THE HOMES, INC April 2013

NEWSLETTER

THE HOMES, INC ∙660 MANORCREST, KANSAS CITY, KS 66101 ∙913-321-2471∙www.thehomesinc.com

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**

**SATURDAY MAY 18TH**

**10 AM – 12 PM**

Volunteers needed to help pick up trash in the common ground areas and the streets. Trash bags, gloves and bottled water will be provided to those that help. Meet at the clubroom.

Congratulations to The Homes 2013-2014 Board of Directors:

Elaine Hines, President

Frank Moss, Vice President

Kayla Ross, Secretary

Karen Anver, Treasurer

John Carrazco, Member At Large

THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

April 15, 6pm

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome!

**Guest Speaker: Christina Komonce with Google Fiber will discuss the progress of installation and available Internet and TV packages.**

**2012 Real Estate Taxes**

**Pro rata portion of 2012 real estate taxes:**

**Single unit: $294.41**

**Double-unit: $588.82**

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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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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Meeting at the clubroom on Tuesday, April 2, 6:30pm**

**JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**TAG ENFORCEMENT**

1. Vehicles housed or garaged in Wyandotte County for 90 days or more must be registered in the county.
2. Vehicles within the State of Kansas but registered in counties other than Wyandotte can go to the Courthouse and purchase a sticker until tag renewal is due. When tag renewal comes due, renewal notice will be mailed to KCK address.
3. Vehicles must be tagged where resident is registered to vote.
4. Students with 9 or more credit hours that drive a vehicle owned by someone else that lives outside Wyandotte County do not need to register the vehicle in Wyandotte County.
5. Any resident that drives a vehicle owned by someone else must register the vehicle in Wyandotte under the owner’s name. The resident will be listed as a 2nd driver.
6. Vehicles that don’t comply will be towed. Owners will pay the tow bill and provide proof of registration before vehicle will be released.
7. The Sheriff’s Department will verify vehicle owners by:

Run license plate numbers

Personally contact the vehicle’s owner

 Contact voter registration and other resources as needed

**REPORT VIOLATIONS TO DEPUTY SHERIFF M.D. SNELSON 573-2861**

2. What is the Homes income to expense ratio?

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**

**SAT. MAY 18TH 10AM – 12PM. MEET AT THE CLUBROOM**

**Vote for your Mayor and Commissioners**

This is a very important election. These elected officials have worked with the Homes to make it a better place to live. Many times we have turned to these offices for help with streets, plumbing, trees, resident safety and many more issues. Also, we have received grants from these offices.

The general election is on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013**. This race will determine the winner.

 The Homes resident’s polling place is Mount Zion Baptist Church, 417 Richmond Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101. Voting time is 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Make sure our community is represented and please vote!

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PET OWNERSHIP IN THE HOMES, INC.

* Pets are to be penned, on a tie out or leash at all times they are outdoors.
* Dogs at large (not on leash, a tie out or in fenced area) are handled through Animal Control. Complainant should leave name and phone number, telling the dispatcher they want to file a complaint against the dog’s owner. Pets should not be tied near street-side sidewalks. These sidewalks are for public pedestrian use and are not to be obstructed.
* Residents are allowed no more than two (2) dogs or five (5) cats per unit. Any combination of up to five (5) pets is allowed as long as no more than two (2) are dogs.
* No excessive barking between the hours of 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.
* Excessive dog barking is not handled through Animal Control. Complaints should be referred to Mr. Greg Carr, Dispute Resolution, 913-573-5225. Complainant should leave their name, phone number and the address of the barking dog with Mr. Carr. Mr. Carr will contact the dog’s owner. The complainant remains anonymous.
* Pets required by city ordinance should be licensed and vaccinated for rabies yearly.
* Injured and stray-confined animals are handled through Animal Control. Complainant should follow up with Animal Control within 2 hours of first call.
* Defecation should be removed from the yard on a regular basis. If the stockholder is unable to do this work for any reason, there are services listed under pets in the yellow pages who do this work for a nominal fee.
* If The Homes has to remove excessive pet waste from a stockholder’s yard, there will be a $50.00 charge for each occurrence. Flagrant violations of these specifications can result in eviction under the nuisance clause of The Homes, Inc. Rules and Regulations.

