

# THE HOMES, INC. NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2019

### THE HOMES BOARD MEETING JANUARY 21, 6:00 pm IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders and residents are  
welcome

**CHANGE YOUR FURNACE  
FILTER EVERY MONTH. THE  
HOMES PROVIDES AIR  
FILTERS FOR FREE. STOP BY  
THE OFFICE & PICK ONE UP!**

#### **5 REASONS YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTER**

Keeping your system running properly

Extending the life of your HVAC unit

Keeping energy costs down

Maintaining healthy air quality

Keeping your HVAC system clean

### **HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION FEE INCREASE**

**EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 THE  
FEE WILL INCREASE BY \$15.00**

**ONE BEDROOM - \$245**

**TWO BEDROOM - \$250**

**THREE BEDROOM - \$255**

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#### **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

|                                             |                |
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| 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   |
| POTHLES                                     | 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

**Come meet your neighbors and learn more about Neighborhood Watch**

**Meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm.**

At the December 4<sup>th</sup> dinner, we enjoy great barbeque from Slaps, a table of giveaways by our community policeman, drawings for 12 dusk-dawn lights and one 4 motion sensor package. 28 people were in attendance. Thanks to all who help set up and take down. Our great community policeman has resigned from the force and will be moving to Florida. Sorry to lose Brian, he was one of the best.

## **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 ourself. 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.

1. How many double units are for sale?



2. What number do you call for potholes?

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE**

What is Carbon Monoxide? Carbon monoxide, or “CO,” is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you.

Where is CO found? CO is found in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. CO can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it.

Have your heating system serviced annually

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning? The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. CO symptoms are often described as “flu-like.” If you breathe in a lot of CO it can make you pass out or kill you. People who are sleeping or drunk can die from CO poisoning before they have symptoms.

Who is at risk from CO poisoning? Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning. Infants, the elderly, people with chronic heart disease, anemia, or breathing problems are more likely to get sick from CO. Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, more than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 are hospitalized.

How can I prevent CO poisoning in my home? Install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. Place your detector where it will wake you up if it alarms, such as outside your bedroom. Consider buying a detector with a digital readout. This detector can tell you the highest level of CO concentration in your home in addition to alarming. Replace your CO detector every five years.

Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.

Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.

If you smell an odor from your gas refrigerator have an expert service it. An odor from your gas refrigerator can mean it could be leaking CO.

When you buy gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as Underwriters’ Laboratories.

Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly. Horizontal vent pipes for appliances, such as a water heater, should go up slightly as they go toward outdoors, as shown below. This prevents CO from leaking if the joints or pipes aren’t fitted tightly.

Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home or cabin.

Never patch a vent pipe with tape, gum, or something else. This kind of patch can make CO build up in your home, cabin, or camper.

3. What day and time does the Writing Group meet?

Never use a gas range or oven for heating. Using a gas range or oven for heating can cause a build up of CO inside your home, cabin, or camper.

Never use a portable gas camp stove indoors. Using a gas camp stove indoors can cause CO to build up inside your home, cabin, or camper.

Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal – red, gray, black, or white – gives off CO.

Never use a generator inside your home, basement, or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent.

When using a generator, use a battery-powered or battery backup CO detector in your home.

### **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.

**The Homes has hired a part time grounds inspector to make weekly inspections of the entire neighborhood. They will be documenting violations and taking pictures. They will also document issues that the Homes needs to address such as peeling address numbers, trees that need to be removed or trimmed, damaged guttering, cement repairs along with other issues. Violation letters will be sent out daily and follow up to the violations will be conducted weekly.**

**THE ONLY ITEMS THAT ARE ALLOWED ON PORCHES ARE-**

**LAWN CHAIRS**

**LAWN TABLES**

**PATIO/DECK BOXES**

**FLOWER POTS**

**GRILLS**

**BICYCLES**

4. When are applications for Learn to Earn due?

# **HISTORIC NORTHWEST MIDTOWN ASSOCIATION**

## **Presents**

### **Learn to Earn Spring is back!**

This year's spring program will start February 13th and end May 15th. We want to encourage students to be creative and innovate not only in their projects but in how they interact with the class as well. We want the students to start taking charge of the class; how it's set up, how they learn. Our goal is to have the class increasingly run by the students with the adults there to simply facilitate and help in any way they can.

Applications are due on January 25th. Are you interested? Have a youth you want to get involved? Then pick the best means of applying below.

