THE HOMES, INC March 2012

NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 9

In the Clubroom

General Election - 7:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting - 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7:45pm)

Raffle of cash prizes - $50, $40, $30, $20 and $10.

The board positions currently held by Charles Sawyer and Jena Garr will be up for re-election.

Only stockholders of record as midnight February 17, 2012 will be eligible to vote in the election. Only one vote per share of stock is allowed even though there may be more than one stockholder listed on the share of stock.

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**

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**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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BOARD MEETING

March 19, 6pm

IN THE CLUBROOM

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Meeting at the clubroom on Tuesday, March 6 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.

**Neighborhood Watch Tips: What to Watch For**- Suspicious persons or activities. - Someone screaming or shouting for help. - Anyone being forced into a vehicle. - Property being taken out of houses or buildings where no one is home, or the business is closed  
- A stranger running through private yards or alleyways. - Vehicles passing by numerous times, suspiciously parked or traveling alleyways with no lights or apparent destination.

**Protect Yourself By**- Use good lighting. - Use good lock security. - Keeping shrubs trimmed. - Locking all doors and windows whenever your house is unoccupied. - Letting a trusted neighbor know when you are on vacation.

Don't advertise!! Stop deliveries and have all mail picked up.

3. What is the name of the lost cat and what color is it’s hair?

Credit Union?

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

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 by credit card or from a checking account.\* Make partial 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?

Association Fee Increase Effective March 1st 2012

1 Bedroom - $215

2 Bedroom - $220

3 Bedroom - $225

**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…

1. Leprechauns are \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by profession.

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.

The following stockholders accepted the nomination.

**Brandon Deal**

Vote me in. I will make changes for the people.

**Melonie Jones**

**Frank Moss**

I have lived in the Homes since June 1989. I worked for K.C.K.P.D. for nearly 30 years, 18 years

as a patrol officer, the last 12 years as a detective. I retired from the department July 2009. From

my career at the police department I had to routinely deal with different personalities, fiduciary

matters, and legal matters. I had to represent the citizens of K.C.K.S. My goal is to work with the

board members to ensure the Homes remain competitive and a desireable property for current and

future residents. Therefore, I ask for your consideration as a new voice of the 2012 board.

**Kayla Ross**

I have lived in the Homes, Inc. for 20 years.  Despite my youth, I have a lot of experience.  I am

currently serving my fourth year as Secretary of the Board for Christ the King Credit Union.  I

spent an extensive amount of time working in the Homes, Inc. office as a temporary employee and

as a volunteer.  I can depend on the wisdom and experience of my grandmother, Patricia Reid,

who spent many years on the Homes, Inc. Board and my mother, Lisa Ross who worked in the

office of Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union and served on the Credit Committee.

**Charles Sawyer**

I have enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors for the past few years and look forward to you continued support in the upcoming election. Thank you and please vote.

**Frank Spears**

**Anna Windam**

Greetings Fellow Stockholders. I care about the quality of life here at The Homes. If you care

you will vote for Me. Change is for certain. If you are ready for a change, you will vote for Me. I

thank you for your vote and am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Respectfully yours. Grandmother, Mother and Receptionist at: The Kansas City Indian Center.

Anna Windham, 786 Manorcrest.

4. What is illegal to allow you dog to do?

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH**

**VOTING IS FROM 7:30am – 7:30pm / Annual Meeing will begin at 8:00pm**

Raffle of cash prizes - $50, $40, $30, $20 and $10.

**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.

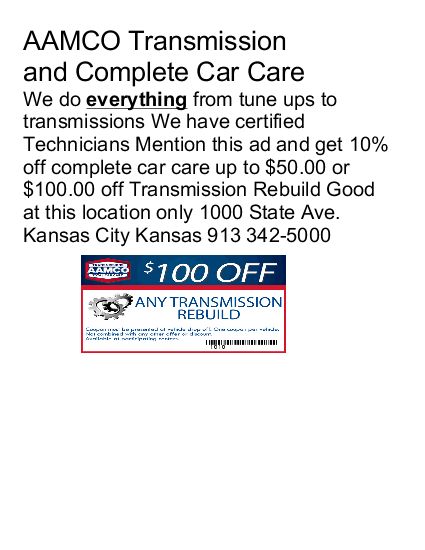
3. **Fertilize two weeks after seeding**. Use a fine granular fertilizer with weed control. Apply to your lawn when it is wet. This allows the weed control to stick to the leaves of weeds making it easier to eliminate them.

