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THE HOMES, INC May 2014

NEWSLETTER

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

**Help make the Homes a better place to live!**

We have two petitions for residents to sign.

The first petition is to have the Unified Government remove the restrooms at Roswell Park. Yearly, they are tagged with gang graffiti. It is dangerous and unsightly.

The second petition is for the Unified Government to add more parking for residents at 1-88 Viewcrest.

PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SIGN THE PETITIONS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO THE OFFICE THEN CALL AND YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE ADDED TO THE PETITIONS, NOTING THAT IS WAS ADDED BY PHONE CALL.

**STOP… BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR UNIT!**

You need to submit a change request to the office and get approval.

Example: You want your closet larger and you remove a wall. Unknowingly, you removed a load bearing wall that causes your bedroom to collapse. You or your family could be tragically injured and you would be financially responsible for the repairs.

**IF YOU HAVE A NEED TO CALL THE AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE PHONE, ALWAYS LEAVE A MESSAGE.** The afterhour’s 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

May 19, **6:30pm**

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Tuesday, May 6, 5:30pm**

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

2. If your fire extinguisher is not located in the kitchen/utility room, what should you do?

Our neighbors, Francisco and Reina Garcia at 83 Viewcrest were victims of a kitchen fire on April 11. They did not have insurance. If you would like to help, you can make a monetary donation or drop off new kitchen necessities at the office.

Thank you to Beverly Waltrip and all those that helped and attended the Spaghetti Dinner.

If you would like to host an event for Neighborhood Watch contact Bob or Karen Anver or Elizabeth Bothwell.

Many thanks to **Assistant Chief Terry Zeigler** of the Kansas City Kansas Police Department.

He gave an informative Staying Safe presentation at the April 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.

The following are a few of the tips he gave…

**BE AWARE!** Always be aware of what is going on around you and who’s watching you.

**BE ASSERTIVE.** When you are out in public do not look or act like a victim.

Keep your head up when walking, don’t look at the ground. Walk with a purpose. Project

confidence. Greet people as you pass them, if you make eye contact with them.

**TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS.** If a situation does not feel right, then it probably isn’t and you need to start paying close attention to your surroundings.

**CHECK FOR OTHER WITNESSES IN THE AREA.**  The police department always wants to talk to anyone that may have seen what happened.

**LIMIT YOUR CELL PHONE USAGE.** You should avoid using your cell phone when you are walking to and from stores or walking down the street, it distracts your attention.

**GIVE THE APPEARANCE YOU ARE HOME.** Have a neighbor get your mail, set your trash out, shovel your snow, use timers for your lights, anything that will give the appearance you are home.

**DON’T POST YOUR STATUS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** Don’t post on social media that you are going to be away from home and don’t post vacation pictures while you are still gone.

**DON’T SET OUT BOXES OF RECENTLY PURCHASED ELECTRONICS.** This advertises to a thief that you have something valuable to steal. Break the box down and put it in a trash bag.

**WASP/HORNET SPRAY IS A GOOD HOME PROTECTION WEAPON.** Find one that shoots a 20-30 foot stream and place it near your bed, front door, or anywhere else you can get it quickly.

**CAR REMOTE CONTROL.** If you hear a prowler, hit the panic button on your car to draw attention.

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

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PET OWNERSHIP IN THE HOMES, INC.

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

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

April 21, 2014

President Kayla Ross called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 21, 2014.

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

Nine stockholders attended the meeting.

President Ross 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 Ross 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 Ross 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.

Assistant Chief Terry Zeigler with the Kansas City Kansas Police Department was present by invitation of the board and gave a presentation titled “Staying Safe”. The presentation provided important tips for personal safety and home safety.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2014 and the March 17, 2014 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Rob Tavis moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

The financial report this month was tabled so that it may be reviewed and presented by the new treasurer. The Finance Committee will be meeting soon to review the financials as well.

The stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

812 Roswell: Install cable television – Roman Herrera. Work will be done by Time Warner Cable.

3199 N. 9th Street: Build privacy enclosure around central air unit – Vicki Bradford. Work will be done by self using materials provided by Lowe’s.

There were no stockholder change requests for board consideration.

Elaine Hines read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 7 Craigcrest | Ronald D. Franklin & Sarah E. Franklin | Jamie Renee Waltrip & Beverly Elaine Waltrip |
| 745 Manorcrest | Lawrence Smith & Tracy Hullaby | Lawrence Smith |
| 26 Viewcrest | Richard Shields | Sylvia Shields and Janet Hageman |
| 947 Manorcrest | Phillip M. Dale | Arthur L. Dale |

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Elaine Hines and seconded by Rob Tavis 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 3117 N. 9th Street who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

Bob Anver provided the Neighborhood Watch Committee report. The Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Department will being cracking down on license place enforcement and vehicles without valid out of state plates will be towed. Several vehicles were already been towed out of the community in the last week. The Operation Bright Side was a success.

Stockholders were reminded that the speed limit in The Homes is 20 mph.

Stockholders were asked to use overflow parking for guests. Guests that are staying in units longer than 30 days need to be registered on an occupancy form.

Everyone was reminded to keep their dogs on a leash.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

Kansas Gas Service will begin replacing gas lines in the community in the next two weeks.

The City traffic engineer has submitted two proposals to help alleviate the Viewcrest parking issues. The first one is to lengthen the two curb areas and restripe the parking bays. The second is to move the curb back 12 feet and restripe the bays. The first option is financially feasible and will create 48-76 parking spaces. Photos of each option were distributed for review. Both options result in Viewcrest being turned into a one way street.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

A used vehicle was purchased for $5,600.00 and new maintenance employee was hired. These were included in the budget.

Manager recommends that all stockholders be required to purchase and maintain condo insurance to insure their belongings and the contents of their units. The costs would be approximately $150.00/year. The stockholders who recently had a fire in their unit did not have any condo insurance.

Structural repairs need to be made to the foundations at 40 Viewcrest at a cost of $1,400 and to 3108 N. 9th Street for $850.00. Frank Moss moved to approve these expenses. Seconded by Elaine Hines. Carried unanimously.

Volunteers are needed for the Yard of the Month Committee. Persons interested are asked to contact the office.

The board appointed Kayla Ross, Jim Tavis, Devra Harrison, Rob Tavis and Pat Reid as members of the Finance Committee. The committee meets quarterly and reviews the financial documents of the corporation and prepares the annual budget. The board appointed Pat Reid, Devra Harrison, James White and Jim Tavis as members of the Credit Committee. Elaine Hines moved to approve the appointments to the Finance Committee and Credit Committee. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Manager was asked to distribute the fire safety tips provided by the Fire Department to all stockholders.

Elaine Hines moved that The Homes, Inc. monthly board meetings be held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Elaine Hines moved that all election material be destroyed after May 1, 2014. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

James White, 14 Summitcrest, suggested the speed limit be lowered to 15 mph in The Homes.

Evelyn Doorman, 62 Viewcrest, reported that the speed bump near her unit no longer slows traffic because it is not very high. Ms. Doorman also thanked everyone that puts together the newsletter.

Tyreeta Byers, 2 Viewcrest, thanked the manager for everything she does.

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, thanked Todd Bothwell for his help recently on a maintenance call.

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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KAYLA ROSS

PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

**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 Independence, MO native served two terms as president?

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**

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

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

Wyandotte County Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 2443 S. 88th St. K.C. Ks, 3rd Saturday, April thru October, 8:30 am to 1 pm

**5/3/14 - 11 am to 7 pm- 2014 Polski Day Celebration!**

The traditional Polski Day Parade begins at 11:00 a.m., at 12th &amp; Central, and heads east on Central Avenue to 8th Street going up the wrong way on a one way street to Vermont and ends at the church. Enjoy Polish food, music, and entertainment beginning at 11:00 a.m. A special Polka mass will be held at 4:00 p.m. at All Saints Parish. “Polski Day festivities include activities for babies to seniors, and 100% of the funds raised benefit All Saint's Parish, formerly known as St. Joseph-St. Benedicts Church,” remarked Cathy Kolenda-Smith, Polski Day Committee Member. “Polski Day has always been a day to celebrate our Polish heritage and support the Church.”