**6. What cooling center is located at 701 N. 7th Street?**

Zorro &

Sophie (brother and sister)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

March 18, 2013

Vice President Kayla Ross called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 18, 2013.

Present were: Elaine Hines, Karen Anver, Frank Moss, and John Carrazco, Board Members; Elizabeth Bothwell, Manager; Greg Goheen, Attorney; and Karen Brokesh, Transcriber.

Six stockholders attended the meeting.

Vice President Ross 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. Vice President Ross 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.

Vice President Ross 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.

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

Winfred Manning and his wife were present at the invitation of the board. Mr. Manning, who is running for commissioner of the First District, spoke to the stockholders in attendance about why his running for commissioner and answered questions on certain issues important to the community. After speaking, Mr. Manning and his wife left the meeting.

It was announced that the work order report for February 2013 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2013 and the February 18, 2013 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Frank Moss moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver reported that work continues on the budget for next year. 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. Kayla Ross moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

935 Manorcrest: Install satellite dish – Scott Howard. Work will be done by Dish Network.

123 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Timothy Stark. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

27 Summitcrest: Install cable television – Brandon Gipson. Work will be done by Time

Warner Cable.

17 Viewcrest: Install satellite dish – Miguel Camacho. Work will be done by Dish

Network.

135 Viewcrest: Install satellite dish – Jamey Rodriguez. Work will be done by Dish Network.

The first stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Vivian Brunner, 78 Viewcrest, install chair lift for stairs as recommended by her physical therapist. There will be no structural change to the unit. Work will be done by Alcorn Stair Lift. This was previously approved unanimously by a vote of the board.

The second stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Peggy Holmes, 138 Viewcrest, to landscape her yard with a veggie straw bale garden that includes flowers. Work will be done by self. Kayla Ross moved to approve this request. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

The final stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Jamey Rodriguez, 135 Viewcrest to finish bathroom work with new tub surround, new sink, paint all rooms and change cabinets in the kitchen. Work will be done by self. Frank Moss moved to approve this request. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 960 Manorcrest | Joseph Louis Dyche, Jr. | Laura Denise Hullaby, Tracy Hullaby and Joseph Louis Dyche, Jr. |
| 135 Viewcrest | Noom S. Drowns and Ruangrong Honghern | Jamey L. Rodriguez, Salvador Rodriguez and Cindy Hopewell |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Kayla Ross and seconded by Karen Anver 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:*

Stockholders were reminded that the speed limit in The Homes is 20 m.p.h. Also, there are no assigned parking spaces in The Homes.

Some persons have expressed interest in serving on the Lawn of the Month Committee. Volunteers interested in serving on this Committee were asked to contact the office.

This month’s winner of the stockholder trivia was the stockholder at 28 Manorcrest who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

There was no report from the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The Finance Committee reported that work continues on the budget. The emergency reserve fund is currently $107,000. Absent any unknown issues, the account should increase by $60,000 this year. The income to expense ratio is 2:1 which is very good.

 *New Business to be Discussed:*

Kayla Ross moved that The Homes, Inc. monthly board meetings be held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross moved that the 2014 annual meeting be held Friday, March 7, 2014 as required by the bylaws. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross moved to mail all nomination forms with cover letter for the 2014 annual meeting no later than January 15, 2014. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross moved that all nomination forms be returned and candidates be current on maintenance by February 7, 2013. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross moved that the annual meeting announcement letter be mailed no later than February 18, 2014. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross moved that all election material be destroyed after May 1, 2013. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross moved to approve the renewal of the property, back hoe and director’s insurance policies at the annual premium cost of $64,000.00. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Liveable Neighborhoods has limited The Homes to two automated phone messages per month. The corporation can purchase its own software to call residence for $300.00. The program can be scheduled to have reoccurring messages for board meetings, neighborhood watch meetings, special message and warnings. Karen Anver moved to purchase the software at a cost of approximately $300.00. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Sharon Carrazco, 828 Manorcrest, asked stockholders not to throw away old antique hardware and turn it in to the office when it is replaced.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Viewcrest, asked for donations to the Firefighters Education Fund.

Jerry DeMeyer, 2-4 Summitcrest, welcomed the new board member to the board.

Harold Watson, 28 Viewcrest, asked about the spring inspection.

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

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KAYLA ROSS, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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R. ELAINE HINES, PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**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.

