THE HOMES, INC May 2013

NEWSLETTER

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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

BPU has completed installing the new water meters at The Homes. If your meter has not been changed out, contact the BPU at 573-9190. There could be a $75 charge to your utility bill, if the new meter is not installed.

**Neighborhood Watch Cookout**

**Friday, June 7th from 6-8pm.**

We will have games, a "bouncy house" and information on how you can make yourself and your neighborhood safer.

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH THAT GOES WITH HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**

**SATURDAY MAY 18TH**

**10 AM – 12 PM**

Volunteers needed to help pick up trash in the common ground areas and the streets. Trash bags, gloves and bottled water will be provided to those that help. Meet at the clubroom.

THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

May 20, **6:30pm**

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

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

**JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**TAG ENFORCEMENT**

1. Vehicles housed or garaged in Wyandotte County for 90 days or more must be registered in the county.
2. Vehicles within the State of Kansas but registered in counties other than Wyandotte can go to the Courthouse and purchase a sticker until tag renewal is due. When tag renewal comes due, renewal notice will be mailed to KCK address.
3. Vehicles must be tagged where resident is registered to vote.
4. Students with 9 or more credit hours that drive a vehicle owned by someone else that lives outside Wyandotte County do not need to register the vehicle in Wyandotte County.
5. Any resident that drives a vehicle owned by someone else must register the vehicle in Wyandotte under the owner’s name. The resident will be listed as a 2nd driver.
6. Vehicles that don’t comply will be towed. Owners will pay the tow bill and provide proof of registration before vehicle will be released.
7. The Sheriff’s Department will verify vehicle owners by:

Run license plate numbers

Personally contact the vehicle’s owner

 Contact voter registration and other resources as needed

**REPORT VIOLATIONS TO DEPUTY SHERIFF M.D. SNELSON 573-2861**

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**

**SAT. MAY 18TH 10AM – 12PM. MEET AT THE CLUBROOM**

**Neighborhood Watch Cookout**

**Friday, June 7th from 6-8pm.**

Come join us and learn about The Homes Neighborhood Watch Group. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, side items and beverages served. We will have games, a "bouncy house" and information on how you can make yourself and your neighborhood safer.

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH THAT GOES WITH HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS.**

2. What creative item can be made with an empty toilet paper roll?

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?**

Zorro &

Sophie (brother and sister)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

April 15, 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 April 15, 2013.

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

Ten 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.

Kristina and Nick from Google Fiber were present to provide an update on the installation of Google Fiber network in the area. It is anticipated that the network will be installed in the area by this summer. Google representatives will likely be in attendance at the Neighborhood Watch annual cookout.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2013 and the March 18, 2013 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Frank Moss moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver reported that work continues on the budget for next year. 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 Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

23 Viewcrest: Install cable television – Deidra Johnson. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

3156 N. Allis: Install cable television – Gayla Anderson. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

960 Manorcrest: Install satellite dish – Laura Smith. Work will be done by Direct TV.

841 Manorcrest: Install satellite dish – Rosa Romeno. Work will be done by Dish Network.

The first stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Melonie J. Jones, 22/24 Summitcrest, to place two L-shaped fences in the corners of her yard for roses. The fences will be approximately 4 x 4. Work will be done by self. Karen Anver moved to approve this change request. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

The second stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Marisela Parra, 823 Roswell, to replace ceiling in living room, install new cabinets in the kitchen and install new bathtub, vanity and toilet in the bathroom. Work will be done by her cousin. Frank Moss moved to approve this request. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

The third stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Linda Tavis, 936/942 Manorcrest, to build four raised garden beds in the back of the units out of rough cedar and plant four fruit trees in the back yard. Work will be done by self. Kayla Ross moved to approve this request upon maintenance’s review of the placement of the trees in relation to the sewer lines. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

The fourth stockholder change request for board consideration was that of John K. Enenbach, 49 Viewcrest, to install a 12 x 4 partition across the patio to block the view from the street. Karen Anver moved to approve this change request. Seconded by John Carazzco. Motion carried with Frank Moss abstained.

