Happy January Birthdays

THE HOMES, INC January 2014

NEWSLETTER

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

**Annual Meeting**

Friday, March 7, 2014

Volunteers needed for nominee inspectors and ballot inspectors. Please call the office.

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.

***2013 Real Estate Taxes***

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

***Single unit: $373.16***

***Double unit: $746.32***

The on call EMERGENCY phone is for **emergencies only**. Turning on your outside water, window repairs, etc. are not emergencies. A clogged toilet or a furnace not working are emergencies. Please be mindful of this.

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

THE HOMES INC 913-321-2471

AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE 913-948-2211

Q.H.F. CREDIT UNION 913-342-3421

KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 913-596-3000

KCK ANIMAL CONTROL 913-321-1445

POTHOLES 913-573-8307

CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAINTS 311

STREET LIGHTS/POWERLINES 913-573-9522

BPU 913-573-9000

KS GAS SERVICE 1-800-794-4780

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THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

January 20, **6:30pm**

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Meeting at the clubroom on Tuesday, January 7, 6:30pm**

**JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

* Crime loves darkness, hates light.  Keep your porch lights on at night.  The Neighborhood Watch can install a dawn-to-dusk attachment on to your porch light for $11.00 that will turn the light on at dusk and turn it off in the morning.  BPU estimates a 75 watt bulb in a dawn-to-dusk fixture costs about 15 cents a month in electricity.
* If you see anything out of the ordinary (strangers roaming the neighborhood, peering into car windows, etc.) call the police.  If a stranger knocks on your door with a sob story about their wife having the debit card, etc. politely refuse them, carefully note their description and call 911.  It is against the law to panhandle.  Report the description to the office so the maintenance men can be on the lookout as well.

**WHY YOU SHOULD BE A PART OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Being a part of this group, you will be better informed of what is going on in your neighborhood and the first to know when crimes occur near you.

It has been statistically proven that watch programs are effective in crime prevention. The investment of your time in such programs will yield huge returns by making your neighborhood as well as your own home a safer and better place to live.

This program educates its group members about what security measures are effective and ineffective.

This program can be a good tool for dealing with issues such as barking dogs, loud parties, abandoned vehicles, run down properties, and other issues that attract criminal activity.

Your neighbors can be a pillar in your home security program. Being an active member of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program guarantees that both law enforcement and your neighbors will part take in maintaining your home security.

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

destination.

**Protect Yourself By**- Use good lighting.  
- Use good lock security.  
- Keeping shrubs trimmed.  
- Locking all doors and windows whenever your house is unoccupied.  
- Letting a trusted neighbor know when you are on vacation. Don't advertise!! Stop deliveries and have all mail picked up.

2. What happens if you shovel snow in the street?

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

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PET OWNERSHIP IN THE HOMES, INC.

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

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

December 16, 2013

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 December 16, 2013.

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

Twelve 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.

Vice President Moss 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 November 2013 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2013 and the November 18, 2013 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Karen Anver moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kayla Ross. 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. Kayla Ross moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee did not meet this month but has reviewed the financials and found no concerns.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

3021 N. Allis: Install Google fiber – Morgan Caraway. Work will be done by Google.

823 Roswell: Install DSL – Morisela Parra. Work will be done by Uverse.

6 Reidcrest: Install DSL – Frank and Teresa Spears. Work will be done by Uverse.

16 Viewcrest: Install an 8 x 8 shed made of plywood on concrete – Alma Alejo. Work will be done by self.

753 Manorcrest: Install 10 x 12 shed made of wood – Blanca Lilia Torres. Work will be done by self.

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 | Brenda F. Elliot and Donna J. Elliot | Bruce Evans, Brenda F. Elliot and Donna J. Elliot |
| 126 Viewcrest | Ritchell Crabtree and Samuel L.N. Crabtree | Samuel L. N. Crabtree and Samuel L. C. Crabtree |
| 3100 N. Allis | Adrian T. Davis, Sr. | Brenda Elliot and Adrian T. Davis, Sr. |
| 3020 N. Allis | Christopher M. Connor and Ruth Henry | Christopher M. Connor |
| 17 Viewcrest | Jana Bronfman | Miguel A. Comacho |

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 received a $500 grant from the Unified Government and will add $330.00 of its own funds to this grant. The monies will be used to purchase and plant pampas grass at all entrances this spring.

