Happy April Birthdays

THE HOMES, INC April 2014

NEWSLETTER

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

Assistant Police Chief **Terry Ziegler** will be a guest speaker at the April 21st Board Meeting.

***2013 Real Estate Taxes***

***Pro rata portion of 2013 real estate taxes:***

***Single unit: $373.16***

***Double unit: $746.32***

Please place your trash can(s) in a visible place, not behind cars so that the collectors can see them.

**IF YOU HAVE A NEED TO CALL THE AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE PHONE, ALWAYS LEAVE A MESSAGE.** The afterhours maintenance phone is for **EMERGENCIES ONLY**. Turning on your outside water, window repairs, etc. are not emergencies. A clogged toilet or a furnace not working is an emergency. Please be mindful of this.

**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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THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

April 21, **6:30pm**

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Tuesday, April 1, 5:30pm**

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

Thank you to Beverly Waltrip and all those that helped and attended the Spaghetti Dinner. If you would like to host an event for Neighborhood Watch contact Bob or Karen Anver or Elizabeth Bothwell.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP ON SATURDAY APRIL 12TH FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**Is Your Child Safe?**

If your child didn't come home when they should have; or was just with you a second ago and now can't be found....Would you know what to do?

Over 800,000 children go missing each year. Over 2,000,000 (2 million) reports of sexual exploitation of children have been made to the Cyber Tip-line since 1998.

The first 60 minutes are crucial when a child goes missing. Do you know what your child was wearing today? Do you know how tall they currently are; or how much they weigh? Do you have a set of fingerprints or a sample of DNA stored in a place you could get immediate access to if an Amber Alert is ever needed? We all see the news and how the neighbors are all in shock when a child goes missing; saying things like "that doesn't ever happen around here"...UNTIL IT DID!

You can receive a Child Safe Kit AT NO COST! You can fill out a request at The Homes’ office. A local representative will contact you, set up a time to meet with you and bring your kit. The representative will explain how to complete the kit, assist you with completing the kit, and keep it up to date. The representative can also finger print your child. By completing the Child Safe Kit, you may qualify for additional benefits.

It only takes minutes to complete the kit, but minutes are a commodity we have little of when a child goes missing. Learn how to help protect your family. Come by the office and sign up for your Child Safe Kit today.

**IRS PHONE SCAM CALLED "LARGEST OF ITS KIND"**

A fast-moving phone scam called the [largest of its kind](http://action.aarp.org/site/R?i=0fMDbI2ubrtwBeFV5JkD0w) is targeting taxpayers across the country.  Victims have reported threats of license suspension, arrest, and deportation.
What makes this timely scam so tricky? The scammers impersonate IRS agents and demand payment for taxes owed, and often:

Know the last four digits of the victim’s Social Security number.

Make caller ID appear as if the IRS is calling.

Send follow-up bogus IRS emails to support their scam.

Call a second time claiming to be the police or DMV, and caller ID again supports their claim.

**Remember: the IRS usually contacts people by mail not by phone about unpaid taxes.**
The IRS won’t ask for payment using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer, nor will they involve law enforcement or immigration agencies.

If you or a family member gets one of these calls, your best bet is to hang up. But if you do get into a conversation, do not give anyone money or credit card information over the phone and don’t trust callers who use threats or insults to bully you.

Report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [FTC.gov](http://action.aarp.org/site/R?i=lfQ-E7e80qt5ENRcl-skEA). Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

If you owe or think you owe federal taxes, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040 to verify information.
For more information, visit [www.irs.gov](http://action.aarp.org/site/R?i=F7UHZwU6hy2BuNP4GUxYsA).
Please help spread the word about this tax season scam by sharing with your friends and family.

2. What can be done with old T-shirts?

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 that 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?**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

March 17, 2014

President Elaine Hines called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 17, 2014.

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

Eleven stockholders attended the meeting.

President 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. President 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.

President 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.

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

It was announced that the work order report for February 2014 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2014 and the February 17, 2014 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Frank Moss moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

The financial report this month was tabled so that it may be presented by the new treasurer.

The stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

37Viewcrest: Install cable/internet – Maria Medallino. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

40 Viewcrest: Replace kitchen flooring with laminate and replace subfloor – Sharon Norris. Work will be done by Nebraska Furniture Mart.