**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.

5. What must be completed before the sale of a unit is final?



**When You Walk Your Dog…**

Did you know it is illegal to allow your dog to relieve itself upon any property other than you own unless you pick up after it? The law was enacted for 3 reasons: 1. It is very annoying to step in dog waste; 2. Dog feces poses a serious health hazard to dogs and humans because it can spread diseases such as Parvo; and 3. During heaving rainfall, dog feces is absorbed in groundwater and is a source of pollutant that can eventually flow to stream and the Missouri River.

The next time you walk your dog, remember the law and the reasons for it. Please use baggies to help our neighborhood stay clean and healthy.

2. What is the number for KCK animal control?

**In Memory of:**

Tresa Wallace (wife of Herman “Country” Wallace) passed away February 20th. Our thoughts are with the family.

**Senior Citizen Utility Rebates**

The popular Senior Citizen Utility Tax Rebate program will start January 3 and run through March 30.

The program rebates a portion of the amount paid by eligible seniors for utilities during 2011. Persons applying must be 65 years of age during the entire year of 2011, live in Kansas City, Kansas, and their total income for the year cannot exceed $25,000.  The maximum refund is $150. Applications will be taken in the Unified Government Clerk's Office at KCK City Hall, 701 N. 7th St., Room 323. The hours are Monday-Friday 8am - 4:30 pm.  The Area Agency on Aging, located in the Security Bank Building at 1300 N. 78th St. will assist seniors with filling out applications by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 573-8531 for an appointment.  Eligible persons should bring all gas, telephone, and BPU bills paid during 2011; proof of income, social security statements; social security number; interest statements and other documents to verify income. Call the Unified Government Clerk's Office at 573-5260 for more information.

**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.

**Need help paying your utility bills…. The following agencies offer assistance**

CROSSLINES COOPERATIVE COUNCIL, INC.

736 Shawnee, Kansas City,KS(Wyandotte), KS  66105, (913) 281-3388 X243

Details: Funds for rent available, not utilities.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

2220 Central Avenue, Kansas City,KS(Wyandotte), KS  66102, (913) 621-3445 Emergency assistance. Details:  Call for appointment, accept walk-ins but documentation may be required for services (Photo ID, social security number, proof of income and address)

EL CENTRO, INC. - ARGENTINE OFFICE

1333 S. 27th Street, Kansas City,KS(Wyandotte), KS  66106, (913) 281-1186

METRO LUTHERAN MINISTRY - WYANDOTTE OFFICE

722 Reynolds, Kansas City,KS(Wyandotte), KS  66101, (913) 342-8333

Details: Coordinate social services programs which include emergency assistance, housing counseling, services to elderly, budget management, pre-job training and job development.

SALVATION ARMY - WYANDOTTE COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

6721 State Ave., Kansas City,KS(Wyandotte), KS  66102, (913) 232-5400

Details: Walk-ins welcome, must have appointment on Fridays, call for documentation

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM CENTER

947 Osage Avenue, Kansas City,KS(Wyandotte), KS  66105, (913) 321-7418

Details: Southside CAPC is part of the Economic Opportunity Foundation, which is the Community Action Agency for Wyandotte County. Services provided include utility assistance, job finding assistance, money management and surplus food commodity distribution.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

February 20, 2012

Secretary Elaine Hines called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 20, 2012.

Present were: Elaine Hines Jena Garr and Karen Anver, Board Members; Elizabeth Bothwell, Manager; Greg Goheen, Attorney; and Karen Brokesh, Transcriber. Harold Watson and Charles Sawyer were absent.

Fourteen stockholders attended the meeting.

Ms. Hines 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. Ms. Hines 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.

Ms. Hines 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.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2012 and the January 16, 2012 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Jena Garr moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver asked that the financial report be tabled until the March, 2012 meeting.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

9 Summitcrest: Install satellite dish – Luis Suarez. Work will be done by Dish Network.

54 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Guadalupe Solis, Jr. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

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

There were no stockholder change requests for board consideration.

