

THE HOMES, INC. NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020

Fireworks are legal to discharge July 2 through July 4, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

THE HOMES BOARD MEETING JULY 20TH, 6:00 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**

**IF YOU PLACE A WORK ORDER FOR
YOUR KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND/OR
UTILITY ROOM PLEASE REMOVE ALL
ITEMS THAT WOULD BE IN THE WAY TO
WORK. THE LESS ITEMS THAT THE
MAINTENANCE TECHS TOUCH THE
SAFER YOU ARE AND SO IS THE STAFF**

**THE OFFICE IS OPEN. ONLY 1
RESIDENT AT A TIME IS
ALLOWED IN THE OFFICE
YOU MUST WEAR A MASK
IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO COME INTO THE
OFFICE, YOU CAN CALL, AND WE CAN MEET
YOU AT YOUR CAR**

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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 number do you call for Potholes?

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

JULY'S MEETING IS CANCELLED

**You can come meet your neighbors and learn more about Neighborhood Watch Meeting is the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm.
In the clubroom.**

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 office 913-321-2471 for more information.

Rent & Utilities Assistance

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

1112 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64105, (816) 842-0416 x132

For Emergency Utilities Assistance, call Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., kcgolddome.org

Guadalupe Center

Various programs/resources for Latino communities

1015 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez, Kansas City, MO 64108, (816) 421-1015, <http://www.guadalupecenters.org/>

Bethel-Riverview Coordination and Development

Emergency financial assistance for utilities; Food pantry

947 Osage, Kansas City, KS 66105, (913) 321-7418

Economic Opportunity Foundation Inc.

Emergency assistance to help families obtain needed supports such as utility and rent assistance, and mortgage default counseling, and to address emergency situations.

1542 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102, (913) 371-7800, www.eofkck.org

City Union Mission Community Assistance

City Union Mission provides compassionate service to low-income and homeless community members. Relief efforts include distribution of food, clothing, school supplies, household items, utility assistance, case management, affordable housing referrals, Life Skills classes, and services for homebound elderly and disabled people.

1310 Wabash Ave., Kansas City, MO 64127, (816) 329-1444, cityunionmission.org/community-assistance

Della Lamb – Community Services

Della Lamb serves thousands of Kansas City people annually through rent, utility, food, back-to-school supplies and holiday assistance. Residency restrictions apply.

500 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 842-8040, Ask for Social Services Department, dellalamb.org/educational-support-services/emergency-services/

2. How many units are for sale?

3. When are fireworks legal?

4. How many feet should you distance yourself from others?

News Release
Unified Government Public Relations
Dave Reno, Interim Public Information Officer (913) 573-5307
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE June 18, 2020

Unified Government Health Officials Extend Phase 3 of Ad Astra Reopening Plan until at least July 6
Recent Rise in COVID-19 Cases in Wyandotte County Leads to Extension

Due to a recent rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in Wyandotte County, officials with the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) announced today that the County will remain in the Phase 3 of the Ad Astra reopening plan through at least July 6, 2020.

“The numbers show that COVID-19 continues to be a threat in our community, and as we have begun reopening our businesses and our communities, it has begun to spread, although slowly, once again,” said Dr. Allen Greiner, Chief Medical Officer with the UGPHD. “Out of an abundance of caution, we will remain in Phase 3 of our reopening plan, with some additional modifications and guidance.”

On June 16, UGPHD officials announced that COVID-19 cases were on the rise in Wyandotte County.

“We look at 7-day rolling averages to track the spread of COVID-19, and make decisions on reopening,” said Greiner. “This gives us a better picture of what’s happening with the virus over time, versus looking at data from a single day. Unfortunately, the data is showing us that COVID-19 is spreading. By staying in Phase 3 for at least an additional two weeks, we can slow and contain this spread.”

