

THE HOMES, INC.

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021

**THE HOMES
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 5:30 pm
IN THE CLUBROOM
THE MEETING WILL BE CLOSED
TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS**

**IF YOU HAVE A MATTER THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH THE
BOARD CONTACT THE MANAGER**

**THE HOMES IS HAVING A RAFFLE FOR A
RUBBERMAID STORAGE SHED.**

We have been fortunate enough to outgrow our pantry. We are replacing it with a larger pantry. Starting Monday, August 2nd you can buy a raffle ticket at the office for \$1. There is no limit on how many you can buy. The drawing will be Wednesday, August 18th at 4:00 pm on the deck of the clubroom and you **MUST WEAR A MASK**. Attendance is not necessary. The winner will be contacted and will have 48 hours to make contact with the office. If the winner doesn't contact the office, another drawing will take place on Friday, August 20th at 4:00 pm. The dimensions of the shed are 32" wide x 72" tall x 25" deep. Employees, Board Members and their families are ineligible for the raffle.



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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

THE HOMES INC	913-321-2471
AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE	913-948-2211
QHFCU	913-342-3421
KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT	913-596-3000
KCK ANIMAL CONTROL	913-321-1445
POTHoles	913-573-8307
CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAINTS	311
BPU(Customer Service)	913-573-9190
BPU ELECTRIC (Lights/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.

1. What phone number do you call for wild animals?

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Meeting is cancelled, instead, join us at the drive thru “give away” at Night Out Against Crime August 3rd 5:00-7:00 pm. Located at the Armory 100 S 20th St, Kansas City, KS 66102

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 FREE.** Call the Bob 913-342-2660 for more information.

As of Friday, July 30th the Unified Government's Board of Commissioners highly recommends a six-week indoor mask mandate for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Kansas City, MO reinstated its indoor mask mandate for individuals who are at least 5 years old — regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status — for the month of August.

Now that mask mandates have been lifted everyone is safe....right! NO! Only half of the population of the United States has received the vaccine.

Not all people you see in public not wearing a face mask have been vaccinated. Unvaccinated people are still vulnerable to the virus and its rising variants. If you have made the personal decision not to be vaccinated, please take the same precautions you did last year. Wear a mask in public, social distance at least 6' from others and wash your hands frequently. Over 600 businesses in the KC Metro area have closed due to Covid 19. No one wants the restraints from last year happening again. Keep yourself and others safe.

3. How many units are for sale?

The winner of Newsletter Trivia was Sherry McCool

4. How many cooling stations are in Wyandotte County?

EVENTS

Please practice social distancing and where a mask if attending events

Recurring weekly on Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday - KCK Farmers Market

Web: <http://www.kckfarmersmarket.com/>. Two long-running organizations, the KCK Farmers' Market and the Rosedale Farmers Market, combined in 2020 to better serve their customers. Focusing on neighborhoods with low grocery access, the KCK Farmers Market works with Double Up Food Bucks to offer matching dollars for SNAP/EBT (formerly food stamps) so that for each benefit dollar that customers spend at the markets, they will receive an additional dollar's worth of healthy, local produce. "Healthy, affordable food is always essential to keeping our city healthy and thriving," said Stephanie Moore, KCKFM Board Chair. "KCK Farmers Market is committed to making good food available in our community." Rosedale Market, Opening Sunday, May 16, Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (or sellout), 4020 Rainbow Boulevard. Downtown Market, Opening Wednesday, May 19, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (or sellout), The Merc Co+op, 501 Minnesota Ave.

5/15/21 – 8/28/21 - La Placita Central Avenue Market.

Central Avenue Betterment Association. Recurring weekly on Saturday. Location: Bethany Park, 1102 Central Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102, Time: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Price: Free. www.cabackck.org/la-placita. Located at Bethany Park, La Placita offers a unique cultural and market experience. The business incubator provides a venue for entrepreneurs to launch new products and businesses. Enjoy family activities, live entertainment, vendor booths and delicious food.

5/1/21 - 10/31/21 - Bonner Springs Farmers' Market

Recurring weekly on Saturday, Kelly Murphy Park, 129 Elm Street, Bonner Springs, KS. Time: 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. bonnerfarmersmarket.org. Now partnering with the City of Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation Department, the Bonner Springs Library brings you year FIVE of the Bonner Springs Farmers' Market with new Market Manager Janet Crouch, new vendors, and LOTS of new ideas.