The final stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Luis Suarez, 9 Summitcrest, to enclose back patio. Work to be done by self with advise of Home Depot. No structural changes will be made to the unit. Kayla Ross moved to approve this change request. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Kayla Ross read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 130 Viewcrest | Angela L. Rivera & Dixie M. Rivera | Maria Guadalupe Reyes, Angela L. Rivera and Dixie M. Rivera |
| 741 Manorcrest | The Homes, Inc. | Juanita M. Priolo |
| 3118 N. Allis | Joshua B. Rueff & Lacy M. Rueff | Andre M. Alexander, Joshua B. Rueff & Lacy M. Rueff |
| 3191 N. 9th | Xi Guan Liu | Juan Jose Garcia and Xi Guan Liu |
| 823 Roswell | The Homes, Inc. | Marisela Parra |
| 49 Viewcrest | Manuel and Antonia Melendez | John Kendall Enenbach |
| 3199 N. 9th  | Bony Mejia Ardon | Vicki Bradford and William Bradford |

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

*Announcements:*

Stockholders were reminded that there no assigned parking spaces in The Homes.

The Masons will be having a pancake breakfast at 59th & Slater this coming Saturday morning.

Stockholders were asked to watch out for kids playing outside in the warmer weather.

Stockholders were reminded not to let their pets run loose in the neighborhood.

Robert Tavis, Kayla Ross and Sherry McCool have agreed to serve on the Lawn of the Month Committee.

This month’s winner of the stockholder trivia was the stockholder at 787 Manorcrest who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

The Neighborhood Watch Committee asked that stockholders keep an eye out for a man in a white Dodge pickup. He has been harassing persons in the neighborhood. If he is seen, please call 911.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The Finance Committee reported that work continues on the budget. The emergency reserve fund continues to grow.

Manager will be meeting with representatives from two companies to determine what type and placement of playground equipment.

Manager checked on the current charges for accepting debit/credit card payments. The charge to the corporation would be a little over $4.00 per transaction.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

Spring inspections will start soon. The board discussed restricting colors for doors and railings to create a more uniform look in the neighborhood. Frank Moss moved that all railings must be painted white, black or gray. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

John Carrazco moved that beginning immediately, door colors must be approved the board of directors if they are going to be painted a color other than black, white or gray. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously.

The board approved that the manager may resume using Cintas for paper shredding services at a cost of $41.00 per pickup. Pickups will be made approximately every 3 months.

The board discussed placing ads in the Kansas City Star special section called the Dot which highlights businesses and events in Wyandotte County. This item was tabled for further discussion at next month’s meeting.

Manager has looked into adding 10 parking bays in the areas of North Allis and Viewcrest and on the corner of Roswell and Manorcrest. The cost would be approximately $15,000 - $18,000 which has been budgeted. Manager has considered hiring a temporary employee skilled in concrete work to help reduce costs. Frank Moss moved to spend up to $12,000 to install additional parking spaces in these areas. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

 Bob Anver, 108 Viewcrest, asked the board to consider attempting to obtain judgments and collect monies from stockholders who damage units.

Gai Green, 8 Summitcrest, asked about who decided the placement of the speed bumps in the neighborhood.

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, reported vandalism to the signs near the boat and trailer lot.

Jeannie Coffelt, 3109 N. Allis, inquired about the time change for the board meetings.

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Viewcrest, reported a car that has been in the property with out of state plats for the past two months.

Harold Watson, 28 Viewcrest, reported a railing near his unit that needs to be repainted.

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

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 KAYLA ROSS, SECRETARY

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 R. ELAINE HINES, 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.

**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.

**Are you prepared?**

Spring time can bring severe weather. What would you do if a storm hit our neighborhood knocking down trees blocking roadways and taking out the power lines. Would you be able to survive those conditions for 1, 2 or 3 days. The Homes is offering a Disaster Preparedness Kit. The kit contains the following: Zippered Tote Bag, First Aid Kit 107 pieces, Flash Light w/batteries, NOAA Emergency Weather Radio, Can Opener, Helpful list of other items needed

The cost of this kit is $50. Don’t get caught off guard and unprepared to take care of yourself and family if a disaster were to occur. Complete the form below and **return it to the office by Wednesday, May 8th**. Your kit should be available by Wednesday, May 15th.

You can make three payments of $16.67 for the next three months along with your regular maintenance fees. **You must be current on your maintenance fees in order to participate in the payment plan.**

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Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase a disaster kit from The Homes, Inc. for $50.00

I will pay for my kit in full now

I will pay for my kit in 3 installments of $16.67 for the next three months.

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3. How long should you run your water after you have used you garbage disposal?

**14 Ways to Save Money on Groceries**

Save money and trips to the market with these tips and tricks from Rebecca DiLiberto’s [Penny Saving Household Helper](http://www.chroniclebooks.com/index/main%2Cbook-info/store%2Cbooks/products_id%2C8197/title%2CPenny-Saving-Household-Helper/). You’ll be surprised how simple it is to keep food at its best.