To encourage resident to have attractive and healthy yards the Homes provides free grass seed. We use Macho Mix grass seed which is a mix of varieties for color, wear, heat and drought tolerance. It is very good for shade tolerance as well as an excellent full sun performer. Use 8 pounds of Macho Mix seed for every 1000 square feet of yard.

**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 8 pounds for every 1000 square feet 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.

**MAY**

1. Pruning. Once plants have leafed out, it is time to make a final pruning to remove winter damage. Always cut the limb or shoot back to live wood. If the damage to the plant is severe, you might consider replacing it.

2. Annuals. It’s time to finish planting your summer annuals, such as petunias, marigolds, salvia, and impatiens. If the plants are in pots or trays, make sure the roots are not so matted they can’t expand outward into the soil easily. If they are, gently pull the roots apart.

3. Now that you are mowing your lawn on a regular basis, change the mowing direction or pattern each time you mow your lawn. Different mowing patterns reduce soil compaction and turf wear from mower wheels.

**Wyandotte County Health Department**

Personal Responsibility Education Program

This program, administered by the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), provides $75 million annually in mandatory funds for FY 2010-2014 for evidence-based programs that educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and on other adulthood preparation topics such as healthy relationships, communication with parents, and financial literacy. PREP funding targets youth at greatest risk of teen pregnancy and geographic areas with high teen birth rates. All programs funded must be medically accurate and age appropriate. Here in Kansas City, the Wyandotte County Health Department conducts evidence based programs for young people such as "Reducing the Risk," "Making a Difference," and "Rikers Health Advocacy Program." If you are interested in learning more or may be interested in conducting programming, please contact Christina VanCleave at cvancleave@wycokck.org or 913-573-6774.

3. What was posted throughout the duration of the meeting?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING A SALE OF CHILDRENS GENTLY USED CLOTHES, TOYS AND OTHER ITEMS. IF SO CALL THE OFFICE 913-321-2471 AND SIGN UP. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO PARTICIPATE BUT WE WILL NEED AT LEAST FIVE PARTICIPANTS.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

In the next week or so, The Homes, Inc. will have Cintas Fire & Safety complete the installation of ABC fire extinguishers. This will replace the pyrocool extinguisher you currently have because they are not effective on electrical fires. The ABC extinguisher will be installed in the utility room or kitchen. If you have somewhere specific you would like the fire extinguisher installed, please call and inform the office. Also, put a note on your door and mark the area you would like it installed.

If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 911. The fire extinguisher is for a very small fire or to clear a path for you to evacuate. Once a fire begins you have only 1-3 minutes before you will succumb to smoke and noxious fumes. The proper way to use the fire extinguisher is called PASS ...

P - Pull the pin

A - Aim nozzle at base of flames

S - Squeeze the trigger

S - Sweep the extinguisher from side to side, covering the area of the fire with the extinguishing agent.

The Homes, Inc. owns the fire extinguisher being installed in your unit. You will be responsible for its care and will be charged if it is damaged. Yearly, Cintas Fire & Safety will inspect the fire extinguisher.

Residents will be notified by letter before installation.

For more information on fire safety visit FireSafety.gov or contact your local fire department 913-573-5550

**On Golden Pond**

Performed at the Riverside Community Center, 4498 High Drive, Riverside, MO.

4/12/13, 4/13/13, 4/19/13, 4/20/13 at 7:30pm, 4/14/13 at 3:00pm. Admission is $2.50. For more information call 816-260-1618,

**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. When is the neighborhood clean up?

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.

**EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

**4/7/13 - KU vs K-State Rowing Regatta**

Wyandotte County Lake & Park, 91st & Leavenworth Road, Kansas City , KS 66109. 913-573-8327. http://www.wycokck.org/parks. The University of Kansas Women’s Rowing team will host K-State in the Kansas Cup Rowing Regatta at Wyandotte County Lake.

**4/13/13 - Color Me Rad 5K**

Cricket Wireless Amphitheater, 633 North 130 Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012. 913-721-3400. http://www.cricketwirelessamp.com. Color Me Rad Kansas City 5K race takes place on April 13th, 2013 at Cricket Wireless Amphitheater and Wyandotte County Park. Special Olympics Kansas will be benefiting from this year’s color mayhem. The color begins at 9am with waves of runners getting plastered with paint every 5 minutes after. You'll end up looking like a kindergarten art class gone wrong... but the Art of Running will make you feel oh so right.

