Happy Valentine’s Day

THE HOMES, INC February 2013

NEWSLETTER

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**Annual Meeting News**

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders will be held on March 8, 2013 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 Harold Watson, Karen Anver and Elaine Hines will be up for re-election. The General Election for the three vacancies on the Board of Directors will be held from 7:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. on March 8, 2013. **Nomination forms were mailed out on January 18, 2013. The form must be returned to the office by February 8.** Only stockholders of record as of midnight February 15, 2013 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.

2012 Real Estate Taxes

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

**Single unit: $294.41**

**Double-unit: $588.82**

**DO NOT LET YOUR DOG RUN LOOSE.**

It is against the rules of the Homes and the laws of Wyandotte County. Failure to comply will lead to your eviction. See page

**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

THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

February 18, 6pm

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome!

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Meeting at the clubroom on Tuesday, February 5th, 6:30pm**

**JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Guest speaker: James Donnelly, candidate for Commissioner District 1

**Political Issues’ Forum for Primary Election Candidates**

Candidates will state their platforms and answer questions on their vision and plans to help us to create a positive way of life in our neighborhoods.

Date: February 12 & 19, 2013 Time: 6 –8pm

Location: JFK Recreation Center, 10th and Washington, K.C.K.

* Who Should Come: Citizens who may vote (especially those east of Interstate 635)
* Candidates for the following offices are invited to the February 12th Forum: UG Commissioner, District 1, Member, Board of Public Utilities, USD 500 Board of Education, Kansas City Kansas Community College Board of Trustees and Wyandotte County Sheriff
* Candidates for the following offices are invited to the February 19th Forum: Mayor & UG Commissioner, 2nd District At- Large

3. How much is the credit unions payable audit fee?



Thanks again to Tammy Eklund and Karen Anver for creating an award winning holiday tree. Neighborhood Watch received 3rd place out of 20 and a cash prize of $50.

**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 primary election is on **Tuesday, February 26, 2013**. This race will determine who will be the candidates.

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.

January 21, 2013

President Harold Watson called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 21, 2013.

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

Nine stockholders attended the meeting.

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

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

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2012 and the December 17, 2012 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Karen Anver moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver reported that the financial statements have been reviewed and were found to be in good order. The income statement and balance sheet were posted for the duration of the meeting. Frank Moss moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

873 Manorcrest: Install cable television – Heather Watson. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

5 Craigcrest: Install cable television – Isidro Garcia. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

There were no stockholder change requests for board consideration.

Elaine Hines read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 5 Craigcrest | Jose Gordillo, Veronica Prince-Gordillo and Lourdes L. Prince | Veronica Prince-Gordillo, Lourdes L. Prince and Isidro Garcia |
| 133 Viewcrest | The Homes, Inc. | Guadelupe Herrera-Aniceto and Roman Herrera |
| 830 Roswell | Jorge Llamas | Daniel A. Llamas and Jorge Llamas |
| 728 Manorcrest | The Homes, Inc. | Susan J. Gibas and Crystal Lynn Suffern |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Elaine Hines 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:*

A generous stockholder recently donated 20 bags of baby supplies. Anyone in the neighborhood needing baby supplies should contact the office.

James Donnelly, who is running for commissioner in the district will be at the February 5, 2013 Neighborhood Watch meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and meet the candidate. The Unified Government holiday tree decorated by Neighborhood Watch received third place with a cash prize of $50.00. Karen Anver and Tammy Eklund were thanked for their help decorating the tree. Fifty-two red bows were purchased with the prize money to be used as decorations in the neighborhood next Christmas.

Stockholders were thanked for keeping their sidewalks shoveled the few times it has snowed this season.

This month’s winner of the stockholder trivia was the stockholder at 31 Viewcrest who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The Finance Committee reported that the corporation had a good month. Year to date income continues to exceed expenses. Next year’s budget continues to be prepared.

Nomination letters for the election have been mailed out. The deadline to respond is February 8, 2013. The ballot inspectors will be Bill Bradford, Jim Tavis and Evelyn Doorman. The nomination inspectors are Rosetta Cantwell, Mary Jane Watson, Jeannie Coffelt and Kayla Ross.