Phase 3

“Wyandotte County residents have done a great job helping contain and slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community through shared sacrifice and working together,” said Mayor/CEO David Alvey. “While community health orders have been relaxed significantly in recent weeks, the latest health data shows a rise in cases in Wyandotte County, requiring public health officials to extend Phase 3 of the Ad Astra state plan instead of transitioning to a full Phase Out on June 22nd. The latest health data is disappointing. We must remember that the pathway out of this is in our hands if we continue practicing safe social distancing, wear face coverings whenever possible, and adhere to all public health guidelines. By doing so, we not only protect our most vulnerable, we preserve all that we’ve achieved over the last several months and expedite our community’s return to business as usual.”

Phase 3 Continues, with Modifications for Long-Term Care

Phase 3 of the Ad Astra reopening plan began in Wyandotte County on June 8th. This phase of the reopening plan allows for further loosening of restrictions on individuals and businesses compared to Phase 2, but with some restrictions still in place.

Most of the Phase 3 restrictions will remain the same as the Phase is extended, with the notable exception of changes to restrictions for long-term care facilities. Up to this point, visits to these facilities have been prohibited. Under the modified Phase 3 extension, long-term care and assisted living facilities may allow limited numbers of visitors in their facilities once they have developed a visitation plan, which must be approved by the Unified Government Public Health Department.

“After seeing a large long-term care facility outbreak in our community, the Wyandotte County Long-Term Care Facility Task Force has developed robust guidance, and has been in direct communication with each long-term care and assisted living facility in our County about this guidance,” said Dr. Erin Corriveau, Deputy Medical Officer with the UGPHD. “Our long-term care facilities are much more prepared now to respond if any cases arise at their site, and have worked diligently with the Health Department to address questions or concerns as soon as they arise. Social isolation has taken a serious toll on the residents of these facilities, and it’s important that we take that into account. We feel that it is appropriate to allow some visits to happen at these facilities, mostly outside and under very strict

5. How many people are allowed to gather?

guidelines, and so long as the facility has their plan approved by the UG Public Health Department.”

Phase 3 will remain the same for other businesses and activities. All businesses may reopen, and all education, activities, venues and establishments can operate, as long as they follow these guidelines:

- Gatherings of up to 45 people are allowed. Gatherings of more than 45 people should be avoided.
- Everyone is encouraged to wear masks or cloth face coverings in public settings.
- People should maintain at least six feet of distance between themselves and others in public (not including people who live together).
- For employers and business owners, encourage employees and customers to always wear masks in your place of business, and allow for proper social distancing in all business areas such as retail shopping areas, business office settings and restaurants.
- Swimming pools are allowed to open, with social distancing and no more than 45 people on site at a time. Please note that UG Parks & Recreation pools and spray parks will remain closed.
- Summer camps, fairs, festivals and outdoor activities can reopen as long as they can maintain at least six feet of distance between individuals or groups, beyond 45 individuals and at 50% or less of fire marshal approved capacity.

Businesses and Individuals Can Help

According to UGPHD officials, both businesses and individuals play an important role in once again slowing and containing the spread of COVID-19 in Wyandotte County.

What Businesses Can Do

It is the responsibility of businesses reopening in Phase 3 to keep their employees and visitors as safe as possible from COVID-19. Businesses need to:

- Ensure social distancing (at least six feet) between individuals and groups who do not share a household. This may include steps such as installing partitions between patrons or employees, modifying employee work areas or work schedules, or marking spots on the floor six feet apart where people will be waiting in line.
- Ask that employees wear masks or cloth face coverings and encourage customers to do the same.
- Educate employees on how to properly wear a mask (ensuring it covers both the nose and mouth at all times – see below for more details).
- If employees become sick, especially with COVID-19 symptoms, they should stay home except to get tested for COVID-19 at a local testing site.

Businesses can learn more in the Wyandotte County COVID-19 Business Toolkit, available at wycokck.org/COVID-19. They can get business-related COVID-19 questions answered by calling 3-1-1.

