU	913-321-3214
KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT	913-596-3000
KCK ANIMAL CONTROL	913-321-1445
POTHoles	913-573-8307
CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAIN	311
BPU(Customer Service)	913-573-9190
BPU ELECTRIC (Street lights and power line)	913-573-9522
BPU WATER	913-573-9622
KS GAS SERVICE	1-800-794-4780

NEWSLETTER TRIVIA

We want to encourage all residents to read the newsletter. You will find 10 questions within the newsletter. Write down your answers, along with your name and address. Bring the information to the office. At the monthly board meeting we will randomly choose an answer sheet and if all the answers are correct, that resident will receive \$30 off the next month's HOA fee.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

THIS MONTHS MEETING IS CANCELLED DUE TO NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME.

NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

TUESDAY AUGUST 6TH at 5:00 P.M.

US NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

100 S 20th St, Kansas City, KS 66102

Come meet many of our community police officers and other neighborhood watch groups. Many helpful resources will be available. Free food available.

URPOWER Solar Lights 8 LED Wireless Waterproof Motion Sensor Outdoor Light for Patio, Deck, Yard, Garden with Motion Activated Auto On/Off (4-Pack)

- UNIQUE DESIGN: We designed the internal circuit diagram of the lamp beads by ourselves. There are positive and negative pole directions on the bottom of our LED, which is different with those lights on the market.
- SUPER BRIGHT&LONG WORKING TIME: Compared with other common 4 or 12 led solar lights, we designed our solar lights with 8 led lights, which is brighter than 4 led and working longer than 12 led.
- WEATHER RESISTANCE: IP64 waterproof and heatproof, solar powered lights, suitable for most kinds of weathers. Great outdoor light for your garden, yard, aisle, porch, patio, or driveway etc...
- AUTOMATED SWITCH: Turn on at night when motion sensor detected , and automatically off after motion stops. sensing range of 10 feet with a 120 degree sensing angle.
- SOLAR PANEL LIFE SPAN: 5 years - LED Life Span - 50000 hours only takes 6-8 hours to fully charge.

TriGlow LED Dusk-to-Dawn A19 Bulb, 9W (60W Equivalent) 800 Lumen, Non-Dimmable, Dusk-to-Dawn LED Bulbs

SAVE MONEY: 9 Watt bulbs replaces 60 Watt incandescent equivalent, saving you 85% in energy costs!

DUSK TO DAWN: These light bulbs feature automated built in dusk to dawn sensor that will automatically turn on and shut off based on whether or not there is daylight.

The Neighborhood Watch will come and install the light for you. Cost is \$11.00. Call the office 913-321-2471 for more information.

2. How many one bedroom units are for sale?

3. In the month of August what day is household hazardous waste collection ?

Eckan Weatherization Grant

The Weatherization Assistance Program is the nation's LARGEST residential energy efficiency program. Very simply, weatherization improves heating efficiency and fuel savings by ensuring your home holds in heat and air-conditioning, while keeping hot and cold air out. At NO CHARGE to the client, income eligible families receive a comprehensive home assessment which includes repair or replacement of heating systems, insulation, and air-sealing measures. Income guidelines apply. Contact, ECKAN Weatherization, P.O. Box 40, Ottawa, KS 66067, (785) 242-6413.

TIPS ON HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT

Beat the heat: Drink more water

You know how important it is to stay hydrated all year round. When you're sweating a lot, either because of exercise or the summer heat, drinking enough water becomes even more important. As the CDC suggests, think of your body like an air conditioner: Whenever your body heats up from physical activity or the hot weather outside, your internal air conditioner turns on and you begin to sweat. And remember, now that your air conditioner is using its coolant (your sweat), it is important to refill the tank — by drinking lots of H₂O. As with other hydration myths, water isn't your only option, but it's free and easily accessible for most of us. Even if you have to trick yourself into drink more water and learn to love the taste of it, you'll be much more comfortable if you keep refilling your water glass.

