Happy March Birthdays

THE HOMES, INC March 2014

NEWSLETTER

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

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

***2013 Real Estate Taxes***

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

***Single unit: $373.16***

***Double unit: $746.32***

**In the February newsletter the date was incorrectly printed for VOTING AND ANNUAL MEETING. The correct date is:**

**Friday, March 14, 2014**

**Voting -7:30AM – 7:30PM**

**Annual Meeting - 8:00 PM**

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

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

THE HOMES INC 913-321-2471

AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE 913-948-2211

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

KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 913-596-3000

KCK ANIMAL CONTROL 913-321-1445

POTHOLES 913-573-8307

CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAINTS 311

STREET LIGHTS/POWERLINES 913-573-9522

BPU 913-573-9000

KS GAS SERVICE 1-800-794-4780

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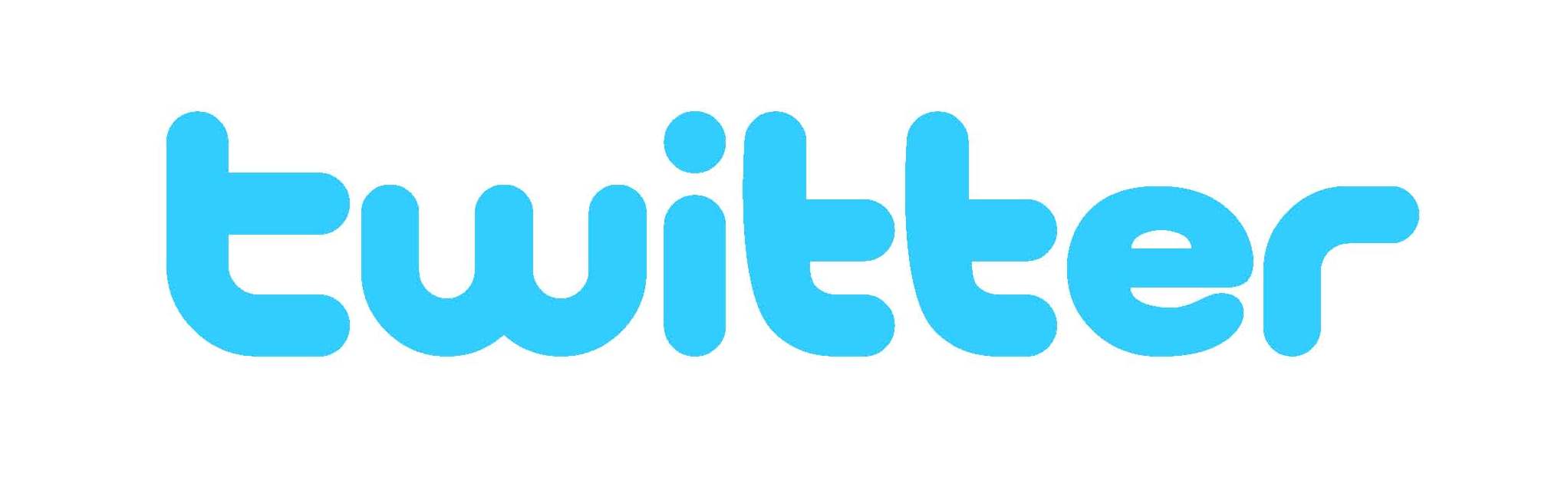
THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

March 17, **6:30pm**

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 4, 5:30pm followed by**

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING AT 6:30**

**Enjoy good food and good neighbors!**

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

* Neighborhood Watch is selling dusk-to-dawn adapter for your porch light for $11.00 including tax. Crime statistics show that lighted areas are less likely to suffer crimes than those in the dark!

Meet and Greet

The Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving (COPPS) Unit is hosting several opportunities for people in our communities to get to know the Patrol Division Officers assigned to their neighborhoods.  Below is the meet and greet date for our community: **East Patrol Division** (State Line to 29th Street, north of I-70) Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014 at 6:00 pm, Donnelly College, 608 N 18th

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.

