

THE HOMES, INC. NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

**Fireworks are only allowed between
9 a.m. and 11 p.m. July 2 - July 4**

THE HOMES BOARD MEETING JULY 17, 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
YOU ACCOUNT.

FRAUD MAILING

**If you receive a "Motor
Vehicle Service Notification"
in the mail do not reply. It
implies that you have not
updated your protection
plan in an attempt to get
you to pay for an
unnecessary protection plan.**

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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

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

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

**When the police put a sticker on your vehicle for a registration or other infraction,
they put it in the computer at the same time.**

**By scratching the sticker off, you do no good. When the date on the sticker
arrives, the computer will remind the police – they will come and look for the
vehicle and if the infraction is not corrected, you will get a ticket or get towed. It
doesn't matter if the sticker is on or off the vehicle.**

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. What is the speed limit in the Homes?

3. How many mowing services are available in the Homes?

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.

CANINE PARVOVIRUS OUTBREAK IN KCK

Canine Parvovirus

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious virus that can affect all dogs, but unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than four months old are the most at risk. Dogs that are ill from canine parvovirus infection are often said to have "parvo." The virus affects dogs' gastrointestinal tracts and is spread by direct dog-to-dog contact and contact with contaminated feces (stool), environments, or people. The virus can also contaminate kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes, and the hands and clothing of people who handle infected dogs. It is resistant to heat, cold, humidity, and drying, and can survive in the environment for long periods of time. Even trace amounts of feces from an infected dog may harbor the virus and infect other dogs that come into the infected environment. The virus is readily transmitted from place to place on the hair or feet of dogs or via contaminated cages, shoes, or other objects.

Signs of parvovirus

Some of the signs of parvovirus include lethargy; loss of appetite; abdominal pain and bloating; fever or low body temperature (hypothermia); vomiting; and severe, often bloody, diarrhea. Persistent vomiting and diarrhea can cause rapid dehydration, and damage to the intestines and immune system can cause septic shock. If your puppy or dog shows any of these signs, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. Most deaths from parvovirus occur within 48 to 72 hours following the onset of clinical signs. If your puppy or dog shows any of these signs, you should contact your veterinarian immediately.

Diagnosis and treatment

Parvovirus infection is often suspected based on the dog's history, physical examination, and laboratory tests. Fecal testing can confirm the diagnosis. No specific drug is available that will kill the virus in infected dogs, and treatment is intended to support the dog's body systems until the dog's immune system can fight off the viral infection. Treatment should be started immediately and consists primarily of intensive care efforts to combat dehydration by replacing electrolyte, protein and fluid losses, controlling vomiting and diarrhea, and preventing secondary infections. Sick dogs should be kept warm and receive good nursing care. When a dog develops parvo, treatment can be very expensive, and the dog may die despite aggressive treatment. Early recognition and aggressive treatment are very important in successful outcomes. With proper treatment, survival rates can approach 90%. Since parvovirus is highly contagious, isolation of infected dogs is necessary to minimize spread of infection. Proper cleaning and disinfection of contaminated kennels and other areas where infected dogs are (or have been) housed is essential to control the spread of parvovirus. The virus is not easily killed, so consult your veterinarian for specific guidance on cleaning and disinfecting agents.

Preventing parvovirus

Vaccination and good hygiene are critical components of prevention.

4. When is the next household hazardous waste collection day?

EVENTS

Kansas City Roller Warriors

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. Time: 6:00 PM. <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.

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.caback.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.

6/6/19 – 6/7/19 - 2019 KC Air Show

Returning to Kansas City for the first time since 2015, the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron showcases the Pride and Professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. Performing Saturday, July 6 and Sunday, July 7, 2019, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels inspire a culture of excellence and service to country through their incomparable flight demonstrations and community outreach. Fun For The Whole Family. In addition to the Blue Angels, the KC Air Show features the U.S. Army Golden Knights, A-10 Demo Team, Patty Wagstaff, Julie Clark, and many more. Two days of world-class aerobatic performances, military jet demonstrations and thrilling entertainment for the whole family! Organized by KC Air Show Charities Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, the KC Air Show promises to be one of the nation's best shows. The sky is the limit in Kansas City. Join us at the 2019 KC Air Show, July 6-7, at Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport.

6/9/19 – 6/13/19 - Wyandotte County Fair

Wyandotte County Fairgrounds, 13700 Polfer Rd, Kansas City, KS 66109, Time: 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, <http://wycofair.com>. Come and enjoy Hedricks Pig Races, Market Place, Carnival, Food Fair, Vintage Car Show, Helicopter Rides, Magic Show in the Red Barn, Large Kites and more.

5. What burns at about 2000 degrees?

Leave Fireworks to the Experts



Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal but they are not safe.

In 2017, eight people died and over 12,000 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 50% of the injuries were to children and young adults under age 20. Over two-thirds (67%) of injuries took place from June 16 to July 16. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 1,200 injuries were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers.

Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires.

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. According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. For children under 5 years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries. Consider using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers.

6. What should you never hold in your hand?

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
Two Bedroom Up	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
113 Viewcrest		The Homes	913.321.2471	\$5,000
787 Manorcrest		QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$8,000
112 Viewcrest	C/A	Sanchez	913-499-5435	\$8,000
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
778 Manorcrest	A/C , W/D, Stove, Fridge	Rios	816-547-8537	\$14,000
30 Viewcrest	Appliances	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. What is a highly contagious virus that can affect all dogs?



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. What is put in the police computer, when a sticker is put on your vehicle?

JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6 pm	3	4 4 TH of July The Homes Office CLOSED	5 QHFCU CLOSED	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 The Homes Board Meeting 6pm	16 Ana's Club 5pm-8pm	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.

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. When are fireworks legal to discharge?