Happy February Birthdays

THE HOMES, INC February 2014

NEWSLETTER

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

**IF YOU HAVE A NEED TO CALL THE AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE PHONE, ALWAYS LEAVE A MESSAGE.** The after hours 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.

VOTING AND ANNUAL MEETING

IN THE CLUBROOM

Friday, March 7, 2014

7:30AM – 7:30PM

Annual Meeting - 8:00 PM

***2013 Real Estate Taxes***

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

***Single unit: $373.16***

***Double unit: $746.32***

**FREEZING PIPES**

WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPS BELOW 31 DEGREES LET YOUR FAUCET DRIP. THIS WILL PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING. ALSO, MAKE SURE YOUR CRAWLSPACE DOOR IS CLOSED.

**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

February 17, **6:30pm**

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Meeting at the clubroom on Tuesday, February 4, 6:30pm**

**JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

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

**TIPS FOR WALKERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TIPS FOR DRIVERS**

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

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

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

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

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

2. What is the date of “Thank your mail carrier” day ?

**4 Things you might not have known about your cell phone**

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool.

1. Emergency. The Emergency number worldwide for mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

2. Hidden Battery Power. Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys \*3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

3. How to disable a stolen mobile. To check your mobile phone’s serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: \*#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and five them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won’t get you phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can’t use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

4. Free directory service for cells. Cell phone companies are charging us $1.00 to $1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don’t have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which make this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800) FREE411 or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

Thanks Dotty

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?**

**Nominee Voting and Annual Meeting News**

* Nomination forms have been mailed. The form must be returned to the office no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, February 7, 2014.
* Anyone needing an absentee ballot should contact the office.
* The Annual Meeting of the stockholders will be held on March 7, 2014 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 Frank Moss and Kayla Ross will be up for re-election.
* The General Election for the two vacancies on the Board of Directors will be held from 7:30 a.m. through 7:30 p.m. on March 7, 2014.
* Only stockholders of record as of midnight February 18, 2014 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.
* Stockholders are not obligated to vote for 2 nominees (you can vote for just 1 nominee) listed on the voting ballot.

3. Name one of the cats that is up for adoption?

Tips for Curbside Recycling on Windy Days

On windy days, items in your curbside recycling bins are susceptible to blowing.  Listed below are some suggestions of how to prevent recyclables from blowing out of recycling bins:

* Flatten plastic gallon jugs and plastic bottles and place them in the bottom of the bin.
* Place recyclables in paper bags and fold the bags closed to keep the contents from blowing out.
* Use some string to bundle and tie your newspapers, magazines, and fine paper together and place them on the top of the other items in your bin.
* Place heavier items such as cardboard and magazines on the top of other recyclables in your bin.
* Do not put out a half-full recycling bin if it's windy day, but instead wait another week until the bin is full before putting it to the curb.
* Put your bin out by 7 a.m. the morning of your pick up, rather than the night before to reduce the risk that your recyclables will blow away during a blustery night.
* Know the holiday schedule and do not place bins out on holidays when they will not be picked up.  Monday holidays push back collection one day for the whole week.
* Use a larger container such as a trash container.  When using another container make sure to write recycling on several sides of the container.  If possible place your green recycling bin next to the larger container.
* If your green recycling bin blows away you can pick up another bin at the Fleet Center at 5033 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.  Ask the Parks Department and they can assist you with a bin.  Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

January 20, 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 January 20, 2014.

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

Sixteen stockholders attended the meeting.

Vice President Moss 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 Moss 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.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2013 and the December 16, 2013 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Kayla Ross moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

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

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

130 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Maria Reyes. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

28 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Harold Watson. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

6 Craigcrest: Install satellite – Jean Paxton. Work will be done by Dish Network.

There are no stockholder change requests for board consideration this month.

Kayla Ross read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 883 Manorcrest | Bruce Evans, Brenda F. Elliot & Donna J. Elliot | Brenda F. Elliot and Donna J. Elliot |
| 3159 N. 9th St. | Judith Reynolds | Christopher Mark Hennessy & Judith Reynolds |

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

Neighborhood Watch reported on other options considered for the use of the $500 grant it recently received from the Unified Government. Stockholders are also encouraged to take photos of suspicious cars seen in the neighborhood.