The first stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Frank and Julie Moss, 46 Viewcrest, to replace six windows and two doors. Work will be done by Window World. Karen Anver moved to approve this change request. Seconded by Rob Tavis. Motion carried with Frank Moss abstained.

The final stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Miguel Camacho, 17 Viewcrest, to

install a driveway. This request was tabled until additional information could be obtained by the stockholder.

Elaine Hines read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 900 Manorcrest | Danny Thomas Lamb | Fred Ramos and Claudia Ramos |
| 7 Reidcrest | Ada Keating and Janet Bailey | Talisia L. Robins |
| 827 Roswell | Stephen G. Bolton and Phillip A. Dodson | Stephen G. Bolton |
| 834 Manorcrest | Shawn Reitmeyer | Michael Christopher Hudson |
| 855 Manorcrest | Fernando Gardea and Fredy Ramos | Fernando Gardea, Fredy Ramos & Kimberly Ramos |
| 39/41 Summitcrest | Aseal Bonilla Lopez & Ana E. Segovia | Johnny L. Carrazco, Jr. & Sharon L. Carrazco |
| 828 Manorcrest | Johnny R. Carrazco, Jr., Sharon L. Carrazco & John B. Neely | Aseal Bonilla Lopez & Ana E. Segovia |
| 40 Summitcrest | Curtis L. King & Ralph E. Taylor | Debra A. Carrazco & John M. Carrazco |

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.

*Announcements:*

This month’s winner of the stockholder trivia was the stockholder at 127 Viewcrest who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

Bob Anver provided the Neighborhood Watch Committee report. Operation bright side will likely be held in April but a date has not yet been set. There are still trash bags left over from last year that can be used.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

Work continues with Kansas Gas Service to replace the gas lines in the community. Karen Anver moved to grant Kansas Gas Service right of way so that they can work on the lines. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously. The board discussed options the corporation may have if Kansas Gas’ quality of work is not acceptable. Kansas Gas will be working on the main lines and not the part of the lines that go to individual units.

The county appraiser did not make any changes as a result of the real estate tax appeal. Documents will be provided to Greg Goheen for his review before a decision is made to appeal the matter further.

The manager will be meeting with the City traffic engineer this week to discuss the Viewcrest parking issues. The City traffic engineer will be coming out the property in the evenings to view the parking issues.

*New Business to be Discussed:* None.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:* None.

*Comments from Stockholders:* None.

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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KAYLA ROSS

PRESIDENT Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**Kansas City Kansas has many Historical Landmarks. This month we are highlighting 2 Landmarks.**

**Quindaro Townsite**

Is an archaeological district in the vicinity of North 27th Street and the Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks in Kansas City, Kansas. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 22, 2002. The settlement was established by abolitionists in late 1856, with construction starting in 1857. The town was rapidly settled by migrants aided by the New England Emigrant Aid Company, who were trying to help secure Kansas as a free territory. One of a number of villages hugging the narrow bank of the Missouri River under the bluffs, the town was a Free State port-of-entry for abolitionist forces of Kansas. It was established as part of the resistance to stop the westward spread of slavery. Quindaro's people also aided escaped slaves from Missouri and linked them to the Underground Railroad. In 1862 classes were started for children of former slaves, and in 1865 a group of men chartered Quindaro Freedman's School (later Western University), the first black school west of the Mississippi River. Former slaves continued to gather in the residential community, which became mostly African American by the late 19th century. The area was incorporated into Kansas City in the early 20th century. An archaeological study in 1987-1988 required for a public project revealed the remains of the 1850s townsite. The foundations of 20 main buildings, two outbuildings, three wells, and one cistern were found. From original maps, newspapers and letters, researchers know other structures exist. Because of the significance of the town, the townsite has been designated an archaeological district on the National Register of Historic Places. A number of public history projects have been undertaken to engage the public and share the discoveries.