* Line the bottom of your refrigerator’s crisper drawer with paper towels. They’ll absorb the excess moisture that causes vegetables to rot.
* To keep herbs tasting fresh for up to a month, store whole bunches, washed and sealed in plastic bags, in the freezer. When you need them, they’ll be easier to chop, and they’ll defrost the minute they hit a hot pan.
* A bay leaf slipped into a container of flour, pasta, or rice will help repel bugs.
* Stop cheese from drying out by spreading butter or margarine on the cut sides to seal in moisture. This is most effective with hard cheeses sealed in wax.
* When radishes, celery, or carrots have lost their crunch, simply pop them in a bowl of iced water along with a slice of raw potato and watch the limp vegetables freshen up right before your eyes.
* Avoid separating bananas until you plan to eat them – they spoil less quickly in a bunch.
* Put rice in your saltshaker to stop the salt from hardening. The rice absorbs condensation that can cause clumps.
* Stock up on butter when it’s on sale – you can store it in the freezer for up to six months. Pack the butter in an airtight container, so it doesn’t take on the flavor of whatever else you’re freezing.
* In order to make cottage cheese or sour cream last longer, place the container upside down in the fridge. Inverting the tub creates a vacuum that inhibits the growth of bacteria that causes food to spoil.
* Believe it or not, honey is the only nonperishable food substance, so don’t get rid of the stuff if it crystallizes or becomes cloudy. Microwave on medium heat, in 30-second increments, to make honey clear again.
* Prevent extra cooked pasta from hardening by stashing it in a sealed plastic bag and refrigerating. When you’re ready to serve, throw the pasta in boiling water for a few seconds to heat and restore moisture.
* Keeping brown sugar in the freezer will stop it from hardening. But if you already have hardened sugar on your shelf, soften it by sealing in a bag with a slice of bread – or by microwaving on high for 30 seconds.
* If you only need a few drops of lemon juice, avoid cutting the lemon in half – it will dry out quickly. Instead, puncture the fruit with a metal skewer and squeeze out exactly what you require.
* If you’re unsure of an egg’s freshness, see how it behaves in a cup of water: Fresh eggs sink; bad ones float.

**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 day of the month can you drop off hazardous waste to the Waste Management Recycle center?

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**

**2013 Summer Youth Night Hoops**

Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Wyandotte Athletic Association to sponsor a basketball tournament for boys and girls grades 2-12 at Sumner Academy High School, 1610 N 8th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.   The tournament begins June 3, 2013 and the registration deadline is May 3, 2013. A maximum number of 12 players are allowed on one team. The registration fee is:

 $150.00 per team for grades 2-8

$200.00 per team for grades 9-12

 For more information to be on a team, please contact Mr. Watson at 913-551-0400 or 913-551-0402 or Mr. Burton at 913-708-8325 or 913-551-0407.

**5/4/13 – Polski Days**

All Saints Parish, 8th & Vermont, Kansas City, Ks. Live Music, Dancing, Ethnic Food, Kids’ Games. Parade (12th – 8th Streets on Central Ave), Noon

**2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days Set**

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2013. The site will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the follow-ing Saturdays: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19. The site is located at 2443 South 88th Street in Kansas City, Kansas. (South on 88th Street from K-32) or (East of I-435 using Woodend exit near Kaw River). When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items ac-cepted include tires (limit of 10 tires and rims need to be removed), motor oil, batteries, anti-freeze, degreasers, paints, varnishes, solvents, lawn & garden insecticides/pesticides, and household cleaning products. For additional information call 573-5400.

**4/20/13 to 6/29/13 - Native Words: Code Talkers; traveling Smithsonian exhibition**

Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum, 631 North 126th, Bonner Springs, KS 66012,

913-721-1078, http://www.wycomuseum.org. Come see the Native Words: Code Talkers; traveling Smithsonian exhibition. All exhibitions are held in our auditorium/temporary exhibition space.

**5/4/13 - Marble Day - 9:30am to 2 pm**

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

<http://www.moonmarble.com>. Downtown Bonner Springs, Kansas. This is a family day full of fun and free activities, games and silliness. Dress up and join in the parade, then take part in the fun and games. Compete in the marble tournament, climb the straw mountain, enter your pet in the pet tricks and much much more.

**Playground Equipment**

The Homes needs strong and able volunteers to help install the new playground equipment. Help keep the children of our community safer and off the streets by volunteering to install playground equipment. Food and drink will be provided for a day’s work. Please call the office to register.

**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.

4. What are the only colors that you can paint your porch railings?

2. When is the general election?

WE LOVE TO HERE ABOUT NEW ADDITIONS TO THE HOMES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF A CHILD CALL THE OFFICE. IF YOU HAVE A PICTURE BRING IT TO THE OFFICE AND WE WILL PUBLISH IT IN THE NEWSLETTER!

