

THE HOMES, INC.

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

**THE HOMES
BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 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.**

**NOW IS THE TIME OF YEAR
TO ADD GRASS SEED TO
YOUR YARD. THE OFFICE
OFFERS FREE GRASS SEED.**

RECENT STORMS HAVE SCATTERED TRASH
THROUGHOUT THE HOMES. PLEASE TAKE THE
TIME TO PICK UP TRASH IN YOUR YARD EVEN IF
IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.

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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 most an adult can make to qualify for KERA?

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Tornado Safety Tips

As severe weather season approaches, now is a good time to discuss and plan with your family what to do in case of an immediate weather threat. Taking 15 minutes to develop and practice a plan could save the lives. Here are some tornado safety tips from the department of environmental health and safety:

Before the storm:

Develop a plan of action

Have frequent drills

Have a NOAA weather radio with a warning alarm tone

Listen to radio and television for information

If planning a trip outdoors, listen to forecasts

If a warning is issued or threatening weather approaches

Always remember "DUCK": Down to the lowest level; Under something sturdy; Cover your head; and Keep in the shelter until the storm has passed.

Stay away from windows.

Get out of automobiles and get into a sturdy structure or ditch.

Or buckle your seat belt and get below window level of your vehicle.

In homes or small buildings: Go to the basement or to an interior room on the lowest floor like a closet or bathroom. Upper floors are unsafe. If there is no time to descend, go to a closet, a small room with strong walls or an inside hallway. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris. **(IN THE HOMES, IF YOU LIVE IN A 1, 2 OR 3 BEDROOM DOWN UNIT SEEK SHELTER IN THE HALLWAY NEAR THE BEDROOM(S) AND BATHROOM. IF YOU LIVE IN A 2 OR 3 BEDROOM UP UNIT SEEK SHELTER IN THE LIVING ROOM NEXT TO THE UTILITY ROOM WALL).**

In schools, hospitals, factories or shopping centers: Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down and cover your head. Don't take shelter in halls that open to the south or the west. Centrally located stairwells are good shelter.

In high-rise buildings: Go to interior small rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or areas with glass.

If in a mobile home, abandon it immediately: Many deaths occur in mobile homes. If you are in a mobile home when severe weather approaches, leave it immediately and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter. Determine your shelter ahead of time so you don't have to think about it when weather strikes.

If no suitable structure is nearby: Lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head. Be alert for flash floods.

Tornadoes and overpass safety: In reality, an overpass may be one of the worst places to seek shelter from a tornado. Seeking shelter under an overpass puts you at greater risk of being killed or seriously injured by flying debris from the powerful tornadic winds. If no ditch is available, you may remain in your vehicle, put on your seat belt, lower yourself below window level, and cover your head with your hands or a blanket.

(The city of Kansas City Kansas does not offer permanent tornado shelters. If open, local churches and community centers do offer refuge during a tornado.)

2. Who is the Homes working with to celebrate Fairfax Industries 100th anniversary?

3. Who can you virtually connect with to hear about issues facing our community?

4. What is the average monthly cost to use a microwave?

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.

SECURE YOUR HOME. It is very important that you have a trusted family member or friend on your stock certificate. In the event of your death, if you are the sole person on the stock certificate your home will go into probate. Probate can be messy, expensive and time consuming to relatives and friends. Plan for the future.

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.

TRASH COLLECTION. Trash pick-up is every Wednesday. Trash should not be put to the curb before Tuesday evening. If you have other items at the curb and the trash company does not take it, the Homes will pick it up and a charge will be added to your account.

Mobile Mammography at Legends Outlets, May 11, 2022

We are following all recommended CDC guidelines to continue to make our mobile mammography visits safe. Call 913-344-9989 to schedule today. Walk-ins welcome! If you forgot to schedule, don't hesitate to come in and see if we can fit you in.

- Women 40 years and older do not need a doctor's order for screening (non-symptomatic) mammograms.
- Women 35-39 years old may obtain a baseline screening mammogram. They should check with their insurance provider prior to the screening for plan eligibility and coverage.
- You will need your insurance card and the name of your primary care physician.
- Uninsured patients who qualify may receive a covered mammogram through Early Detection Works in Kansas: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/826/Early-Detection-Works-EDW>.
- Patients should not be pregnant or be breastfeeding.
- The coach is not ADA-accessible due to vehicle parameters.
- On the day of your mammogram, please wear a two-piece outfit so you don't have to fully disrobe and avoid lotions, deodorants, and powders above the waist.

