

THE HOMES, INC.

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

THE BOARD MEETING IS October 16th AT 5:30 PM AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MAINTENANCE FEE INCREASE STARTING MAY 01, 2023

1 BEDROOM - \$345.00
2 BEDROOMS - \$350.00
3 BEDROOMS - \$355.00

**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.**

**Mattresses, washers, and dryers will not be picked
up.**

**If those items are picked up by the Homes a charge of
\$100 will be added to your account.**

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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 loud music or noise?

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Weekly Residential Trash & Recycling FAQ

Trash should be in a bin and not bags and unsecured trash. Trash bins should not be put to the curb until after 4:30 pm on Tuesday. Trash bins should be brought back to your unit by 8:00 am Thursday.

What happens on holidays?

If your trash day falls on or after a holiday, your service will be one day later that week. If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, trash and recycling service is not delayed. Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Where should I put my trash and recycling?

Trash and recycling must be placed within 3 feet of the street or curb edge. Trash and recycling should not be obstructed by other items like fences, vehicles, or mailboxes.

What can I do about mattresses, rugs, lumber, or toilets?

Mattresses must be wrapped in plastic for collection at the curb. Rugs must be rolled up and tied with string, and they should not exceed 4 feet long and 50 lbs. Loose lumber is considered construction material and is not collected during weekly curbside service.

Construction waste

Dry wall, glass, plastics, wood and steel, surplus mortar, surplus concrete, broken bricks, green wastes (grass, bushes) and excavated soil are considered construction waste. Construction waste must be taken to the Johnson County landfill. Toilets are collected at the curb, but the tank must be separated from the bowl on all two-piece models. One-piece toilets do not have to be separated.

What can I do about refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and furniture?

These items are collected for free, but you must contact waste management in advance. To request this service, call (913) 631-3300.

What materials are not taken in regular trash?

Plaster, rubble, & wood from demolition and rehabilitation of buildings are not accepted. Other items not accepted include automotive parts, commercial and industrial waste, hazardous waste like motor oil, polychlorinated biphenyl waste, non-containerized liquid waste, medical waste, and dead animals.

How do I report service issues like missed trash or recycling collection?

Services issues should be reported to the Unified Government by calling 3-1-1 or visiting mywyco.wycokck.org. Do not report services issues to Waste Management. Reporting your issue to the Unified Government allows Public Works' Solid Waste team to track your report and follow up directly with Waste Management.

IF THE HOMES HAS TO PICK UP ANY TRASH AT THE CURB BECAUSE YOU DID NOT FOLLOW THE RULES OF PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT YOU WILL BE CHARGED ACCORDINGLY.

IF TRASH/ITEMS ARE PUT TO THE CURB BEFORE TUESDAY AT 4:30 YOU WILL BE CHARGED \$25 A DAY

Winner of the Newsletter Trivia
Arline Ayers

How to Have a Safe Halloween

Thinking about how to have a safe Halloween helps you plan wisely to ensure that the holiday is full of fun and safe activities. Because there is more to Halloween than just trick-or-treating, there are measures to consider for before and after the actual night of Halloween. This can include costumes, Halloween parties or planning the décor around your own house.

Costumes and How to Have a Safe Halloween

Costumes are a favorite among children and adults when it comes to Halloween. There are some things to be careful of, though, when it comes to your Halloween costume. For example, it is important that a costume or mask does not obstruct your vision. Also, be sure there is no part of the outfit that hangs off of it that could be a tripping hazard or become ensnared on another object. Try the costume on and move around in it. Better to find out before the party or Halloween night if there is a problem with the attire. Make mends and adjustments to fix any potential problems. Also, this is a good way to make sure the costume is comfortable in general.

Makeup can occasionally be a safety concern. First, it is important to make sure you or your child do not have an allergic reaction to the makeup. Dab some of it on your hand and wait for a few hours to make sure there are no irritating results. Eye makeup can also run into the eye and cause problems. For both of these reasons, it is a good idea to carry wipes that will help remove makeup if there is a problem or at the end of the evening to let your skin breathe.

Also keep in mind any accessories that come with the costume. Make sure nothing about the getup and accessories could become loose and end up a choking hazard for small children. Also, any knives, swords or similar objects should be short, soft and flexible. While trick-or-treating, you may want to hold this type of item for your child.

Safety for Trick-or-Treating

Before setting out to hit the streets and collect candy, there is a check list of items you and your youngster should have on hand. Be certain you have these items: a map of the route, a flashlight and a cell phone. Make certain your child wears good sturdy shoes, such as sneakers, even if it doesn't go with the Halloween costume. Also, try to have something attached to the costume that acts as a reflective device.

While on the streets, obviously, pay attention for drivers who aren't doing just that. Stick together and, when traveling in groups, make sure each trick-or-treater is accounted for before heading to the next door. Do not allow any child a single piece of candy until they have all been inspected thoroughly.

Upon arriving home, all the food items should be checked out. Make sure candies have secure wrappers and are not choking hazards. Baked goods should only be permitted if they have been made by someone you absolutely know and trust. Fruits should be inspected for puncture, injection or slit marks.

