THE HOMES, INC April 2012

NEWSLETTER

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH 10 TO 12

Call the office for more info.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Frank Moss and Kayla Ross.

THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

April16, 6pm

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome!

PAY MONTHLY ASSOCIATION FEES WITH INTUIT PAYMENT NETWORK

More information can be found on Page 3.

2011 Real Estate Taxes

**Pro rata portion of 2011 real estate taxes:**

**Single unit: $285.49**

**Double-unit: $570.98**

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

THE HOMES INC 913-321-2471

AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE 913-948-2211

Q.H.F. CREDIT UNION 913-342-3421

KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 913-596-3000

KCK ANIMAL CONTROL 913-321-1445

POTHOLES 913-573-8307

CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAINTS 311

STREET LIGHTS/POWERLINES 913-573-9522

BPU 913-573-9000

KS GAS SERVICE 1-800-794-4780

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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Meeting at the clubroom on Tuesday, April 3 at 5:00pm**

**Refreshments will be served.**

Dennis Vallejo, Community Police Officer, encourages anyone that sees anything suspicious in the neighborhood to call the police at 596-3000. The police need you to make the call. The more calls made, the more documentation the police will have. This will lead to more neighborhood police patrols. You can request to remain anonymous when you make the call! If you are a victim of a crime, you need to report it to the office and to the police.

**HAVE YOU BEEN A VICTIM OF CRIME? JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.**

**TIPS FOR WALKERS**

-Choose busy streets and avoid passing vacant lots, alleys, or deserted construction sites.

-Don’t walk or jog alone. Take a friend or neighbor along if possible. At night stick to well-lighted areas.

-Get to know the neighborhoods where you live and work.

-Carry your purse close to your body, and keep a firm grip on it.

-Carry a wallet in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket.

-Don’t overload yourself with packages. Avoid wearing shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.

-Carry a whistle or other sound device in case of an emergency.

**TIPS FOR DRIVERS**

-Always lock your car and take the keys, even if you’ll only be gone a short time.

-Keep your car in good running condition to avoid breakdowns.

-If your car does break down, raise the hood or tie a white cloth to the street-side door handle. Stay in the locked car. If someone stops to help, ask him or her to phone for assistance.

-Park in a well-lit area. Be sure that it will still be well lit when you return. Be alert when using parking garages.

-Never pick up hitchhikers. Never!

-Before getting into your car, look underneath and inside it.

**WHY YOU SHOULD BE A PART OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Being a part of this group, you will be better informed of what is going on in your neighborhood and the first to know when crimes occur near you. It has been statistically proven that watch programs are effective in crime prevention. The investment of your time in such programs will yield huge returns by making your neighborhood as well as your own home a safer and better place to live. This program educates its group members about what security measures are effective and ineffective. This program can be a good tool for dealing with issues such as barking dogs, loud parties, abandoned vehicles, run down properties, and other issues that attract criminal activity. Your neighbors can be a pillar in your home security program. Being an active member of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program guarantees that both law enforcement and your neighbors will part take in maintaining your home security.

Credit Union?

**PAY MONTHLY ASSOCIATION FEES WITH INTUIT PAYMENT NETWORK**

* **To receive your monthly association (maintenance) fee invoice via email, please send your name, address, and email address to homespayments@sbcglobal.net.**

We invite you to pay invoices using Payment Network, a service from Intuit (makers of TurboTax, QuickBooks and Quicken) that lets you pay invoices directly from your bank account. This is the same type of payment you use when you pay your telephone or utility bill from your bank account.

**How do you pay using this service?**

Each invoice we send you contains a Payment Network web address which you can visit to pay your bill online for FREE. Just click the link to pay.

**What’s in it for you?**

Payment Network offers you the following benefits:

* Schedule the payment for any date you wish.
* Save the time and effort of writing a paper check.
* Track your payments with instant email confirmation alerts.
* Your bank account details stay private. We get the money you send us, but we never see your bank account information.

To learn more, visit <https://ipn.intuit.com/qb/payorLearnMore>

**Why use this FREE payment service?**

**It‘s safe and secure** - Your bank account information is safe and never shared with your vendor.

**You can pay the way you want** - Pay from a checking account.\* Make current payments or schedule payments for a future date.

