

THE HOMES, INC.

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023

**THE HOMES
BOARD MEETING
FOR JANUARY 16 IS
CANCELLED DUE TO
THE HOLIDAY. THE
NEXT MEETING IS ON
FEBRUARY 20, AT
5:30pm.
AND IS OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC**

**WHEN YOU HAVE A BULK TRASH
PICK UP
(REFRIGERATOR, FURNITURE,
CHAIRS, AIR CONDITIONERS, ETC.)
CALL (913) 631-3300
YOUR REQUEST WILL BE
FORWARDED TO WASTE
MANAGEMENT AND YOUR BULK
TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ALONG
WITH REGULAR TRASH PICK UP.**

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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 is the phone number to report illegal

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Homestead / Safe Senior Property Tax Refund

DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2023

Homestead Rebates are offered to eligible citizens who live in Wyandotte County, Kansas for a portion of their property taxes.

If you were a Kansas resident for all of 2022 and owned and occupied a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of \$700 if your total household income is \$37,750 or less, AND you:

Were born before January 1, 1967; OR

Were totally and permanently disabled or blind for the entire year of 2022; OR

Have a dependent child who lived with you the entire year that was born before January 1, 2021 and was under the age of 18 for all of 2022; OR

Are a disabled veteran (50% or more) or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who has not remarried, or the surviving spouse of an active duty military personnel who died in the line of duty and not remarried.

As a Kansas resident for all of 2022 who owned AND occupied a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of 75% of your property taxes paid if your total household income including social security is \$22,000 or less, AND you:

Were 65 years or older for all of 2022;

Must not have delinquent property taxes in 2022.

Household income is generally all taxable and non-taxable income received by all members of the household. You can complete a Form K-40H or K-40PT electronically or have our Clerk's Office help you complete the required documentation. Clerk's Office, City Hall, 701 N 7th St, Suite 323, Kansas City, KS 66101. (913) 573-5299.

2022 Real Estate Taxes

Pro rata portion of 2022

Single unit: \$809.80

Double unit: \$1619.60

This could change depending on our UG protest results

TAG ENFORCEMENT

THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REGULARLY PATROLS THE HOMES FOR VEHICLES WITH IMPROPER TAGS. THE OFFICE KEEPS A LIST OF IMPROPER TAGS REPORTED BY RESIDENTS. THIS LIST IS GIVEN TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED.

3. Where is the after party for the roller derby match?

4. What is the name of the food pantry closest to the Homes?



HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOMES

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. CHANGE YOUR FURNACE FILTER ONCE A MONTH. FILTERS ARE FREE AT THE OFFICE.**

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 back-up in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

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 \$2500.00. If you are witnessed littering the police will be called and you will be charged, by The Homes, for the time it takes to pick it up and dispose of it.

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. If you have vehicles that you do not drive, park it in an overflow lot. **NEVER PARK IN YARDS OR COMMON GROUND.**

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.

YARDS & PORCHES: Please take the time to clean up/organize your yard and porch. The size of our porches does 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.** The office offers free paint for the porches.

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 go 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.

TRASH. Do not put your trash in your neighbor's trash bins.

5. How long can food stay frozen if the power goes out?

COLD-SEASON POWER OUTAGES

Most cold-season power failures happen when winter storms bring freezing rain, sleet, and high winds, damaging power lines and equipment. Without a steady supply of heat, not only are you impacted, but your home can suffer from dampness, damaging walls, floors and plumbing.

During a winter power outage

- Before you take action, make sure the outage goes beyond your home. Check your breakers or fuses and the power lines to your house. If the lines are damaged or down, stay back and call your electric company.
- Stay warm... On top of dressing in layers and huddling under extra blankets, hang your darker ones on the windows to draw in heat. Keep doors and windows closed, and use towels to block drafts around them. If necessary, move to your basement, which may be more insulated by the ground.
- ...but keep your food cold. Food can stay frozen 24 to 36 hours if the refrigerator/freezer door stays closed. Add snow and ice from outside if it starts to thaw. Always have a bag of ice cubes in the freezer in case you have to evacuate or when you're out of town; if the cubes melt and refreeze while you're away, the food in the freezer will probably be spoiled.
- Listen for updates. Listen to the news on a battery-powered or hand-cranked device. If you're using a cellphone, choose texting over calling to keep phone lines free, or use your landline.
- Save 911 for emergencies.
- Prevent additional damage. Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid a surge when the power comes back on; leave one lamp on so you know when the power comes back. If you have electric heat, keep all taps on a slow drip to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting.

Have a survival kit ready before the power goes out

Water: one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)

Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home).

Flashlight

Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)

Extra batteries

Deluxe family first aid kit

Medications (7-day supply) and medical items

Multi-purpose tool

Sanitation and personal hygiene items

Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)

Cell phone with chargers and battery banks

Family and emergency contact information

Extra cash

Emergency blanket

Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit:

Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc), Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers), Games and activities for children, Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl), Two-way radios, Extra set of car keys and house keys, Manual can opener, Whistle, N95 or surgical masks, Matches, Rain gear, Towels, Work gloves, Tools/supplies for securing your home, Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes, Plastic sheeting, Duct tape, Scissors, Household liquid bleach, Entertainment items, Blankets or sleeping bags

Senior Citizens' Utility and Sales Tax Rebate Program

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2023

Sales Tax and Utility rebates are offered to eligible citizens who live in Kansas City, Kansas for a portion of their BPU, Gas or AT&T utility bills and/or have paid sales tax.

To qualify for the refund, ALL THREE of the following must apply:

Resident of Kansas City, KS;

65 years of age or older during the entire 2022 calendar year;

Gross household income does not exceed \$25,000.