**Hanover Heights Historic District**

The neighborhood now known as Hanover Heights was originally part of the Shawnee Indian reservation, established in 1825. In 1854, following the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Shawnee Reserve was drastically reduced in size and the remaining land divided into individual allotments of some 200 acres each. Most of the Shawnee soon sold their allotments (or were cheated out of them), but some managed to retain title until well after the Civil War. The land was underdeveloped until the early 1900’s. Between 1912 and 1930 railways, schools, banks, funeral homes, shops and homes were developed. The anchor at the northwest corner of Hanover Heights was the Elementary School completed in 1912. In 1958, the property and land were sold to the University of Kansas Medical Center. Hanover Heights Historic District was placed on Register of Historic Kansas Places on December 2, 1989. It was placed on National Register of Historic Places on May 17, 1990. The core of Hanover Height retains its attractiveness and viability as a residential neighborhood, and in the last twenty years has been one of the few older neighborhoods in Kansas City, Kansas to see an influx of young professionals intent on rehabilitating the original residences. In September 2012, it became the center point for The Kansas City Startup Village (KCSV), an entrepreneur-led, organic, grassroots initiative helping to solidify Kansas City as a premiere startup city in America

**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. What is available to taxpayers with income less than **$52,000**

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**

Non-Denominational Bible Study at the Clubroom, 1st & 3rd Fridays, 1pm

Exercise Class at the Clubroom, Wednesdays, 2-3pm

Wyandotte County Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 2443 S. 88th St. K.C. Ks, 3rd Saturday, April thru October, 8:30 am to 1 pm, 913-573-5318

4/5/14 - Ladies Day Out At Cabela's

Cabela's, 10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS 66111. 913-328-0322. http://www.cabelas.com.

Ladies, grab a girlfriend and spend a day at Cabela's on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00am - noon for Ladies' Day Out! Learn about Firearms, Fly-fishing, and Turkey hunting. First 100 ladies to check in will receive a free gift. A free lunch will also be served plus gift giveaways and lots of fun! Visit website for more information.

4/10/14 to 4/11/14 - Kansas City Golden Gloves Preliminaries at Memorial Hall

Memorial Hall, 600 North 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. 913-573-5332. http://www.kcgoldengloves.com

Sure to be a knockout! The Kansas City Golden gloves Preliminaries on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00pm and Semi-finals on Friday, April 10th at 7:00pm at Memorial Hall. Visit website for more information.

4/12/14 - WYCO Ethnic Festival

A community event to promote relationships and contact between people, and educate each other about our common humanity. 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. KCKCC Field House, 7250 State Ave., KCK. Free Admission and Parking, Ethnic Food available for purchase and Creative Children Corner.

4/12/14 - Old Fashioned Fish Fry at Old Quindaro Museum Grounds

Old Quindaro Museum Grounds, 3432 N, 29th Street, Kansas City , KS 66104. 913-244-8497. [www.oldquindaromuseum.org](http://www.oldquindaromuseum.org). General Motors Local Union #31 and Ford Motor Local Union #249 presents Day of Grace Old Fashioned Fish Fry on Saturday, April 12th from 11:30am - 5:30pm at the Old Quindaro Museum Grounds. You'll enjoy a museum tour, visit to the Quindaro Ruins, the Quindaro Cemetery & Old Brewery. See the route used to escape across the river from Missouri to Kansas on the Underground Railroad. Visit the house of Nancey "Quindaro" Brown, Wyandotte Princess, still standing after 168 years! Visit website for more information.

4/25/14 to 4/27/14 - 38th Annual Quilt Show at Grinter Place State Historic Site

Grinter Place Historic Site, 1420 South 78th Street, Kansas City , KS. 913-299-0373. <http://www.kshs.org/grinter_place>. Enjoy the 38th Annual Quilt Show at the Grinter Place State Historic Site on Friday and Saturday, April 25th and April 26th from 10:00am - 4:00pm and Sunday, April 27th from noon till 4:00pm. See local quilts on display in the visitor center and house. View quilter's table featuring craft items. On Friday at 11:00am and Noon on Saturday, meet Connie Mosier who will talk about the restoration and care of quilts and fabric. On Sunday from noon - 2:00pm get a tour of the house along with a chicken noodle lunch for $6.00. Make a donation for a chance to win this year's opportunity quilt hand-quilted by the Grinter Place Quilters. Visit website for more information.

4/27/14 - Great Country Classics

2:00pm to 5:00pm. George Meyn Center, 126 State Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS. 913-573-8327. Join Fred Uzzell, Jim Winters, Donna Hensley, Kevin Blom and others as they pay tribute to Hank Williams Sr., Merle Haggard and George Jones for Great Country Classics on Sunday, April 27th from 2:00pm - 5:00pm at the George Meyn Center. Proceeds benefit PACES- serving kids who face behavioral and emotional challenges.