Stockholders were reminded that the speed limit in The Homes is 20 m.p.h.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The board reviewed the map and location pictures for the proposed archery range. The four proposed locations may be too close to the playgrounds. This matter was tabled for further discussion at next month’s meeting.

The real estate taxes, which increased by 13% this year, have been paid under protest. Manager will look into the reasons for such a dramatic increase.

The annual meeting will be held Friday, March 7, 2014 as required by the bylaws. Karen Anver moved to adopt the notice letter and nomination form to be mailed to all stockholders to be mailed no later than January 15, 2014. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously. The nomination forms are to be returned no later than February 7, 2014. All candidates must be current on their maintenance.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

A request has been submitted to the Unified Government to turn Viewcrest into a one-way street and to change the parking to angled pull-in bays. Updates will be provided at meetings and in the newsletter on the status of this request, which is expected to be a long process.

At this point Elaine Hines and Elizabeth Bothwell joined the meeting.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

James White, 14 Summitcrest Drive, commented on the condition of certain units on Manorcrest and thanked maintenance for their help when he was sick.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Viewcrest, asked about the status of the playground equipment.

Beverly Waltrip, 25 Viewcrest, commented on the three AVF pods and illegal trailer on Viewcrest.

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, commented on the continued parking problems on Viewcrest.

Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, thanked the manager and her family for all their work during the recent holiday party.

Oscar Stacey, 3125 N. Allis, commented on units that have multiple cars and multiple persons living in them.

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

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KAYLA ROSS

SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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R. ELAINE HINES

PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**This time of year can stretch your wallet. If you and your family are in need please contact the agencies below.**

**Food Pantries**

Bethel-Riverview Coordination and Development, 947 Osage, KCKS 66105 (913) 321-7418

Catholic Charities, 2220 Central Avenue, KCKS 66102-4759 (913) 621-5255

Catholic Community Services-Emergency Center, 632 Tauromee, KCKS 66101 913-621-3445

Friends of Yates Inc., 1219 North 13th Street, KCKS 66102 (913) 321-1566

Northeast Coordination and Development, 950 Quindaro, KCKS 66101 (913) 371-0848

Social Rehabilitation Services, 400 State Avenue, Kansas City Kansas (913) 279-7000

St. Paul’s, 1300 N. 18th Street, Kansas City, KS 66102 913.321.8674

Metro Lutheran Ministries, 722 Reynolds Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101

Mt. Carmel Community Outreach, 1220 Troup Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas (913) 621-4111

Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church, 3730 Metropolitan Ave., (913) 831-4531

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4153 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas (913) 236-6228

Pleasant Green Baptist Church, 340 David L. Gray Drive, Kansas City, Kansas (913) 371-5393

Armourdale Baptist Church, 700 S. Mill St., Kansas City, Kansas (913)371-6476

**Financial Assistance**

Bethel-Riverview Coordination and Development, 947 Osage, KCKS 66105 (913) 321-7418

Bethel Neighborhood Center, 14 South 7th Street, KCKS 66101 (913) 371-8218

Catholic Charities, 2220 Central Avenue, KCKS 66102-4759 (913) 621-5255

Crosslines Cooperative Council, Inc., 736 Shawnee Avenue, KCKS 66105 (913) 281-3388

Economic Opportunity Foundation Inc., 1542 Minnesota Avenue, KCKS 66102 (913) 371-7800

Northeast Coordination and Development, 950 Quindaro, KCKS 66101 (913) 371-0848

Salvation Army, 701 Washington, KCKS 66101 (913) 321-6958

Metro Lutheran Ministries, 722 Reynolds Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101

Mt. Carmel Community Outreach, 1220 Troup Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas (913) 621-4111

3. What is the name of the savings account at the QHFCU for Shirley Elmore to help animals?

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

Residents of Wyandotte County can drop off their tree for recycling December 26, 2013 through January 31, 2014. All tinsel, lights and ornaments must be removed. All drop off locations will be clearly marked with a sign.

Christmas tree drop off locations are as follows:

Stony Point Park - 527 N. 86th (North East corner of parking lot)

Alvey Park - 4834 Metropolitan (North side of the South parking lot)

City Park - 2601 Park Drive (In the park around the corner on the grass)

Wyandotte County Park (Bonner Park) - 631 N 126th (Ball field parking )

“Christmas with the Kids” was a great success this year. Ninety children received gifts purchased with money that was donated by residents and vendors. Thank you to all that donated, volunteered and brought side dishes. You generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Annual Meeting News**

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. Nomination forms will be mailed out no later than January 15, 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.