The class action settlement is nearing a conclusion with Kansas Fiber Optic Cable. It is possible that The Homes will receive $2.19 per foot of property line where the cable was installed along the railroad boundary. Manager is working on calculating the amount of property involved.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

In last month’s newsletter, manager asked stockholders to report parking problems in their area to the office as part of a parking study. No responses were received. Stockholders were again encouraged to report any parking problems they are having to the office.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

Elaine Hines asked the stockholders check on pets left outdoors during the cold weather.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Rosetta Cantwell, 3164 N. Allis and Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, expressed their pleasure at living in the community.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Summitcrest, asked about the trash pickup date this week due to the holiday.

Bob Anver, 108 Viewcrest, encouraged everyone to attend the February 5, 2013 Neighborhood Watch meeting to meet the candidates for commissioner

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

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R. ELAINE HINES HAROLD WATSON

SECRETARY PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**DOGS RUNNING LOOSE**

**We have been having a lot of trouble with residents allowing their dogs to run loose. I receive 1-3 complaints a day. This is creating several problems**

**1. Your dog is at risk of being hurt by a vehicle or person.**

**2. People are getting hurt from your animal biting or scratching them.**

**3. Your dog is getting into residents trash. The maintenance staff has to clean it up and the Homes residents are paying for it.**

**4. The office is spending valuable time receiving and addressing the problems.**

**From now on, if your dog is seen running loose, it will be photographed. You will receive a warning letter. If it is seen for a second time running loose, it will be photographed, and you will be requested to come before the board directors and explain why you are not following the rules of the Homes and the laws of Wyandotte County. If it is seen for a third time running loose, it will be photographed, and your pet privileges will be revoked. You will no longer be able to keep your dog and you will have to remove the dog within a week or eviction proceedings will be brought against you.**

**Animal Control Ordinances/Laws of Wyandotte County**

**Sec. 7-18. Running at large--Prohibited; exceptions.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring any animal to permit, suffer

or allow the animal to run at large within the city. For the purpose of this section, any animal shall be deemed to have been permitted, suffered or allowed by its owner, keeper or harborer to run at large when found outside the residence structure of the owner, keeper or harborer and not effectively physically restrained on a chain or leash or behind a suitable fence or other proper method of physical restraint from which it cannot escape.

**Sec. 7-20. Animals putting person in fear.**

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog or other animal that, by jumping upon or

threatening persons upon public streets, shall cause persons to be put in reasonable fear of injury. This section shall apply to animals while being walked on leashes, and the unprovoked attack by an animal on a leash upon any person shall constitute an assault or battery by the person holding the leash and failing to prevent such an unprovoked attack by the animal.

**Sec. 7-46. Generally.**

(a) Any animal may be impounded which:

(1) Molests any passerby or chases passing vehicles, including bicycles.

(2) Attacks any other animal.

(3) Is in heat and not properly confined.

(4) Is at large.

(5) Damages public or private property.

(6) Makes excessive noise.

(7) Causes injury to people.

(8) Threatens or causes a condition which endangers public health.

(9) Impedes refuse collection by ripping any bag or tipping any container of such.

(b) If an owner or keeper is present and able to take control of such animal in lieu of impoundment, a notice to appear may be issued to that person, and the person may retain possession of the animal if it is the belief of the officer issuing such summons that such possession is not in conflict with any other provision of this chapter.

**Sec. 7-79. Cruelty to and neglect of animals.**

(a) It is unlawful for any person to intentionally kill, maim, disfigure, torture, beat with a stick, chain, club or other object, mutilate, burn or scald with any substance, or overdrive any animal, except that

reasonable force may be employed to drive off vicious or trespassing animals.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to drive or work any animal cruelly.

(c) It is unlawful for any person to fail, refuse or neglect to provide any animal in his charge or custody, as owner or otherwise, with proper food, drink, shade, care or shelter. Any animal kept outside shall be provided with a structurally sound, weatherproof enclosure, at least four inches off the ground, large enough to accommodate the animal.

(d) It is unlawful for any owner or keeper to abandon any animal. For purpose of this section, "to abandon" means for the owner or keeper to leave an animal without demonstrated or apparent intent to recover or resume custody or to leave an animal for more than 12 hours without providing for adequate food, water and shelter for the duration of the absence.