Beat the heat: Peppermint tea mist

Brew a pot of peppermint tea, then stick it in the fridge. Once it's nice and cold, Wonderhowto.com suggests pouring some into a spray bottle and misting yourself with it. Better than water, the menthol in the tea will give your skin a tingly, cool feeling.

Beat the heat: Chrysanthemum tea

Whether it's hot or cold, chrysanthemum tea is served to lower body temperature, according to China Daily. It's also been said to soothe heat rash, experts told Natural Health.

Beat the heat: Breathe like a yogi

Next time you feel overheated, do a few minutes of yogic breathing, recommends Art of Living. Curl your tongue by pulling both sides upward toward the middle, then breathe in through your mouth. Hold your breath, and slowly exhale through your nose. Repeat five to 10 times.

Beat the heat: Chill your mattress

Put soft gel ice packs on top of the mattress and underneath the sheets; try under your legs, neck, or lower back for maximum comfort. Real Simple also suggests freezing a cotton sock filled with rice, then slipping it between the sheets. The rice will hold a chill longer.

Beat the heat: DIY air-conditioning

Freeze a couple of water bottles and place them in front of a floor or desk fan, and you'll enjoy a much cooler breeze with your makeshift air-conditioner. Wikihow.com advises adding salt to the water first to beat the heat longer; Apartment Therapy skips the bottles altogether in favor of a bowl of ice water.

Beat the heat: Aloe Vera

You know aloe vera soothes sunburn, and its cooling properties also work to help you beat the heat. Blogger Crunchy Betty offers different recipes to make spray of it, combining witch hazel and peppermint oil.

Beat the heat: Spicy food

If you're already sweating, why would you want to sweat more? Professor of food science at Penn State University Luke LaBorde offers this answer: eating spicy food increases blood circulation and makes you sweat, so you'll feel cooler as the sweat dries. Dr. Oz explains that the capsaicin in hot peppers encourages your body to sweat more without raising your body temperature.

Beat the heat: Pressure points

Lifehacker.com's solution to lower body temperature is to apply a bottle with ice-cold water on points like your ankles, wrists, back of the neck or behind the knees.

4. Who is hiring Deputies and administrative personnel?

EVENTS

Strawberry Hill Museum Tour

March 2, 2019 - December 29, 2019, Recurring weekly on Sunday, Saturday. Strawberry Hill Ethnic Museum & Cultural Center, 720 North 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. 913-371-3264. 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Price: \$10.00. <http://www.strawberryhillmuseum.org>. Take a tour of the beautiful, historic Strawberry Hill Museum & Cultural Center! The Strawberry Hill Ethnic Cultural Society was formed in 1988 to promote, sponsor and preserve the ethnic heritage prevalent in Kansas City, Kansas. The Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center celebrates the many nationalities of Kansas City residents. Built in 1887, the core building is an outstanding example of Victorian Queen Anne Style architecture and was home to the Cruise-Scroggs family for 32 years. In 1919, the mansion was opened by the Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King, to care for children orphaned during the 1918 influenza pandemic. The orphanage, operated in connection with St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, closed in 1988 for conversion to the Strawberry Hill Ethnic Cultural Society.

La Placita Central Avenue Market

5/4/2019, 5/18/2019, 6/1/2019, 6/15/2019, 6/29/2019, 7/13/2019, 7/27/2019, 8/10/2019, 8/24/2019. Bethany Park, Central Avenue & North 12th Street, Kansas City, KS, (913) 281-9222. Time: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. www.cabackck.org. It's back, KCK! Enjoy food, music, family activities, and support local vendors in Kansas City, Kansas at this year's La Placita Central Avenue Market. La Placita is a bi-monthly Market at Bethany Park. It features vendors, entertainment, and the opportunity for members of the community to connect. The market is 100% secured and promoted by CABA with the extraordinary help of the Unified Government's Parks and Recreation Department. La Placita enjoys the help of many community volunteers, community-conscious businesses and organizations the same.