BPU Warns Customers of Widespread Telephone Scam Targeting Customers

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is warning customers about a phone scam targeting electricity customers that has been reported in a number of states. The scam involves telephone callers claiming to be from a utility company and then using various techniques to defraud customers. Some threaten customers with disconnecting electric service to their home or business if they do not make a payment immediately. The scam artist instructs customers to send them money via a prepaid card such as a Green Dot Card, before their power is shut off. Other scam calls   were made to collect money for replacing electric meters or adding surge protectors to customer's homes. The person is asking customers to purchase a $350/$500 Green Dot Card and asking them to have the card account information available when he calls back. The person told potential victims if the information was not given within four hours, their electricity would be shut off or their home would blow up. The scammer's caller-ID is falsified so it appears to originate from the utility, a practice known as "spoofing." "We've had reports of several calls from customers who have been contacted by these methods. We urge all who are contacted to call their utility before providing any type of payment to any such request," stated David Mehlhaff, BPU Chief Communications Officer. "Any customers who receive such a call should not attempt to make any payment and should instead contact their utility's customer service department."

BPU customer service representatives are reassuring customers that this is a scam and warning them to not give out any personal information to these scam artists. Please contact BPU or call the police if you believe you have been the target of this or any scam.

4. What is the maximum fine for littering?

**In Rememberance of all the family and friends of the Homes that have passed away this year.**

*Your smile alone warmed hearts. Your laugh was like music to hear. I would give absolutely anything to have you well and standing near. Not a second passes when you are not on our minds. Your love we will never forget and the hurt will ease in time. To have, to love, and then to part, is the greatest sorrow of one’s heart. So when you look up, perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.*

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My father LeRoy Clair passed away suddenly on Thanksgiving night after spending a pleasant time with family and he was instrumental in me buying a unit in the Homes. Please pray for us as we lost a father, husband, grandpa and uncle. Thank you and god bless you.

Dan Clair

886 Manorcrest Drive

**NEWSLETTER TRIVIA**

We want to encourage all residents to read the newsletter. You will find 10 questions within the newsletter. Write down your answers, along with your name and address. Bring the information to the office and drop it in the lock box. At the monthly board meeting we will randomly choose an answer sheet and if all the answers are correct, that resident will receive $25 off the next month’s maintenance. The following is the first question…

1. What organization will help you with questions about Medicare?

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.

**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.

**11/23/13 to 1/26/14** - "Olde World Christmas" at Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center

Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center, 720 N. 4th Street, Kansas City , KS. 66101. 913-371-3264. http://strawberryhillmuseum.org. The museum will be decorated in its holiday glory starting Saturday, November 23rd till January 26th for "Olde World Christmas"! Each year the main house rooms are uniquely and stunningly decorated. Activities are numerous and the Victorian mansion is well known for its beautiful Christmas decorations. This is a wonderful time of year to visit the museum and experience the rich Olde World traditions of the season. The Tea Room will feature ethnic foods for Christmas and each weekend a different ethnic group will be on hand to offer their "Olde World Delicacies". Traditional Ethnic inspired desserts will be offered as well as coffee, tea and lots of fun and laughter as we celebrate the season together. On December 7th St. Nicholas will be present to visit and have his picture taken with the children. He will be here from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Photos are $5.00. Milk and cookies will be served and each child will be given a gift to take home. In addition to our permanent ethnic exhibitors, there will also be displays by various ethnic groups and cultures representing, Mexico, Ireland, Germany, Italy, African-American, and Belgium. Don't miss out on this annual tradition! Strawberry Hill Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday noon to 5:00.

5. How many locations are available for Christmas Tree Recycling?

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.

