

THE HOMES, INC.

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022

**THE HOMES
BOARD MEETING
JULY 18, 5:30 pm. THE MEETING
WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS
THE MEETING WILL BE
AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM.
PLEASE EMAIL
THEHOMESINC@THEHOMESINC.
COM IN THE SUBJECT TAB TYPE
ZOOM
A LINK WILL BE SENT TO YOU
THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO
ATTEND THE MEETING
VIRTUALLY.**

**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 number do you call for broken street signs?

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FIREWORKS SAFETY INFORMATION

Fireworks may only be discharged between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Fireworks may only be discharged from July 2nd through July 4th.

It is illegal to shoot fireworks from, on, or under a vehicle whether it is moving or parked.

Illegal fireworks include: "Home-made" ¼ and ½ sticks, M-80s, bottle rockets, missile-type rockets (with guidance fins) and sky lanterns.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR HOME COOLER DURING THE SUMMER

1. Block the sun out

It may seem obvious, but many people love to let the light in and have sun streaming through the window. But, if you're wondering how to keep your house cool in summer, you may need to resist the temptation and keep curtains and blinds closed during the day.

2. Open windows and balcony/garden doors in the morning and at night

make sure you have windows open at opposite ends of your home with the doors open in between. This will create a draft and allow air to move freely through your home.

3. Eat outside if you can - and don't use the oven

Make the switch to BBQ eating - no one wants to be stuck in a kitchen with the oven on, not when it feels like you're IN an oven already.

4. Turn off unused appliances

Consider turning things like your tv, desktop computer and kitchen appliances off - don't just leave them on standby. This will stop them overheating and warming the rooms they are in.

5. Turn lights off and invest in energy-saving lightbulbs

Conventional incandescent light bulbs generate light quite inefficiently, giving off waste heat in the process. Switch to low-energy light bulbs to reduce overheating and save money.

6. Invest in some house plants

Plants boost your mood and can also help keep your house cool. Plants act as natural air conditioners and generate moisture into the atmosphere through a process known as transpiration.

7. Use a fan to cool down a room

A top tip when using fans to cool down is to leave a large bowl of mounded ice in front of it while it's working. This will circulate cooler air around the room and function like a makeshift AC. Have a ceiling fan? Set it anti-clockwise for a similar cooling affect. If you have a basement, position a fan pointing up the stairs to the rest of the house. This will push the cooler air below the house up into the ground floor.

3. What are the dates for the Fairfax Industrial District: 100th Anniversary Exhibit?

4. Where is Fireworks in the Park?

NEED YOUR YARD MOWED

CALL JALON 816-447-2949

CALL JOSE 913-963-0751



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 \$500.00. 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 a 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 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 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.

ONLY FLUSH TOILET PAPER. The pipes in our homes are over 60 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. If maintenance finds these items consistently causing a back up in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

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.

5. What Drive-Thru Fook Pickup has the hours of 5:30-7:30 PM?

DRIVE-THRU FOOD PICKUP

**A drive-thru where groceries and household items are placed in your vehicle to take home.
CALL FIRST TO CONFIRM HOURS**

Heaven Sent Charities

500 Nebraska, Kansas City, KS 66101, 816-606-0205, 2nd Saturday of each month 11:00 AM-12:00 AM

New Seasons Christian Church

1907 North 3rd, Kansas City, KS 66101, 913-269-5672, 1st Saturday of each month 12:30 PM–2:00 PM

Full Joy Ministries Church

906 N 17th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102, 913-485-0463, 2nd Thursday of each month 9:00 AM-11:30 PM

American Indian Mobile Distribution

853 Washington Blvd, Kansas City, KS 66102, 913-912-7910, 3rd Saturday of each month 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Vineyard Church

1520 Clay St., North Kansas City, MO 64116, 816-734-8100, 2nd Saturday of each month 8:00 AM–9:30 AM

Don Bosco Center

580 Campbell Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, 816-691-2900, 2nd Friday of each month 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Sacred Heart Guadalupe Church

2544 Madison Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108, 816-842-6146, 1st Saturday of each month 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Franklin Center Inc.