**No sign up required** - Pay right away, or create an account to save your payment info and track multiple payments.

**Go green** - Eliminate writing paper checks and easily manage your payables online.

2. What is the total amount of loans as of 12/31/11 at the Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union?

**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 and drop it in the lock box. At the monthly board meeting we will randomly choose an answer sheet and if all the answers are correct, that resident will receive $25 off the next month’s maintenance. The following is the first question…

Now find the other nine questions and bring your answers to the office!

Employees and board members of the Homes and their family members are not eligible to participate.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

March 19, 2012

President Harold Watson called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2012.

Present were: Harold Watson, Elaine Hines Karen Anver, Frank Moss and Kayla Ross, Board Members; Elizabeth Bothwell, Manager; Greg Goheen, Attorney; and Karen Brokesh, Transcriber.

Fourteen stockholders attended the meeting.

President Watson welcomed the stockholders to the meeting and announced that, as provided by the By-Laws of the corporation, only stockholders of record are entitled to attend the board meeting. President Watson also asked all stockholders in attendance to hold their questions and comments until after the finish of regular business at which time anyone who wishes to speak will be allowed to make a statement.

President Watson reminded the stockholders to state their name and address so that the minutes can accurately reflect all comments made during the open session. Stockholders were asked to hold their comments until executive session or to speak with the manager one-on-one if they did not want their comments reflected in open session.

Stockholders are reminded that if they have a problem with their unit, to please report it to the office during regular business hours.

President Watson turned the meeting over to attorney Greg Goheen to take motions for the officers. Elaine Hines nominated Harold Watson as President. Seconded by Karen Anver. Motion carried. Elaine Hines moved to nominate Kayla Ross as Vice-President. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously. Kayla Ross moved to nominate Elaine Hines as Secretary. Seconded by Elaine Hines. Carried unanimously. Elaine Hines moved to nominate Karen Anver as Treasurer. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously. Mr. Goheen turned the meeting over to President Watson.

It was announced that the work order report for February, 2012 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2012 and the February 20, 2012 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Elaine Hines moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver reported that the financial statements have been reviewed and were found to be in good order. The income statement and balance sheet were posted for the duration of the meeting. Karen Anver moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Frank Moss. Motion carried with Elaine Hines abstained.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

12 Reidcrest: Install UVerse – Arnold McGrew. Work will be done by AT&T.

56 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Sherry Davis. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

69 Viewcrest: Install satellite television – Roberto Briseno. Work will be done by DirecTV.

139 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Cristal Mora. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

12 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Jesus Reyes. Work will be done by Genuine Digital.

Elaine Hines moved to approve the stockholder change requests approved by the manager. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

The only stockholder change requests for board consideration was that of James Pulley, 959 Manorcrest, to install a 10 x 12 shed on blocks. Work will be done by the stockholder. Manager and maintenance have inspected the yard and it will accommodate this shed. Elaine Hines moved to approve the request so long as maintenance inspects the area after the work is completed. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Secretary Hines read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 832/834 Manorcrest | Shawn Reitmayer | Shawn Reitmayer and Michael Christopher Hudson |
| 3183 N. 9th Street | Tyreeta Byers | Leonel Alvarez-Gress and Shawn Anthony Delgado |
| 823 Roswell | Michael St. Clair, Sr. | Michael St. Clair, Sr., Michael St. Clair, Jr. and Jonathan St. Clair |
| 837 Roswell | Dan Pouk and Michael St. George | Michael St. George and Fr. Charles Coleman |
| 12 Viewcrest | Angelica Gaeta | Jesus Reyes Barron |
| 21 Viewcrest | Jason Steffen | Esteban Maldonado Ontiveros |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Elaine Hines and seconded by Karen Anver that the Corporation waive its option to purchase the shares of stock and approve transfer of same. Carried unanimously. The manager was reminded that all original signed stock certificates must be stored with the credit union if the stockholder has an outstanding loan.

The proposed stock transfers of 139 Viewcrest and 23/25 Summitcrest were carried over to executive session for further discussion by the board. After discussion in executive session, it was moved by Elaine Hines and seconded by Karen Anver that the Corporation waive its option to purchase the shares of stock and approve the transfer of 23/25 Summitcrest from Paul Forcier and Sarah Vendegriff to Mariana Rios. Carried unanimously. It was also moved by Elaine Hines and seconded by Karen Anver that the Corporation waive its option to purchase the share of stock and approve the transfer of 139 Viewcrest from Brian Dulac to Cristal Mora. Carried unanimously.

*Announcements:*

The beat officers will be at the JFK Center on March 28, 2012 for a public meeting. All stockholders are invited to attend and refreshments will be provided. You can meet the police officers that patrol the neighborhood and ask them questions.