Address: All Saints Parish, 229 S. 8th St., Kansas City, KS 66101

**5/3/14 - Marble Day 2014**

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

http://www.moonmarble.com. The second annual "Marble Day" will be May 3, 2014 from 8:00am till 2:00pm in Downtown Bonner Springs Oak Street & Centennial Park in Bonner Springs, KS. This event is a way to celebrate Spring and our first opportunity to get outside and play after a long winter. The Moon Marble Company's schedule of events are: 8:00-Marble Day 5k Run: 9:30-10:15 Tractor Cruise & Wacky Parade: 10:15-10:30 Opening Ceremony: 10:30 -12:00 Marble Tournament: 10:30-2:00 Marble Activities & Old Fashioned Games: 10:30-2:00 Bike Rodeo: 12:00 Running of the Pinkys: 1:00 Announcement of Pinky Ball Winners: 1:15 Cake Walk: 1:15 Marble Art & Inventor’s Contest. Plus enjoy Fun, food, and prizes!

**5/3/14 - Family Outdoor Adventure Day at Cabela's**

Cabela's, 10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS 66111, 913-328-0322, http://www.cabelas.com

Join us as we celebrate Family Outdoor Adventure Day at Cabela's on Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00am - 2:00pm. There will be a kid's fishing derby, archery lessons, shooting lessons in our inflatable BB gun range and other fun activities. Visit website for more information.

**5/3/14 - Agricultural Hall of Fame Tractor Cruise ends at Cabela's**

Cabela's , 10300 Cabela Drive, Kansas City, KS 66111, 913-328-0322, http://www.cabelas.com

Tractor enthusiasts will gather to drive a scenic 35 mile loop around Wyandotte County to raise funds for the local Ag Hall of Fame. The parade of tractors will start at the Ag Hall of Fame and make their way around the city with a stop at Cabela's at 3:00pm on Saturday, May 3rd. You won't want to miss this sight! Visit website for more information.

**5/3/14 - 7th Annual Downtown Community May Parade & Festival**

Bonito Michoacan Meat Market, 6th Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 371-0326

http://bonitomichoacankck.com. Come celebrate Cinco De Mayo at the 7th Annual Downtown Community May Parade & Festival, Saturday, May 3rd at 6th Minnesota Ave. Dance and sing to the music of Banda Yuridense along with special presentations, fun for the kids, and food!

**5/10/14 - Folly Jazz Series Present: The John Scofield Organic Trio**

Folly Theater, 300 West 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105, 816-474-4444, http://www.follytheater.org. Guitarist John Scofield, possessor of a very distinctive sound and stylistic diversity will be at the Folly Theater on Saturday, May 10th at 8:00pm. He is a masterful jazz improviser who has recorded over 30 albums as a leader.

3. Who is the second largest employer in Kansas City, KS?

**5/31/14 - Pistons 'N' Pin Ups Car Show**

Cricket Wireless Amphitheater, 633 North 130 Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012, 913-721-3400

http://www.cricketwirelessamp.com. Join us for a car show, swap meet, live music and a pin up show all on Saturday, May 31st at the Pistons 'N' Pin Ups Car Show at Cricket Wireless Amphitheater. Visit website for more information.