08/03/2019 - 20th Annual Wyandotte Back to School Fair

From 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 on the main campus of the Kansas City Kansas Community College, 7250 State Avenue. Students who attend public or private school in Wyandotte County are welcome to attend. Parents or guardians must provide proof of residency in Wyandotte County. Children must attend in order to receive FREE school supplies. The event includes: FREE school supplies, FREE student haircuts, FREE immunizations and physicals, FREE vision screenings, snacks and information about additional community resources.

08/10/2019 - 33rd Annual Car & Bike Show

RAY MILLER PARK, 4103 S 4TH ST, LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048, (816) 804-8753, TIME: 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM. PRICE: FREE TO PUBLIC. 33rd Annual Car and Bike Show by the Leavenworth Cruisers Inc. The will be a silent auction, raffles, food vendors, t-shirts, pin-up contest and much much more. Cruise Nights are held every 4th Friday of the month April thru Sept. at Haymarket Square.

08/19/2019 - Wyandotte County History Lecture Series: Quindaro Townsite

Kansas City Kansas Public Library Main Branch, 625 Minnesota Avenue , Kansas City , KS 66010 (913) 295-8250. Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Quindaro Townsite has been designated a National Commemorative Site. Join in a conversation led by Jim Ogle of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area about the future of this historic Kansas abolitionist port town. Organized in collaboration with the Museums and Historical Sites of Wyandotte County.

08/20/2019 - Workforce Partnership Job Fair

Workforce Partnership has established a Mature Worker Program for those over 55. They will also have a Job Fair on August 20th. Contact them at 913-279-2600. Email is FDWY@workforcepartnership.com

5. Name an accessory that will not be tax exempt?

08/22/2019-08/24/2019 - Tiblow Days 2019

Bonner Springs Tourism Committee, Downtown Bonner Springs, Bonner Springs, KS, (913) 422-5044.

Celebrating Bonner Springs' Heritage. The Bonner Springs-Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce sponsors Tiblow Days, the city's annual heritage festival. It is celebrated the last weekend in August, prior to Labor Day. Bonner Springs was originally named Tiblow in honor of Henry Tiblow, a Delaware Indian who operated a ferry across the Kansas River. The city was renamed Bonner Springs in the 1880s.

Join the BSEDW Chamber as we host our 40th Annual Tiblow Days Celebration in downtown Bonner Springs, KS! Craft Fair, Carnival, Parade, Mayor's Dinner, City Band Concert & Ice Cream Social, Bonner Springs Rotary Tiblow Trot, Group Performances, Model Train Display, Car Show, Special Film Viewing Documentary, and Live Music by 455 Rocket, Johnny Dollar Band, and headliners, THE RAINMAKERS!

Citizen Police Academy

The academy will be starting the next classes Sept. 9th thru Oct. 30th

The class will run from 6pm to 9pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. They are free to all attendees.

It is at the KCKPD Training Academy, 7340 State Ave (on the KCKCC Campus)

It will give the attendees the outline of what the police force does. It is open to everyone, must call Officer Kevin Sullivan at 913-573-6254 or email him at ksullivan@kckpd.org to register or get further information.

The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department is hiring for deputies and administrative personnel. Apply at the Wyandotte Co. Sheriff's office 913-573-2861.

The Merc Coop has signed an agreement to open a 14,000 square foot full-service grocery store with produce, salad bar, packaged meat and seafood and grocery as well as a deli and cafe. It will be located at 5th & Minnesota in Kansas City, Kansas. The store is set to open in early 2020. The groundbreaking ceremony is set for August 15th.

On October 26th, Abdallah Shrine will hold a pediatric screening for children up to 18 yrs. old. who are suffering from bone, muscle and/or other orthopedic problems. If accepted for treatment, there is never a cost to patient and/or family for all treatment, including transportation if needed from home to the St. Louis hospital. Problems include in-toeing, toe walking, flat feet, club foot, bowed leg or knocked knees, stiff or painful joints, knee, elbow or shoulder injuries, curved spine and/or hip problems. Call Bob Anver at 913-342-2660.

Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

With the new school year just around the corner, the Show Me State's tax-free weekend is coming up, too. This year, the state's Back to School Sales Tax Holiday runs from 12:01 a.m. Aug. 2 to midnight Aug. 4 — that's *this* Friday through Sunday!

If you haven't bought your school supplies or clothes yet, now is the time to shop and save. And if you aren't heading back to school and just want to do some personal shopping, that's OK, too.

On purchases like clothing, school supplies, computers and software, the sales tax is exempt for this weekend only. But sales tax will still apply to accessories like watches, jewelry, handbags, scarves, ties, headbands, and belt buckles. But good news for parents of young children: The tax exemption applies to diapers!

There is a spending limit to get the tax exemption.

An article of clothing has to be \$100 or less; a school supply item can't exceed \$50; computer software must be \$350 or less; each personal computer or computer peripheral device can't exceed \$1,500; and a graphing calculator can't be more than \$150.

6. When is the 20th Annual Wyandotte Back to School Fair?

2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set

Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents includes the following Saturdays: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19, 2019. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on those Saturdays.

Wyandotte County residents need to take their household hazardous products to 2443 South 88th Street in Kansas City, Kansas. (South on 88th Street from K-32) or (East of I-435 using Woodend exit near Kaw River) The HHW Days are not for business or nonprofit groups.

When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items accepted include automotive products, home improvement products, household items, as well as lawn and garden products.

Automotive products accepted include auto batteries, brake fluid, carburetor cleaner, degreasers, gasoline & fuels, and used motor oil. In addition, residents can bring 10 car and/or pickup tires if the rims are removed from the tires.

Home improvement products accepted include concrete cleaner, driveway sealer, furniture stripper, glue with solvents, latex & oil based paints, paint thinner, putty, grout, calk & spackle, roofing tar, stain varnish & lacquer, turpentine, water-based glues, and wood preservatives.

Household items include aerosol products, drain & oven cleaners, mothballs, nail polish remover, polishes with solvents, spot remover, and propane cylinders.

Lawn and garden products include fertilizer with weed killer, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodent bait.

For additional information call 913-573-8318 or 913-573-5400.

HELPFUL COUNTY RESOURCE PHONE #'S

Broken Traffic Lights - 573-9522	Water Main Breaks – 573-9622	Wild or Dead Animal – 321-1445
Drug Dealing – 573-6280	Abandoned House – 573-8600	Weeds in Yard – 573-8600
Trespasser/Solicitor – 596-3000	Broken Street Sign – 573-5776	Belligerent Person – 596-3000
Abandoned Appliance – 573-8600	Hazardous Sidewalk – 573-5400	Trash and Debris – 573-8600
Abandoned Car – 596-3000	Suspected Arson Activity – 573-5550	Illegal Fireworks – 596-3000
Potholes – 573-8307	Broken Street Light – 573-9522	Building Alarm – 596-3000
Gas Leak – 1-800-794-4780	Power Line Problems – 573-9522	Graffiti Hotline – 573-8600
Stray Dog – 321-1445	Rats – 573-6705	Prostitution – 596-3000
Clogged Storm Drain – 573-5400	Foul Odor – 573-8600	Illegal Dumping – 573-8600
Car Alarm – 596-3000	Polluting Chemicals – 321-4803	Loud Music or Noise – 596-3000
For more helpful county information contact Livable Neighborhoods Task Force – 573-8737		