(f) It is unlawful for any person to carry any animal or cause any animal to be carried in or upon any vehicle in a dangerous or careless manner.

(g) It is unlawful for any person to leave any pet animal or livestock unattended while tethered to any utility pole, parking meter, building, structure, fence, sign, tree, shrub, bench or other object on public property or on private property without the prior permission of the person or agency in charge thereof, and no pet animal shall be tethered in such a manner as to permit it to intrude upon a public sidewalk or street.

(h) It is unlawful for any person to have, keep or harbor any animal that is infected with any dangerous or incurable and/or painfully crippling condition except as hereinafter provided. A municipal court judge may order a person convicted under this section to turn the animal involved over to the animal control division. All such animals taken by the animal control division may be destroyed humanely as soon thereafter as is conveniently possible. This section shall not be construed to include veterinary hospitals or animals under active veterinary care.

**Cold Weather Protection for Dogs**

\* If you know anyone who keeps pets outdoors, persuade them to bring them inside. Low temperatures, winds and precipitation can lead to illness and death. In addition, water bowls freeze in cold weather.

\* Remember, dogs are domesticated animals who should live indoors with their people. Living outside in a dog house is a sad life, especially in cold, hot and wet weather.

\* Dog houses and the law: Local laws typically require that if dogs are kept outdoors, the owner must supply the dog with "proper" shelter from the weather, which includes a dog house big enough to stand up in and to permit posture positions that allow the dog to stretch out and stand up, but must not be oversized, since the dog needs to retain body heat; a wind flap on the dog house door; nonporous bedding such as straw; and, access to fresh, unfrozen water.

\* If you see a dog in need of a caring friend, become that dog's advocate. Speak with the owner, and if that fails to improve the situation, contact your local SPCA, humane society of animal control office.

**THE BACKYARD DOG**

Perhaps the biggest and most widely held misconception about dogs is the belief that they will be healthy and happy living only in the backyard. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Current studies in dog psychology show that dogs isolated in backyards are highly likely to develop serious behavioral problems that often result in euthanasia for the animal.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

**DOGS ARE PACK ANIMALS THAT THRIVE ON COMPANIONSHIP**. Much like their wolf ancestors, dogs are very social. In fact, dogs are more social than humans and need to be part of human families. When you own a dog, you become the dog's pack and he wants to be with his pack. Forcing a dog to live outside with little or no human companionship is one of the most psychological damaging things a pet owner can do to a dog.

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**DOGS ARE ALSO DEN ANIMALS**, meaning they like to have a safe, quiet, and secure place to sleep, rest, and hang out, such as your house. Your dog has a wonderful ability to learn and therefore to be housetrained. A dog who resides more in your house than in the yard is a much happier, content animal, because of the security of a den and your companionship.

**BACKYARD DOGS HAVE MORE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS.** Since all your dog's instincts are telling him it is not good to be left alone or isolated from his pack, your dog can become very stressed or anxious. A dog exhibits stress by digging, barking, howling or whining, chewing, escaping, and exhibiting hyperactivity. These problems can become so troublesome that your neighbors may complain about the barking, howling, property destruction, or your dog escaping.

**BACKYARD DOGS ARE HARDER TO TRAIN.** Considering a backyard dog does not develop a strong bond toward your family, he is harder to train than a dog allowed to be in the house with your family. This also makes him less responsive to commands.

**BACKYARD DOGS MAKE LOUSY GUARD DOGS.** As a dog becomes naturally protective of where he lives (his territory or turf), he will only defend the place he lives in. If he is never allowed in the house, then the house will not become a place to protect. Most people keep their valuables inside their houses, so why wouldn't you want your dog to protect the inside of your house? Unless allowed to live inside, your dog will not develop that sense of territory. He will not sound the alarm when someone tries to invade your house. It is not uncommon to hear stories of families being robbed while their backyard dog snoozed through the whole episode.

**BACKYARD DOGS HAVE HIGHER RATES OF EUTHANASIA.** Backyard dogs are more often given up than house dogs because they were never looked upon as family by their human pack. Sadly, that means they are easier to dispose of. Backyard dogs do not have the opportunity to become socialized to people and other dogs, and may become so fearful or even vicious that they may have to be euthanized.