6. How many votes do you get per share of stock?

**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 Shop  Tomz Toyz Race & Repair | 1315 State Ave  4301 Swartz Rd | 913.562.4202  913.279.1663 |
| **Computer Repair** | Heartland On-Site Services | Joe Dix | 913.735.7121 |
| **Air Conditioner** | AM Mechanical |  | 913.371.5885 |
| **Electrical** | CTC Electrical | Jeremy Tollie | 913.375.0070 |
| **Carpet /Vinyl Installation** | Reliable Flooring | Marvin Smith  Shawn Walters | 913.548.3195  913.944.1970 |
| **Handyman** |  | Brandon Deal | 913.707.2669 |
| **Haircuts for Homebound Seniors** |  | Juanita Priolo | 816-606-0026 |
| **Lawn Care** |  | Todd Bothwell  J. Hall  Antonio Mandujano | 816.517.6639  913.233.2541  913.944.8082 |
| **Painting** |  | AnnaMarie  Todd Bothwell  Brandon Deal | 816.810.8872  816.517.6639  913.707.2669 |
| **Personal** | Angels of Grace Childcare  Artistry Cosmetics  Avon  Babysitting/Infant CPR Certified  Cupcakes by Fredrick  Custom Made Jewelry & Watch Repair  Freeze Frame Photography  Housecleaning/Babysitter/Dog Walker  Housesitting/Plant Care  Sell It On Ebay  Tina’s Alteration & Repair | 1220 Troup Ave  Mary Jane Watson  Karen Anver  Reagan Adams  William Fredrick  Tammy Eklund  Dee Dee Johnson  AnnaMarie  J. Hall  Bob Anver | 913.233.2944  913.281.4405  913.342.2660  913.832.9266  913.248.5416  913.342.2326  816.716.8865  816.810.8872  913.233.2541  913.342.2660  913.633.1495 |
| **Recycling** | C&E Recycling | Chris  Eric | 913.904.8501  913.907.6764 |
| **Siding & Windows** |  | Mario | 913-486-3174  913-488-5563 |
| **Tree Trimming** | Pine Tree Service | Jose Meraz | 913.800.1905 |
| **Truck Refurbishing** | Superior Truck Refurbishing | Miguel Comacho | 913-313-0716 |

7. What food pantry is located at 722 Reynolds Ave?

**SERVICE AND REPAIR**

**All Welcome: The Bruised, Battered and Cast Aside**

The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City has been a safe haven for animals needing help since 1912. Like other shelters across the nation we take in homeless animals and provide a safe place for them to wait until they are reunited with their owners or adopted into a new home. What makes the Humane Society of Greater Kansas City different from most shelters across the nation is the philosophy and dedication to do whatever it takes to save every pet that comes into our care – no matter the animal’s health, situation or the cost involved.

Our no-kill philosophy extends to help pets in need -- not just the healthy and easy to place ones. We believe all animals deserve a chance and even if they’re not perfect there’s someone out there who will think they are the perfect pet for them. We specifically take in pets that wouldn’t have a chance in many other places, and while in our care if we discover a health or behavior problem we don’t give up on them either

**How Can You Adopt a Shelter Pet?**

To adopt any of the sweet pets at The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City, download our one-page adoption application form from hsgkc.org, complete the form and email it to **Karen@hsgkc.org**, or fax it to 913.596.2483. If you have specific adoption questions, not answered by our website, please call 913.596.1000. Our adoption process is a matching process of matching you with the right pet and vice versa. (No same day adoptions.) Most of our dogs do require a fenced yard.

**Shelter Hours**

Mon. – Fri. Adoptions 9 am – 5 pm **General Info**………………… 913.596.1000

Saturday Adoptions 9 am – 4 pm **To See the Pets**………………… hsgkc.org

Mon. – Fri. Clinic 9:30 am – 4 pm **Volunteer Info**………913.596.1000 ext. 122

**To Make a Gift**………913.596.1000 ext. 114

**Mandatory Spay/Neuter: Something to Ponder**

Like many issues in animal welfare, mandatory spay/neuter laws

have their supporters and detractors. One of the key successes of our Ray of Hope project has been the enforcement of mandatory spay/neuter in Wyandotte County. The results are amazing. In addition to maintaining a no kill status for the county (less than 1%), we have witnessed a 56% reduction of animals going into the KCK Animal Control shelter in the last three years! Make no mistake, this is not directly a result of spay/neuter itself (that will come later), rather it’s the enforcement. Early on we talked with the municipal circuit court, in which pet owners receiving citations would be given 30 days to get into compliance with all of the local ordinances for pets. It turns out that it is cheaper to get into compliance, than to be assessed the full fee by the court and have the animal removed from the home. A win/win for both animal and pet owner!

Targeted spay/neuter grants have made this even more successful. Dividends from spay/ neuter are being felt across the metro area as intake in most shelters have been declining for the last several years even as the number of spay/neuter surgeries are going up! We know adoption numbers are generally flat in the long term. If the metro area can further reduce the number of animals needing to go into shelters to the point of matching that adoption number, we would see the whole KC metro area become a no kill community.