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

John Carrazco announced that he will be resigning as a member of the Board of Directors due to work commitments.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

Manager has considered the proposed location for the archery range. Manager will follow-up with the stockholder that requested the range to see if he wants to move forward with the project.

A hearing will be held on January 24, 2014 with the Wyandotte County Appraiser’s Office relating to the real estate taxes, which increased by 13% this year.

Kayla Ross moved to change the date of the annual meeting to Friday, March 14, 2014 as required by the bylaws. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously. Currently, Karen Anver and Dottie Reynolds have volunteered to serve on the Inspection Committee. One more volunteer is needed for the committee. Evelyn Dorman has volunteered to serve on the Ballot Inspection Committee. Two more volunteers are needed. Volunteers are also still needed for inspection judges.

Work continues on setting up a non-profit corporation to be used to obtain grant funding for improvements for the community.

*New Business to be Discussed:* None.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:* None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Bob Anver, 108 Viewcrest, discussed the plans for Neighborhood Watch to file for tax exempt status.

Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, thanked the staff for their work in keeping the streets clean this winter.

James White, 14 Summitcrest Drive, commented on the problems with some of the street lights in the neighborhood.

Oscar Stacey, 3125 N. Allis, suggested that a yellow line be painted down the center of Manorcrest to help improve safety.

Jerry Demeyer, 4 Summitcrest, inquired about the status of the request to the city to improve the parking problems on Viewcrest and reported that there are also parking problems on Roswell.

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

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R. ELAINE HINES KAYLA ROSS

PRESIDENT SECRETARY APPROVED:

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**Kansas City Kansas has many Historical Landmarks. This month we are highlighting 5 Landmarks.**

Castle Rock - 852 Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas

Castle Rock in Kansas City, Kansas is the A. Porter Davis Residence. Raymond J. Buschhusen was the architect of the building. It was placed on the Kansas City, Kansas Historic Landmarks on March 25, 1999. It was placed on the Register of Historic Kansas Places on August 28, 1999. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on February 18, 2000. The house is noted for its high integrity of design and workmanship. Mr. Davis was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen and instrumental in integrating African Americans in the US Military Services.

Fire Station No. 9 - 2 S. 14th St., Kansas City, Kansas

Also known as: Prescott Neighborhood Center. Built by William E. Harris (Architect), it was declared a Kansas City, Kansas Historic Landmark on June 16, 1983. The fire station was placed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places on July 3, 1979 and the National Register of Historic Places on September 5, 1985. The new Fire Station No. 9 is located at 1100 Central Ave. in Kansas City, Kansas. Fire Station No. 9 was one of the largest to be built in its period. The three-story, two bay building is of solid masonry construction with interior timber framing. At the principal corners of the building are pairs of terra-cotta grotesques in the shape of dwarfish firemen that are both aesthetically pleasing and rather humorous.

Granada Theater - 1013-1019 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas

Ben Gorman and William A. Toplikar arranged for the theater's erection in 1928, contracting with the Boller Brothers to perform the construction. The theater flourished until the 1960s, when the rising popularity of television reduced the profitability of traditional theaters; after it closed late in the decade, it was periodically reopened by others, but none lasted long. In 2005, the theater was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, qualifying because of its architecture and its place in the area's history.

Grinter Place - 1420 S. 78th St., Muncie, Kansas

The house was constructed by Moses Grinter where he and his half-Lenape (Delaware) wife lived until he died in 1878 and she in 1905. Grinter's wife's Indian name was “Windagamen,” which meant “Sweetness.” She was one of a couple dozen Delaware women who became U.S. citizens when the territory became a state. Around 1831, Grinter, one of the earliest permanent white settlers in the area, set up the Grinter Ferry on the Kansas River here. The ferry was used by individuals such as traders, freighters and soldiers traveling between Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott on the military road. Others would cross this area on their way to Santa Fe. The area was home to the first non-military post office in Kansas.