4. What will Kansas Gas Service be doing in The Homes?

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.

February 17, 2014

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

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

Twelve stockholders attended the meeting.

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

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

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

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2014 and the January 20, 2014 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Kayla Ross moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver announced there was no financial report this month because the accountant has been at the office reviewing the financial information.

There were no stockholder change requests for approval by the manager.

The first stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Asael Bonilla-Lopez, 39/41 Summitcrest, to divide the units and remodel the kitchen by installing a sink and electrical outlet for a stove. This request was tabled until additional information could be obtained by the stockholder.

The second stockholder change request was that of Sharon Norris, 40 Viewcrest, to replace kitchen countertop and sink. Work to be done by Home Depot with assistance by maintenance to disconnect the plumbing. Kayla Ross moved to approve this change request. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

The final stockholder change request for board consideration was from Effie Barber, 877 Manorcrest, to install an 8 x 10 metal kennel outside her unit. Kayla Ross moved to approve the change request as long as it is within regulations. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 3020 N. Allis | Christopher M. Connor | Jessica Lynn Wilson and Christopher M. Connor |
| 1 Summitcrest | Isabel Lopez and Margarita Robleado | Margarita Robleado |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Kayla Ross and seconded by Frank Moss 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 828 Manorcrest who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

The monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in March. Terry Zeigler from the Police Department will be invited to speak at the April, 2014 meeting.

Stockholders were cautioned to disregard any letters they may receive in the mail with offers to buy their unit or to insure sewer lines.

Tyreeta Byers, Frank Moss, Charles Sawyer and Kayla Ross have accepted nominations to run for the two vacant positions on the board in the March, 2014 election.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

No further efforts have been made by Neighborhood Watch to establish tax exempt status.

Manager announced that the stockholder that proposed the archery range is no longer interested in pursuing its installation.

All of the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the county appraiser’s office to determine the value of each unit as part of the real estate tax appeal. Technicians have been on the property measuring parcels of land. Weather has caused some delays.

The City traffic engineer contacted the manager about the Viewcrest parking issues. The City has an up-to-date blue print of the layout of the street and will be making recommendations soon about possible ways to resolve the overcrowding problems.

Kayla Ross moved to appoint Oscar Stacey, Jim White and Evelyn Dorman to serve on the ballot inspection committee. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

Beverly Waltrip previously volunteered to host a spaghetti dinner for residents of The Homes. The dinner will be held March 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. which will be before the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

Jim Tavis is working on the 2014 budget. Requests for budget considerations should be submitted to the manager.

Kansas Gas Service will be replacing all of the gas lines in The Homes. Work will begin in April or May, 2014. They are currently working on easement rights issues. Kansas Gas will be responsible for replacing any sidewalks, driveways or landscaping that is removed during this process.

The board discussed soliciting nonstockholders to serve on boards and committees. Nonstockholders may be allowed to serve on any committees that do not involve stockholder rights.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Oscar Stacey, 3125 N. Allis, made some suggestions on how to increase community involvement. Effie Barber, Beverly Waltrip and Mr. Stacey agreed to serve on a social committee. Mr. Stacey also reminded stockholders that if the manager happens to be out of the office, she may still be working and commented on the number of maintenance vehicles that are left running unattended.

Dottie Reynolds, 38 Summitcrest, thanked maintenance for their hard work recently with snow removal.

Effie Barber, 877 Manorcrest, reported on noise complaints with her neighbor. Both parties will be called before the board for the March, 2014 meeting.

Bill Bradford, 953 Manorcrest, reported on the number of automobiles being worked on in the parking bays and the inoperable automobiles in the neighborhood.

Bob Anver, 108 Viewcrest, commented on the number of social events held in the community last fall.

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, reminded everyone that Daylight Savings will be March 8-9, 2014 and commented on flyers posted on vacant units and the inconsistent trash pickup.

Beverly Waltrip, 25 Viewcrest, reported that the parking near her unit has improved and expressed her appreciation for recent snow removal.