**4/13/13 - 2013 WYCO Ethnic Festival**

Kansas City Kansas Community College Field House, 7250 State Avenue, Kansas City , KS. 913-334-1100 Ext. 119. The WYCO Ethnic Festival is an all day event that has more than 15 different musical and cultural performances and more than 60 booths of diversified ethnic groups. The event includes singing and dancing from almost every culture that has settled in Wyandotte County, a magic show, ethnic food and much much more. FREE event with FREE parking.

**4/27/13 – 11-3pm. Barnyard Babies at The National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame**

Spring on the Farm is a time for sprouting crops, blooming flowers and baby animals! Come see what can be found on the farm including chicks, calves, alpacas, sheep, goats, bees, pigs, horses, burros and more! Ride the Shriner's Fire Wagons, hay wagons & miniature train. Enjoy pig races, milking demonstrations, soil tunnel trailer, animal care lessons, hands-on kids farming activities, Blacksmith, Living History, and more! FREE Ice Cream from Blue Bell! Food vendors available. Hosted by Leavenworth County Farm Bureau. The National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame is located just northeast of I-70/K-7 interchange in Bonner Springs, Kansas, two miles west of the Kansas Speedway - 630 Hall of Fame Dr., Bonner Springs, KS 66012. For more information call 913-721-1075 or visit www.AgHallofFame.com.

**4/20/13 to 6/29/13 - Native Words: Code Talkers; traveling Smithsonian exhibition**

Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum, 631 North 126th, Bonner Springs , KS 66012,

913-721-1078, http://www.wycomuseum.org. Come see the Native Words: Code Talkers; traveling Smithsonian exhibition. All exhibitions are held in our auditorium/temporary exhibition space.

**Free Tax Service**

The VITA Program offers free tax help to people who make $51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. Appointments are not required. Bi-lingual representatives are available.

Catholic Charities / El Centro, Inc. Kansas City Kansas Community College
2220 Central Ave. 7250 State Ave., Flint Bldg., Rm. 3632
January 31 – April 13, 2013 January 28 – April 13, 2013

Thursdays, 5-9pm Mondays & Wednesdays, 5-8pm

Saturdays, 9am-3pm Saturdays, 9am-12pm

**Items you need to bring:**Proof of identification – Picture ID, Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter for you, your spouse and dependents, Proof of foreign status,

10. What do you need a 100 of to make Jelly worms?

if applying for an ITIN, Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return, Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-Misc from all employers, Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099), A copy of last year’s federal and state returns if available, Proof of bank account routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit, such as a blank check, Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number) if appropriate, To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

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

**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)

**Free Fitness Classes for Seniors & Young Adults**

Quindaro Family Health, Faith Lutheran Church, 530 Quindaro Blvd, 913-621-0100, ext 208

* Bend & Flex, strengthening & stretching exercises, 11-11:45 am, Tuesdays & Fridays
* Wu-Qiqigong, flowing form of meditation for healing, giving relief for pain & stress, 5-6pm , Thurs.

**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

**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.

**ARE YOU TURNING 65 THIS YEAR? ARE YOU ALREADY RECEIVING MEDICARE BENEFITS? IS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME LESS THAN $1361 PER MONTH ($1839 per month for a married couple)?** Then…you need to apply for Extra Help from Medicare. Medicare, not you, may pay for your premiums, copays, and deductibles! For help by appointment in our office call the local SHICK office at the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging at 913-573-8531 or 1-888-661-1444. APPLY for extra help with the Social Sec. Administration online at www.social security.gov, or by phone at 1-800-772-1213.

**Live in Wyandotte County?** **Have a family?** Call CONNECTIONS, 913-321-9999. We can help you make the right connections to build a strong family. You want the best for your family — we’re here to help. If you are pregnant or care for a child under five years old, CONNECTIONS is for you. We can help you find answers to important questions for your family. CONNECTIONS is available for no cost, and we can visit you in your home. Call us to get connected to community resources today. Parenting Skills • Parent Health /Child Health • Independence Household Necessities/Housing Support • Job Advice

**Free Hair Cuts and Trims** The Keeler Women’s Center, located at 2220 Central Avenue, is offering free haircuts and trims for women and men. Call and check on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to see if our volunteer, Donna McCarty, is coming. 913-906-8990.