The speed limit throughout The Homes is 20 miles per hour. Please be alert and careful as you drive through the neighborhood and look out for children at bus stops.

There is no assigned parking in The Homes.

The warm weather brings growing grass and stockholders were reminded to mow their lawns regularly. If the grass is too tall and not in compliance with the Rules and Regulations, maintenance will mow the lawn and impose a $75.00 charge for a first offense. A second offense results in a $125.00 mowing charge and a request to appear before the Board. If you do not want to mow your yard, a list of persons for hire to do it for you is available in the office.

Now is the time to seed your yard. Free grass seed is available at the office.

Manager announced the winner of this month’s newsletter trivia was 3109 N. Allis. The winner will receive $25.00 off their maintenance.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The Financial Committee did not meet this month.

There is still no date from the Unified Government to install the speed bumps and other traffic calming devices in the neighborhood.

Manager reported that an application has been submitted to join the Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives. This will offer The Homes skills development on courses, a monthly newsletter with up-to-date information for cooperatives and news of legal and

tax disputes, publications, consultations and marketing assistance. Membership is between $600.00 and $700.00 per year.

Manager reported that the advertisement placed in the *Kansas City Star* generated no inquiries. The cost was $126.00 for a 10-day ad in print and online.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

Volunteers are needed for the 2012 Lawn of the Month Committee. The three members of last years’ committee are not interested in continuing their services. Volunteers can serve on a month-to-month basis. Sherry McCool and Mary Jane Watson agreed to serve on the Committee for April, 2012. The prizes again this year will be $25.00 for first place, $15.00 for second place and $10.00 for third place.

There are no current plans to conduct an Easter Egg Hunt or Cinco de Mayo party this year. Volunteers are desperately needed to help with the social events. If persons volunteer to help with these events, they may be scheduled by the office.

Spring inspections will begin April 1, 2012. Maintenance will be inspecting the exterior of the units including porches, porch railings, awnings, guttering, door jambs, sheds, yards, shrubs and trees.

Manager has been looking into implementing a summer youth internship program to provide kids in the community the ability to work over the summer. Information is available in the office for persons interested in this program.

The annual spring cleanup will be held April 14, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Persons interested in participating should contact the office. Operation Bright Side will be contacted again to help. During the entire month of May, 2012, a commercial trash bin will be placed in the parking area near the garage. Take advantage of this opportunity to clean out your clutter or unwanted items.

Elaine Hines moved that all election material be destroyed after May 1, 2012. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

The Board thanked outgoing board members Charles Sawyer and Jena Garr for their service on the Board of Directors.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Viewcrest, commented on the number of dogs in the neighborhood that are not on leashes and reminded all stockholders to have their pets vaccinated. Ms. Watson also asked everyone to put their address on their trash cans.

Bob Anver, 108 Viewcrest, announced his resignation from the Finance Committee.

Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, reported illegal dumping that has been happening in the woods behind her unit.

Devra Harrison, 7 Viewcrest, requested that her HVAC unit be replaced and agreed to pay half the costs.

Jerry DeMeyer, 4 Summitcrest, commented on the number of dogs getting into the trash on trash days.

The Board asked that stockholders putting out trash without trashcans be reported to the office.

Manager reported on a meet and greet she recently attended at Donnelly College and distributed a survey to stockholders about sidewalk and step repair.

No further business to come before the board the board adjourned into executive session.

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 R. ELAINE HINES

SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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HAROLD WATSON

PRESIDENT

**PREPARE YOUR LAWN TO LOOK GREAT!**

Over the next several weeks, temperatures will gradually warm and attention returns to lawn care. Spring lawn care is important, as early season care has a big impact on lawns.

**MARCH**

1. **Rake your yard**. Sticks, leaves, nuts and any debris should be raked from the yard. This will allow water and air to penetrate your soil making it healthier for grass to grow.

2. **Aerate your yard**. Over time your soil becomes impacted and it is very difficult for existing grass to grow and new seed will not germinate. An aerator machine pulls plugs from your soil which allows water and air to penetrate. An alternative is aerating shoes. These can be purchased at a hardware store.

3. **Apply a premergent herbicide**. This will kill crabgrass which is one of the most common weeds that kills out grass.

4. **Remove low branches on trees**. Trees will use up most of the nutrients in the soil. Grass areas around trees need lots of sunlight, air and water. Removing low branches allows these elements to penetrate.

