THE HOMES, INC March 2013

NEWSLETTER

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

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. 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.

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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.

**Raffle of cash prizes - $50, $40, $30, $20 and $10.**

**2012 Real Estate Taxes**

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

**Single unit: $294.41**

**Double-unit: $588.82**

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**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

THE HOMES INC 913-321-2471

AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE 913-948-2211

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

KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 913-596-3000

KCK ANIMAL CONTROL 913-321-1445

POTHOLES 913-573-8307

CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAINTS 311

STREET LIGHTS/POWERLINES 913-573-9522

BPU 913-573-9000

KS GAS SERVICE 1-800-794-4780

THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

March 18, 6pm

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome!

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Meeting at the clubroom on Tuesday, March 5th, 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 restrict 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.

-Never pick up hitchhikers. Never!

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

7. What event is a resident of the Homes participating in?

**Vote for your Mayor and Commissioners**

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

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

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

Make sure our community is represented and please vote!

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PET OWNERSHIP IN THE HOMES, INC.

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

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

Zorro &

Sophie (brother and sister)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

February 18, 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 February 18, 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.

Thirteen 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.

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2013 and the January 21, 2013 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Frank Moss moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver reported that 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 Elaine Hines. Carried unanimously.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

6-8 Summitcrest: Remove carpet from bathrooms and install laminate flooring and install ceramic backsplash in kitchen – Gai Green. Work will be done by Mantooth Restoration.

The only stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Art Dale, 790 Manorcrest, to install a stair glider in his unit. Work will be done by Veterans Administration. The glider will be removed by the VA at its expense upon transfer of the unit to a new stockholder. Frank Moss moved to approve this change request. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Karen Anver moved that all stair glider installations be submitted for board consideration in the future. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Elaine Hines read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 27-29 Summitcrest | Cynthia F. McGrew Streeter | Cynthia F. McGrew Streeter and Brandion S. Gibson |
| 3156 N. Allis | Rosetta Cantwell | Rosetta Cantwell and Gayla Anderson |
| 841 Manorcrest | Pamela J. Green | Pamela J. Green and Rosa Emma Romero-Ochoa |
| 727 Manorcrest | The Homes, Inc. | Father Luis Jorge Ramirez |
| 14 Viewcrest | Marjorie M. Couch and Gary Stark | Catherine Sue Andrews |
| 3133-3141 N. Allis | The Homes, Inc. | Deborah Jean Vincent |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Elaine Hines and seconded by Kayla Ross the Corporation waive its option to purchase the shares of stock and approve transfer of same. Carried unanimously. The manager was reminded that all original signed stock certificates must be stored with the credit union if the stockholder has an outstanding loan.

*Announcements:*

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

James Connolly, who is running for commissioner, spoke at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting. Nathan Barnes has endorsed Mr. Connolly. A neighborhood cleanup is being planned for May, 2013.

The NEKCKHK and HyVee partnership meeting scheduled for February 20th has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Volunteers interested in serving on the Lawn of the Month Committee were asked to contact the office.

Stockholders were asked to report any persons seen working on their cars to the office.

This month’s winner of the stockholder trivia was the stockholder at 775 Manorcrest 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. Reserves have been increased to $84,000.00. The budget is being finalized and should be ready for board consideration next month.

Stockholders were reminded that the primary election for mayor is Tuesday, February 26, 2013 and the general election is Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The stockholders polling place is at Mount Zion Baptist Church at 417 Richmond.

The annual meeting will be held Friday, March 8, 2013. The following nominees have accepted their nomination for the three vacancies on the board of directors: Karen Anver, John Carrazco, Elaine Hines, Melonie Jones and Charles Sawyer.

Elaine Hines moved to approve the notification letter for the annual meeting. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously. Signatures were obtained on the letter of notice for the March 8, 2013 annual meeting which will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Frank Moss moves that only stockholders as of midnight February 15, 2013 will be eligible to vote in the March 8, 2013 election. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously.

Ballot inspectors are to be appointed by each incumbent member who is at the end of their term. Karen Anver has selected Jim Tavis. Elaine Hines has selected Bill Bradford. Harold Watson has selected Evelyn Doorman. Kayla Ross moved to approve the appointment of the ballot inspectors. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

The two non-running board members were reminded that they need to be present no later than 7:10 p.m. on the date of the annual meeting to check off stockholders by name and stock as they enter the clubroom for the annual meeting. Bob Anver and Beverly Waltrip also agreed to check in stockholders. Thirty shares of stock are needed for a quorum.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

A request for funds to help build playground areas and a bike park was submitted to Sporting KC. The request was declined because their focus will be on cancer charities this year. Another request will be submitted for 2014.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

Harold Watson thanked Rosetta Cantwell, Kayla Ross and Mary Jane Watson for their work on the nominations committee.