2. When is the general election?

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

**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.

**AUTOMOBILE REPAIR**. It is against the rules to work on your vehicle in The Homes. If your vehicle needs repair then you will have to go out of the neighborhood or take your vehicle to a mechanic. Unless you are changing a flat tire you should never put your vehicle on a jack in the Homes.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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. **NEVER PARK IN YARDS OR COMMON GROUND.**

**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.

**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.

4. Who do you report license tag violations to?

**Public Service Announcements**

**AUTO**

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| Aamco Total Car Care | 1000 State Ave KC Ks | 913.342.5000 |
| Dominguez Auto Repair  |  338 N. 10th KC Ks | 913.342.1484 |
| Herrera’s Service Shop | 1315 State Ave KC Ks | 913.562.4202 |
| Tomz Toyz Race & Repair | 4301 Swartz Rd. KC Ks | 913.279.1663 |

**COMPUTER**

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

**FURNANCE / AIR CONDITIONING/ELECTRICAL**

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| AM Mechanical Service |  | 913.371.5885 |
| CTC Electrical Service | Jeremy Tollie | 913.375.0070 |

**HOME REPAIR**

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| Air Duct Cleaning/Carpet Cleaning | Rosario Ortiz | 816.215.5114 |
| Carpet / Vinyl Installation | Marvin Smith | 913.548.3195 |
| Handyman & Pressure Washing  | Brandon Deal | 913.707.2669 |
| Reliable Flooring  | Shawn Walters | 913.944.1970 |
| Wallpaper Hanger/Painter | Annamaria | 816.810.8872 |

**LAWN CARE**

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| Todd Bothwell |  | 816.517.6639 |
| Grass Mowing/Yard Work  | Matt Eklund | 913.526.2974 |
| Jano’s Lawn Service | Antonio Mandujano | 913.944.8082 |
| Rolling Reel Grass Cutting  | J. Hall | 913.233.2541 |
| Yard Work | Annamaria | 816.810.8872 |

**NOTARY**

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| 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 |
| Cupcakes by Frederick | William Frederick | 913.248.5416 |
| Custom Made to Order Jewelry & Watch Repair  | Tammy Eklund | 913.342.2326 |
| 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 |

5. What is the acronym for the proper way to extinguish a fire?

**PAINTING**

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| Todd Bothwell |  | 816.517.6639 |
| Matt Eklund |  | 913.526.2974 |
| Abe Sawyer |  | 913.562.7252 |

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

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| Freeze Frame Photography | Dee Dee Johnson | 816.716.8865 |

**RECYCLING**

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

**TREE TRIMMING**

*In Our Thoughts…*

*Tim Tierney on the loss of his mother*

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| Jose Meraz | Jose | 913.800.1905 |

6. Where is the WYCO Ethnic festival held?

 ![C:\Users\The Homes\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\J83UXIBK\MC900430233[1].wmf]()Happy Birthday to the residents celebrating their birthday in April.

Women’s Self Defense Class

T.A.K.E. Defense was established in 2005 to make basic self defense attainable for everyone and has been presented to over 50,000 women and girls.

The classes are completely free of charge and reimbursement is available for bus fare to and from the class, if needed. The first class is scheduled for April 26, 2013 at 5:30pm at 300 Southwest Boulevard, KC, Ks. The other classes will be held at 530 Quindaro Boulevard.  Dates and times are to be announced. Contact: Rachel Jefferson, 913-621-0100. Please RSVP with your name and phone number as space is limited.

FOR SALE

2 Lawn Chairs. Tightly woven sling fabric. Weather resistant. $35, Ralph 913-261-9751

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

FREE CLASSES

Where: Don Bosco ESL Center, 526 Campbell Ave, KCMo

When: Monday- Friday 9am – 12pm and 6pm- 9pm

Contact: David Holsclaw, 816-691-2832

**GRASS SEED**

YOU CAN PICK UP GRASS SEED AT THE OFFICE.