Evelyn Dorman, 62 Viewcrest, asked about the status of the sidewalk and sewer replacement and reminded everyone to vote on March 14, 2014.

Sherry McCool, 12 Summitcrest, thanked all the staff for their work.

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



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

5. What are parents to remind their children to do?

**EVENTS**

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

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

**3/1/14 - Opening Day of Fishing at Wyandotte County Lake**

Wyandotte County Lake, 91st Leavenworth Road, Kansas City, Kansas 66109. (913) 596-7077,

[www.wycokck.org/parks](http://www.wycokck.org/parks). Opening day for fishing and boating (weather permitting) is Saturday, March 1st at 6:00am. The lake will be stocked with Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish. A unified Government fishing permit and a Kansas State Fishing License are required. Boating permits are required at the lake as well. Go Fishing ... instead of just a wishing

**3/7/14 to 3/8/14 - 14th Annual Marble Crazy**

Moon Marble Company Store, 600 East Front Street, Kansas City, KS 66012. 913-441-1432,

<http://www.moonmarble.com>. Looking for a place to go where there's over 20 artists, marbles, a marble machine, see marbles being made, or lose your marbles? Then you want to attend the 14th Annual Marble Crazy at the Moon Marble Company, Friday, March 7th from noon - 9:oopm and Saturday, March 8th from 10:00am - 5:00pm. This is a show for art lovers and marble lovers. Artists from all across the USA will gather for two days of marble making. They will demonstrate the techniques of taking molten glass from the furnace and from the torch and creating beautiful art marbles. The artists will also display their work and offer it for sale. Moon Marble Company is located on Hwy K-32 just west of Hwy K-7 in Bonner Springs. The Kansas City Marble Collectors Club will round out a fun weekend by hosting a third day of marble activity on Sunday, March 9 at the Overland Park Holiday Inn. The 2014 Marble Club Show will run from 9 am to 3 pm. Admission to the events at both locations is free. For further information contact the Moon Marble Company at 913-441-1432, or visit the website at [www.marblecrazy.com](http://www.marblecrazy.com). Moon Marble Company was founded in 1997, by Bruce Breslow and Lynda Sproules. They offer a large selection of machine made and handmade contemporary marbles for sale.

**3/7/14 - Mennonite Author Shirley Hershey Showalter to speak at Kansas City Kansas P. L.**

3104 Strong Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106, 913-722-7400, <http://www.kckpl.org>. Kansas City, Kansas Author Shirley Hershey Showalter will give a talk at the South Branch of the Kansas City Kansas Public Library on March 7th at 3:00pm. She will be speaking about her new memoir Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World and her journey from a young Mennonite girl to a college president.

**3/9/14 - Lithuanian Celebration at Strawberry Hill Museum**

Strawberry Hill Ethnic Museum & Cultural Center, 720 North 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

913-371-3264. <http://www.strawberryhillmuseum.org>. Come party at the museum as the Lithuanians of America celebrate their Independence Day on Sunday, March 9th 2014 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. There is an assortment of activities planned which are both entertaining and educational. A Lithuanian Officer from Fort Leavenworth's Command College will be the guest speaker and the Aidas Dance Group will perform. Yes, there will be food! Lithuanian sausage, bread and cake and Lithuanian beer and wine to wash it all down. The event is free.

**3/15/14 -Mrs. Robinson's 5k Romp**

Wyandotte County Lake & Park, 91st & Leavenworth Road, Kansas City, KS 66109, 913-573-8327, http://www.wycokck.org/parks. Lace up your running shoes for Mrs. Robinson's 5k Romp on Saturday, March 15th at 9:00am at Shelter #14, Wyandotte County Lake Park. The 5k is a good beginner trail run. The 10k is much more challenging run but both will be fun for the novice and expert, alike

**3/17/14 to 3/21/14 - Spring Break Nature Quest**

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Environmental Library, 4051 West Drive, Wyandotte County Lake Park, Kansas City, KS 66109, 913-299-2384, http://www.kckpl.org. Explore science and nature at the lake with a fun-filled week of specially designed activities for children ages 7-11. Class size is limited and registration is required one week in advance. You can sign up for one day or every day. This program is free. Visit website for more information.