Huron Cemetery - On Minnesota Ave., between 6th and 7th Sts., Kansas City, Kansas

Also known as: Wyandot National Cemetery. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 3, 1971 and has been formally renamed the Wyandot National Burying Ground. It was placed on the Register of Historic Kansas Places on July 1, 1977. It was established circa 1843, when Wyandot tribe members had first arrived in their removal from Ohio. The tribe settled in the area for years, with many in 1855 accepting allotment of lands in Kansas. Scholars believe that there are more than 400 bodies, and possibly as many as 800, buried in Huron Indian Cemetery, though only a small number of the graves are marked. Burials were still being made in the late 20th century.

4. What are the hours of operation for the Humane Society’s Clinic?

**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. Name one thing you can do to avoid having your pipes freeze?

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.

**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

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 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)

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

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

**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.

**2/8/14 - 22nd Annual Black History Banquet -** Jack Reardon Convention Center, 500 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas 66101. 913-573-5506. <http://jlewis@wycokck.org>. Celebrate with the Unified Government the 22nd Annual Black History Banquet on Saturday, February 8th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Jack Reardon Convention Center. Dr. Mildred Edwards, Executive Director, Kansas African American Affairs Commission, will be the guest speaker. This year's theme, "African Americans; loving yourself in an era of diversity." Hosted by local comedian B-Rich with special live performances and entertainment by Leon Brady Percussion Academy, Music Group Karma, Allen Chapel AME Choir, and Tifani Portley. Visit website for more information.

**2/15/14 - Cabela's 4th Annual Fly Tying Competition -** 10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS 66111, 913-328-0322. <http://www.cabelas.com>. Please join us for the 4th annual Cabela's Fly Tying Challenge on Saturday, February 15th at 1:00pm in the Fly Shop. It's free to compete just register before February 13th at Jimmy.Lopez@cabelas.com. Bring your own tying tools, lamps and tying materials. Each participant will have 30 minutes to complete their own fly for each division. Winners will be announced after the last division.

**2/28/14 – 3/1/14 - Decorated Apparel Expo -** Kansas City is the premier regional trade show for screen printing, embroidery, digital-direct garment decorating, and everything related with the business of decorating garments. Decorated Apparel Expo is an indispensable show for attendees and exhibitors alike. It will feature a large trade floor, seminars led by the top experts in our industry and a free Friday night party where colleagues really can get together and exchange ideas. Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS.

![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.

**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** | **Phone Number** |
| **Automotive** | Herrera’s Service ShopTomz Toyz Race & Repair | 1315 State Ave4301 Swartz Rd | 913.562.4202913.279.1663 |
| **Computer Repair** | Heartland On-Site Services | Joe Dix | 913.735.7121 |
| **Air Conditioner** | AM Mechanical |  | 913.371.5885 |
| **Electrical** | Shogren Electrical | Perry Shogren | 913.238.7014 |
| **Carpet /Vinyl Installation** | Reliable Flooring | Marvin SmithShawn Walters | 913.548.3195913.944.1970 |
| **Handyman** |  | Brandon DealMarvin Smith | 913.707.2669913.548.3195 |
| **Haircuts for Homebound Seniors** |  | Juanita Priolo | 816-606-0026 |
| **Lawn Care** |  | J. HallAntonio Mandujano | 913.233.2541913.944.8082 |
| **Painting** |  | AnnaMarieBrandon Deal | 816.810.8872913.707.2669 |
| **Personal** | Angels of Grace ChildcareArtistry CosmeticsAvonBabysitting/Infant CPR CertifiedCupcakes by FredrickCustom Made Jewelry & Watch RepairFreeze Frame PhotographyHousecleaning/Babysitter/Dog WalkerHousesitting/Plant CareSell It On EbayTina’s Alteration & Repair | 1220 Troup Ave Mary Jane WatsonKaren AnverReagan AdamsWilliam FredrickTammy EklundDee Dee JohnsonAnnaMarieJ. HallBob Anver | 913.233.2944913.281.4405913.342.2660913.832.9266913.248.5416913.342.2326816.716.8865816.810.8872913.233.2541913.342.2660913.633.1495 |
| **Recycling** | C&E Recycling | ChrisEric | 913.904.8501913.907.6764 |
| **Siding & Windows** |  | Mario | 913-486-3174913-488-5563 |
| **Truck Refurbishing** | Superior Truck Refurbishing | Miguel Comacho | 913-313-0716 |

5. What day of the week are exercise classes at the clubroom?

**SERVICE AND REPAIR**

Clinic Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Clinic operates on a walk in basis, first come first serve; appointments are available throughout the week for wellness/vaccine visits. Due to an overwhelming demand for our services on extremely busy days we may need to turn away some clients. Hours are subject to change; please always call 913-956-1000 the day you are coming to verify the above clinic information.