1403 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66103, 605-951-3362, 2nd Wednesday of each month 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

New City Church

818 Shawnee Rd, Kansas City, KS 66103, 479-459-6066, 4th Saturday of each month 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

North Kansas City YMCA

1999 Iron Street, North Kansas City, MO 64116, 816-300-0531, 1st Friday of each month 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Redemptorist Mobile

207 W Linwood, KCMO 64111, 816-931-9942, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month 5:30-7:30 PM

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

2400 Steele Road, Kansas City, KS 66106, 816-277-4587, 3rd Saturday of each month 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Calvary Community Outreach

3002 Holmes Street, Kansas City, MO 64109, 816 531-4683, 4th Thursday of each month 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

MLM – Central

3031 Holmes St., Kansas City, MO 64109, 816-931-0027, 2nd Saturday of each month 8:00 AM-10:00 AM

6. Name something you cannot flush?

EVENTS

07/01/2022 - Fireworks in the Park

Pierson Park, 1800 S 55th St, Kansas City, KS 66106, (913) 387-2111, TurnerRec@TurnerUSD202.org. Price: Free, Time: 9:45 PM. Join us Friday, July 1st, for our Independence Day Fireworks Show! The firework show will take place in Pierson Park around 9:45 pm (weather depending). You and your family are invited to join us in Pierson Park for the show! See the parking and traffic flow map inside Pierson Park on our website here: <http://bit.ly/TRCFireworks>. Once all parking lots are full all entrances into Pierson Park will be closed. All traffic will be one-directional once inside the park. Shelter 1 will be closed for public use. Pierson Hall will be closed for public use. All other shelters will be open for use. No cars will be allowed to park on 55th Street! No alcohol or drugs are allowed inside Pierson Park! For your safety, NO PERSONS are to be within our safety perimeter! In the event that someone is to enter the security perimeter, the firework show will stop!

7/01 – 8/10/2022 - Through Darkness to Light: Photographs Along the Underground Railroad at Kansas City, Kansas Public Library

737 N 82nd St., Kansas City, KS 66112, (913) 295-8250, Price: Free. They left during the middle of the night—often carrying little more than the knowledge that moss grows on the north side of trees. An estimated 100,000 enslaved people between 1830 and the end of the Civil War in 1865 chose to embark on this journey in search of freedom. They moved in constant fear of being killed or recaptured, returned, and beaten as an example of what would happen to others who might choose to run. Under the cover of darkness, “fugitives” traveled roughly twenty miles each night traversing rugged terrain while enduring all the hardships that Mother Nature could bring to bear. Occasionally, they were guided from one secret, safe location to the next by an ever-changing, clandestine group known as the Underground Railroad. Many consider the Underground Railroad to be the first great freedom movement in the Americas and the first time when people of different races and faiths worked together in harmony for freedom and justice. Photographer Jeanine Michna-Bales has spent more than a decade meticulously researching “fugitive slaves” and the ways they escaped to freedom. While the unnumbered routes of the Underground Railroad encompassed countless square miles, the path Michna-Bales documented encompasses roughly 2,000 miles and is based off of actual sites, cities, and places that freedom-seekers passed through during their journey. This exhibition features beautifully dramatic color photographs, ephemera, and narratives that together tell the story of the Underground Railroad. The author is working with Princeton Architectural Press to prepare a publication that will combine eighty-two original photographs and text with a diverse sampling of related ephemera.

07/04/2022 - Annual Fourth of July Party at Fat Matt's Vortex

411 N 6th St, Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 296-7142, Price: Free, Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Fat Matt's Vortex invite you to a night of family fun, food and fireworks! Each year gets bigger and better, and this year will be even bigger! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a beverage outside. Kid friendly event from 6 PM to 9 PM.

07/04/2022 - Ft. Leavenworth 4th of July Celebration

290 Grant Ave., Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027, (913) 684-1674, Price: Free, Time: 6:00 PM. Join us for our annual 4th of July Celebration at Merritt Lake! Event begins at 6PM. Admission is FREE but food, beverages, and kids activities are available for purchase. DJ provided by Tucker Family Entertainment

will begin at 6PM, followed by the Salute to the Union at 8PM, and a spectacular fireworks show at dusk! Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs! Parking is available across from Merritt Lake on Reynolds Avenue in Garrison Headquarters, Gruber and old Bell Hall parking lots.