Secretary Hines read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 15 Viewcrest | Delores Johnson & Diedra Johnson | Delores Johnson & Frank Johnson |
| 959 Manorcrest | Donna Schalaman | James C. Pulley, Jr. |
| 7 Craigcrest | Ronald D. Franklin | Ronald D. Franklin & Sarah G. Franklin |
| 745 Manorcrest | Tracy Hullaby & Tracy Gibson | Tracy Hullaby |
| 69 Viewcrest | Maria Avila | Roberto Briseno & Mary Briseno |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Jena Garr 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.

*Announcements:*

Representatives of the BPU attended the most recent Neighborhood Watch meeting to talk about their touch thermostat program. Installation is free and persons interested in getting them installed in their homes should contact BPU. Dennis Valejo, the new community policy officer, will be at the March 6, 2012 meeting.

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.

Recycling bins for newspapers, magazines and aluminum cans are located outside the office.

There is a clothing drop-off area in the clubroom for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The Financial Committee met this month and has no areas of concern.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders will be held on March 9, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. in the clubroom. The doors to the clubroom will open at 7:45 p.m. The board positions currently held by Charles Sawyer and Jena Garr will be up for re-election. The General Election for the two vacancies on the Board of Directors will be held from 7:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. on March 9, 2012. Only one vote per share of stock is allowed even though there may be more than one stockholder listed on the share of stock.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

Manager presented a bid from Oots Lawn Service for common ground mowing. Nineteen mowings per year will be provided at a cost of $1,035.00. This rate will be locked in for the next five years. This is a very reasonable bid and Oots is very familiar with the grounds and boundaries. Karen Anver moved to accept the bid from Oots Lawn Service. Seconded by Jena Garr. Carried unanimously.

Letters have been sent to residents that have sheds and awnings alerting them that they will be responsible for having these items painted/repaired during spring inspections. Spring inspections will begin April 22, 2012.

The accounting program used by the office offers a payment network. Persons signing up for the program will receive an email from the office each month. The invoice will contain a payment link which will allow money to be transferred from the stockholder’s bank account into The Homes’ account without revealing the corporation’s financial information. The charge for each transaction is $.50 which would be paid by the corporation. Manager estimates approximately 100 persons would take advantage of this payment option. Jena Garr moved to try this new program to see if stockholders show an interest in using it. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously. Persons interested in signing up for this program should contact the office to provide their email addresses. The anticipated start date is April 1, 2012.

Bill Bradford and Evelyn Doorman have volunteered to serve as Election Judges for the March 12, 2012 election. The Judges must be present from 7:30 a.m. until the final tally of the votes are counted at the end of the election and then reported at the Annual Meeting. Jena Garr moved to approve Bill Bradford and Evelyn Doorman to serve as Election Judges. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Manager announced the winner of this month’s newsletter trivia was 139 Viewcrest. The winner will receive $25.00 off their maintenance.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Bob Anver, 108 Viewcrest, announced that the Deffenbaugh garbage pickup will be tomorrow due to the President’s Day Holiday.

Evelyn Doorman, 62 Viewcrest, thanked the volunteer that shoveled her sidewalk after the recent snow.

James Abbott, 3117 N. 9th Street, reported problems the BPU has been having locating the main water shutoff valve to his unit.

Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, thanked her neighbors for their help with snow removal recently.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Viewcrest, commented on the number of days the office is closed.

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

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

**Marble Crazy** - 3/2/12 - 12:00pm to 9:00pm and 3/3/12 - 10:00am to 5:00pm

[Moon Marble Company Store](http://www.visitkansascityks.com/component/mtree/family-fun/moon-marble-company-store.html) , 600 East Front Street, Kansas City , KS 66012, 913-441-1432  
<http://www.moonmarble.com>. Marble Crazy is an annual gathering of artists from all across the country. They will be demonstrating their glass working skills and offering their handmade marbles for sale!