The Homes will get **Google fiber** this summer! In the near future, you will receive a flyer from Google about the packages they are offering, along with a form declaring your interest in Google fiber. Complete the form and drop it by the office.

**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. Who will be a guest at the neighborhood watch meeting?

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**

**NorthEast KCK Healthy Kids (NEKCKHK) is partnering with HyVee to bring Online/Telephone Grocery Shopping and Home Delivery service to our neighborhood.**

A primary emphasis is the issue of ‘healthy food access’ for not only children but all residents in District #1 neighborhoods. Our neighborhood is in a “food desert” (where residents live more than a mile away from a full service grocery store). Some of our neighbors are more than five (5) miles away from healthy food access. Some of our neighbors without transportation to the grocery store currently receive Meals on Wheels. Some of our neighbors order take-out because their hectic schedule doesn’t allow them time to go to the grocery store. In an attempt to address these issues, NEKCKHK agreed to partner with HyVee. NEKCKHK was able to acquire a reduced delivery service fee. Low to moderate income families and those receiving EBT/Vision benefits may qualify for the reduced rate. Linda Quinn, NEKCKHK Community Organizer, will be available to answer questions about the home delivery service on Wednesday, February 20 at 6pm in the clubroom. Residents interested in attending and learning more about this service are asked to pre-register with The Homes office no later than February 11. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Ms. Quinn at 913-231-4135 or email: [lvquinn@ksu.edu](mailto:lvquinn@ksu.edu). NEKCKHK is a project of the K-State Research Extension and KC Healthy Kids of Greater KC.

**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, 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.

**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.

**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.

10. What will the Homes get in the summer 2013?

**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)

**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.

9. If you keep your dog outdoors, how high off the ground should their dog house be?

**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 |

8. What has the office requested from residents but no residents have responded?

**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 |

**FREE BABY SUPPLIES**

A generous resident donated 20 bags of baby supplies. Each bag contains 5 packages of tissue, 2 containers of Q-tips, 1 bottle of baby head-to-toe wash, 2 packages of wipes and 1 diaper. If you have a need for these items stop by the office and pick up a bag for free

4. What is the name of the polling place for residents of the Homes?

**ICE MELT**

YOU CAN BUY A BAG OF ICE MELT FROM THE OFFICE FOR $3.00

FOR SALE

37” RoundTable w/4 wicker chairs, $30

11 ½” x10”x37” Speakers, $30

Call James, 913-940-3629

34” TV (not flat screen) $75, with stand $100

Call Rosetta, 913-499-7704

C:\Users\The Homes\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\J83UXIBK\MC900430233[1].wmfHappy Birthday to the residents celebrating their birthday in February.

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

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union  As of November 30, 2012 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
| LOANS | 552,648.09 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | - 15,201.80 |
| SECURITY BANK | 95,181.13 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 85.79 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 105,145.95 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 54,073.70 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,443.26 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 26.28 |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 84,651.49 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 1,551.55 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 100,000.00 |
| M & I BANK | 100,000.00 |
| COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS | 100,000.00 |
| PREPAID INSURANCE | 2,551.03 |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 1,998.72 |
| NCUSIF | 10,308.28 |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,206,092.32** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 483.00 |
| AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE | 1,028.00 |
| NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 152.00 |
| FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 110.00 |
| SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE | 799.81 |
| MEMBER SHARES | 952,534.56 |
| REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| UNDIVIDED EARNINGS | 192,637.87 |
| NET INCOME | 336.87 |
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,206,092.32** |

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. How much per foot of property will the Homes possibly receive in a class action lawsuit.