All dogs should be on a leash or in your arms while visiting our clinic. Due to high traffic and possible disease please keep puppies off the floor. All cats should be in carriers. We sell cardboard carriers: $6

**INFORMATIN FROM**

**The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City**

**5445 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66104 - 913-596-1000**

**Why do we require your adult pets be spayed or neutered in order to use our services?**

The Humane Society’s clinic services are subsidized by fundraising efforts as well as the fees we charge. You may have noticed that our cost to you is kept as affordable as possible; we can only provide these services at this price because of donations made to the general fund, and grant monies written to subsidize extreme hardship cases. We receive no government monies to subsidize our clinic or The Humane Society’s shelter. Each year thousands of animals enter our local shelter either as strays or unwanted pets. Every shelter makes an effort to find new homes but sometimes this isn’t possible due to the animal’s health, behavior or simply because there are more unwanted animals than there are homes available. Shelters are swamped with a surplus of puppies and kittens born throughout the warmer months. Despite our efforts most shelters are filled to capacity most of the time. Animals needing help are sometimes turned away due to a lack of space. If you let your animal breed, you take way homes that could have saved an animal already waiting for that chance to become a beloved pet. This is why we require all adult animals in your home be spayed or neutered if you want to use our services.

**Why do we now require a heartworm test every year to purchase heartworm prevention?**

Our protocols follow recommendations published by the American Heartworm Association. New protocols require testing every year. Because resistance to the current preventatives is being seen in certain parts of the country the AHA prohibits preventatives being dispensed to dogs that are already heartworm positive. (In the past we have recommended monthly prevention as a “slow kill” method but that protocol has now changed.) Positive dogs should be treated with Immiticide, a treatment that is done over a two month period, requires veterinary supervision and costs hundred of dollars. The drug Immiticide is available in limited supplies so now more than ever it is vitally important to test your dog annually and keep him/her on monthly prevention to avoid a life threatening infection.

Annual Wellness Recommendations

Payment is due at the time services are provided. We accept cash, checks (with proper ID) Visa, MasterCard, and most debit cards. Basic price list:

Office call/exam fee - $25 FELV/FIV test - $22

Distemper - $10 cat / $12 dog Dewormer by weight - $10-$30 / Fecal Exam - $28

Rabies vaccine - $12 Feline leukemia vaccine - $15 all outdoor cats

Heartworm test - $18 Kennel cough - $15

Other procedures and/or products may be recommended depending on the veterinarian’s findings during the exam. Dogs should be on monthly heartworm prevention and flea prevention. Cats will

also need monthly flea prevention depending on their environment. If your pet is ill or injured today

additional charges will include diagnostic tests, treatment and medications. The clinic staff will

provide you with an estimate-any cost you approve is due and needs to be paid the day of treatment. If you have a limited budget for today’s visit please let us know ahead of time.

We recommend a routine yearly exam for every pet; older pets or pets with chronic medical issues should be seen more often to identify and monitor health issues early.

Distemper vaccines (DA2PPV for dogs and FVRCP for cats) protect against several viral diseases that can be fatal to your pet. Some of the viruses, like parvo, are prevalent all year round and live for years in the environment. Puppies and kittens will need a series of distemper vaccine boosters every three weeks until they are 4-5 months of age.

Rabies is a vaccine given to pets 4 months or older. The first rabies vaccine is good for 1 year; if given before the first vaccine expires (one year period) the 2nd and subsequent rabies vaccines will be effective for 3 years. Rabies is a deadly viral disease that can be transmitted to humans through the saliva of infected animals. Most cities require a current rabies vaccine.

Heartworms are a parasite transmitted through mosquito bites; a heartworm test will detect adult heartworm infection. Giving heartworm prevention every 30 days will help prevent infection by killing baby worms before they have a chance to migrate to the heart. Once adults are in the heart killing them requires an expensive and complex treatment. Prevention is the key against what can be a life threatening infection.