Fire Extinguisher inspections begin the first week of August. We would like you to put your extinguisher on your front porch by the door. You can take the extinguisher back into your unit when it has a 2021 inspection tag.

Save the Date: Back to School Fair on August 7 from 8AM-1PM



The 22nd annual Wyandotte County Back to School Fair will be held on **Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the KCKPS Central Office, 2010 N. 59th St, Kansas City, KS, from 8AM to 1PM.**

The Wyandotte County Back to School Fair is an annual event where Wyandotte County students receive school supplies, backpacks, immunizations, health screenings and other community resources **at no cost**.

Details About This Year's Event

One of the key objectives of the Back to School Fair is to provide students with a variety of health-related screenings and services prior to going back to school.

At this year's Back to School Fair, students can get the following medical services on a first come, first-served basis:

- Sports physicals and school physicals, provided by the University of Kansas Medical Center Department of Family Medicine;
- COVID-19 vaccinations for students 12 and over provided by the Unified Government Public Health Department;
- School immunizations for students of all ages, also provided by the Unified Government Public Health Department;
- Vision screenings provided by the Lion's Club of Wyandotte County;
- Dental and vision screenings provided by Adventure Dental.

Items are available for free while supplies last on **Saturday, August 7 from 8AM until 1PM:**

- 2,400 backpacks filled with school supplies, courtesy of the Wyandotte County Back to School Fair Committee;
- New books donated by the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library system;
- Hygiene kits courtesy of the Kansas City, Kansas Community College;
- Dental kits provided by Adventure Dental.

The Wyandotte County Back to School Fair Planning Committee is composed of volunteers from various nonprofit and for-profit entities that work together to fundraise and coordinate the activities of the fair. The Planning Committee would also like to thank the following additional sponsors for this year's Back to School Fair: Unified Government – Hollywood Casino/Schlitterbahn Vacation Village Grant Fund; Kansas City Kansas School Foundation for Excellence; Kansas City Kansas Community College; Board of Public Utilities; and Kansas Gas

COVID-19 Updates and Vaccine Incentives

As the number of new COVID cases continues to surge in Wyandotte County, the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) is getting creative in finding new ways to inspire residents to get their free COVID-19 vaccinations.

As of Monday, July 26, there are 107 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wyandotte County found to have been caused by the fast-spreading Delta variant. In fact, 100 percent of the COVID cases that have been sequenced since July 1st have been found to be caused by the Delta variant. Keep in mind that only a small percentage of all of the COVID-19 cases in the county are put through the sequencing process. So that means that overall, the vast majority of new COVID-19 cases in Wyandotte County are almost certainly due to the Delta variant.

Additionally, statistics show that the vast majority of new COVID-19 cases in Wyandotte County are occurring in unvaccinated people. The majority of Wyandotte County residents still have not received a COVID-19 vaccine, and vaccination rates in the County continue to lag behind other counties in the region. According to state and local public health experts, communities with low vaccination rates are at especially high risk with the presence of the Delta variant, because of how easily it spreads.

The Latest Vaccine Incentives

To encourage Wyandotte County residents to get their free COVID-19 vaccinations, the UGPHD is offering “Spin to Win” instant prizes at its vaccination facility at the former Kmart store at 7836 State Avenue.

Now people ages 12 and older who get vaccinated at the Kmart facility can “Spin to Win” one of a variety of instant prizes, or they can be entered into a raffle to win one of two, \$500 VISA gift cards given away each day. The “Spin to Win” and raffle prizes are available for Wyandotte County residents only. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to participate.

Instant “Spin to Win” prizes include:

- \$50 VISA gift card
- \$25 VISA gift card
- \$15 gift card to a local restaurant
- Custom T-shirt

Those who live in Wyandotte County who come into a UGPHD site for a COVID-19 test will receive a \$25 VISA gift card (one gift per person, **while supplies last**). People coming in to get vaccinated can also be tested and receive the incentives available for both vaccinations and testing. The UGPHD offers saliva tests (these don’t require the nasal swab – it’s a “spit test”).