6. How many bows where purchased with the prize money from the decorated holiday tree contest?

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| ONE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 900 Manorcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 960 Manorcrest (No C/A) | Dyche | 913.406.5968 | $1,500 |
| 3118 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Patio) | Rueff | 757.572.5165 | $4,500 OBO |
| 3156 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Fridge) | Cantwell | 913.499.7704 | $4,000 |
| 31 Summitcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | $6,200 |
| 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 | 816.337.6567 | $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 |  |
| 741 Manorcrest (C/A) | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 783 Manorcrest (C/A) | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $10,000 |
| 841 Manorcrest (Appt Only, C/A, Fridge) | Green | 913.424.6059 | $9,000 |
| 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 |
| 841 Roswell | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
| 1 Summitcrest (C/A, Stove, Shed) | Robleado | 913.488.5563 | $12,000 |
| 14 Viewcrest (C/A, Appliances, Deck, 2 Sheds) | Couch | 913.788.9523 | $8,000 |
| 80 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Shed) | Vandaveer | 816.721.3759 | $14,000 |
| 115 Viewcrest (Stove, No C/A) | Rivas | 913.371.3001 | Make Offer |
| 130 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Patio, Shed) | Rivera | 913.522.9147 | $ 9,500 |
| THREE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone |  |
| 774 Manorcrest (C/A, Appt Only) | Sabata | 913.284.6583 | $15,000 |
| 948 Manorcrest (C/A, Shed) | Ontiveros | 816.585.4469 | $14,000 |
| 822 Roswell (C/A, Appt Only) | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 823 Roswell | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 44 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Appt Only) | Meraz | 913.991.8131 | $13,000 |
| 68 Viewcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 3150 N 9th | Sherwood | 816-838-9974 | $10,000 |
| DOUBLE UNIT | Owner | Phone |  |
| 6/8 Reidcrest, 2/2/ Bedrm (C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) Sold separately 6RC $12,000; 8RC $2,500 | Spears | 913.912.9005 | $13,500 |
| 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 |

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| February 2013 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday  1 | Saturday  2  GROUNDHOG DAY |
| 3 | 4 | 5  NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 6:30 PM | 6 | 7 | 8  BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORMS DUE | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12  KCK Primary Election Candidates Forum  JFK Rec Center  6-8pm | 13 | 14  VALENTINE’S DAY | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18  PRESIDENT’S DAY  ----------------------  THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6PM | 12  KCK Primary Election Candidates Forum  JFK Rec Center  6-8pm | 20  CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |  |  |

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**WE NEED EXTRA PARKING!**

If you need more parking around your building then write down your name, address and describe your parking problems. Bring your information to the office and it will be considered for the corporation’s budget in 2013.

9. If you keep your dog outdoors, how high off the ground should their dog house be?

**FEBRUARY TRIVIA & FUN**



5. What did a generous stockholder recently donate?

**Colorful Carnations**   
Place a white carnation stem under running water and cut about one inch off the bottom. Put food dye of any color in a vase with warm water and place the carnation in the vase. This mini science lesson will amaze your child when the carnation drinks up the colored water and changes color.

 Double the fun this Valentine's Day with a pair of sweet treats **Total Time** 1 hour

What you'll need:

Double-sided tape Individually wrapped treats

Card stock Marker

How to make it**:**

Using double-sided tape, secure one end of 2 individually wrapped treats inside a piece of folded card stock. Write your message with marker on the outer flap.

Suggested Messages   
"We're two of a kind!"   
"You've met your match!"   
"You're two cute."

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.

The Groundhog Legend

The origin of the groundhog legend is based on the old Scotch couplet, “If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there’ll be two winters in the year.” During the conquering of Northern Europe, the Romans brought this tradition to the Germans. They concluded that if the sun made an appearance on February 2nd, which is Candlemas Day, an animal would cast a shadow, thus six more weeks of bad weather, known as two winters. Pennsylvania’s earliest settlers were Germans. They found many groundhogs in the state. They determined that the groundhog was the most intelligent and sensible animal. Records show that in the early 1800’s people from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania began to celebrate every year by going into the woods to honor the Punxsutawney Groundhog as the only true weather prognosticator. This group soon became known as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club and they placed the official groundhog home just outside of town on Gobbler’s Knob. The first official trek to Gobbler’s knob was made on February 2, 1887. Each February 2nd since, thousands of people celebrate Groundhog Day by making the trip to Gobbler’s Knob to get the official word of the world’s only true weather forecaster. The rest of the day is filled with activities including: the annual Groundhog Banquet, crowning of the Groundhog King and Queen, school assemblies, craft shows, and activities for entire families.