To apply you'll need the following information:

Name

Last four digits of your social security number

Mailing address

Date of birth

Telephone number

Copy of your 2022 gas, BPU, and phone bills

Proof of 2022 income (social security, pensions, disability, W2 tax reports, interest, etc.), including your spouse's income.

Submit your information today via mail, fax, or in-person at 701 N. 7th Street, Room 323, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. All applications must be received or postmarked by March 31, 2023.

You may also make an appointment at one of our various sites throughout the County by calling our 3-1-1 line. Transportation will be provided at no charge to the applicant.

FOOD PANTRIES

Metro Lutheran Ministry, 722 Reynolds Avenue, 66101, 913-342-8333

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, 600 Minnesota Avenue, 66101, 913.621.1504

Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Inc., 736 Shawnee Avenue, 66105, 913-281-3388

Greater Pentecostal Temple, 300 North 9th Street, 66101, 913-281-5577

St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 1419 North 8th Street, 66101, 913-321-8220

Bethel Neighborhood Center, 14 South 7th Street, 66101, 913-371-8218

Young Memorial Church, 2401 North 9th Street, 66101, 913-371-4090

Hope Chapel, 4835 Shawnee Drive, 66106, 913-262-2770

Judson Baptist Church, 8300 State Avenue, 66112, 913-299-8335

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4153 Rainbow Boulevard, 66103, 913-236-6228

EVENTS

01/12/2023 - Celebrating MLK Day at the Kansas City Kansas Public Library

625 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 259-8250, cmcgee@kckpl.org. *Registration Required*. Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a bit of learning and crafting! For ages 8 to 19. Registration required. Library programs, events, and classes are photographed or videotaped for promotional purposes or to document library activities. Notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed. Los programas de la biblioteca, eventos y clases son fotografiados o filmados con fines promocionales o para documentar las actividades de la biblioteca. Notificar al personal de la biblioteca si prefiere no ser fotografiado.

01/13/2023 – 01/14/2023 - Aftershock Kansas City Film Premiere and Panel

Following the preventable deaths of their loved ones due to childbirth complications, two families galvanize activists, birth-workers and physicians to reckon with one of the most pressing American crises of our time – the US maternal health crisis. There are 2 film screenings: one for Medical Providers and Funders and one for the Kansas City Community at-large. After the Community Screening, there will be a 30-minute panel discussion. Both screenings will be held in the Upstairs Ballroom of Memorial Hall in Kansas City, Kansas. Memorial Hall Ballroom, 600 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Kansas. Street parking is available. Please register in advance. Tickets are FREE. Refreshments will be provided for both events. Wycohetf.org/aftershock.

01/15/2023 - KCRW Winter Bout - Black Ice vs Yellow Snow

The Kansas City Roller Warriors presents: Black Ice VS Yellow Snow! Support your local roller derby league in this fun winter themed bout! 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM CST. Skate City Wyandotte 7838 Washington Avenue Kansas City, KS 66112. The Kansas City Roller Warriors presents: Black Ice VS Yellow Snow! Support your local roller derby league in this fun winter themed bout and see who the winner will be. Sunday, January 15. Doors open at 7PM, game starts at 7:30PM. All going down at Skate City Wyandotte. Our bouts are all-ages, family-friendly events; kids 5 and under are admitted free! We will have a 50/50 drawing and merch available for purchase during and after the games; 100% of proceeds from our merch sales go back to support the league. Cash and cards are accepted throughout the venue. All of our seating is general admission. Bring a few lawn chairs if you'd like! Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$15 if you want to bring in outside food. And as always, after party at the 403 Club! 614 Reynolds Ave Kansas City, KS 66101

01/22/2023 - 01/22/2023 - 21st Annual Eagle Days

Join us for a day of learning all about birds of prey. We will have presentations, crafts, birding, activities, photo ops, and more! Join us for this milestone anniversary of our annual Eagle Days event; 21 years! This event has something for everyone so bring the entire family. There will be live birds of prey, including a Bald Eagle, crafts for kids, birdwatching on the lake, binocular checkout, activity stations on the trail, tons of photo ops, and much more! The event will take place simultaneously at two locations at Wyandotte County Lake Park: the F.L. Schlagle Library and J.P. Davis Hall. This event takes place on Saturday, Jan. 21st from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, Jan. 22nd from 12 pm to 4 pm. We hope to see you there, to help us celebrate the 21st anniversary of this amazing event! Event hosts and sponsors include: Operation Wildlife, Kansas City Board of Public Utilities, Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas City KS Public Library, and USD 500.

UNITS FOR SALE

	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
1 Bedroom Down				
941 Manorcrest	W/D, Stove, Fridge	Tavis	913-710-9231	\$25,000
2 Bedroom Down				
966 Manorcrest	Stove, Fridge	Rascon	913-687-8517	\$30,000
2 Bedroom Up				
773 Manorcrest	W/D, Stove, Fridge	Flores	816-728-4861	\$30,000

This is the time of year for snow and ice. The Homes offers free ice melt.

When shoveling snow don't shovel snow into the street. The plow will push it back and you will have to shovel it again.

When it snows, the Homes can help clear large parking areas. Work with your neighbors to move their cars out of parking areas. Call the office and we will plow the area.

THE HOMES WOULD LIKE TO GET YOUR MOST CURRENT EMAIL TO USE FOR COMMUNICATION. PLEASE EMAIL US AT THEHOMESINC@THEHOMESINC.COM.

KERA (Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance)

KERA is no longer accepting applications. Pending applications will be approved only if there are enough funds available.

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Office and Credit Union Closed	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 Animal – 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 info contact Livable Neighborhoods Task Force – 573-8737. AA Hotline – 816-471-7229