FOR SALE

Desktop Computer with 24” monitor. Never been used.
\$750.00. Call Stephani Walker at 346-305-1198

COVID-19 Guidance for the 2021-2022 School Year

The Unified Government Public Health Department has provided the following recommendations to our local school districts. Take a look and consider educating your students about these best practices:

1. **Universal and correct use of masks:** UGPHD recommends that masks should be required in all classroom and non-classroom settings, including hallways, restrooms, gyms, buses and offices. This recommendation is not only supported by the CDC and the UGPHD, but also by the American Academy of Physicians.
2. **Physical distancing:** The UGPHD recommends that schools try to distance students at least 3 feet' apart during normal classroom settings. During more "high-risk" activities such as singing, shouting, band or athletics, the UGPHD recommends at least 6 feet of distance be maintained.
3. **Diagnostic and screening testing:** The UGPHD recommends schools offer diagnostic testing for any students or staff exhibiting COVID symptoms, and it offers schools assistance with implementing testing if needed.
4. **Vaccinations (as applicable):** The UGPHD offered schools assistance with setting up mobile vaccination events if needed, for students and staff age 12 and older.
5. **Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine:** The UGPHD recommended that students and staff who test positive for COVID remain home for 10 days after their symptoms begin, or 10 days from their positive test, if no symptoms are present. Unvaccinated close contacts of a positive patient (within 6 feet for 10 minutes or longer) should quarantine at home for 14 days from their last date of exposure.
6. **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:** The basic principles of proper handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes should be emphasized among students and staff. Provide adequate supplies such as soap, hand sanitizer, tissues, and trash cans in classrooms.

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities: Make changes to physical spaces to maintain a healthy environment and facilities, including improving ventilation. Routinely clean high-touch surfaces, such as doorknobs and light switches.

COOLING STATIONS IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Eisenhower Spray Park, 2901 N. 72nd, open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Pierson Spray Park, 1800 S. 55th, open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Heathwood Spray Park, 10th and Parallel, open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Joe E. Amayo – Argentine Community Center, 2810 Metropolitan Ave., open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday; open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Armourdale Community Center, 730 Osage Ave., closed Saturday and Sunday, open 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Patricia "Diane" Kane Community Center, 3130 N. 122nd, closed Saturday and Sunday, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Providence YMCA – Ball Family Center, 8601 Parallel, open only on days of excessive heat warning, ID required, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Monday–Friday.

Turner Recreation Commission, 831 S. 55th, open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, closed on Sunday, open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday

UNITS FOR SALE

Two Bedroom Down	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
829 Roswell	Fridge, Stove, Shed	Waller	913-831-4386	\$16,000

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

The Homes, Inc. is able to accept on-line payments.

Go to our website at www.thehomesinc.com

At the bottom of the homepage click
"MAKE A PAYMENT"

You can make a onetime payment or create an account to make reoccurring payments.

Wyandotte County, Kansas - July 2021

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

No appointment needed. People can get tested regardless of symptoms or exposure to COVID-19.



Mondays - Wednesdays

9 AM - 5:30 PM

Vibrant Health Cordell D. Meeks, Jr. Clinic
(formerly Children's Mercy West)
4313 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102

Closed: Mon, July 5 Vaccines on Mon, July 26



Thursdays, 9 AM - 5 PM

Vibrant Health - Argentine Location
1428 S 32nd St, Kansas City, KS 66106

Closed: Thurs, July 8 Vaccines on Thurs, July 29



indicates COVID-19 vaccines are also provided.



Saturday, July 10

10 AM - 3 PM

St. Patrick's Gym
1086 N 94 St, Kansas City, KS 66112



Wednesday, July 14

Thursday, July 15

6 PM - 9 PM

Wyandotte County Fair
13700 Polfer Rd, Kansas City, KS 66109



Sunday, July 18, 9 AM - 12 PM

New Bethel Church
745 Walker Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101



UGPHD COVID-19 Testing:

Monday - Fridays, 9 AM - 3 PM

Closed: Monday, July 5



UGPHD COVID-19 Vaccines:

Wednesday - Fridays, 10 AM - 6 PM

Central Location (Former Kmart)
7836 State Ave, KC, KS 66112

Free At-Home COVID Testing is now available in Wyandotte County!
Dial 3-1-1 or visit www.wycohelp.org

Persons who complete a COVID-19 test will receive a gift card. (One gift card per person, while supplies last.)

PCR Saliva Testing Kits are available at all sites. Make sure you do not eat, drink, smoke, or chew gum (nothing by mouth) for at least 30 minutes prior to the test.

Event changes or updates will be posted here:



@UGHealthDept



Learn more on the web:
bit.ly/WyCoCOVIDtest
wycokck.org/COVID-19

Wyandotte County Health Equity Task Force

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Board Meeting	17	18	19	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.

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. AA Hotline – 816-471-7229

10. What is being raffled at the Homes?