***A pets story….***

-Katrina Michelle Morris, white Labrador, absolutely loves living here in The Homes, Inc. She has been here for about 5 years now, and loves to trick her momma so she can go see her neighbors on N. Allis St.; even though she knows this is going to get her in trouble when she returns! Katrina was born in Pensacola, Florida, where we continued to live for the first 3 years of her life. Three weeks after Katrina was born she received a spider bite on her neck which caused her airway to almost swell completely shut. The neighbor brought her to me and my son right before a Category 4 Hurricane at what time she was barely breathing. I had no idea that night while I was trying to save her and help her breathe she would ultimately end up saving me. She has been with me a total of years now. She has seen me thru that hurricane, a divorce after 13 years of marriage, and the death of my father. She has seen me fall apart, not get up, get up and now deals with my long class schedule. One winter when I was in bed sick after the third day of not being able to get out of bed she brought me potato chips from the kitchen table and tried to start giving me a bath! Katrina is without a doubt the best present from who I believe to be from God Himself that a girl could ever ask for!! I didn’t save her, every day she saves me! --Jennifer Morris

2. When is the Spaghetti Dinner?

**3/28/14 7:30pm to 3/30/14 9:30pm - Shen Yun 2014 at KCKCC**

Kansas City Kansas Community College Conference Center, 7250 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS. 913-334-1100 ext. 119. Shen Yun is an extraordinary journey across 5,000 years of Chinese civilization with classical Chinese dance, live orchestra, dazzling costumes and animated backdrops, Shen Yun will transport you to another world from March 28th through March 30th at the Kansas City Kansas Community College. Visit website for more details.

**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.

**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)

**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. When is The Homes, Inc. Annual Meeting?

Now find the other nine questions and bring your answers to the office!

Employees and board members of the Homes and their family members are not eligible to participate.

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.

3. How much is a dusk-to-dawn adapter for your porch?

**Public Service Announcements**

**AUTO**

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

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| **Type of Service/Repair** | **Company Name** | **Contact/Address** | **Phone Number** |
| **Air Conditioner** | AM Mechanical |  | 913.371.5885 |
| **Appliance Repair** | Glenn’s Appliance |  | 913.321.7462 |
| **Automotive** | Herrera’s Service Shop  Tomz Toyz Race & Repair | 1315 State Ave  4301 Swartz Rd | 913.562.4202  913.279.1663 |
| **Carpet /Vinyl Installation** | Reliable Flooring | Marvin Smith  Shawn Walters | 913.548.3195  913.944.1970 |
| **Computer Repair** | Heartland On-Site Services | Joe Dix | 913.735.7121 |
| **Electrical** | Shogren Electrical | Perry Shogren | 913.238.7014 |
| **Handyman** |  | Brandon Deal  Marvin Smith | 913.707.2669  913.548.3195 |
| **Haircuts for Homebound Seniors** |  | Juanita Priolo | 816-606-0026 |
| **Lawn Care** | Green Brothers Mowing | Juan Verde  Antonio Mandujano | 816.522.5006  913.944.8082 |
| **Painting** | Unity Painting | AnnaMarie  Brandon Deal  Moya | 816.810.8872  913.707.2669  816.335.5155 |
| **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  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  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  913.342.2660  913.633.1495 |
| **Recycling** | C&E Recycling | Chris  Eric | 913.904.8501  913.907.6764 |
| **Siding & Windows** |  | Mario | 913-486-3174  913-488-5563 |
| **Truck Refurbishing** | Superior Truck Refurbishing | Miguel Comacho | 913-313-0716 |

6. In 1925, who moved their headquarters to Memorial Hall?

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

**SERVICE AND REPAIR**

**The Homes, Inc Nominee Voting and Annual Meeting News**

* Anyone needing an absentee ballot should contact the office.
* 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 14, 2014.
* The Annual Meeting of the stockholders will be held on March 14, 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.
* 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.