**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

**2012 THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS SCHOLARSHIP** Through the Looking Glass and its National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families are pleased to announce new scholarships specifically for high school seniors or college students who have parents with disabilities. A total of fifteen $1000 scholarships will be given out Fall 2012. These scholarships are part of Through the Looking Glass’ National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families. These scholarships are open to all students whose parent has any significant disability or health condition. Although no specific parental disabilities are prioritized for these scholarships, we especially encourage those students who have a parent with an intellectual disability to apply for these scholarships. Please go to our website: www.lookingglass.org for more infor-mation, including the application form, complete application direc-tions and an FAQ page that answers many common questions as well as offers helpful suggestions. Through the Looking Glass 3075 Adeline Street, Suite 120 Berkeley, CA 94703 (800) 644-2666 (510) 848-2005 (TTY)

**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](mailto:pmcknig@ksu.ed) or Linda Quinn: 913-231-4135, lvquinn@ksu.edu.

6. If you are a victim of crime, who do you need to contact?

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.

**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.

**CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:** Carbon monoxide or CO is found in combustion fumes that are produced by gas stoves and heating systems. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces. People and animals in these spaces can be poisoned by breathing it. The Homes offers carbon monoxide detectors for $25 installed.

**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.

7. How many stockholder change requests for board consideration were there?

**AUTO**

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| Jose’s Auto Service | 1413 N. 18th KC Ks | 913.371.9101 |

**CHURCH**

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**COMPUTER**

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

**FURNANCE / AIR CONDITIONING**

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| Clair Heating & Cooling | Jon Clair | 913.334.4020 |
| RBG Heating & Cooling |  | 913.952.5122 / English  913.562.4479 / Spanish |
| Schuler Heating & Cooling |  | 913.262.2969 |
| Smitty’s Heating & Cooling | Joe Smith | 913.299.1488 |

**HOME REPAIR**

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| Air Duct Cleaning/Carpet Cleaning  PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rosario Ortiz | 816-215-5114 |
| Handyman Pros &  Real Deal Pressure Washing | Brandon Deal | 913.707.2669 |

**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**

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| 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**

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| Clair Heating & Cooling | Jon Clair | 913.334.4020 |
| RBG Heating & Cooling |  | 913.952.5122 / English  913.562.4479 / Spanish |
| Schuler Heating & Cooling |  | 913.262.2969 |
| Smitty’s Heating & Cooling | Joe Smith | 913.299.1488 |

**HOME REPAIR**

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| Air Duct Cleaning/Carpet Cleaning | Rosario Ortiz | 816-215-5114 |
| Handyman Pros &  Real Deal Pressure Washing | Brandon Deal | 913.707.2669 |
| L. Donnell & Sons Construction | General Const & Elect. | 816.820.8227 |
| 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 | Angelica | 913.235.7573 |
| 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 |

**LOST CAT**

Spider is a short hair gray cat with white under front legs. Spider was wearing id and flea collars. Call 913-940-3629

C:\Users\The Homes\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\J83UXIBK\MC900430233[1].wmf Happy Birthday to those residents that celebrate their birthday in March!

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

**FOR SALE**

Original X-Box w/ accessories & 2 games, $15.00. Call 503-709-2290

Call Raul 913-961-4586

Tide - Regular, Febreeze, and Rose Scent

Laundry Detergent, 5 gallons, $35

Downy - Blue Mix and Mountain Spring

Fabric Softener, 5 gallons, $35

Palmolive Dish Detergent, 5 gallons, $40

All detergent is concentrated and sold in 5 gallon containers.

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Call Raul 913-961-4586

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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) | Appliances  s/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 |
| 3183 N 9 (Appt Only) | C/A | Byers | 913.371.1226 | $ 9,500 OBO |
| 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 |
| 954 Manorcrest | C/A, Basement | Ramos | 913.621.4532 | $13,000 |
| 826 Roswell |  | Patlan | 832.782.4020 | $ 9,500 |
| 841 Roswell |  | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
| 12 Viewcrest | C/A, Stove, Fridge, Shed | Gaeta | 913.235.7573 | $ 8,000 |
| 69 Viewcrest | Appliances, C/A | Avila | 913.645.8603 | $ 9,350 |
| 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 |
| 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 | $25,000 |
| 948 Manorcrest (Appt Only) | Shed | Ontiveros | 816.585.4469 | $16,000 |
| 822 Roswell (Appt Only) | C/A | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 133 Viewcrest | C/A,Stove, Fridge, W/D, D/W | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | BID |
| 138 Viewcrest | Stove, D/W, No C/A | Magill | 913.530.7300 | $ 8,000 |
| Double Unit | Amenities | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 27/29 Summitcrest (2/2 bedroom down) | Shed | Mills | 913.220.3630 | $12,000 |
| 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 |