3. During the month of April, what will be serviced in your unit?

***A pets story…***

King Solomon - China who I had for twenty-one years. China was getting worse, she had kidney problems. I knew in the back of my mind that I wasn’t going to bring her home from the veterinarian. I ended up needing to say good-bye to her. When I went home it felt so empty. The following day the receptionist called me to tell me that I forgot something at the office. I went down to the office that day. The receptionist said that it was in the box and there was a beautiful black kitten, with bulging eyes. Tears of happiness. The vet gave him all of the shots as a present for me. I called him King Solomon. Wise love brought unto my house has made him a wise king.

5. How much money can you win playing monthly trivia?

My name is Marvin. I have been neutered and de-clawed. I am litter trained & have had my shots. I need a home where I can get lots of love & attention. Call the office, 913-321-2471.

 

**Guaranteed Foods A la Carte Home Delivery Foodservice**, 913-888-5000, [www.guaranteedfoods.com](http://www.guaranteedfoods.com)

**Schwan’s** Home Delivery Foodservice, 888-724-9267, www.schwans.com

**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.

**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.

**NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CLEAN-UP**

**Cash raffle**

**1st place - $200 2nd place - $150 3rd place - $100**

**Win cash for making your yard look better!**

Install a new shed, paint your existing shed, install a deck box to keep (for hoses, shovels, rakes, coolers, etc.) install garden enclosures and tree rings, mulch, plant flowers and bushes. Starting April 1st – April 11th do something that will improve the look of your yard and unit.

**RULES TO PARTICIPATE IN NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT:**

-Before and after pictures of your yard must be provided to the office (If you are unable to do this, call the

 office for assistance)

-All leaves in your yard must be removed

-All debris and trash in your yard must be removed

-Outdoor items such as tools, rakes, shovels, coolers, buckets, mops, bags, wood, boxes, brooms, etc. should

be stored in a shed. If you do not have a shed these items should be kept neatly behind your unit AND NOT ON YOUR PORCH.

-The porch and sidewalk should be swept and free of debris

-The yard should be trimmed

-Weeds, involuntary trees and vines should be removed from garden beds

-You must install something new. It could be a new shed, paint your existing shed, install a deck storage box,

install garden enclosures and/or tree rings, mulch and/or rock, plant flowers and/or bushes etc.

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\* DEADLINE FRIDAY APRIL 11TH \*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP ON SATURDAY APRIL 12TH FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM. If you participated in the NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT you will receive your raffle ticket at 10:00 am in the clubroom. The winning tickets will be drawn at 12:00 pm. (**If you did not participate in the neighborhood improvement you are not eligible to participate in the raffle. If you are elderly, disabled or have a health issue that could worsen by physically exerting yourself, participation in the Neighborhood Clean-up is not necessary and you are still eligible for the raffle.)

The Homes, Inc. will enter a contest with the Fairfax Industrial Association for the most improved grounds and or building in and around the Fairfax area. If The Homes, Inc. wins the Fairfax Industrial Association will recognize The Homes in the Forum newsletters, spotlighted on their website, recognized at two luncheons and receive luncheon tickets.

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

**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.**

**BE KIND!** If it snows don’t park in a spot you normally wouldn’t. If a neighbor takes the time to shovel out the space they normally park at, then respect their hard work and don’t park there.

**PLUMBING:** **DO NOT FLUSH FLUSHABLE WIPES**. The pipes in our homes are over 70 years old. They do not have the capacity to wash away any other material. **Do not flush baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, diapers, paper towels, Q tips, etc.** **The sink and tub drains are only for water disposal. Do not force items down the drains.** If maintenance finds these items consistently causing a back up in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

**LITTERING.** Think twice about throwing your trash out your car window or into someone's yard. First, it's rude and selfish. Someone will have to pick it up and most of the time it is the maintenance staff. This takes time and money away from other 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.

**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.

**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.**

**NOISE.** Please be mindful of the level of noise you create. It is our responsibility to keep the sound we make to a reasonable level so we are not disturbing our neighbors. Sometimes, simply communicating with your neighbors and working out an understanding can resolve this and many other problems.

**YARDS & PORCHES:** Please take the time to clean up/organize your yard and porch. The size of our porches do not allow for you to keep many items on them before they start to look cluttered and messy. If you do not have a shed an affordable idea to store your items in are: deck and patio boxes. They range in cost from $30 to $100 and can be purchased on-line or at your local discount store. Items that should not be on your porch: **appliances, boxes, buckets, mops, paint containers or any other "non outdoor" items**. The office offers free paint for the porches.