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

**IT IS ILLEGAL FOR A SEMI TRUCK TO GO THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
THEY WILL RIP DOWN PHONE, CABLE AND ELECTRICAL LINES. IF YOU SEE A
SEMI TRUCK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLEASE NOTE ANY INFORMATION ON
THE TRUCK. LOOK FOR A COMPANY NAME, NUMBERS ON THE CAB OR
TRAILER AND LICENSE PLATE NUMBER. REPORT THE INFORMATION TO THE
OFFICE.**

**NEWSLETTER TRIVIA WINNER
IS Helene Martinez**

**PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK ON THE ROADS IN
THE HOMES. IT'S ILLEGAL AND BLOCKS PEOPLE
FROM BEING ABLE TO PARK OR LEAVE.**

6. If the Homes has to pick up items that the trash company did not, what will happen?

Evergy Power Check Device

Ever wonder how much certain appliances and other household items cost you in electricity a year? Now there is a new device that monitors that and it's as easy as checking it out at the public library. It's called the new Evergy Power Check device. Plug it into anything in your house that takes electricity and it will tell you what it's costing you.

"Convert that electricity use into dollars spent by day, week, month even an entire year," said Kally Johns, program manager for Evergy.

It's an idea with two parts: Saving energy, and helping consumers reduce energy bills by identifying what devices are using the most energy.

"Old refrigerators, freezers, older plasma TVs around the house and those gaming systems can really suck energy use," Johns said.

Evergy teamed up with the Kansas City and Mid-Continent libraries to make the device easier to get for people wanting to use it.

"We've had some really positive comments on our social media. They're excited about it," said Joel Jones, deputy director of library services.

The device is something that can be checked out at Kansas City area libraries for up to 14 days with two renewals. All that's needed is a library card.

Evergy said it works for phantom load energy use, telling users how much items like phone chargers and TVs plugged into a wall, but not in use, are costing.

"It helps you understand, you know, which appliance or electronics you might need to unplug when they are not in use or maybe put some of those on a power strip so that way you can turn that power strip off when you walk away," Johns said.

Evergy is holding a free event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Northeast Kansas City Library branch at 6000 Wilson Rd.

Utility officials said there is a downloadable worksheet on the [Evergy website](#) that will help people figure what items to test.

RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONICS	AV. MO. KWH USAGE	AV. MO. \$	YOUR MO. \$
Coffee Maker	12	\$1.20	
Dehumidifier	346	\$34.60	
DVD Player	7	\$0.70	
Deep Freezer	432	\$43.20	
Hair Dryer	15	\$1.50	
Lamp w/ Bulb (Incandescent)	24	\$2.40	
Lamp w/ Bulb (Fluorescent)	4	\$0.40	
Microwave	15	\$1.50	
Refrigerator	366	\$36.30	
Television	45	\$4.50	
Toaster Oven	38	\$3.80	
Video Game Console	150-2550 kWh/year	\$1.67	
Laptop Computer	0.02-0.05 kWh/hr	\$1.80	
Washing Machine	2.3 kWh/load	\$7.73	
Clothes Dryer	2.5-4 kWh/load	\$11.09	
Window A/C Unit	0.73-1.8 kWh/hr	\$64.80	
Air Purifier	50 W, 12 hrs per day	\$1.80	

EVENTS

03-12-2022 – 05-31-2022 - Rosedale: 150th Anniversary Exhibit

Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum, 631 N 126th, Bonner Springs, KS 66012, (913) 573-5383. wycomuseum@wycokck.org. Price: by donation. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Recurring daily.

The Wyandotte County Museum is celebrating 150 years of Rosedale History with a new exhibit.

Incorporated in 1872, Rosedale was an independent city until it was consolidated into Kansas City, Kansas in 1922. Despite 100 years of being part of KCK, Rosedale has retained its unique community identity and the museum is proud to partner with the Rosedale Development Association to celebrate its unique history. From the city's founding through recent years, this exhibit will highlight major developments in the community's history, along with key people, places, and businesses. This exhibit will be on display at the Wyandotte County Museum from March 12-May 31st. It will then be displayed at the Rosedale Development Association, dates to announced.

4/2/22, 4/16/22, 4/30/22, 5/8/22, 5/14/22 - Strawberry Hill & Downtown Kansas City, KS Urban Hike.