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union As of February 28, 2013 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
|  LOANS |  524,966.80 |
|  ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES |  - 12,671.58 |
|  SECURITY BANK |  203,937.06 |
|  CHANGE FUND |  200.00 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS |  85.82 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD  |  105,252.01 |
|  BANK MIDWEST |  54,073.70 |
|  KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES |  11,428.85 |
|  KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT |  1,447.63 |
|  CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS |  26.28 |
|  INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK |  84,708.56 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  1,552.14 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  100,000.00 |
|  M & I BANK |  100,000.00 |
|  COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS |  100,000.00 |
|  PREPAID INSURANCE |  1,275.55 |
|  FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT |  1,811.37 |
|  NCUSIF |  10,308.28 |
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|  **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,288,402.47** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
|  ACCOUNTS PAYABLE |  483.00 |
|  AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE |  -205.50 |
|  NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE |  345.85 |
|  FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE |  110.00 |
|  SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE |  833.08 |
|  MEMBER SHARES | 1,035,460.98 |
|  REGULAR RESERVES |  31,510.21 |
|  RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES |  26,500.00 |
|  UNDIVIDED EARNINGS |  193,181.16 |
|  NET INCOME |  183.69 |
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|  **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,288,402.47** |

Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union will charge for credit reports and appraisals effective January 1, 2013.

Appraisals $15

Credit report for 1 person $20

Joint credit report (2 people\*) $30 \*You must be legally married\*

7. What should you do before dumping items in the burn pile or the dumpster?

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| ONE BEDROOM  | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 900 Manorcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 31 Summitcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| TWO BEDROOM UP | Owner | Phone |  |
| 743 Manorcrest | QHFCU | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 839 Manorcrest (No C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Jackson | 816.803.9914 | $9,255 OBO |
| 855 Manorcrest (C/A, Appliances, Dryer) | Ramos | 913.998.5248 | $8,000 |
| 3116 N 9th (C/A) | West | 913.999.2517 | $10,000 |
| 3191 N 9th (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Washer) | Liu | 913.963.9956 | $7,000 |
| 810 Roswell (C/A, All Appliances) | Lawrence | 913.548.1575 | $9,900 |
| TWO BEDROOM DOWN | Owner | Phone |  |
| 783 Manorcrest (C/A) | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $10,000 |
| 954 Manorcrest (C/A, Basement) | Ramos | 913.621.4532 | $13,000 |
| 3149 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Microwave) | Hernandez | 913.563.2635 | $11,000 |
| 3199 N 9th  (C/A, Shed, Patio) | Mejia | 913-514-2316 | Contact Stockholder |
| 841 Roswell | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
| 1 Summitcrest (C/A, Stove, Shed) | Robleado | 913.488.5563 | $12,000 |
| 80 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Shed) | Vandaveer | 816.721.3759 | $14,000 |
| 115 Viewcrest (Stove, No C/A) | Rivas | 913.371.3001 | Make Offer |
| THREE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone |  |
| 774 Manorcrest (C/A, Appt Only) | Sabata | 913.284.6583 | $15,000 |
| 822 Roswell (C/A, Appt Only) | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 44 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Appt Only) | Meraz | 913.991.8131 | $13,000 |
| 3150 N 9th  | Sherwood | 816-838-9974 | $10,000 |
| DOUBLE UNIT | Owner | Phone |  |
| 15/17 Summitcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (C/A, Master Bdrm w/ Walk-in closet, Energy efficient 2011) | Olivarez | 913.915.3926 | $18,900 |
| 39/41 Summitcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (Stove, Fridge) | Lopez | 913.952.5386 | $25,000 OBO |
| 84 / 86 Viewcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (C/A, Shed) | Eberhardt | 913.281.5847 | $20,000 OBO |

8. What has been presented to over 50,000 women and girls?

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| April 2013 |
| Sunday | Monday1APRIL FOOL’S DAY | Tuesday2NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 6:30 PM-----------------------UG GENERAL ELECTION | Wednesday3 | Thursday4 | Friday5 |  Saturday6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6PM | 16 | 17CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |   |   |   |   |

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9. When is the UG General Election?