**APRIL**

1. **Seed, Seed, Seed**. For a lush and green lawn apply a generous amount of seed with a spreader. A spreader allows the seed to be spread evenly over the entire lawn. Hand held spreaders are reasonably priced at a hardware store. The Homes provides seed for free. Use a pound for every square foot of your yard. Don’t forget to water generously.

2. **Enrich your soil**. Just as humans need food or cars need gas to function your soil needs enriching. There are several ways to enrich your soil. Peat Moss is decayed vegetation and organic remains (bugs). It is high in nutrients and helps retain moisture in your soil. Sand-a light application of sand acts like an aerator. Sand molecules work their way into the soil allowing water and air to penetrate. Manure is organic matter that contributes to the cycle of life in your soil. While it may be a little stinky the results are fantastic.

3. **Fertilize two weeks after seeding**. Use a fine granular fertilizer with weed control. Apply to your lawn when it is wet. This allows the weed control to stick to the leaves of weeds making it easier to eliminate them.

**SEPTEMBER**

1. **Seed, Seed, Seed**. Focus on patchy areas. There are less weeds at this time of year so your seed can germinate easier.

2. **Trim trees**. Remove low branches and broken branches.

**The Homes Neighborhood Clean Up**

Saturday, April 14th 10:00am - 12:00pm

Meet at the clubroom

We need volunteers to help clean up our neighborhood. We will have two crews.  One crew will clean up along the streets and sidewalks and the other crew will clean up tree lined areas. Bottled water, trash bags and rubber gloves will be provided.

**Have your pet spayed or nuetered**. The Humane Society (5445 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66104 - 913-596-1000) offers the best rates for this service. For dogs to be spayed or nuetered, along with the required vaccinations it is $36. For cats to be spayed or nuetered, along with the required vaccinations it is $5. Shirley Elmore volunteers to pick up your dog or cat and take them to the Humane Society then bring them home after the procedure. Please call the office for Shirley's contact information. By having your pet spayed or neutered, you are not only helping your pet to live a longer and healthier life but also saving the lives of other animals. Spayed or neutered pets lose their desire to roam the neighborhood in search of a mate so are less likely to be injured, lost or to get into fights. They are also less likely to bite and have other behavioral problems. Males are less likely to spray or mark territory. Plus, the reproductive organs removed during surgery are those that frequently cause medical problems in older animals, including many types of cancer. Spaying and neutering is also necessary to stop the overpopulation of pets. Every year in this country, over 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized in shelters because there are not nearly enough people to adopt them. In the Kansas City area alone, over 20,000 animals are killed in shelters. The majority of these are young healthy animals, including puppies and kittens, who if given the chance would make wonderful pets. Thousands more die on the streets from starvation, disease and injury. So please do your part to help by having your pet spayed or neutered.

**Dog Strangled by Phone Cord Saves His Own Life by Dialing Emergency Number**

George, a 2-year-old Basset Hound from South Heindley, West Yorkshire, U.K., was strangled by a phone cord and miraculously saved his own life by calling 999, the British equivalent of 911, reports The Sun.

 George knocked over a heavy-duty, old-fashioned phone in owner Steve Brown’s home; he became tangled in the cord and wound up with it wrapped around his neck. Somehow, George in the midst of choking managed to dial 999 with his paw. The emergency operator heard heavy breathing and gasping on the other end and alerted the authorities, who entered the house with the help of a neighbor, Paul Walker, who had a key. Walker saw the dog choking and ripped the cord free from the phone to save him. He told The Sun: "Incredibly you could see where his paw print was on the phone to ring 999 he literally saved his own life." Lydia Brown, the daughter of George's owner, expressed equal amazement at the Basset's lifesaving feat, telling The Sun, "He's really dopey and just likes to chew socks." George isn't sounding quite so dopey now, though.

**EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

**4/7/12 - Easter Family Fun Day**

12:00pm to 3:00pm. [Legends Outlets Kansas City](http://www.visitkansascityks.com/component/mtree/shopping/legends-outlets.html), 1843 Village West Parkway
Kansas City , KS 66111. 913-788-3700. Legends Outlets Kansas City, along with Mix 93.3 DJ Steve Serrano, hosts a family-friendly Easter event with free fun including pony rides, bounce houses, games, Easter giveaways, and prizes. Free and open to the public, guests are encouraged to bring a camera to capture memories with the Easter Bunny. Kansas Children’s Service League is the charity partner for the event and will be on-site to promote Child Abuse Awareness Month.