UNITS FOR SALE

One Bedroom Down	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
9 Craigcrest		QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$5,000
20 Summitcrest	Window A/C , Stove	Pier	816.337.1066	\$8,000
Two Bedroom Up	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
113 Viewcrest		The Homes	913.321.2471	\$5,000
112 Viewcrest	C/A	Sanchez	913-499-5435	\$9,000
855 Manorcrest	C/A, Stove, Fridge, Deck	Ramos	913.235.4676	\$9,900
65 Viewcrest	Fridge, Stove	Foran	913.371.6780	\$10,000
Two Bedroom Down	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
72 Viewcrest	Dishwasher, Patio, Shed	Hackney	619.929.1307	\$12,000
771 Manorcrest	C/A	Garcia	913.944.3438	\$8,000
Three Bedroom Up	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
30 Viewcrest	Fridge , Stove	Walters	913.290.4058	\$8,100

MOWING SERVICES

John Holt - 913-375-6948
 Todd Bothwell - 816-517-6639
 Marco - 913-271-5377
 Josh - 816-438-8868

ANA'S CLUB

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

5pm-8pm

You don't want to miss out on this free fun event.
 Music, Games, Potluck dinner. Please bring a
 covered dish. FUN, FUN, FUN entertainment for
 ALL AGES? Come out and enjoy yourself.

FOR SALE

Glass and wrought iron table and 4 chairs -
 \$80.00 - 913-850-2268

REMODEL SERVICES

Ricardo Isaiah - 973-380-5646

**REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR BATTERY IN CAR KEYS LOCKING SYSTEM OR FOB
 EVERY THREE TO FOUR YEARS. IF YOUR BATTERY FAILS THE FOB CHIP COULD
 FAIL RENDERING IT USELESS AND COULD BE VERY COSTLY TO REPLACE**

8. How many stock transfers where there at the July board meeting?



HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOMES

PLUMBING: DO NOT FLUSH FLUSHABLE WIPES. The pipes in our homes are over 70 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. The sink and tub drains are only for water disposal. Do not force items down the drains. If maintenance finds these items consistently causing a backup in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

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. **NEVER PARK IN YARDS OR COMMON GROUND.**

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 alternative is to store your items in a deck or patio box. 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. The office offers free paint for your porch railings.

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.

AUTOMOBILE REPAIR. It is against the rules to work on your vehicle in The Homes. If your vehicle needs repair, then you will have to take your vehicle out of the neighborhood or take your vehicle to a mechanic. Unless you are changing a flat tire, you should **NEVER** put your vehicle on a jack in the Homes.

LITTERING. Think twice about throwing your trash out your car window or into someone's yard. First, it's rude and selfish. Someone will have to pick it up and most of the time it is the maintenance staff. This takes time and money away from other resident's needs. Second, it is against the law. Littering is a Class C violation that is punishable by a fine up to a \$500.00.

KEEP FURNACE 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. **DO NOT PILE CLOTHES OR OTHER ITEMS ON TOP OF THE WATER HEATER OR FLU AREA.**

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.

STICKS AND LIMBS: Place sticks/limbs in 4 foot bundles to the curbside for pickup by maintenance.

GRASS RULE OF THE HOMES AND WYANDOTTE COUNTY: GRASS HEIGHT CAN'T BE MORE THAN 8 INCHES TALL

9. Where is Night Out Against Crime located?

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6 Night Out Against Crime 5pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Ana's Club 5pm-8pm	14	15	16	17
18	19 The Homes Board Meeting 6pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Please call or email the office if you would like the Newsletter hand delivered. The newsletter is always available in the office.

Attention

The streets of this neighborhood are very dangerous. The children are outside unsupervised. We want to ask parents to keep an eye on their children when they're playing outside to prevent accidents. Remember, we have playgrounds for the kids. Thank you for your attention people from the neighborhood.

Atención

Las calles de este vecindario son muy peligrosas. Los niños están afuera sin supervisión. Queremos pedirles a los padres que vigilen a sus hijos cuando están jugando afuera para prevenir accidentes. Recuerda que tenemos patios de recreo para los niños. Gracias por su atención gente del vecindario.

10. What time does trash collection begin in July and August?