A broad spectrum dewormer given annually (or more frequently if clinical signs prevail) can kill intestinal worms your pet may have picked up from the environment (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) or from fleas (tapeworms). A fecal test can help detect the presence of other microscopic parasites like coccidian and giardia that will require additional medication.

The feline leukemia/FIV test is recommended for any cat that has never been tested, or that goes outside. Transmission is from direct contact with potentially infected cats; a cat can carry the virus for months or years without showing any signs of illness. The feline leukemia vaccine is needed for any cat that goes outside or is otherwise exposed to cats with an unknown history. The first time given, the vaccine needs a booster in 3-4 weeks to be effective, then yearly after that.

8. What is the speed limit in the Homes?

**THE HOMES WOULD LIKE TO HEAR HOW YOU BECAME A PET OWNER FOR YOUR PET(S). SUBMIT A SHORT STORY ABOUT HOW YOU MET YOUR PET(S) AND/OR CHARACTER TRAITS OF YOUR PET(S) AND/OR HOW YOU CHOSE YOUR PETS NAME.**

 *-About two years ago I was cooking dinner and kept hearing a cats distressed meows. I went outside and listened for the meows again. After a minute or two I returned to cooking dinner. Every so often I would hear the meows but could never find the source. Children playing outside heard the meows and determined that it was coming from a vehicle about a hundred yards from my kitchen window. I inspecting the vehicle and was sure that the meow was coming from underneath the hood. One of the children knew the owner of the vehicle and went and got him. He opened the hood. There was a six week old kitten sitting beside the engine block. I quickly grabbed the kitten and held it close and tight. The crowd of children had multiplied to over ten and upon sight of the kitten, in unison, cried out “aaaawwww”. We were all thankful and relieved the kitten had been saved. We will never know where and how she got under that hood of the vehicle but today she is a part of our family. Elizabeth Bothwell*

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union As of December 31, 2013 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
|  LOANS |  526,325.08 |
|  ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES |  - 11,615.06 |
|  SECURITY BANK |  205,331.89 |
|  CHANGE FUND |  200.00 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS |  85.92 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD  |  105,572.29 |
|  BANK MIDWEST |  54,275.92 |
|  KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES |  11,428.85 |
|  KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT |  1,462.53 |
|  CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS |  26.28 |
|  INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK |  84,884.52 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  1,553.89 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  100,000.00 |
|  M & I BANK |  100,200.94 |
|  COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS |  100,000.00 |
|  PREPAID INSURANCE |  1,374.99 |
|  FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT |  1,289.35 |
|  NCUSIF |  9,839.09 |
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|  **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,292,236.48** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
|  ACCOUNTS PAYABLE |  0.00 |
|  AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE |  1,541.60 |
|  NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE |  228.00 |
|  FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE |  165.00 |
|  SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE |   |
|  MEMBER SHARES | 1,035,188.79 |
|  REGULAR RESERVES |  31,510.21 |
|  RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES |  26,500.00 |
|  UNDIVIDED EARNINGS |  197,102.88 |
|  NET INCOME |   |
|  |  |
|  **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,292,236.48** |

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

NOW HIRING

CONCRETE CHIPPING

WEEKENDS

WORK ALL YEAR

CALL 913.313.0716

Se solicita enpliado para los fine de semana. quebrando concreto interesa dos comunicarge al num 913.313.0716 con Miguel

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\*

6. If you make less than this amount each year you are eligible for free tax preparation?

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| ONE BEDROOM  | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 900 Manorcrest (C/A, Shed, Patio) | Lamb | 816.288.4989 | $750 |
| 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 | $10,000 |
| 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 |
| 7 Reidcrest “AS IS” | Keating | 913.262.9352 | $0 |
| 841 Roswell | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
| 39 Summitcrest (C/A, Shed) | Bonilla-Lopez | 913.486.0456 | $10,000 |
| 26 Viewcrest | Shields | 316.992.2115 | $7,000 |
| THREE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone |  |
| 7 Craigcrest Place | Franklin | 913-232-7339 | $12,000 |
| 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 |
| 19 Viewcrest “AS IS” | Linderman | 816.898.5163 | $2,000 |
| 44 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Appt Only) | Meraz | 913.617.7770 | $13,000 |
| 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.