Elaine Hines asked the stockholders not to allow their dogs to run loose.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Lisa Ross, 3177 N. Allis, thanked the maintenance staff and office for their quick responses to her maintenance requests.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Summitcrest, reported seeing dogs loose in the neighborhood.

Brandon Deal, 783 Manorcrest, asked a question about work that may be done on vehicles on the property.

Oscar Stacey, 3125 N. Allis, thanked the office and staff for their help during his move into his unit. Mr. Stacey also commented about the number of loose dogs seen in the neighborhood, the vehicles driven by maintenance staff and problems he has had with the BPU.

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

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R. ELAINE HINES

SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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HAROLD WATSON

PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**PREPARE YOUR LAWN TO LOOK GREAT!**

Over the next several weeks, temperatures will gradually warm and attention returns to lawn care. Spring lawn care is important, as early season care has a big impact on lawns.

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

**MARCH**

1. **Rake your yard**. Sticks, leaves, nuts and any debris should be raked from the yard. This will allow water and air to penetrate your soil making it healthier for grass to grow.

2. **Aerate your yard**. Over time your soil becomes impacted and it is very difficult for existing grass to grow and new seed will not germinate. An aerator machine pulls plugs from your soil which allows water and air to penetrate. An alternative is aerating shoes. These can be purchased at a hardware store.

3. **Apply a premergent herbicide**. This will kill crabgrass which is one of the most common weeds that kills out grass.

4. **Remove low branches on trees**. Trees will use up most of the nutrients in the soil. Grass areas around trees need lots of sunlight, air and water. Removing low branches allows these elements to penetrate.

**APRIL**

1. **Seed, Seed, Seed**. For a lush and green lawn apply a generous amount of seed with a spreader. A spreader allows the seed to be spread evenly over the entire lawn. Hand held spreaders are reasonably priced at a hardware store. The Homes provides seed for free. Use 8 pounds for every 1000 square feet of your yard. Don’t forget to water generously.

2. **Enrich your soil**. Just as humans need food or cars need gas to function your soil needs enriching. There are several ways to enrich your soil. Peat Moss is decayed vegetation and organic remains (bugs). It is high in nutrients and helps retain moisture in your soil. Sand-a light application of sand acts like an aerator. Sand molecules work their way into the soil allowing water and air to penetrate. Manure is organic matter that contributes to the cycle of life in your soil. While it may be a little stinky the results are fantastic.

3. **Fertilize two weeks after seeding**. Use a fine granular fertilizer with weed control. Apply to your lawn when it is wet. This allows the weed control to stick to the leaves of weeds making it easier to eliminate them.

**MAY**

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

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

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

3. When is March's neighborhood watch meeting?

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH**

**VOTING IS FROM 7:30am – 7:30pm / Annual Meeing will begin at 8:00pm**

Raffle of cash prizes - $50, $40, $30, $20 and $10.

The following stockholders accepted their nomination.

**Karen Anver**

As a 2011-2012 board member, I would like to be elected to be a 2013-2014 board member. I have seen a lot of changes for the good the last two years. I feel change on a lot of issues still need to be resolved. I will see that gets done. I love living here at the homes and also like to see our neighborhoods are kept up and protected from crime. If you elect me to be on the board again, I will work on getting a better community, more neighborhood watch members to be safe.

**John Carrazco**

I've decided to accept the nomination and run for a position on the Board of Directors for The Homes, Inc. My family and I have enjoyed living here at The Homes for the past three years. If elected I'll use my strong leadership and organizational skills as well as my years of management experience to keep The Homes "a nice place to live" for all shareholders and their families. I believe my big picture thinking and easy to get along with personality will be welcomed on the Board. Thanks in advance for your consideration. Respectfully, John Carrazco.

**Elaine Hines**

If I am re-elected to the Board, I will continue to do my best to represent the interests of stockholders and make decisions to ensure the future of the corporation. I feel the current board has been the most cohesive and effective in the seven years I have lived in The Homes.

**Melonie Jones**

I would recomend a "plan" that creates a "appealing" and "presentable" place for stockholders to be proud of where they live (ie: landscaping) around the common grounds etc. Needing to hold "stockholders" accountable to keeping their homes outside appealing (ie: manager or groundkeeper making daily checks) also having inside inspections every 6 months. I would recomend monthly "incentives" to stockholders (ie: property upkeep; paid maintenance on time etc. Make sure we have qualified maintenance workers and ensure they make "wages" that match their abilites. If you are invested and care about "The Homes" I would appreciate your vote. Thanks Melonie Jones.