**4/9/12 to 5/25/12 - For All the World to See**

[Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum](http://www.visitkansascityks.com/component/mtree/historical/wyandotte-county-historical-society-a-museum.html), 631 North 126th, Bonner Springs , KS 66012.

913-721-1078. [http://www.wycomuseum.org](http://www.wycomuseum.org" \t "_blank). For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights examines the role that visual culture played in shaping and transforming the struggle for racial equality in America from the late 1940's to the mid-1970's.

 This free traveling exhibit will be at the Wyandotte County Museum April 9 - May 25. Also on display a local exhibit: Separate but Equal.

[**Junior Iron Chef, Kansas City**](http://www.juniorironchefkc.org/)**, Saturday, April 14, 2012**, at Union Station, hosted by [Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Greater Kansas City Chapter (AAFA-KC)](http://www.aafakc.org), is a metro-wide competition that gives children an opportunity to experience healthy eating through the preparation and cooking of nutritious foods, highlighting food allergies. In this competition, teams of middle or high school students are invited to create delicious and creative dishes using healthy ingredients. Recipes should be replicable and will have a chance to be featured in the 2012 Junior Iron Chef Cook Book. Three awards will be given in each age group: Best in Show, Most Creative and Best Food Allergy Recipe. **Check In:** 9:30 AM. **Team Setup:** 10:00 AM. **Cooking:** 10:30 AM – Noon. **Judging/Clean-up:** Noon – 1:00 PM. **Awards:** 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

**4/28/12 - Barnyard Babies**

11:00am to 3:00pm. [National Agricultural Center & Hall of Fame](http://www.visitkansascityks.com/component/mtree/historical/national-agricultural-center-a-hall-of-fame.html). 630 Hall of Fame Drive
Bonner Springs , KS 66012. 913-721-1075. [http://www.aghalloffame.com](http://www.aghalloffame.com" \t "_blank). Spring on the farm is a time for sprouting crops, blooming flowers and baby animals! You are invited to the Ag Hall of Fame to see what babies can be found on the farm. Our special guests of the day will include chicks, calves, kids (baby goats), and more!

**New and Used Building Materials & Workshop:** Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 4701 Deramus Ave. K.C, MO or 303 W. 79th St. K.C., MO, 816-231-6889. Hours are Monday – Friday, 10am – 6pm (Donations/purchase pick-up until 5pm); Saturday, 9am – 4pm (Donations/purchase pick-up until 3pm)

**Medicare Savings Program Application Assistance** is offered by appointment, over the phone, or in your home. Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) is a free program offering older Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained, community volunteers and get answers to questions about Medicare and other insurance issues. Please call the SHICK Hotline at 1-800-860-5260 to speak to a volunteer. If you are a resident of Wyandotte or Leavenworth County, you can reach a local volunteer at 913-573-8531.

**Quindaro Boulevard Family Health Care:** 530 Quindaro Boulevard, KCK 66101. Phone: (913) 722-3100. [www.swbfhc.org](http://www.swbfhc.org), **Se habla Español.** Your Health is important to us! Family Health Care provides primary health care for the entire family. Services include care for pregnant women, children and adults (including chronic diseases such as HIV, HepC and diabetes). Family Health Care is a non– profit safety net clinic with services provided on a sliding scale for those who do not have insurance. Our goal is to improve your family’s health by providing comprehensive health care services. **No patient is turned away for inability to pay.** Call (913) 722-3100 for an appointment. Monday - Friday Social and legal services from 12:00pm to 6:00pm Monday - Thursday The medical clinic is open 3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Workforce Development at Kansas City Kansas Community College,** A full complement of training solutions in order to meet your needs. 7250 State Ave., KCK, 913-288-7659

**Choices - Middle School Youth 4-H program**.

Coming soon to JFK Recreation Center (1310 N. 10th St., KCKS). Explore food and science, fun experiments, great snacks, weekly sessions, special events and field trips, learning basic cooking and healthy activities. Free. To register or for more information contact: Pamela McKnight: 913-299-9300 ext.111, pmcknig@ksu.ed or Linda Quinn: 913-231-4135, lvquinn@ksu.edu.



**The warm weather has arrived and our children are outside having fun.**

Please guide your children to stay out of neighbor’s yards unless you have asked for their permission for your children to play in their yard.  The Homes has over 25 acres of parks.  We even have a Frisbee golf course and the office can provide you with instructions on how to play.  If you have young children they should always be supervised by an adult when playing outdoors. If you see young children, playing outside, unsupervised, please call the police.