7. What Historical Landmark was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 3, 1971?

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| February 2014 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |  Saturday1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4THANK YOUR MAIL CARRIER DAY-------------------------NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING 6:30 PM | 5EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM2-3PM | 6 | 7NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM---------------------------NOMINATION FORMS DUE TO OFFICE BY 4:30PM | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM2-3PM | 13 | 14VALENTINE’S DAY | 15 |
| 16 | 17CREDIT UNION CLOSED – PRESIDENT’S DAY---------------------------THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6:30PM | 18 | 19CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM---------------------------EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM2-3PM | 20LOVE YOUR PET DAY | 21NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM2-3PM | 27 | 28 |  |

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This trick works equally well with other fall fruits and veggies, such as apples and turnips. Just use a sharp knife trve out a section large enough to hold a small candle then set one at each place setting to light up your brunch table.

9. Where can you pick up another recycling bin if yours is lost?

**SNOW SHOVELING**

When it snows, shovel the snow into your yard and not the street. If you put it in the street it will be shoved back into the parking space by the plow.

**FEBUARY TRIVIA & FUN**

10. What is the worldwide mobile emergency number?



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

 [ Candy-filled Valentine’s Day cards](http://www.chicaandjo.com/2008/02/04/candy-filled-homemade-valentines-day-cards/)

What you’ll need:

Small (3-4″) packet of red heart-shaped paper doilies

Black Sharpie

Small pieces of candy - [Conversation hearts](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000E1WIBO?ie=UTF8&tag=honeydolist&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=B000E1WIBO), [Cinnamon hearts](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0012VPI4O?ie=UTF8&tag=honeydolist&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=B0012VPI4O),[M&Ms](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0001IZWIG?ie=UTF8&tag=honeydolist&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=B0001IZWIG)or [Skittles](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000OIT8T2?ie=UTF8&tag=honeydolist&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=B000OIT8T2).

Instructions:

Write the “to” and “from” message on each heart.

You will need two hearts — one with a message and one left blank — and put them back to back (with red sides out) and matched up the designs as closely as possible.

Thread [embroidery floss](http://www.amazon.com/gp/redirect.html?ie=UTF8&location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fs%3Fie%3DUTF8%26x%3D0%26ref%255F%3Dnb%255Fss%255Fgw%26y%3D0%26field-keywords%3Dembroidery%2520floss%2520skeins%26url%3Dsearch-alias%253Daps&tag=cnj-20&linkCode=ur2&camp=1789&creative=390957), yarn or very thin ribbon onto a large [upholstery needle](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0009V2PZS?ie=UTF8&tag=honeydolist&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=B0009V2PZS) (for younger kids, try a [plastic needle](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0001DS88M?ie=UTF8&tag=cnj-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B0001DS88M)). The floss is smooth and thin, and easy to run through the tiny holes on the delicate paper doilies. (Yarn or VERY thin ribbon), and you can choose any color you like. Poke the threaded needle through one of the holes in the heart. Following the pattern of the heart and using every 3rd or 4th hole, stitch back and forth, about a half inch long each. Continue to 3/4 of the way around the heart. (Imagine that the heart is a clock and start stitching at 12:00 and keep going until you get to 9:00).

With the stitching almost done, stop and fill the sachet with candy. Place about 8-10 pieces of candy for each heart. Overstuffing the heart may cause the paper to tear when you sew it up.

After putting the candy in, sew the rest of the sachet closed, ending at the same place where you started. Tie up the two ends into a little bow and trim any excess ribbon.

**This Month in History - February**

15 - The Post Office uses adhesive postage stamps for the first time (1842)

19 - A prize is inserted into a Crackerjack’s box for the first time (1913)

23 - The Tootsie Roll rolls into stores in America (1896)

 Pop Rocks Valentines

What you’ll need:

Pop Rocks candy

Black card stock

White paper

Red envelopes

Black sharpie

Elmer’s glue

Instructions:

Cut the black paper to fit the envelope. Write "You Rock!" & "Happy Valentine's Day" on the white blank paper. You can make your own phrase. Using the glue attach the white paper and a packet of Pop Rocks to the card stock. (So the packet of candy comes off easily, glue just the edges of the packet). Place the card inside the envelope and address the envelope.