07/05 – 09/24/2022 - Fairfax Industrial District: 100th Anniversary Exhibit

Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum, 631 N 126th, Bonner Springs, KS 66012, (913) 573-5002. wycmuseum@wycokck.org. Price: free, Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Recurrence: Recurring daily. The Fairfax Industrial District 100th Anniversary exhibit highlights the progression of the district alongside personal memories. It includes familiar and untold stories of people, places, and events in the district. This exhibit is designed to help visitors connect with the place where tens-of-thousands of residents have worked over the past 100 years. Many of the objects and stories on display were shared especially for this exhibit. Visitors will see products made in Fairfax together with items employees saved from their time in Fairfax. Visitors can compare maps of the district, find out how long a company was in business, and look through employee newsletters and newspaper articles. It is a great way for families to connect with their past and we encourage visitors to share their memories connected to the district. The Fairfax Industrial District began more than 100 years ago with a vision for the future. In 1922, area property owners signed a petition to form the Fairfax Drainage Board. This move ultimately led to the area becoming one of the first planned industrial district, in the country. Through the 1920s the district became a hub for flight schools and airplane manufactures. It continued to expand with new industries despite the Great Depression. The district became a National Center of the Defense Industry during World War II, housing the North American Aviation of Kansas, B-25 plant and the Darby Corporation, which produced landing crafts, aerial bombs, and more. After the war new companies made the district their home. Since then, the Fairfax Industrial District has grown to house more than 130 companies and is still going strong. A version of this exhibit will also be highlighted at the Fairfax Festival on October 6th, as part of the larger Centennial celebration brought together by the Fairfax Industrial Association.

7/12/2022, 7/13/2022, 7/14/2022 - Wyandotte Fair 2022

Wyandotte County Fairgrounds, 13700 Polfer Rd, Kansas City , KS 66105, Price: Kids under 12 - Free Adults - \$5 Parking - \$5, Time: 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Visit KCK is happy to be a sponsor of the "DOTTE PROUD 2022" Wyandotte County fair! With more than 15 music acts - this is an event you won't want to miss! Kicking off the fair will be the local favorite The Highway. This four-piece classic country band will be featured on the main stage at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 12. The group plays the music they want to play – lots of guitar, lots of vocals and lots of high energy. Dance the night away when Superstar Mafia brings pop hits to the fair on Wednesday, July 13. The group, which originated in the KC area in 2016, plays everything from classic songs of the 60s and 70s to today's pop hits. Featuring the combined talents of local sensations Boogie Wonderland, Symetrix, Private Stock and Fast Times. Thursday, July 14, will be a celebration of Latino music and culture. The evening's main stage entertainment will be DJ Franko!, which throws a little bit of everything into the show. Up-and-comer Jarrod Turner takes the main stage 10 p.m. Saturday, July 16, with his current single "Love Ain't Got Not Time to Waste." Hailing from Sturgeon, Mo., Turner selects music that is vulnerable yet independent that reveals his honest but rowdy personality. In addition, the fair will feature the always popular horse shows and rodeo along with family entertainment.

8. What is a top tip when using fans to cool down?

UNITS FOR SALE

Two Bedroom Up	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
3116 N. 9 th St.	C/A , Fridge, W/D, Stove	Jones	913-305-8634	\$57,000

NEW MOWING POLICY

If you do not mow your yard by the date indicated in a mowing and TRIMMING letter, you will be assessed \$10 each day until you mow and TRIM your yard. If a week goes by and your yard is still not mowed and TRIMMED, the Homes will mow and TRIM it and you will be charged \$100 for the mowing and TRIMMING and \$70 for not mowing and TRIMMING by the due date.

If for some reason you are unable to mow and trim your yard by the due date please call the office to make arrangements.

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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) is still accepting applications. They can help with Maintenance Fees, BPU, KS Gas and Internet. If you make less than \$48550 for one adult or \$55450 for two adults you will qualify. I have assisted many residents with their applications and can help you.

Please bring a copy of the following to the office

- Copy of your driver's license
- Current complete copy of your BPU bill
- Current complete copy of your KS Gas bill
- Current complete copy of your Internet bill
- Proof of income (one of the following will do W-2, 1099 or 2020 taxes or Social Security Statement)
- The number of adults living in the unit, their Date of Birth and their Social Security #. If they have an income they need to provide proof of income
- A reason for your hardship due to COVID (Example: Had Covid and it affected something, lost job, hours were cut back)

9. What are the legal hours you can shoot fireworks off?

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Fourth of July	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Board of Director's Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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 info contact Livable Neighborhoods Task Force – 573-8737. AA Hotline – 816-471-7229

10. Unless you are changing a flat tire what should you never have your vehicle on?