**APRIL TRIVIA & FUN**



SQUIMRY JELLY WORMS

* Ingredients:
2 packs (3 oz) Raspberry jello
* 1 pkg unflavored gelatin (for extra firmness)
3/4 cup whipping cream
* 3 cups boiling water
* 15 drops green food coloring
* 100 flexible straws (enough to fill your container)
* 1 quart or 1 liter carton of milk
•15 drops green food coloring
•100 flexible straws (or enough to fill your container)
•Tall container (1 quart or 1 liter carton of milk)

Directions::
1.Combine gelatin in bowl and add boiling water.
2.Let it cool to lukewarm and then add the whipping cream and 15 drops green food coloring.
3.Gather your straws (don’t forget to flex them out) and put them in the container. It’s important that the straws have a tight fit so the jello stays in the straws. For this reason, a 1 liter carton may be better; you will probably get longer worms since there is a tighter fit. If you have a bigger container, a rubber band around the straws is helpful. Or you could just add more straws to fill the container.
4.Add the gelatin mixture to the straw-filled container and let it set until firm.
5.There are multiple ways you can remove the worms from the straws. You can roll a rolling pin over the straws and squeeze them out or you can hold the straws over warm water. The worms will slip right o
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Plan a Spy Party

[Spy movies](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/6674-mission-impossible-iii-dvd-review), [TV shows](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/1745-modern-day-crime-fighters) and [cartoons](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/5167-kim-possible-tv-show-facts) are all the rage, so it's the perfect time to throw a spy party!

What to Do:

Get your undercover party started with a fun treasure hunt! Split your guests into two teams and give them [clues](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/5684-get-a-clue-dvd-review) that'll lead them around the house and [backyard](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/4530-how-to-build-your-own-fort) on a search for missing valuables (these will actually be prizes for [the winning team](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/1938-ten-seasons-of-survivor)).

Another fun activity is to give each of your friends a Secret Agent Identity written on a small piece of [paper](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/6699-how-to-plan-a-spy-party). Each person's mission is to complete the task on the card during the party without arousing suspicion. Anyone who is able to complete the mission in secrecy [wins a prize](http://www.kidzworld.com/site/contests.htm) at the end of the party. Once everyone's mission is accomplished and they're snuggling into their sleeping bags, turn on a cool spy flick like [Austin Powers](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/2356-austin-powers-in-goldmember-movie-review), [Charlie's Angels](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/290-charlies-angels-movie-review), [Mission: Impossible](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/6674-mission-impossible-iii-dvd-review) or [Spy Kids](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/635-spy-kids-movie-review).

Secret Identities:

Check out these Secret Agent profiles to get you going, but have fun coming up with your own!

* Polly Perfect - Polly is tops in her class. She speaks 16 languages, knows 12 types of [martial arts](http://www.kidzworld.com/quiz/5917-quiz-martial-arts-trivia) and has memorized the spy manual. Her biggest accomplishment is totally annoying her classmates, so they're planning their revenge by sending her on a daring mission.
Her mission: Uncover the secret crushes of three [party guests](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/6699-how-to-plan-a-spy-party).
* Stanley Sad Sack - Stanley comes from a long line of spies dating back to [WWII](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/6157-overview-of-world-war-ii), but he can't hack it in spy school! He needs to complete this mission if he wants to take up the famiy business.
His mission: Learn the middle names of all the party guests.
* Chatty Cathy - No one's secret is safe with this agent, who just can't [shut up](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/5003-kelly-osbourne-biography)! She's been banned to solitary confinement, but can join her fellow spies if she completes the following mission.
Her mission: Secretly take one item each from four party guests (remember to give the items back!).

What to Eat:

Top secret assignments send spies [all over the world](http://www.kidzworld.com/quiz/3955-quiz-test-your-world-capitals-know-how), so it's important to get a taste of foods from [different countries](http://www.kidzworld.com/quiz/5545-quiz-what-country-am-i). Make up a worldly menu filled with [Mexican](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/515-travel-exploring-mexico) dishes like bean and cheese quesadillas and zesty guacamole, sweet and sour pork, chow mein and dumplings in [Chinese](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/2142-history-chinese-foot-binding) take-out boxes, and [Italian](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/6396-take-a-tour-of-italy) desserts like tiramisu and gelato. Bon appetit!

What to Wear:

Spies must never reveal who they really are, so ask your friends to wear gear that disguises them like glasses, [sunglasses](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/5717-stylish-sunglasses), wigs, hats and fake moustaches. And since you may not finish your games and [activities](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/5662-summer-sports-and-games) until after dark, throw on black t-shirts, shorts and [PJs](http://www.kidzworld.com/article/5584-summer-pajama-styles) to be even more stealthy!

Do you have a craft, game, idea, or recipe you want to share? Submit it to the office by the 20th of the month and we will put it in the newsletter.