Decorating Safety for Halloween

This is a great part of the Halloween tradition, but should also be planned well to prevent potential hazards or threats. Candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns should be monitored closely at all times. Make sure the candle is fully extinguished before bedtime and that the pumpkin is not in the path of a great deal of foot traffic. Also, when in doubt, go with the plug-in type or use glow sticks to illuminate jack-o'-lanterns.

Keep an eye out for anything that could be a tripping concern. It can be easy to get caught up in the festive decorating and lose sight of the functionality of the set up. Anything that could get caught on a foot or around the neck or a limb should be avoided. Monitor this even after the decorations have been up for a bit. Things can fall or slip out of their original place just enough to cause a problem. Use fire retardant items for decorating whenever possible and make certain anything that uses electricity is not overheating or near something that could ignite with long exposure to heat.

Common Sense

The idea to having a safe holiday is to use common sense and trust your instincts. You don't have to be overly paranoid, but you should be aware, alert and informed. How to have a safe Halloween is just using the guidelines so that everyone has a good time without any problems.



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 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 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.

STICKS AND LIMBS: Place sticks/limbs in 4-foot bundles to the curbside for pickup by maintenance

6. What items should you have when trick or treating?

EVENTS

09/27/2023 – 10/1/2023 - World Series of Barbecue

Presented By: American Royal of Kansas City. Kansas Speedway, 400 Speedway Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66111. The American Royal World Series of Barbecue is the largest barbecue contest in the WORLD and the American Royal's largest fundraiser! What we raise that weekend goes straight to our mission of supporting youth and education in agriculture. Join us in Kansas City for a BBQ experience like no other!

10/02/2023 thru 10/31/2023 - Parktober: Close Out those Parking Violations

Municipal Court, 701 N. 7th Street, 2nd Floor, Kansas City, KS, 66101. The Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court is excited to announce that during the month of October, persons with minor parking violations will have the opportunity to clear these citations at a minimal cost. Most minor parking violations are those citations that carry a penalty of \$30 or \$35. If you received a minor parking violation (or violations) during any of the following years – 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 – the cost to close each, individual citation will be: \$5 plus (1) canned food item (no glass) – for each, individual citation. The canned food items collected will be donated to Harvesters Community Food Network. If you would like to take care of those minor parking violations at a reduced cost, and help feed others through the community food network, come to the Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court during the month of October!

10/06/2023 - Faith & Blue Weekend - Unity Vigil

Emerson Park, S. 29th and Strong Ave., Kansas City, KS. Supported by our local faith community, the National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges between residents and law enforcement. Here in Kansas City, Kansas Faith and Blue events are hosted by the KCKPD, Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office, the Kansas City, Kansas Police and Firefighters Chaplains Association, the University of Kansas Police Department - KU Med Campus, and the Board of Public Utilities. The weekend kicks off with a Unity Vigil Friday night. The community is invited to gather in mindful reflection and deliberate dedication to working together to make KCK one of the safest communities in the metro. Attendees are encouraged to show their commitment to working with law enforcement by placing a luminaria along the path of light. Supplies will be provided. 6:00 pm

10/07/2023 - Faith & Blue Weekend - Community Fair

Rosedale Park, Mission Rd., Kansas City, KS. Supported by our local faith community, the National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges between residents and law enforcement. Here in Kansas City, Kansas Faith and Blue events are hosted by the KCKPD, Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office, the Kansas City, Kansas Police and Firefighters Chaplains Association, the University of Kansas Police Department - KU Med Campus, Wyandotte County District Attorney and the Board of Public Utilities. Join us Saturday for some old school fun with carnival games, bean bag toss, music, a FREE hot dog lunch, vehicle displays, an appearance by LEO the Lion and rides in the BPU lift bucket PLUS expert car seat installations, free gun locks and more! 10:00 AM to 02:00 PM

10/6/2023, 10/7/2023, 10/8/2023 - Kansas City Juggling Fest 2023

2810 Metropolitan Ave, Kansas City, KS 66103. Price: Free (\$10 suggested donation)
The Kansas City Juggling Festival is back for another year. We are going to be at the Argentine Community Center in Kansas City, KS for the festival, check back for details as they come. Schedule (subject to change): Friday 5-9 pm Argentine Community Center. LED show: Friday after dark. Saturday: 9 am-9 pm Argentine Community Center. Games showcase: 6 pm Argentine Community Center. Renegade show: 10 pm Stumpy's (18+ only). Sunday: 10 am-3 pm Wyandotte County Park

10/07/2023 - Silver City Day Parade & Festival

All are invited to join the Argentine Betterment Association (ABC) for the 2023 Silver City Day Parade and Festival at Emerson Park on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM. This year will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Anthology of Argentine Mural. Come and Enjoy: A fun parade. Lots of amazing local vendors. Engaging dancers. Live music and demonstrations. Bounce houses & face painters. Lots of fun games and so much more!!!