**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.

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

8. What is the maximum fine amount for littering?

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union  As of January 31, 2012 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
| LOANS | 590,583.97 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | - 12,165.53 |
| SECURITY BANK | 133,044.97 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 62.12 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 104,758.64 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 53,911.23 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,428.26 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 26.28 |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 84,439.58 |
| 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 | 1,855.45 |
| NCUSIF | 11,253.82 |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,282,376.68** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 868.00 |
| AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE | 0.00 |
| NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 1,110.00 |
| FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 55.00 |
| SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE | 564.07 |
| MEMBER SHARES | 1,031,609.27 |
| REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| UNDIVIDED EARNINGS | 190,021.80 |
| NET INCOME | 138.33 |
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,282,376.68** |

9. What is one of the benefits offered for using Payment Network?

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| March 2012 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  1 | Friday  2 | Saturday  3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6  **NEIGHBORHOOD**  **WATCH –Clubroom**  **5:00PM** | 7 | 8  **SPIRITUAL STUDY, Clubroom**  **1-2 PM** | 9  **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 7:30AM – 7:30PM**  **------------------------**  **ANNUAL MEETING 8PM** | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  **ST. PATRICK’S DAY** |
| 18 | 19  **THE HOMES BOARD MEETING**  **6 PM** | 20 | 21  **CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING**  **4:30 PM** | 22  **SPIRITUAL STUDY, Clubroom**  **1-2 PM** | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

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Newsletter Editors, Elizabeth Bothwell and Debbie Walters

10. What is one thing that can enrich the soil in your yard?

**MARCH TRIVIA & FUN**

**The Lucky Leprechauns**

The leprechaun is [Ireland's](http://www.holidays.net/stpattys/leprechauns.htm) national fairy. He stands less than 3 feet tall, dressed all in green, with a pointy, feathered cap atop his head and two gold coins clutched in his hands. In the first hand, he grasps a magic coin that always returns to the [purse](http://www.holidays.net/stpattys/leprechauns.htm) once it's spent; in the other, he holds a dummy coin, which turns to rock or ashes as soon as it's spent. Cobblers by profession, the leprechauns are legendary hard-workers, known for their solitary and surly qualities. These made the leprechauns the ideal candidate for their best-known role: guarding the fairy treasure. Everyone knows the myth of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. In order to keep their golden treasure safe, leprechauns are said to spend their days scurrying from one end of the rainbow to the next, constantly moving their pot of gold to avoid capture. Legend tells that if you are lucky enough to find a leprechaun, you must be careful not to let the little green guy out of your sight until he tells you where the pot of gold is. You had better be on your toes, though, because leprechauns are known to be cunning and quick - in the blink of an eye, the gold guard will dash out of sight, taking your hopes for good fortune with him. So what does all this have to do with St. Patrick's Day? Truthfully, probably not much. Except that St. Patty's has become a celebration of everything Irish - and nothing is more Irish than the Emerald Island's national fairy.



**I Doubt It**

Everyone plays their cards facedown and tells the group what they are playing. Don't believe someone? Call out, "I doubt it!"

Requires: A standard deck of cards (no Jokers)  
 3 or more players

Game Play: Deal the cards out evenly. If there are remainders, place them face down in the center of the table as the beginning of the [discard pile](http://www.grandparents.com/gp/content/activitiesandevents/games/article/i-doubt-it.html). Play begins with the player to the left of the dealer. He places the Aces in his hand face down on the discard pile and announces his play to the table: "One Ace." If the player does not have any Aces, or if he wishes to get rid of more than one card, he may bluff and play non-Ace cards while announcing: "Two Aces." The next player plays 2s, the next player plays 3s, and so on. If a player doesn't believe an announcement, he can call out, "I doubt it!" The person who played the cards must turn them over and show the challenger whether he is bluffing or not. A player who is caught bluffing must pick up the entire discard pile and add it to his hand. If a challenged player is not bluffing, then the challenger must pick up the discard pile. When the rank to play reaches Kings, it then goes back to Aces and the numbers start again.

Objective: The first player to get rid of all his cards wins. Usually this is the first player to actually have the last card that must be played on his turn.