**THE FOLLOWING STOCKHOLDER ACCEPTED THEIR NOMINATION**

**Tyreeta Byers**

To my fellow homeowners I’m truly honored to be nominated for a post on the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. If elected I promise to serve humbly, earnestly and with integrity. Qualifications:

-Resident 1999 -Retired 2008

-Currently Serving on the QHFCU Board as Vice President and Secretary

-Thirty years in Bank operations

-Ten years as Branch Administrator with Douglas National Bank & Liberty Bank

-Five years as an Assistant Development Manager with Chicago Housing Authority a HUD Subsidiary

-Currently Sunday School Superintendent St. Paul AME Church

**Frank Moss**

I have had the privilege of serving The Homes, on the Board, for the last two years. I believe in the Board Members and trying to support our community. I have lived in The Homes since 1989. I served the city of Kansas City Kansas for 29 years as a police officer and retired as a Master Detective. I believe I can continue to help our community serving another two years. My biggest asset is using common sense, to serve our community.

**Kayla Ross**

My name is Kayla Ross. I have served on the Homes Executive Board for the past two years, and I love it! The Homes, Inc. has been my *home* since I was 3 years old. I can’t imagine living anywhere else. My biggest passion is trying to get my fellow stockholders involved again. I want my neighbors to see this as the great place that it is. My experience these past two years on the Board coupled with my seven years of experience on Christ the King Credit Union Board, and other administrative duties will help me serve you well.

**Charles Sawyer**

I am a longtime resident of The Homes. I had served as a Maintenance Supervisor and a two time Board member of the Board of Directors. I will use my past experience to continue making The Homes a better place to live. Please Vote! Thank you Charles A. Sawyer

7. When is the Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union annual meeting?

**Kansas City Kansas has many Historical Landmarks. This month we are highlighting 3 Landmarks.**

Rosedale Arch - Memorial Drive in Mount Marty Park, Kansas City, Kansas 66104.

The Rosedale Arch is dedicated to the men of Rosedale, a neighborhood district and former municipality on the southern edge of Kansas City, Kansas, who served in World War I as part of the 42nd Rainbow Division. The 42nd Rainbow Division was formed in August, 1917 from National Guard units from 26 states and the District of Columbia. Led during part of the war by Douglas MacArthur, the Rainbow Division played a prominent role at the Battle of the Champagne and participated in other battles including those in the Chateau-Thierry salient, the Verdun front, and the final battle of WW1 at Argonne. The Rainbow Division is still active today and is currently made up from Army National Guard units from 14 states, but none are presently from Kansas. Inspired by the Arc de Triomphe, the Arch was designed by John LeRoy Marshall, a Rosedale resident, and dedicated in 1924. Located on Mount Marty, the flood-lighted arch is most easily visible at night from the intersection of Rainbow Boulevard and Southwest Boulevard. A historic marker was dedicated under the arch in 1993 to honor the soldiers of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War. Open dawn to dusk – free

Sauer Castle - 935 Shawnee Road in Kansas City, Kansas 66103.

The Sauer Castle was the residence of Anton Sauer. Sauer had married his wife Francesca in Vienna, Austria at age eighteen and a half. There, they had their five children: Gustave O.L., Anthony Philip Jr., Julius J., Emil, and Johanna. In 1868, after the death of his wife he moved the family to Kansas City. Five generations of the Sauer family continued living in the mansion. There have been a number of ghost stories that can be disproved (such as the previous family all being murdered there by the father, who then continued to commit suicide) that keep people vandalizing the house, which keeps the current owner from receiving insurance money. The architect is unknown but may have been Asa Beebe Cross. The home's design is an example of Italianate architecture. It was placed in the Kansas City, Kansas Historic Landmarks on January 29, 1987. It was placed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places on July 1, 1977. It was placed in the National Register of Historic Places: August 2, 1977.