Price: \$32 adults, \$22 kids over 10 years old. With more than 30 points of interest, we learn about the rich history of KCK, see the mural project in Downtown celebrating the history of the many ethnic groups within the community. We'll see the beautiful homes of Strawberry Hill, a community garden, vantage points, the Wyandot National Burial ground and stop at a local restaurant for a drink or snack. Parking available along 6th & Central Avenue, near Splitlog Coffee Co. and Slap's BBQ. Make reservations at UrbanHikesKC.com. Use code VISITKCK to receive 15% off.

5-10-2022 - Just the Facts with KCKPD

Please join the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department for a new monthly series called "Just the Facts" where you can hear from our police department on various issues facing our community, ask questions, and engage in our community's public safety. Please join us the second Tuesday every month on Facebook Live at 6PM. Hope to see you there!

05-20-2022 - Downtown KCK Third Friday Art Walk

Free, family-friendly events in Strawberry Hill & Downtown KCK

The Third Friday Art Walk is a monthly event that aims to bring together the community, local artists, pop ups, and brick & mortar establishments by organizing art exhibits, performances, food, and experiences to share in together. Expect to participate in creativity, meet new people, and try at least one new thing! Expect to walk about a mile going from place to place. Wear comfortable shoes. Art Walks take place from 5-9pm every third Friday of the month in KCK's Art District, along 6th Street up to Minnesota Ave.

05-21-2022 - Latino World Festival

Memorial Hall, 600 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 701-4716. Time: 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Outdoor Festival from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Indoor Festival from 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Los Garcia Bros from Eagle Pass, TX (7:45 - 8:30 PM & 9:30 PM - 11:00 PM)

Pedro Chavira 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Amazing Latin Music of Jessica Y Eleazar. Special Performances by: Mariachi Andariego de KC, Ministerio de danza sublime KC, Cubanos por Kansas City, Grupo Tusuy Peru KCMO, Grupo Folklórico Izcalli

The Homes will be working with the Wyandotte County Museum to loan items of interest to their upcoming exhibit celebrating Fairfax Industries 100th Anniversary.

8. How many people are available to mow yards?

UNITS FOR SALE

NONE

ScriptCo is a membership-based pharmacy making prescription medications more affordable for everyone. ScriptCo does not accept any form of insurance. We supply the same generic medications at ACTUAL WHOLESALE COST. Our medication prices to members are the same price we buy the medications for.

-QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP

\$50 Membership Fee Billed Quarterly (\$200 annually). Receive Your Medications at ScriptCo's Wholesale Cost. No Contract Required – Cancel Your Membership at Any Time. FREE SHIPPING on 1 package per quarter (Non-Refrigerated items)

-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$140 Membership Fee Billed Annually (\$60 Savings Over Quarterly Membership). Receive Your Medications at ScriptCo's Wholesale Cost. No Contract Required – Cancel Your Membership at Any Time. FREE SHIPPING On 4 Packages per Year (Non-Refrigerated items)

Best Security Cameras For Outdoor Home Use

Wyze Cam v3

The Wi-Fi security camera features HD video quality live streaming, motion detection, night vision, a decent app and, best of all, 14 days of free motion-based cloud storage. This Wyze security camera also features a built-in microSD card slot if you want local video storage rather than relying solely on its cloud service (you have to buy the microSD card separately). This home security camera features a motion detection zone and the ability to listen for and alert you to special frequencies, like smoke alarms. You can purchase this camera at Amazon, Walmart and Best Buy for \$36.00. Each camera will need a power source.

Blink Outdoor

Its wire-free, battery-powered design also makes the Blink Outdoor easy to install. You don't have to run wires or plug in power cords. Mount the Blink wherever you need it. Installation is a cinch and will only take you a few minutes. The Blink Outdoor uses the Blink Sync Module 2 to hook up to your Wi-Fi. The Sync Module 2 also offers a local storage option—just use a USB drive. If you prefer cloud storage, Blink has subscription plans starting at three dollars a month. The Blink Outdoor has an advertised battery life of two years on just two AA batteries. That's great if you don't want to worry about recharging your camera every other month or so. You can purchase this camera at Amazon, Home Depot and Best Buy for \$99.00

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. How many stock transfers where there?

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Board of Director's Meeting	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 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. If you're in a high rise and there is tornado activity, where should you go?