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

**SPEEDING.** The speed limit in The Homes, Inc. is 20 mph. It only takes a few seconds for a distracted child to dart out in the road. Please be aware and safe while driving.

4. What was the name of the elementary school that was sold to University of Kansas Medical Center?

**Public Service Announcements**

**AUTO**

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| Aamco Total Car Care | 1000 State Ave KC Ks |  | 913.342.5000 |
|  | 913.342.1484 |

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| **Type of Service/Repair** | **Company Name** | **Contact/Address** | **Phone Number** |
| **Air Conditioner** | AM Mechanical |  | 913.371.5885 |
| **Appliance Repair** | Glenn’s Appliance |  | 913.321.7462 |
| **Automotive** | Herrera’s Service ShopTomz Toyz Race & Repair | 1315 State Ave4301 Swartz Rd | 913.562.4202913.279.1663 |
| **Carpet /Vinyl Installation** | Reliable Flooring | Marvin SmithShawn Walters | 913.548.3195913.944.1970 |
| **Computer Repair** | Heartland On-Site Services | Joe Dix | 913.735.7121 |
| **Electrical** | Shogren Electrical | Perry Shogren | 913.238.7014 |
| **Handyman** |  | Brandon DealMarvin Smith | 913.707.2669913.548.3195 |
| **Haircuts for Homebound Seniors** |  | Juanita Priolo | 816-606-0026 |
| **Lawn Care** | Green Brothers Mowing | Juan VerdeAntonio Mandujano | 816.522.5006913.944.8082 |
| **Painting** | Unity Painting | AnnaMarieBrandon DealMoya | 816.810.8872913.707.2669816.335.5155 |
| **Personal** | Angels of Grace ChildcareArtistry CosmeticsAvonBabysitting/Infant CPR CertifiedCupcakes by FredrickCustom Made Jewelry & Watch RepairFreeze Frame PhotographyHousecleaning/Babysitter/Dog WalkerSell It On EbayTina’s Alteration & Repair | 1220 Troup Ave Mary Jane WatsonKaren AnverReagan AdamsWilliam FredrickTammy EklundDee Dee JohnsonAnnaMarieBob Anver | 913.233.2944913.281.4405913.342.2660913.832.9266913.248.5416913.342.2326816.716.8865816.810.8872913.342.2660913.633.1495 |
| **Recycling** | C&E Recycling | ChrisEric | 913.904.8501913.907.6764 |
| **Siding & Windows** |  | Mario | 913-486-3174913-488-5563 |

PARENTS: REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO WATCH OUT FOR CARS WHILE PLAYING OUTSIDE!

**SERVICE AND REPAIR**

**Free Federal & State Income Tax Preparation**

Free income tax preparation is available to taxpayers with income less than **$52,000**. The number served is limited.  We are a first-come, first-served location.

Kansas City Kansas Community College, Upper Level - Flint Building - RM 3632, 7250 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS

February 1 – April 12, Mondays and Wednesdays: 5– 8PM, Saturdays: 9AM – 12PM

Catholic Charities, 2220 Central Ave, Kansas City, Ks

February 1 – April 12, Thursdays: 5– 9PM, Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

El Centro/Johnson County (Sunset Office Bldg.), 11811 S. Sunset Dr, Olathe, KS

February 4 – April 12, Thursdays: 12:30-4:45pm, Saturdays: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Servicio disponible en espanol.

Valley View United Methodist Church, 8412 W. 95th St, Overland Park, KS

January 27 – April 14, Monday: 3-9 pm. Servicio disponible en espanol.

Free assisted self preparation sites available to taxpayers with income less than **$58,000**. The number served is limited.  We are a first-come, first-served location.