What Individuals Can Do

Wearing Masks or Cloth Face Coverings

The UGPHD strongly recommends that anyone over the age of two wear a cloth face covering while in public. UGPHD staff offer the following tips about masks and cloth face coverings:

- Wear a mask or cloth face covering appropriately (it must cover both your mouth and nose)
- Don't touch your mask or your face. If you need to adjust your mask, clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before and after touching your mask.
- Cloth face coverings that you can make with items around your home are effective at helping reduce the spread of COVID-19. You do not need a surgical mask or other medical-grade mask, and it is best to reserve those supplies for healthcare workers.
- Learn about cloth face covering recommendations, including how to make your own mask at home, at cdc.gov/COVID19
- The primary purpose of mask is to protect others in case you may be carrying the virus, even if you don't have symptoms. If we all wear masks, we are all helping protect one another, and especially protect those most vulnerable to serious illness.

Remember: wearing a mask is not a substitute for social distancing or excellent hygiene. The combination of different safety precautions is how we can best stop the spread of COVID-19.

Social Distancing

- Maintain a distance of at least six feet between yourself and anyone who does not live in your household.
- You may need to modify aspects of your routine to do this, such as not carpooling with people outside of your household.
- Remember to wear a mask or cloth face covering for additional protection, even when six feet apart.

Social Gatherings

- Under Phase 3, social gatherings are limited to no more than 45 people.
- In addition to keeping the number of people to no more than 45, social distancing of six feet or more should be maintained.

If You Get Sick, or You Are Exposed to COVID-19, Get Tested!

- You should get tested for COVID-19 if:

o You develop any symptoms of COVID-19, such as:

o Fever

o Dry cough

o Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

o Headache

o Chills

o Muscle/body aches

o Runny nose

o Sore throat

o Diarrhea

o New loss of taste or smell

o You have been exposed to COVID-19 through close contact (within six feet for at least ten minutes) with someone who has tested positive or through association with a known outbreak

Testing is available for free to people who live or work in Wyandotte County at multiple community locations, including the UGPHD and a rotating weekly schedule of “pop-up” sites coordinated by the Wyandotte County Health Equity Task Force. Find the latest testing schedule and locations at wycokck.org/COVID-19 or by calling 3-1-1.

Remember: You May Be Able to Spread the Virus Even without Symptoms

Local Health Officials remind Wyandotte County residents that asymptomatic spread may be possible, and that safety precautions should be taken even if you do not have symptoms.

“Even if you don’t have symptoms right now, you may still be able to infect others,” said Dr. Erin Corriveau, Deputy Medical Officer with the UGPHD. “Recently, someone from the World Health Organization mistakenly said that asymptomatic spread is unlikely, then quickly retracted the statement because there is not adequate scientific evidence to support that claim. Unfortunately, this misinformation spread widely. In fact, we do see evidence that people who develop symptoms can be infectious up to two days before their symptoms start. This is why it is so important for everyone to wear masks and practice social distancing, even if they feel well.”

You can find additional data and resources on COVID-19 in Wyandotte County by going to wycokck.org/COVID-19 or by calling 3-1-1.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAWS ABOUT FIREWORKS

Discharging of fireworks shall be allowed only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. from July 2 through July 4. No person shall discharge any fireworks at any other times, except as otherwise permitted in this article.

No person shall ignite or discharge any fireworks into, under, or on a car or vehicle, whether it is moving or standing still.

No person shall throw or place any fireworks in any assembly or gathering of persons.

No person shall throw, place, ignite, or discharge any fireworks on any sidewalk, street, or alley.

FIREWORKS THAT ARE PROHIBITED

Bottle rocket. Any rocket mounted on a stick.

Skyrocket. Tube not exceeding one-half of an inch (12.5 millimeters) interior diameter that may contain up to 20 grams of pyrotechnic composition. Skyrockets contain a wooden stick for guidance and stability and rise into the air upon ignition. A burst of color, noise, or both is produced at the height of flight.