**Guaranteed Foods A la Carte Home Delivery Foodservice**, 913-888-5000, [www.guaranteedfoods.com](http://www.guaranteedfoods.com)

**Schwan’s** Home Delivery Foodservice, [888-724-9267](tel:1-888-724-9267), www.schwans.com

**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.

4. What should you do with boxes of recently purchased electronics?

***A pets story…***

August 2011. The temperatures were running 1000 + everyday. Bear Arce showed up at my door holding a dirty laundry basket. Inside was a tiny 2 ½ lb. wrinkled creature with no hair, covered with a brown crust. She found him at 8th & Roswell sitting beside the road and found the dirty basket nearby. Dr. Wika at the Humane Society determined that he had sarcoptic mange which if left untreated can be deadly. It is highly contagious to other dogs. He was treated with medicated drops every 2 weeks, for about 6 weeks. I rubbed his tiny body with coconut oil that removed the crust making his little hairless body as smooth as silk. Finally, his hair started coming in as he was growing. Today, he is a beautiful 66 lb. border collie, lab mix. Liz, Debbie and Dee Dee helped choose his name. We decided on “Balboa” after Rocky Balboa, the fictional prize fighter, played by Sylvester Stallone, in the film series Rocky. *Shirley Elmore*

5.

**Tornado Safety Tips**

As severe weather season approaches, now is a good time to discuss and plan with your family what to do in case of an immediate weather threat. Taking 15 minutes to develop and practice a plan could save the lives. Here are some tornado safety tips from the department of environmental health and safety:

**Before the storm:**

Develop a plan of action

Have frequent drills

Have a NOAA weather radio with a warning alarm tone

Listen to radio and television for information

If planning a trip outdoors, listen to forecasts

If a warning is issued or threatening weather approaches

Always remember “DUCK": Down to the lowest level; Under something sturdy; Cover your head; and Keep in the shelter until the storm has passed.

Stay away from windows.

Get out of automobiles and get into a sturdy structure or ditch.

Or buckle your seat belt and get below window level of your vehicle.

**In homes or small buildings:** Go to the basement or to an interior room on the lowest floor like a closet or bathroom. Upper floors are unsafe. If there is no time to descend, go to a closet, a small room with strong walls or an inside hallway. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris.

**In schools, hospitals, factories or shopping centers:** Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down and cover your head. Don’t take shelter in halls that open to the south or the west. Centrally located stairwells are good shelter.

**In high-rise buildings:** Go to interior small rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or areas with glass.

**If in a mobile home, abandon it immediately:** Many deaths occur in mobile homes. If you are in a mobile home when severe weather approaches, leave it immediately and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter. Determine your shelter ahead of time so you don't have to think about it when weather strikes.

**If no suitable structure is nearby:** Lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head. Be alert for flash floods.

**Tornadoes and overpass safety:** Many people mistakenly think that a highway overpass provides safety from a tornado. In reality, an overpass may be one of the worst places to seek shelter from a tornado. Seeking shelter under an overpass puts you at greater risk of being killed or seriously injured by flying debris from the powerful tornadic winds. Tornadic winds can make the most benign item a dangerous missile. In addition to the debris that can injure you, the winds under an overpass are channeled and could easily blow you or carry you out from under the overpass and throw you hundreds of yards. As a last resort, lie flat in a ditch, ravine or below-grade culvert to protect yourself from flying debris. If no ditch is available, you may remain in your vehicle, put on your seat belt, lower yourself below window level, and cover your head with your hands or a blanket.

**(The city of Kansas City Kansas does not offer permanent tornado shelters. If open, local churches and community centers do offer refuge during a tornado.)**

5. Who provided the Neighborhood Watch Committee report?

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

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

**BE KIND!** If it snows don’t park in a spot you normally wouldn’t. If a neighbor takes the time to shovel out the space they normally park at, then respect their hard work and don’t park there.