#### **TO APPLY ONLINE:**

1. CLICK ON THE LINK FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION BELOW. FILL OUT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND HIT SUBMIT. YOUR APPLICATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY SUBMIT.
2. DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION BELOW AND READ THE COVER AND POLICIES & PROCEDURES SECTIONS.

#### **TO DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION:**

1. CLICK ON THE DOWNLOAD APPLICATION LINK.
2. DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.
3. JUMP TO STEP 2 BELOW

#### **HARD COPY:**

HARD COPIES OF APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHC ON 803 ARMSTRONG, KANSAS CITY, KS 66101

1. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.
2. EITHER UPLOAD YOUR HARD COPY APPLICATION AND SEND TO: [info@northeastkck.org](mailto:info@northeastkck.org) OR MAIL IT TO: Learn to Earn After School Youth Program  
C/O THE HISTORIC NORTHEAST MIDTOWN ASSOCIATION, INC.  
PO BOX 172403  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66117

Please note deadline for this program is 01/25/2019.

In Learn to Earn, the children learn the principles that govern a person's or group's behavior on the job, including the right and wrong ways to interface with authority and co-workers, and resolve conflicts. They learn practical job skills and how to apply those job skill to produce certain outputs depending upon the business function performed. The children learn the value of self-determination and non-dependency for those things which they can garner themselves. Attendance, punctuality, and accountability for one's behavior and social etiquette are expected. Unbeknownst to the parents, they too learn something about setting and accepting standard for their and their children's behavior and performances.

5. What is carbon monoxide?

## EVENTS

### **Kansas City Roller Warriors**

Dates: 1/5/2019, 2/2/2019, 3/2/2019, 3/30/2019, 5/4/2019, 6/22/2019, 7/20/2019

Kansas City Roller Warriors, 600 North 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. 6:00 PM

[www.kcrollerwarriors.com](http://www.kcrollerwarriors.com). The Kansas City Roller Warriors, LLC is KC's Premier all-female flat track roller derby league. What started 15 years ago as an alternative, underground game driven by a do-it-yourself ethos has grown to become a distinct sport that's captured the hearts of men and women across the globe. Doors open at 5:00 pm, whistle blown at 6:00 pm.

### **Live Music at Grinter Jamboree**

Dates: 1/8/2019, 2/12/2019, 3/12/2019, 4/9/2019, 5/14/2019, 6/11/2019, 7/9/2019, 8/13/2019, 9/10/2019, 10/8/2019, 11/12/2019, 12/9/2019

Grinter Place State Historical Site, 1420 S. 78th Street, Kansas City, KS 66111, (913) 481-3527.

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Price:\$5.00. Email: [djsdesignndon@yahoo.com](mailto:djsdesignndon@yahoo.com)

### **Writing group to meet**

Quill and Pluma, a bilingual writing and e-publishing collaborative, will meet from 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 7, at the Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. The group is facilitated by Kari O'Rourke. For more information or to register, call 913-906-8990.

### **Program offered on healthy relationships**

"Healthy Relationships: Domestic Violence Education and Support" will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. The group is facilitated by Jaime Peterson. For more information or to register, call 913-906-8990.

### **NAACP to meet Jan. 8**

Because of a holiday on the first Tuesday of January, the Kansas City, Kansas, Branch of the NAACP will meet Jan. 8 at the Bethany Medical Building, second-floor meeting room, 21 N. 12th St., Kansas City, Kansas. The branch's newly elected officers and executive committee members will be sworn in, followed by the regular executive committee meeting at 6 p.m. and the regular membership meeting at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend the branch meeting and to invite others to come.

### **Parenting support group to meet**

A parenting support group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. The education and support group is presented by Marqueia Watson, MSW. For more information or to register, call 913-906-8990.

### **Book club to meet Jan. 8**

The Book Club will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. The book to be discussed is "The Wife" by Meg Wolitzer. For more information or to register, call 913-906-8990.

### **Knitting and Crocheting group to meet**

A knitting and crocheting group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. Those attending may learn a new skill or work on a current project. For more information or to register, call 913-906-8990.

### **Card-Making program to be Jan. 9**

Create beautiful greeting cards at a program from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Keeler Women's Center, 2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. Supplies will be provided.

6. At the December meeting, what was the "New Business Discussed" about?

### **‘Pretty Nails’ program offered**

Appointments for a “Pretty Nails” program will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Keeler Women’s Center, 2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. Those interested must call 913-906-8990 to schedule an appointment.