**Homestead and Senior Property Tax Programs**

Homeowners receiving a Homestead Property Tax or Safe Senior Property Tax Refund and checking the 'Advancement Box' on their K 40H or K-40PT Forms are eligible for advancement toward their County Real Estate Taxes. The tax payer must file the Homestead or Safe Senior Refund Claim annually and cannot have any outstanding balances with the Kansas Department of Revenue. The advancement information will be sent electronically to the County Treasurer's office and may appear on your annual property tax statement towards the 1st half of the amount due on the tax statement. Homestead and Food Sales Tax Refund assistance will be available from free volunteer tax assistance programs. The Clerks' Office at 701 N. 7th Street, KCK. will be available to assist in the preparation of forms for those meeting the guidelines of the Homestead Property Tax, Safe Senior Property Tax, and Food Sales Tax Refunds. Assistance for these refunds will be offered from January 3, 2012 through April 17, 2012. Statement(s) of proof of household income are required.

**NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

**Home Delivery Meals:** Hot and Frozen meals, better known as "Meals on Wheels" are delivered to seniors prescribed by a physician to be home bound. These meals are delivered Monday through Friday.

**Congregate Meals (Site Persons):** Seniors are picked up at their homes and transported to Nutrition Sites where they received a nutritious meal and participate in various other activities such as arts and crafts, and workshops. Contact the Area Agency on Aging at (913) 573-8531.

**Best Choice Save-A-Label** **For P.A.W.S. (People Helping Animals)**
The Save-A-Label program is an extremely successful program which helps non-profit organizations raise money. Currently, there are more than 10,000 non-profit groups in the Associated Wholesale Grocers trade area that participate in the program. These groups earn $.03 for each Best Choice UPC symbol redeemed, with a minimum of 1,000 labels required for redemption. This program represents more than 1.2 million cases of Best Choice products purchased by consumers in one year. You can bring your Best Choice UPC labels to the office and we will redeem them for credit to the P.A.W.S. (People Helping Animals) organization.

**Volunteerism.** Perhaps the first and biggest benefit people get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone—such as pride, satisfaction and accomplishment—are worthwhile reasons to serve. In addition, when we share our time and talents, we: Solve problems, Strengthen communities, Improve lives, Connect to others, and Transform our own lives. The Homes is in need of volunteers for many groups and committees. Please contact the office for more information.

![C:\Users\The Homes\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\DRN7Q8BA\MCj04420360000[1].wmf]() HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOMES

**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.

**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 residents 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.

**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.

**TOYS & BIKES:** Please do not leave toys & bikes in the parks. They create a mowing hazard and a opportunity for thieves. If you have lost a toy or bike in a park, check the office to see if it was picked up.

**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.

**BURN PILE AND DUMPSTER.** Contact the office before dumping items in the burn pile or the dumpster located at the office. The burn pile is for yard waste (tree limbs, brush, and grass) only. DO NOT PLACE BUILDING MATERIALS IN THE BURN PILE.

**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.

**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.

**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.**

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

2. In 1957, what did the BBC report the Swiss farmers were harvesting?

**Public Service Announcements**

**AUTO**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Aamco Total Car Care | 1000 State Ave KC Ks | 913.342.5000 |
| Jose’s Auto Service  | 1413 N. 18th KC Ks | 913.371.9101 |

**CHURCH**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Bridge of Hope Community Church | 1925 N. 11th KC Ks | 913.499.6741 |

**COMPUTER**

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| Heartland On-Site Services  | Joe Dix | 913.735.7121 |

**FURNANCE / AIR CONDITIONING**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Clair Heating & Cooling | Jon Clair | 913.334.4020 |
| RBG Heating & Cooling |  | 913.952.5122 / English913.562.4479 / Spanish |
| Schuler Heating & Cooling |  | 913.262.2969 |
| Smitty’s Heating & Cooling  | Joe Smith | 913.299.1488 |

**HOME REPAIR**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Air Duct Cleaning/Carpet Cleaning | Rosario Ortiz | 816-215-5114 |
| Handyman Pros &Real Deal Pressure Washing  | Brandon Deal | 913.707.2669 |
| CTC Electrical Service | Jeremy Tollie | 913.375.0070 |
| Reliable Flooring  | Shawn Walters | 913.944.1970 |
| Wallpaper Hanger/Painter | Annamaria | 816.810.8872 |