Shirley Elmore, a resident at The Homes, gladly volunteers to take any resident’s pet to receive shots and be spayed or neutered at the Humane Society of Kansas City, Kansas. Shirley can be reached at 913-621-4628. Shirley’s endeavors to help animals within are community are time consuming and costly. A “Save the Animals” savings account has been created at the Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union. All donations are appreciated and go towards the betterment of the animals. You can drop off donations at the office or directly mail a donation to the credit union (QHFCU, 660 Manorcrest Dr., Kansas City, KS 66101). Please note on the donation that it is for the “Save the Animals” fund.

8. What request has been submitted to the Unified Government?

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union  As of November 30, 2013 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
| LOANS | 539,069.16 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | - 11,615.06 |
| SECURITY BANK | 223,062.11 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 85.91 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 105,541.92 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 54,275.92 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,461.04 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 26.28 |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 84,867.08 |
| 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 | 1,649.79 |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 1,406.80 |
| NCUSIF | 9,839.09 |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,323,053.72** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 0.00 |
| AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE | 1,387.44 |
| NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 152.00 |
| FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 110.00 |
| SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE | 448.68 |
| MEMBER SHARES | 1,067,167.15 |
| REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| UNDIVIDED EARNINGS | 195,575.80 |
| NET INCOME | 202.44 |
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,323,053.72** |

FOR SALE

Dehumidifier, Like New, Original Cost $160, Sale Price $79, 913-371-4976

**STICKS AND LIMBS**

**Place sticks and limbs to the curb in manageable piles**

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\*

9. What must all candidates be current with to be nominated/elected to the board of directors?

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| ONE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 900 Manorcrest (C/A, Shed, Patio) | Lamb | 816.288.4989 | $3,000 |
| TWO BEDROOM UP | Owner | Phone |  |
| 743 Manorcrest | QHFCU | 913.321.2471 | $4,000 |
| 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 |
| 3116 N 9th (C/A) | West | 913.999.2517 | $10,000 |
| 3151 N 9th (C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) \*\*\*REDUCED\*\*\* | Reynolds | 913.991.1385 | $ 9,000 |
| 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 |
| 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 | 913.991.8131 | $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 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.

10. What is the monthly electricity cost for a 75 watt bulb in a dusk to dawn fixture?

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| January 2014 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday  1 | Thursday  2 | Friday  3 | Saturday  4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7  NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING  6:30 PM | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15  CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20  CREDIT UNION CLOSED – MLK BIRTHDAY  THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6:30PM | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |

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.

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**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.

**JANUARY TRIVIA & FUN**

BOLSTER PILLOWS

If last year's scarf doesn't match this winter's wardrobe, turn it into a bolster pillow that'll help you hibernate in comfort and style.

What you'll need:

Densely woven or fleece scarf

2 hair elastics

Fiberfill

How to make it:

Cut a densely woven or fleece scarf in two lengthwise.

Use a simple running stitch to sew the long sides together, forming a fabric tube.

Wrap a hair elastic around the tube, a few inches from one end. Stuff the tube with fiberfill, then cinch the other end closed with a second hair elastic.



Bake a timely treat this New Year's Eve with these clock cookies.

What you'll need:

Sugar cookies, baked and cooled

White frosting

Black decorator's gel

CD sleeves

Variations:

If you like, hang the goodies from a branch spray-painted silver and stuck in a weighted container (we used a bucket).

How to make it:

These clock cookies start with your favorite sugar cookie dough, cut into 3 1/2-inch circles and baked.

Decorate the cooled treats with white frosting and add details with black decorator's gel.

Let the cookies set overnight, then slip them into CD sleeves.

SHUFFLE CAPS

What you'll need:

Masking tape (we used easy-to- remove painters' tape)

8 large plastic bottle caps (4 per player) individually marked to represent two teams

How to play:

SETUP: Create the scoring triangle with tape: the tip is worth 50 points, the middle 25 points, and the base 10 points. Use another piece of tape to mark the push-off point at the opposite end of the table.

HOW TO PLAY: Take turns sliding your caps (they slide best upside down) from behind the push-off point. You can knock your opponent out of the triangle or right off the table. More than half the cap must be inside the space to count as in. The first player to score 200 points wins.

If you shoot your cap off the table, you lose 25 points. But if you knock off your opponent's cap, he loses 25!