### **Extension gardeners’ program topic to be ‘Tomatoes and Peppers’**

The Wyandotte County Extension Master Gardeners are sponsoring a program on Thursday, Jan. 10, on the topic of “Tomatoes and Peppers.” Dr. Chuck Marr, Kansas State University professor emeritus, will present the program. It will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sunflower Room, Wyandotte County Extension Office, 1216 N. 79th St., Kansas City, Kansas. The program is open to the public. There is a \$5 fee to attend, which is waived for certified master gardeners. Registration is not required. For more information, call 913-299-9300.

### **Chiefs Playoff Game Watch Party at Colonial Club**

Dates: January 12, 2019

Colonial Club, 322 6th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. Phone: (913) 371-1103. Time: 3:00 PM

### **Turkic Food Festival & Live Turkish/Sufi Music**

Dates: January 12, 2019

Address: 4215 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, Ks 66106, Phone: (785) 979-1307, Time: 11:00 Am To 3:00 Pm.

Dialogue Institute cordially invites to you “Turkic Food Festival & Live Sufi/Turkish Music, January 12th, 11am-3 pm. You will have a chance to taste Gyro, Baklava, Turkish Pizza, stuffed flatbread and cakes. We will also Water Marbling & personalized folded books and pottery for sale. Pre-orders for the books accepted! Please invite your friends to this wonderful gathering!

### **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 |                                     |                                |

**CRAWL SPACE DOORS**  
**WITH COLD WEATHER COMING MAKE SURE THAT YOUR**  
**CRAWL SPACE DOORS ARE CLOSED.**

7. How many stock transfers where there at the December meeting?



## HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOMES

**BE KIND! IF IT SNOWS DON'T PARK IN A SPOT YOU NORMALLY WOULDN'T. IF A NEIGHBOR TAKES THE TIME TO SHOVEL OUT THE SPACE THEY NORMALLY PARK IN, THEN RESPECT THEIR HARD WOK AND DON'T PARK THERE.**

**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 FURNANCE 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.

8. How many people were in attendance at the Neighborhood Watch dinner?

# UNITS FOR SALE

| Two Bedroom Up         | Amenities                 | Owner     | Phone        | Price       |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| 112 Viewcrest          | C/A                       | Sanchez   | 913-499-5435 | \$8,000     |
| 855 Manorcrest         | C/A, Stove, Fridge, Deck  | Ramos     | 913.235.4676 | \$9,900     |
| 65 View crest          | Can Show                  | Foran     | 913.371.6780 | \$10,000    |
| 113 View crest         | C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D   | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | \$6,000     |
| 837 Manocrest          | Appliances                | Baxley    | 816.304.9357 | \$8,900     |
| Two Bedroom Down       | Amenities                 | Owner     | Phone        | Price       |
| 859 Manocrest          | Appliance, C/A, Deck Shed | West      | 913.281.8960 | \$11,000    |
| 823 Manocrest          | C/A, Stove, Fridge        | Paxton    | 913.626.7498 | \$12,000    |
| Three Bedroom Up       | Amenities                 | Owner     | Phone        | Price       |
| 123 Viewcrest          | C/A, W/D, Fridge          | Gamber    | 913.609.5102 | \$2,000     |
| 828 Manocrest          | C/A, Stove, Fridge, Shed  | Lopez     | 913.486.0456 | \$13,000    |
| 30 Viewcrest           |                           | Walters   | 913.321.2471 | \$8,100     |
| 3150 N 9 <sup>th</sup> |                           | QHFCU     | 913.321.2471 | \$ 8,819.25 |
| Double Unit            | Amenities                 | Owner     | Phone        | Price       |
| 3133/3141 N Allis      | Fridge, 2 Sheds           | Ward      | 913.333.8377 | \$6,000     |

## **SNOW SHOVELING SERVICES**

Jerry Ben - 913-321-2471  
 Josh Atkinson - 816-438-8868  
 John Holt - 913-375-6948

## **REMODEL SERVICES**

Ricardo Isaiah - 973-380-5646

**Child Care, First Aid/CPR Certified, Pet Sitting, House Sitting & Domestic Assistance**  
 Sherry Davis-913-321-2471

## **ANA'S CLUB**

Tuesday, January 8, 2018

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.

**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**

9. Name one reason why you should change your furnace air filter?

# JANUARY

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

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

**WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**