**LAWN CARE**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Todd Bothwell |  | 816.517.6639 |
| Leaf/ Snow Removal  | Matt Eklund | 913.526.2974 |
| J D Jackson |  | 816.803.9914 |
| Rolling Reel Grass Cutting  | J. Hall | 913.233.2541 |
| Yard Work | Annamaria | 816.810.8872 |

**NOTARY / TAX SERVICE**

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| Becky, Tax Representative |  | 913.232.7339/816.516.1959 |
| Open Door Mobile Notary  | Mary Jane Watson | 913.281.4405 |

**PERSONAL**

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| Angels of Grace Child Care  | 1220 Troup Ave Ste. B | 913.233.2944 |
| Artistry Cosmetics | Mary Jane Watson | 913.281.4405 |
| Avon  | Karen Anver | 913.342.2660 |
| Custom Made to Order Jewelry & Watch Repair  | Tammy Eklund | 913.342.2326 |
| Hair Salon | Niki | 913.710.6216 |
| Housecleaning/Errands | Jennifer | 913.226.1698 |
| House-sitting/Pet & Plant Care | J. Hall | 913.233.2541 |
| Housecleaning/Babysitter (24hr)/Dog Walker | Annamaria | 816.810.8872 |
| Sell It on EBay | Bob Anver | 913.342.2660 |
| Tina’s Alteration & Repair |  | 913.633.1495 |

**PET SUPPLIES**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Dresslers Dog Supplies | 1708 Steele Rd KC Ks | 913.722.2430 |

**PAINTING**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Todd Bothwell |  | 816.517.6639 |

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

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| Freeze Frame Photography | Dee Dee Johnson | 816.716.8865 |

**RECYCLING**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| C & E Recycling | Chris | 913.904.8501 |
|  | Eric | 913.907.6764 |

**In Our Thoughts…**

The family of Betty Reynolds. Services were held Friday, March 30.

TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT SUCH AS A BIRTHDAY, WEDDING OR DEATH, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE

**The Shriners will receive their Vidalia onions on or about May 5th.   Call Bob Anver 913-342-2660, leave your name and how many pounds you want $10 for 10# bag, $5 for a 5# bag. Last year we sold out so the sooner I get the reservations the more onions I can get.**

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Lawn Service

* Grass Cutting
* Plant Installation
* Landscaping

Prices vary and are negotiable. I’ll work hard so you don’t have to. Call Matt, 913-526-2974

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Happy Birthday to those residents that celebrate their birthday in April!

**FOR SALE**

Whirlpool Roper Washer, White, $150 obo

816-606-5155

Inversion table, $150

Stretch your back Circulation Reduce muscle tension

913-999-4340

AB Doer Twist w/ workout video, $150

Tones muscle Massages back while exercising

913-999-4340

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union As of February 29, 2012 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
|  LOANS |  600,579.16 |
|  ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES |  - 12,165.53 |
|  SECURITY BANK |  99,421.69 |
|  CHANGE FUND |  200.00 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS |  62.13 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD  |  104,808.16 |
|  BANK MIDWEST |  53,911.23 |
|  KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES |  11,428.85 |
|  KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT |  1,429.75 |
|  CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS |  26.28 |
|  INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK |  84,461.09 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  1,549.04 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  100,000.00 |
|  M & I BANK |  100,000.00 |
|  COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS |  100,000.00 |
|  PREPAID INSURANCE |  1,330.11 |
|  NCUSIF |  11,253.82 |
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|  **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,258,295.78** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
|  ACCOUNTS PAYABLE |  868.00 |
|  AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE |  0.00 |
|  NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE |  1,332.00 |
|  FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE |  110.00 |
|  SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE |  1,082.72 |
|  MEMBER SHARES | 1,005,188.59 |
|  REGULAR RESERVES |  31,510.21 |
|  RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES |  26,500.00 |
|  UNDIVIDED EARNINGS |  190,021.80 |
|  NET INCOME |  1,682.46 |
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|  **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,258,295.78** |