MCPL-North Independence, 317 W. 24 Hwy, Independence, MO

Tuesday 2-7 pm, Friday 2 – 5 pm

They do NOT Prepare:

* Any state returns besides Kansas or Missouri
* Schedule E for rental or royalty income
* Schedule F for farm income
* Estate and trust returns
* Any year other than 2013 during February - 2008 through 2012 return prep available in March and April

Don't Forget to Bring:

* Photo Identification for Taxpayer and Spouse
* Social Security Cards for Everyone in the Household, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN)
* 2012 Income Tax Return
* Income Documentation (W-2’s, 1099’s, 1098’s, etc.)
* Daycare Name, Address and Federal ID #
* College Tuition Documentation
* Student Loan Interest Documentation
* Mortgage Interest
* Property Taxes
* Charitable Contributions
* If Elderly or Disabled, Paid Property Tax or Rent Documentation
* Bank Account and Routing Number for Direct Deposit (Refunds available in 14 days or less, if you use direct deposit)
* All adults on return need to be present to sign

6. What group benefits from the Great Country Classic concert?

**THE UG Going Green Corner**

Pouring a little bacon grease down the drain or tossing meat scraps in the garbage disposal may not seem like a big deal, but every little bit adds up and can create major clogs and blockages in sewer lines that are part of the County’s collection system.

Once a line is blocked, wastewater can back up into streets, yards, homes, and even spill into Kansas’s rivers and streams. The good news is that your County continues its fight against grease menace and is asking for your help!

The Water Pollution Control Division (WPCD) of the United Government has initiated a Fats, Oils, & Grease Program (FOG) in order to adequately protect human health and minimize overflow and backups caused by fats, oils and grease. The FOG program applies to food service facilities (such as restaurants, schools, bakeries, etc.) and residential neighborhoods in Wyandotte County as they all discharge FOG – related wastes to the UG’s collection systems.

Here are a few ways you can help:

* Never pour grease or put food waste down sinks or toilets.
* Pour grease and oil into a container with a top (the original if available) so it can be reused, recycled, or placed in the trash can for disposal.
* Catch food scraps with baskets or strainers in sink drains and throw scraps in the garbage.
* Scrape food waste into the trash or dry-wipe with a paper towel.

For more information on grease management, or if you would like to request a Spanish version of the article, please contact: Scott Craig, Environmental Compliance Officer, scraig@wycokck.org, 913-573-1300.

7. What is the 2nd place cash prize for the neighborhood improvement and clean up event?

**SMOKE ALARM AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICING**

During the month of April a technician with Cintas Fire and Safety will be checking the fire extinguisher in your unit. A maintenance tech will be checking the batteries in your smoke alarm. If your fire extinguisher is not located in the utility/kitchen room, please call the office and alert us as to where your fire extinguisher is located.

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union As of February 28, 2014 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
|  LOANS |  507,732.53 |
|  ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES |  - 11,615.06 |
|  SECURITY BANK |  256,062.31 |
|  CHANGE FUND |  200.00 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS |  85.94 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD  |  105,635.08 |
|  BANK MIDWEST |  54,275.92 |
|  KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES |  11,428.85 |
|  KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT |  1,465.51 |
|  CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS |  11.28 |
|  INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK |  84,920.57 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  1,554.48 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  100,000.00 |
|  M & I BANK |  100,200.94 |
|  COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS |  100,000.00 |
|  PREPAID INSURANCE |  825.39 |
|  FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT |  1,061.97 |
|  NCUSIF |  9,839.09 |
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|  **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,323,684.80** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
|  ACCOUNTS PAYABLE |  0.00 |
|  AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE |  1,950.00 |
|  NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE |  304.00 |
|  FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE |  110.00 |
|  SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE |  434.31 |
|  MEMBER SHARES | 1,065,604.78 |
|  REGULAR RESERVES |  31,510.21 |
|  RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES |  26,500.00 |
|  UNDIVIDED EARNINGS |  197,102.88 |
|  NET INCOME |  168.62 |
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|  **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,323,684.80** |

AM Mechanical Services

is offering air conditioning tune ups for $70

913-371-5885

Neighborhood Resource Center movedto their new location at 4953 State Ave. Eight UG divisions will be located together , including the KCKPD Community Policing Unit, to continue to provide a central location for neighborhood groups, businesses and residents to conduct business. The official opening of the new location is expected during the first week of June 2013.

**Spring Inspections**

Spring inspections are completed. If you received notice of what needs repaired or painted around your unit, you have 30 days to complete it. Railings around your porch must be painted white, black or grey. All exterior doors must be painted white, black or grey. All other colors must be approved by the board. The office supplies black and white paint.

Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union will charge for credit reports.