Memorial Hall - 600 North 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

Nearly 6,500 men from Wyandotte County served in World War I, and 14 were decorated for gallantry in action. With the end of the war, many communities around the country began considering the erection of memorials to those who had served. In 1921, the site selected for the memorial consisted of twenty-six lots on the west side of North 7th Street between Barnett and Tauromee Avenues which cost $96,046.01. Mayor Burton appointed three trustees to have charge of the new building, as provided for in the state statute. These trustees were Dr. J. L. Otterman (G.A.R.), Frank Strickland (V.F.W.), and C. Harry Darby Jr. (American Legion). In 1925 the V.F.W. moved their headquarters to Memorial Hall and entered a long term lease with the V.F.W. at a nominal rental figure of $1.00 per year. Trustee Darby Jr. did not agree with this lease and filed suit against the other trustees stating that the taxpayers would be paying to provide rooms and accommodations for the V.F.W. practically for free. The court ruled that the conduct of the defendants in furnishing light, water, fuel, and janitor service to the V.F.W. without compensation, together with the occupancy of the building, amounted to taxation for private and not public purposes and was unlawful. In 1930 the V.F.W. moved its headquarters into the former Medical Arts Building at 34th and Broadway, where it has remained ever since. The Memorial Building has continued to serve a wide variety of civic functions for many years. In the early 1970s the Board of City Commissioners abolished the Board of Trustees and the Finance Commissioner took over direct control of the building. Today, the hall is used for public assemblies, concerts and sporting events, with a 3,500-seat auditorium, and a permanent stage. FYI- Memorial Hall was Patsy Cline's last public performance, during a benefit concert on March 3, 1963 – two days before her death in an airplane crash.

8. Who loves to trick and torment greedy people?

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union  As of January 31, 2013 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
| LOANS | 517,870.84 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | - 11,615.06 |
| SECURITY BANK | 245,777.51 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 85.93 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 105,603.68 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 54,275.92 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,464.02 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 11.28 |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 84,902.55 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 1,554.48 |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 100,000.00 |
| M & I BANK | 100,200.94 |
| COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS | 100,000.00 |
| PREPAID INSURANCE | 1,100.19 |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 1,171.90 |
| NCUSIF | 9,839.09 |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,323,872.12** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 0.00 |
| AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE | 1,741.60 |
| NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 304.00 |
| FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 55.00 |
| SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE | 217.22 |
| MEMBER SHARES | 1,066,170.14 |
| REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| UNDIVIDED EARNINGS | 197,102.88 |
| NET INCOME | 271.07 |
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,323,872.12** |

**Qunidaro Homes Federal Credit Union**

**Invites All Members to help celebrate our 61st Annual Meeting**

Saturday, March 15 at 12:00 pm

The Homes Clubroom

Lunch will be served, followed by a progress report on the credit union and the election of officers. $$$Door Prizes$$$

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. When is Daylight Savings?

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| TWO BEDROOM UP | Owner | Phone |  |
| 839 Manorcrest (No C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Jackson | 816.803.9914 | $9,255 OBO |
| 3010 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Fridge) | Vazquez | 913.220.6918 | $10,000 |
| 3109 N 9th (C/A, Stove, Fridge) | Parast | 913.710.6216 | $11,000 |
| 3116 N 9th (C/A) | West | 913.999.2517 | $8,000 |
| TWO BEDROOM DOWN | Owner | Phone |  |
| 783 Manorcrest (C/A) | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $10,000 |
| 789 Manorcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Jacuzzi) | Hudson | 816.898.5524 | $10,000 |
| 954 Manorcrest (C/A, Basement) | Ramos | 913.621.4532 | $13,000 |
| 3000 N. Allis | Walther | 913.278.1040 | $11,500 |
| 841 Roswell | Gregg | 913.371.5673 | $10,233 |
| 1 Summitcrest | Robleado | 816.830.2092 | $9,000 |
| 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 |
| 139 Viewcrest (C/A, Fridge) | Mora | 816.419.9387 | $11,000 |
| DOUBLE UNIT | Owner | Phone |  |
| 84 / 86 Viewcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (C/A, Shed) | Eberhardt | 913.281.5847 | $17,000 REDUCED |

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PET OWNERSHIP IN THE HOMES, INC.