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

**GARBAGE DISPOSALS.** When you use your garbage disposal make sure you run plenty of water after you have turned it off. 10 - 15 seconds is enough time for the water to carry the debris out of the pipes. This will lessen the problem of pipes clogging.

**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 an opportunity for thieves. If you have lost a toy or bike in a park, check the office to see if it was picked up.

**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 or friends that have an interest in your estate. Plan for the future.

5. Name one member of the Lawn of the Month committee?

**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 |

6. What were the names of the Google representatives at the board meeting?

**PAINTING**

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| Todd Bothwell |  | 816.517.6639 |
| Matt Eklund |  | 913.526.2974 |
| Brandon Deal |  | 913.707.2669 |

**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 |

**TREE TRIMMING**

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| Jose Meraz | Jose | 913.800.1905 |

**WYANDOTTE MASONIC LODGE** is looking for a high school band musician who wants a scholarship to the All-Masonic High School band camp.  It will be at Washburn University in Topeka the week of July 23rd and will culminate with performances on July 26th at the Shrine Bowl dinner and July 27th at the East-West Shrine Bowl football game.

If you are interested in the scholarship, please call Bob Anver at 913-342-2660 for further information.

The **VIDALIA ONIONS** will arrive in Kansas City on May 6th or thereabouts, weather permitting.  This sale is for the benefit of the Abdallah Shrine Center. They will be available in 5 and 10 pound bags, same as last year. The price will be $5.50 for a 5 pound bag, $11.00 for a 10 pound bag.

Please call me (Bob Anver, 342-2660) and let me know if you want me to get some for you when they arrive.

FOR SALE

2 Lawn Chairs. Tightly woven sling fabric. Weather resistant. $35, Ralph 913-261-9751

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

 ![C:\Users\The Homes\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\J83UXIBK\MC900430233[1].wmf]()Happy Birthday to the residents celebrating their birthday in May.

**Spring Inspections have begun.**

A maintenance man is inspecting the outside of your unit. You will receive notification in the mail if there are tasks that you need to complete on the outside of your unit. You will 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.

7. When is the Neighborhood Clean Up?

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union As of March 31, 2013 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
|  LOANS |  528,583.01 |
|  ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES |  - 12,671.58 |
|  SECURITY BANK |  225,541.92 |
|  CHANGE FUND |  200.00 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS |  85.83 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD  |  105,284.31 |
|  BANK MIDWEST |  54,073.70 |
|  KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES |  11,428.85 |
|  KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT |  1,449.12 |
|  CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS |  26.28 |
|  INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK |  84,724.80 |
|  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 |  850.39 |
|  FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT |  1,846.40 |
|  NCUSIF |  10,308.28 |
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|  **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,313,283.45** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
|  ACCOUNTS PAYABLE |  483.00 |
|  AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE |  -154.16 |
|  NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE |  421.85 |
|  FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE |  165.00 |
|  SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE |  .00 |
|  MEMBER SHARES | 1,061,099.34 |
|  REGULAR RESERVES |  31,510.21 |
|  RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES |  26,500.00 |
|  UNDIVIDED EARNINGS |  193,181.16 |
|  NET INCOME |  77.05 |
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|  **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,313,283.45** |

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\*

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| ONE BEDROOM  | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 31 Summitcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 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 | 913.998.5248 | $8,000 |
| 882 Manorcrest (C/A) | Llave | 913.558.0444 | $6,500 |
| 3116 N 9th (C/A) | West | 913.999.2517 | $10,000 |
| 810 Roswell (C/A, All Appliances) | Lawrence | 913.548.1575 | $9,900 |
| TWO BEDROOM DOWN | Owner | Phone |  |
| 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 |  |
| 822 Roswell (C/A, Appt Only) | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 44 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Appt Only) | Meraz | 913.991.8131 | $13,000 |
| 3157 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Hernandez | 913.563.2635 | $15,000 |
| 3150 N 9th  | Sherwood | 816-838-9974 | $10,000 |
| DOUBLE UNIT | Owner | Phone |  |
| 15/17 Summitcrest, 2/2 Bdrm (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 | $19,000 OBO |

**Utility Scam Spreads Across the Nation**

A new utility scam being reported nationwide involves callers claiming to represent utility companies, demanding payment for a past-due balance through a prepaid card, and threatening to shut off service if payment is not received.