Credit report for 1 person $20

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

8. Who is the guest speaker at the April 21st Board meeting?

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| ONE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone | Price |
| TWO BEDROOM UP | Owner | Phone |  |
| 839 Manorcrest (No C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Jackson | 816.803.9914 | $9,255 OBO |
| 3010 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Fridge) | Vazquez | 913.220.6918 | $10,000 |
| 3109 N 9th (C/A, Stove, Fridge) | Parast | 913.710.6216 | $11,000 |
| 3116 N 9th (C/A) | West | 913.999.2517 | $8,000 |
| TWO BEDROOM DOWN | Owner | Phone |  |
| 783 Manorcrest (C/A) | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $10,000 |
| 789 Manorcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Jacuzzi) | Hudson | 816.898.5524 | $10,000 |
| 954 Manorcrest (C/A, Basement) | Ramos | 913.621.4532 | $13,000 |
| 3000 N. Allis | Walther | 913.278.1040 | $11,500 |
| 841 Roswell | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
| 1 Summitcrest | Robleado | 816.830.2092 | $9,000 |
| THREE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone |  |
| 788 Manorcrest (C/A, Appliances negotiable) | O’Brien | 913.620.8521 | $12,500 |
| 822 Roswell (C/A, Appt Only) | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 827 Roswell (No C/A, WD) | Bolton | 913.396.3919 | $15,000 |
| 18 Viewcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Appt Only) | Medina | 913.406.6093 | $15,000 OBO |
| 19 Viewcrest “AS IS” | Linderman | 816.898.5163 | $2,000 |
| 22 Viewcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Patio, Appt Only) | Bame | 913.562.4810 | $11,000 |
| 139 Viewcrest (C/A, Fridge) | Mora | 816.419.9387 | $11,000 |
| DOUBLE UNIT | Owner | Phone |  |
| 84 / 86 Viewcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (C/A, Shed) | Eberhardt | 913.281.5847 | $17,000 REDUCED |

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 that 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.

 9. Where should you not put your trash cans on collection day?

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| April 2014 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday1NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING 6:30 PM | Wednesday2EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM 2 – 3 PM | Thursday3 | Friday4NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM |  Saturday5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM 2 – 3 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM----------------------EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM 2 – 3 PM | 17 | 18NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM | 19 |
| 20 | 21THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6:30PM | 22 | 23EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM 2 – 3 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM 2 – 3 PM |  |  |  |

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### This trick works equally well with other fall fruits and veggies, such as apples and turnips. Just use a sharp

**Congratulations to returning board members Frank Moss and Kayla Ross**

10. How many children go missing every year?

 set one at each place setting to light up your brunch table.

**Cat tent with your old T shirts**

**Materials:**  1 - old t shirt  2 - Hangers
                    1 - old Cushion   Iron Wire

                    Some strong paper



Straighten two clothes hangers, fix the middle of the hangers with iron wire, adjust the curvature of the hangers to make sure there is enough room for your cat. Put some cardboard under the cushions to enhance stability.



Put all the things together. You can use wire, sticker or sweep to put them together. Be careful the end of the hanger may be sharp.



Put t shirt to the bracket sleeve. Enclose the redundant holes.



 Layer cheap plastic beads in cake pans (no lining required) melt at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Note: Open the windows while the beads are melting. Let cool & then just flip them out. Drill a hole in it to make it a suncatcher! Use small ones for coasters or cookie cutters to get different shapes. Looks like glass but not breakable!

**Chicken Wings and celery**

Step 1: Prepare Rice Krispie Treats, just the normal recipe.  3 Tablespoons of butter, the whole bag of marshmallows, and then Rice Krispies to taste, use about a 1/2 a cup less Rice Krispies than the recipe calls for so that they’re extra soft and chewy.



Step 2: Form softball sized clumps of Rice Krispie Treat.  Form the treats into chicken wings. Made three drumsticks and three wings, squeezing the Krispies tightly because I wanted them to be heavy enough to really feel like wings.

Step 3: Create the ‘wing sauce’.  Use 1/2 cup of dark brown sugar and 1/2 cup of apricot preserves.  Microwave it for about 45 seconds so that the brown sugar dissolved. Then cover the wings in sauce.  This sauce was so sticky.



Step 4: Make the celery and bleu cheese.  Use Laffy Taffy, which was also sticky, but easy to mold.

Bleu cheese - Use Vanilla yogurt.

Cover this with foil and plan to ‘sauce’ the ‘wings’ just before lunch on April Fools’ Day.

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**APRIL TRIVIA & FUN**