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| One Bedroom | Amenities | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 900 Manorcrest  |  | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $ 3,500 |
| 31 Summitcrest |  | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | $ 6,200 |
| 3132 N Allis (Appt Only) | Appliancess/h will pay 3 months of maintenance fee | Marquis/HofMiller | 816.518.1165 | $ 8,775 |
| Two Bedroom Up | Amenities | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 745 Manorcrest  | No C/A | Hullaby | 816.678.9871 | $ 6,000 |
| 85 Viewcrest  | C/A, Shed, Furnished (except art work), Fridge, Stove, W/D | Dickey | 727.319.3736 | $11,550 |
| 113 Viewcrest |  | Melendez | 913.233.1067 | $ 12,000 |
| Two Bedroom Down | Amenities | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 727 Manorcrest | C/A, Shed | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | $ 7,000 |
| 741 Manorcrest |  | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | $ 7,000 |
| 783 Manorcrest | C/A | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $10,000 |
| 954 Manorcrest  | C/A, Basement | Ramos | 913.621.4532 | $13,000 |
| 826 Roswell |  | Patlan | 832.782.4020 | $ 8,000  |
| 841 Roswell |  | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
| 80 Viewcrest  | C/A, Deck, Shed | Vandaveer | 816.721.3759 | $14,000 |
| 115 Viewcrest  | Stove, No C/A | Rivas | 913.371.3001 | $ 9,000 OBO |
| 130 Viewcrest  | C/A, Deck, Patio, Shed | Rivera | 913.522.9147 | $ 9,500 |
| 131 Viewcrest  | No C/A | Acosta | 913.271.3744 | $ 6,000 |
| 5 Craigcrest  | C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D | Prince | 913.400.1133 | $12,000 |
| 3000 N Allis |  | Walther | 856.278.1040 | $ 10,000 |
| 3001 N Allis | C/A, Stove, Fridge, D/W, W/D | Smith | 913.481.6777 | $ 8,000 |
| 3149 N Allis |  | Hernandez | 913.563.2635 | $ 13,500 |
| Three Bedroom | Amenities | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 670 Manorcrest | C/A, Driveway, W/D, Shed | Harrison | 816-518-2130 | $18,215 OBO |
| 948 Manorcrest (Appt Only) | Shed | Ontiveros | 816.585.4469 | $16,000 |
| 822 Roswell (Appt Only) | C/A | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 824 Roswell | C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D | Gardea | 913.601.0218 | $15,000 OBO |
| 133 Viewcrest  | C/A,Stove, Fridge, W/D, D/W | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | BID |
| Double Unit | Amenities | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 39/41 Summitcrest (2/2 bedroom) | Stove, Fridge | Lopez | 913.952.5386 | $25,000 OBO |
| 84/86 Viewcrest (2/2 bedroom) | C/A, Shed | Eberhardt | 913.281.5847 | $20,000 OBO |

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

**UNIT INSPECTIONS**

The maintenance staff will conduct an inspection of all units for sale.

Any repairs or damages that are the stockholders responsibility must be completed before the sale is final.

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| April 2012 |
| Sunday1**PALM SUNDAY****-------------------****APRIL FOOL’S** | Monday2 | Tuesday3**NEIGHBORHOOD** **WATCH –Clubroom****5:00PM** | Wednesday4 | Thursday5 | Friday6**GOOD FRIDAY** |  Saturday7 |
| 8**EASTER** | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12**SPIRITUAL STUDY, Clubroom****1-2 PM** | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16**THE HOMES BOARD MEETING** **6 PM** | 17 | 18**CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING** **4:30 PM** | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22**EARTH DAY** | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26**SPIRITUAL STUDY, Clubroom****1-2 PM** | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |

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**APRIL TRIVIA & FUN**

APRIL FOOL’S DAY

On this day in 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other.

Although the day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences. In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled. In 1985, *Sports Illustrated* tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour. In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.



## APRIL FOOL PRANKS

No Control

Block the signal on the TV remote with a tiny piece of black paper, or use a small piece of black electrical tape.

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Just One Please

Take a needle and thread and run it through every pair of underwear in the victim's drawer, so that they are attached in one long string. When they get dressed, they will grab one pair but end up with them all!

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Can You Hear Me Now?

Place a piece of clear tape over the microphone part of the phone. Laugh as your victim struggles to talk to their callers.

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You've Got Mail

Change the victim's e-mail alert sound to something annoying and turn the volume up really loud on your victim's computer. Then send them an e-mail.

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Colorful Salt Swirl Eggs



**Supplies:**

Salt Food coloring
White glue (non-toxic) Blown out [eggs](http://www.celebrations.com/content/colorful-salt-swirl-eggs)

**Directions:**

Make pastel shades of salt by adding a few drops of food coloring to 1 cup of salt and mixing thoroughly until combined. Place a layer of different colored salt in a swirled pattern on a dinner plate. Brush entire egg with non-toxic white glue and roll in salt until egg is completely covered.