**This is an attempt at fraud.** Kansas Gas Service discourages all customers from providing personal, confidential information to any unknown party. Please report suspicious calls to your local police department or Federal Trade Commission.

**How to Avoid Falling for Scams\*:**

**Be wary of giving personal information over the phone**. Never provide your Social Security Number, credit card number or banking information to anyone requesting it over the phone or at your home unless you initiated the contact and feel confident with whom you are speaking.

**Use your own personal information**. Always pay your bills with your own personal information; never pay your bills with information that is not your own.

**Do your research**. If you receive a call claiming to be your utility company and feel pressured for immediate payment or personal information, hang up the phone and call the customer service number on your utility bill.

**Beware of the door-to-door sales approach**. Never allow anyone into your home to check electrical wiring, natural gas pipes or appliances unless you scheduled an appointment or reported a utility problem. Always ask utility employees for proper identification.

**Be proactive**. If you already have provided information to someone claiming to offer this service, contact your bank immediately. Also contact the three national credit bureaus - Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion & request a notation made on your account so that it doesn’t impact your credit rating.

**Inform others**. Share this information with friends and family so they do not become victims. The elderly are common victims of this type of scam, but anyone who pays a utility bill is a potential victim.

8. What is being requested to bring to the Neighborhood Watch Cookout?

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| May 2013 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday1 | Thursday2 | Friday3 |  Saturday4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING 6:30 PM | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12MOTHER’S DAY | 13 | 14 | 15CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM | 16 | 17 | 18NEIGHBORHOODCLEAN UP10AM-12PM |
| 19 | 20THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6:30PM | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27MEMORIAL DAY---------------------------THE HOMES & CREDIT UNION OFFICES CLOSED | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |   |

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**Wyandotte County Health Department**

Personal Responsibility Education Program

This program, administered by the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), provides $75 million annually in mandatory funds for FY 2010-2014 for evidence-based programs that educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and on other adulthood preparation topics such as healthy relationships, communication with parents, and financial literacy. PREP funding targets youth at greatest risk of teen pregnancy and geographic areas with high teen birth rates. All programs funded must be medically accurate and age appropriate. Here in Kansas City, the Wyandotte County Health Department conducts evidence based programs for young people such as "Reducing the Risk," "Making a Difference," and "Rikers Health Advocacy Program." If you are interested in learning more or may be interested in conducting programming, please contact Christina VanCleave at cvancleave@wycokck.org or 913-573-6774.

9. What does the Homes need to install new playground equipment?

**MAY TRIVIA & FUN**

 Bird Feeder

Take an empty toilet paper roll, cover it with peanut butter and roll in birdseed. Slide it over a tree branch and watch the birds enjoy your effort - cute idea for the little ones to make - add a hanger on it (from string) to hang it in the tree.

 Paint for kids

 Mix 1 cup salt, 1 cup flour, 1 cup water, and food coloring to desired color

**Moisturize and Revitalize Your Hair**

Look to your kitchen for the BEST conditioners.

Four different masks for each type of hair that you can easily make in minutes using all-natural ingredients you probably have sitting in your refrigerator or cupboard right now!

DRY hair –Olive Oil and Egg

Combine three tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil with two eggs and apply the mixture to your hair and let the mixture sit for 20 minutes before rinsing in the shower. The olive oil will help hydrate brittle locks, while the protein in the eggs will promote healthy hair growth.

ALL HAIR TYPES — Avocado and Honey

Mask a ripened avocado and mix in a tablespoon of organic honey and allow it to sit for 20 minutes before rinsing it off in the shower. Avocados are rich in a variety of vitamins and nutrients, including vitamin E and protein, both of which your hair needs to remain soft and healthy. Meanwhile, honey is a natural antibacterial agent.

OILY hair — Apple Cider Vinegar and Lemon

Combine 1/4 cup of apple cider vinegar with the grated peel of an entire lemon and allow it to set for 15 minutes to absorb the excess oil from your scalp, and then rinse in the shower. Apple cider vinegar will remove build up from styling products and conditioners and strengthen the hair shaft, leaving you with soft, shiny strands. It will also balance hair’s pH level, kill bacteria, and is a cure for dandruff.

DRY, flaky scalp hair — Banana, Honey and Almond

Mash together 1/2 a ripe banana and add two tablespoons of honey and a few drops of almond oil and allow it to set with a shower cap on for 20 minutes before rinsing. Bananas can increase the moisture of your hair, smooth frizz and soothe your itchy scalp.

Choose the one that fits you better and bring your hair back to life!! There is no need to buy the priciest conditioners on the market to moisturize and revitalize your hair.

10. What is an easy test to see if an egg is fresh?