**Charles Sawyer**

Please Vote!

**NEWSLETTER TRIVIA**

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

1. What is the amount of member shares at the credit union as of January 31, 2013?

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**

**2/14-3/28/13 - Images from the Archives from Parks and Recreation.**

Wyandotte County Historical Museum, 631 N. 126th Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66102, 913-721-1078, www.wycomuseum.org. Come see the Past Recreations: Images from the Archive exhibit.

**3/1-3/2/13 - 13th Annual "Marble Crazy" at Moon Marble Co.,**

A little shop in Bonner Springs, KS that sells toy & contemporary art glass marbles, traditional toys, games, and gifts. **What**: Contemporary Art Glass Marble Show including artists from around the country, glass working demos, and a marble machine. **When**: Fri., March 1st, 2013, Noon-9pm Sat., March 2nd, 2013, 10am-5pm. **Where**: 600 East Front Street, Bonner Springs, Kansas 66012. **Why**: See Marbles Made! See the Marble Machine! Visit and Buy Glass Art directly from the Artists! Stop by and see the Homes own resident, Peggy, who has her own counter.

**3/17/13 - 41st Annual Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade**

From a cheery little walk around the block of a downtown bar, this parade has turned into the largest one-day celebration in the city. Prade route-Broadway from 33rd Street (Linwood) to 43rd Street. Start approx. Time 11:00am. Admission is FREE.

**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.

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

**New and Used Building Materials & Workshop:** Habitat for Humanity Restore, 4701 Deramus Ave. K.C, MO or 303 W. 79th St. K.C., MO, 816-231-6889. Hours are Monday – Friday, 10am – 6pm (Donations/purchase pick-up until 5pm); Saturday, 9am – 4pm (Donations/purchase pick-up until 3pm)

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

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

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

**Quindaro Boulevard Family Health Care:** 530 Quindaro Boulevard, KCK 66101. Phone: (913) 722-3100. [www.swbfhc.org](http://www.swbfhc.org), Se habla Español. Your Health is important to us! Family Health Care provides primary health care for the entire family. Services include care for pregnant women, children and adults (including chronic diseases such as HIV, HepC and diabetes). Family Health Care is a non– profit safety net clinic with services provided on a sliding scale for those who do not have insurance. Our goal is to improve your family’s health by providing comprehensive health care services. No patient is turned away for inability to pay. Call (913) 722-3100 for an appointment. Monday - Friday Social and legal services from 12:00pm to 6:00pm Monday - Thursday The medical clinic is open 3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Medicare Savings Program Application Assistance** is offered by appointment, over the phone, or in your home. Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) is a free program offering older Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained, community volunteers and get answers to questions about Medicare and other insurance issues. Please call the SHICK Hotline at 1-800-860-5260 to speak to a volunteer. If you are a resident of Wyandotte or Leavenworth County, you can reach a local volunteer at 913-573-8531.

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

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

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

2. What is the number for KCK animal control?

2. When is the general election?

**When You Walk Your Dog…**

Did you know it is illegal to allow your dog to relieve itself upon any property other than you own unless you pick up after it? The law was enacted for 3 reasons: 1. It is very annoying to step in dog waste; 2. Dog feces poses a serious health hazard to dogs and humans because it can spread diseases such as Parvo; and 3. During heaving rainfall, dog feces is absorbed in groundwater and is a source of pollutant that can eventually flow to stream and the Missouri River.

The next time you walk your dog, remember the law and the reasons for it. Please use baggies to help our neighborhood stay clean and healthy.

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

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

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

**BURN PILE AND DUMPSTER.** Contact the office before dumping items in the burn pile

or the dumpster located at the office. The burn pile is for yard waste (tree limbs, brush, and grass) only. DO NOT PLACE BUILDING MATERIALS IN THE BURN PILE.