Missile-type rocket. A device similar to a skyrocket in size, composition, and effect that uses fins rather than a stick for guidance and stability and has a report.

Unmanned aerial luminary; sky, Chinese, or Kongming lantern; sky candle; or fire balloon. A device resembling a small hot air balloon, constructed of lightweight material which is capable of traveling through the air when powered by fire or a fuel cell until such fire or fuel cell deteriorates, causing such device to fall to the ground at an unknown location.

If You Choose to Use Legal Fireworks

If consumer fireworks are legal to buy where you live and you choose to use them, be sure to follow the following safety tips:

Never allow young children to handle fireworks

Older children should use them only under close adult supervision

Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol

Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear

Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands

Never light them indoors

Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material

Never point or throw fireworks at another person

Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting

Never ignite devices in a container

Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks

Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding

Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire

Never use illegal fireworks

Better yet, grab a blanket and a patch of lawn, kick back and let the experts handle the fireworks show.

Sparklers Are Dangerous

Every year, young children can be found along parade routes and at festivals with sparklers in hand, but sparklers are a lot more dangerous than most people think.

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.

UNITS FOR SALE

Two Bedroom Up	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
708 Manorcrest	C/A , Fridge , Stove, Shed , Washer/Dryer	Caraballo	816.309.0805	\$15,000
787 Manorcrest	Fridge , Washer/Dryer , Stove , Patio	Bottcher	816.408.9416	\$9,500
84 Viewcrest Drive		QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$7,500
86 Viewcrest Drive	C/A , Fridge Stove , Shed	Magenheimer	913.940.9640	\$12,000

A resident is donating insulin medicine for anyone in need. They have 6 vials of Novolin 70/30 and a box of 31 gauge Insulin needles. If you have a need, please call the office.

SCAM ALERT

Service Protection Advantage is sending a statement/bill to resident's about their air conditioner or appliance. The statement/bill is made to look like you owe money. Do not reply.

FREE SUMMER BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

MON-FRI: 8-9AM AND 12-1PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED FOR ANY YOUTH AGES 0-18

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH

1444 SOUTHWEST BLVD

KANSAS CITY, KS 66103.

2020 CENSUS

Only 65% of the population of WYCO have returned the census. The more accurate the census, the more money WYCO gets for SNAP, Health, Transportation, infrastructure and electoral representation. If any of our stockholders need help completing the census, call Bob at 913-342-2660. Also, you can go on-line at 2020census.gov/en.html to complete the census. It only takes about 2 minutes and the questions are about who is living in your household and date of births.

9. How many places provide rent and utilities assistance?

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 BOARD MEETING (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)	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
 Drug Dealing – 573-6280
 Trespasser/Solicitor – 596-3000
 Abandoned Appliance – 573-8600
 Abandoned Car – 596-3000
 Potholes – 573-8307
 Gas Leak – 1-800-794-4780
 Stray Dog – 321-1445
 Clogged Storm Drain – 573-5400
 Car Alarm – 596-3000
 For more helpful county information contact Livable Neighborhoods Task Force – 573-8737
 AA Hotline – 816-471-7229

Water Main Breaks – 573-9622
 Abandoned House – 573-8600
 Broken Street Sign – 573-5776
 Hazardous Sidewalk – 573-5400
 Suspected Arson Activity – 573-5550
 Broken Street Light – 573-9522
 Power Line Problems – 573-9522
 Rats – 573-6705
 Foul Odor – 573-8600
 Polluting Chemicals – 321-4803

Wild or Dead Animal – 321-1445
 Weeds in Yard – 573-8600
 Belligerent Person – 596-3000
 Trash and Debris – 573-8600
 Illegal Fireworks – 596-3000
 Building Alarm – 596-3000
 Graffiti Hotline – 573-8600
 Prostitution – 596-3000
 Illegal Dumping – 573-8600
 Loud Music or Noise – 596-3000

10. What must you wear to come into the office?