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

**Kansas Gas Service**

In April, Kansas Gas Service will be replacing all the main gas lines throughout our neighborhood. If they have to remove cement or landscaping they will put it back. Most of the work will be done on the street which may affect parking for a few days. Please be mindful of this and work with Kansas Gas so that they can do their job. If there is a problem please call the office.

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| March 2014 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4  NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING  6:30 PM  -------------------------  MARDI GRAS | 5  ASH WEDNESDAY ---------------------------EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM  2-3PM | 6 | 7  NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM | 8 |
| 9  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS | 10 | 11 | 12  EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM  2-3PM | 13  POPCORN LOVER’S DAY | 14  THE HOMES VOTING 7:30AM-7:30PM  ---------------------------  ANNUAL MEETING 8PM | 15  CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING |
| 16 | 17  THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6:30PM  ---------------------------  ST PATRICK’S DAY | 18 | 19  CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM  ---------------------------  EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM  2-3PM | 20 | 21  NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26  EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM  2-3PM | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 |  | EXERCISE CLASS @ THE CLUBROOM  2-3PM |  |  |  |

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

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10. How many cats per unit can you have?

t a section large enough to hold a small candle then set one at each place setting to light up your brunch table.

**MARCH TRIVIA & FUN**

### Leprechauns:

* The Gaelic translation of the word Leprechaun is shoemaker.
* Descended from the Tuatha De Danann (a heroic race of warriors who lived in Ireland before the Celts)
* Dwarfed men about the size of a child who lives alone and makes tiny shoes for the Sidhe.
* Famous for their hidden pots of gold.  You must catch them and make them tell where it is.
* They love to trick and torment greedy people.



FLUBBER

Difficulty Level - Easy to Moderate

Flubber will stay fresh when stored in a plastic container for up to 14 days.

Ingredients:

2 gallon-sized plastic zipper bags

1 3/4 cup warm water (separated into 1 cup and 3/4 cup)

10 ounces of [school glue](http://familycrafts.about.com/od/craftstechniques101/ig/Crafter-s-Toolbox--The-Basics/School-Glue.htm)

15 drops food coloring

1 teaspoon of glitter

2 1/2 teaspoons of Borax (Borax is sold in the laundry aisle)

Take your first plastic zipper bag and add 1 cup of warm water, 1 1/4 cups of white school glue, 15 drops of [food coloring](http://familycrafts.about.com/od/coloringeggs/a/foodcoloreggs.htm) (your choice) and a teaspoon of glitter. Close the zipper and squish the ingredients together by squeezing the bottom of the plastic bag with your hands. Set this bag aside.

Open your second plastic zipper bag and pour 3/4 cup of warm water and 2 1/4 teaspoons of Borax inside. Close the zipper and mix the two ingredients together by squishing the bottom of the plastic bag with your fingers.

Pour the ingredients from bag 2 (the Borax solution) slowly into the ingredients from bag 1 (the glue mixture).

You should begin to see strings start to appear and begin to connect together to form your flubber. Stir the two mixtures together slowly with your hands. It may [feel a bit slimy](http://video.about.com/familycrafts/How-to-Make-Silly-Goo.htm), but that is what makes it so much fun. Once your flubber has formed, you can dump out the surrounding water. The slime will go away after a little while of playing with it. Try stretching your flubber, rolling it into a ball and bouncing it,

So how does this little [science experiment](http://familycrafts.about.com/od/craftyscience/ss/How-To-Grow-Crystals.htm) really work? Well the simple explanation is that the Borax solution causes the molecules in the glue to begin to stick together (hence forming your blob of slime). When your glue is in its original tube, the molecules slide past each other, which is why the glue in your tube remains a liquid. It isn't until they come into contact with the Borax that they change from a liquid to a solid.