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

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

**ONLY FLUSH TOILET PAPER.** The pipes in our homes are over 60 years old. They do not have the capacity to wash away any other material. Do not flush baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, diapers, paper towels, Q tips, etc. If maintenance finds these items consistently causing a back up in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

**PARKING:** The Homes does not have assigned parking. Please be considerate of your neighbors and their parking needs. Try not to park in a spot that is normally used by your neighbor. If you have guest, have them park in the overflow lots. **NEVER PARK IN YARDS OR COMMON GROUND.**

**KEEP FURNANCE AND WATER HEATER AREAS CLEAN.** Having too many clothes, boxes, or general clutter in your utility area can be a fire hazard. Please keep yourself and your neighbors safe and keep your utility areas clean. **DO NOT PILE CLOTHES OR OTHER ITEMS ON TOP OF THE WATER HEATER OR FLU AREA.**

**STICKS AND LIMBS:** Place sticks/limbs in 4 foot bundles to the curbside for pickup by maintenance.

**TOYS & BIKES:** Please do not leave toys & bikes in the parks. They create a mowing hazard and a opportunity for thieves. If you have lost a toy or bike in a park, check the office to see if it was picked up.

4. What will be raffled at the annual meeting?

**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 |

**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 |

**In our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Richard Kerns and family for the loss of Kathy Kerns

Jamie Stewart and family for the loss of James Stewart

Vivian Brunner and family for the loss of Kristy Wendl

Valerie Haynes and family for the loss of Corrine Culp

Judy Reynolds for the loss of her beloved “Cookie”

8. What is the phone number to call if street/security lights are out?

**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

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 March.

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 January 31, 2013 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
| LOANS | 552,568.63 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | - 17,323.03 |
| SECURITY BANK | 169,609.26 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 85.81 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 105,216.26 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 54,073.70 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,446.14 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 26.28 |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 84,690.58 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 1,552.14 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 100,000.00 |
| M & I BANK | 100,000.00 |
| COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS | 100,000.00 |
| PREPAID INSURANCE | 1,700.71 |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 1,873.82 |
| NCUSIF | 10,308.28 |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,277,457.43** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 483.00 |
| AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE | 1,439.00 |
| NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 269.85 |
| FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 55.00 |
| SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE | 415.56 |
| MEMBER SHARES | 1,023,848.83 |
| REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| UNDIVIDED EARNINGS | 193,181.16 |
| NET INCOME | - 245.18 |
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,277,457.43** |

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\*

6. When is the general election?

9. What is the name of the grass seed that the Homes gives away for free?

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| ONE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 900 Manorcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 80 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Shed) | Vandaveer | 816.721.3759 | $14,000 |
| 115 Viewcrest (Stove, No C/A) | Rivas | 913.371.3001 | Make Offer |
| THREE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone |  |
| 774 Manorcrest (C/A, Appt Only) | Sabata | 913.284.6583 | $15,000 |
| 822 Roswell (C/A, Appt Only) | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 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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| March 2013 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday  1 | Saturday  2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5  NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 6:30 PM | 6 | 7 | 8  BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 7:30AM TO 7:30PM @ CLUBROOM  ---------------------------ANNUAL MEETING  8:00 PM @ CLUBROOM | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  QHFCU ANNUAL MEETING 12:00 PM @ CLUBROOM |
| 17 | 18  THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6PM | 12 | 20  CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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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.

10. What are volunteers needed for?

**MARCH TRIVIA & FUN**



[Macaroon Easter Nest Snack in a Cone](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/macaroon_easter_nest_snack_in_a_cone-e1046.html)

This is a super fun kid craft to make and eat.

Supplies: **Simple Macaroon recipe:**  
Macaroon recipe 14oz of Eagle Brand Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated)  
Colored Ice Cream Cones 2- 7oz packages of flaked coconut  
Cadbury Chocolate Eggs 2 tsp Vanilla Extract  
Nabisco Nilla Vanilla Wafers

Instructions:

Mix the macaroon recipe. Put a vanilla wafer in each of the cones (this will prevent the mix from falling into the ice cream cones. Place your mixture into each of the cones making a nest shape. Bake in oven at 350 degrees for approximately 10 minutes or until edges turn brown. Let cool and add a few Cadbury [chocolate](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/macaroon_easter_nest_snack_in_a_cone-e1046.html) eggs.

5. If you have been a victim of crime what should you do?

[](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=2090)

[Thumbprint Zoo Craft](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=2090)

It's amazing what you can turn little thumbprints into with a little imagination. Start the kids out with the critters in the picture and then encourage them to create other animals they might find in the zoo with their thumbprints. They can create all kinds of animals, real and imagined.

Supplies

Paint or Ink Pads  
White Paper  
Black Marker  
Paper [Towels](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=2090)

Instructions

Step 1: Using the picture as a reference have the kids select their favorite animal.

Step 2: With the ink pads, [students](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=2090) can make thumb print animal bodies on the white paper.

Step 3: Let the ink dry for a few minutes.

Step 4: To finish the animals, add details with the black marker.

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.