10/07/2023 - Farm Fest at Common Ground

Farm Fest at Common Ground is a free community event held on-farm at KC Farm School's 14-acre urban farm in KCK. Farm Fest unites our wonderful Kansas City community by offering opportunities to learn about local food, resources, our environment and ways to mobilize for community action. The event will feature local entertainers, free food, free fun and games, community resources, a farmer/vendor/ maker market, farm tours, agriculture and environment demonstrations, and so much more. 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM. Because FARM FEST is a BLOCK PARTY, the road will be closed. Once there, please look for signs directing you to park at a nearby church parking lot or in our dear neighbor Charlie's field. It's a short walk up the hill to the entrance- and we'll have two gators moving people back and forth. We do have VERY limited but accessible parking at Gibbs Road Farm. Common Ground, 2443 S. 42nd Street, Kansas City, KS, 66106

10/11/2023 thru 10/14/2023 - The 39th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo & Expo

630 N 126th St, Bonner Springs, KS 66012. The 39th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo & Expo will be October 11-14, 2023 in Overland Park, KS at the Overland Park Convention Center and in Bonner Springs, KS at the National Agriculture Center & Hall of Fame. Every and KC Board of Public Utilities are the host utilities. You don't want to miss this truly unique event! The Lineman's Rodeo attracts the best linemen from around the world to compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks. After more than 30 years, the International Lineman's Rodeo & Expo still proves to be the industry's most valued premier event of its kind for the electric utility industry. Many of the skills required in the competition are less frequently used currently but still critical line skills like climbing, working off a pole, and work task using hot sticks rather than gloves. These opportunities for linemen enhance their skills and keep them fresh make them more productive all while keeping safety during the competition at the forefront.

10/14/2023 - 38th Annual Turner Days Festival

5800 Metropolitan, Kansas City, KS 66106. Price: Free. Time: 9:00 AM. Please join us for the 38th Annual Turner Days Parade, Car Show & Festival! Schedule: 8:00 AM | Car Show Registration Opens. 9:00 AM | Parade. 12:00 PM | Car Show Judging Begins. 3:00 PM | Car Show Awards

10/27/2023 - Drive-Thru Trick or Treat: Hosted by Community Policing

6601 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS. 05:30 PM to 07:30 PM. It is one of our favorite events of the year! Officers with KCKPD Community Policing are already planning their costumes for their annual Drive-Thru Trick or Treat event. Load up the car with the kiddos (in costume of course!) and load up on Halloween candy as you drive through our spooky, yet friendly display. If you'd like to make a contribution to Community's Policing's Homeless Outreach, officers will also be accepting donations of blankets, socks, and hand-warmers for distribution this winter. See you on the 27th! It will be...spooktacular!

10/28/2023-10/29/2023 - Trick or Treat on the Farm & Boooo Barn

National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame, 630 Hall of Fame Drive Bonner Springs KS. The Boooo Barn, a kid-friendly haunted barn, will delight and spook children of all ages. Trick or Treat in FarmTown, enjoy spooky stories, a costume fashion show, farming activities, hayrides, miniature train rides and more! A unique Halloween family tradition! 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm both days.

UNITS FOR SALE

	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
2 Bedroom (down)				
73 Viewcrest	C/A, Fridge, and W/D	Huaman	913-620-6847	\$55,000
2 Bedroom(up)				
773 Manorcrest	Fridge, Stove, W/D, and Shed	Flores	816-269-9393	\$85,000
855 Manorcrest	C/A, W/D, Fridge, Stove	Ramos	913-235-4676	\$80,000
3011 North Allis	Fridge, Stove and W/D	Brown	913-486-8900	\$75,000
75 Viewcrest	C/A, Fridge, Stove, Microwave	Huaman	913-620-6847	\$55,000
3 Bedroom (down)				
3157 N. Allis	C/A, Fridge, Stove, and Dryer	Gardea	913-562-4288	\$65,000
3 Bedroom (up)				
787 Manorcrest	C/A, W/D, Fridge and Stove	Taylor	816-550-6330	\$55,000
835 Roswell	C/A, W/D, and Fridge	Mendez	913-206-6181	\$50,000

Trash and Recycle Holiday Schedule

There are six holidays on which residential trash and recycling are not collected:

New Year's Day

Memorial Day

4th of July

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

On these holidays, the pickup of everyone's trash and recycling is moved back one day unless the holiday falls on a weekend.

NEW MOWING AND TRIMMING POLICY

If during the season you receive 2 mowing and trimming letters you will not be sent a 3rd letter. Your yard will be mowed and trimmed, and a charge will be added to your account. NO EXCEPTIONS!

PARKING IN YARDS

THE HOMES HAS A NEW POLICY ABOUT PARKING IN YOUR YARD.

IF A VEHICLE IS SEEN PARKING IN A YARD, YOU WILL GET ONE WARNING LETTER. IF IT OCCURS AGAIN YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE CHARGED \$250.00. IF YOU NEED TO PARK IN YOUR YARD FOR A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME, CALL THE OFFICE TO GET PERMISSION. YOU WILL NOT BE CHARGED.

IF YOU WITNESS A RESIDENT PARKING IN A YARD, TAKE A PICTURE. COME TO THE OFFICE SO THAT WE CAN GET A COPY OF THE PICTURE WITH A TIME AND DATE STAMP.

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Board 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 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

10. What number should you call for bulk trash pickup?