**PLUMBING:** **DO NOT FLUSH FLUSHABLE WIPES**. The pipes in our homes are over 70 years old. They do not have the capacity to wash away any other material. **Do not flush baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, diapers, paper towels, Q tips, etc.** **The sink and tub drains are only for water disposal. Do not force items down the drains.** If maintenance finds these items consistently causing a back up in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

**LITTERING.** Think twice about throwing your trash out your car window or into someone's yard. First, it's rude and selfish. Someone will have to pick it up and most of the time it is the maintenance staff. This takes time and money away from other residents needs. Second, it is against the law. Littering is a Class C violation that is punishable by a fine up to a $500.00. If you are witnessed littering the police will be called and you will be charged, by The Homes, for the time it takes to pick it up and dispose of it.

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

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

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

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

**SECURE YOUR HOME.**  It is very important that you have a trusted family member or friend on your stock certificate. In the event of your death, if you are the sole person on the stock certificate your home will go into probate. Probate can be messy, expensive and time consuming to relatives and friends. Plan for the future.

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

6. How many events occur on May 3, 2014?

**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  Tomahawk Auto Service  Tomz Toyz Race & Repair | 1516 Central Ave  4301 Swartz Rd | 913.562.4202  913.233.0190  913.279.1663 |
| **Carpet Flooring/Tile 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 | 0 |
| **Haircuts for Homebound Seniors** |  | Juanita Priolo | 816-606-0026 |
| **Lawn Care** | Green Brothers Mowing  Greenwood Lawn Service | Juan Verde  Antonio Mandujano  Travis Greenwood | 816.522.5006  913.944.8082  816.442.1052 |
| **Painting** | Unity Painting | AnnaMarie  Brandon Deal  Moya | 816.810.8872  913.707.2669  816.335.5155 |
| **Personal** | 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 Aleration & Repair  Home Health Care | Mary Jane Watson  Karen Anver  Reagan Adams  William Fredrick  Tammy Eklund  Dee Dee Johnson  AnnaMarie  Bob Anver  Rosita Pineda | 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  913.514.4020 |
| **Recycling** | C&E Recycling | Chris  Eric | 913.904.8501  913.907.6764 |
| **Siding & Windows** |  | Mario | 913-486-3174  913-488-5563 |

7. How many petitions are available to sign at the office?

**SERVICE AND REPAIR**

Kansas City is the third-largest city in the state of Kansas, the county seat of Wyandotte County, and the third-largest city of the Kansas City metropolitan area. It is part of a consolidated city-county government known as the "Unified Government". Wyandotte County also includes the independent cities of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville. As of the 2010 census, the city population was 145,786. It is situated at Kaw Point, which is the junction of the Missouri and Kansas rivers. It may be abbreviated as "KC", but is more often referred to as "KCK" to differentiate it from the bordering city of Kansas City, Missouri.

**History**

Kansas City was formed in 1868 and incorporated in October 1872. The first city election was held October 22, 1872, by order of Judge Hiram Stevens of the Tenth Judicial District, and resulted in the election of Mayor James Boyle. The mayors of the city after its organization have been James Boyle, C. A. Eidemiller, A. S. Orbison, Eli Teed and Samuel McConnell. John Sheehan was appointed Marshal in 1875, by Mayor Eli Teed. He was also Chief of Police, having a force of five men. In June 1880, the Governor of Kansas proclaimed the city of Kansas City a city of the second class with the Mayor Samuel McConnell present. James E. Porter was Mayor in 1910. It was one of the nation's 100 largest cities for many US Census counts, from 1890 to 1960, including 1920, when it had over 100,000 residents for the first time. In 1997, voters approved a proposition to unify the city and county governments creating the U G of Wyandotte County.

**Climate**

Kansas City is situated in "Tornado Alley", a broad region where cold air from the Rocky Mountains and Canada collides with warm air from the Gulf of Mexico, leading to the formation of powerful storms. The most recent tornado to strike Kansas City was in May 2003. The region is also prone to ice storms, such as the 2002 ice storm during which hundreds of thousands lost power for days and (in some cases) weeks. The low-lying areas near the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers has been subject to flooding, including the Great Flood of 1993 and the Great Flood of 1951.

**Economy**

Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics shows employment in Wyandotte County, Kansas increased 4% from March 2011 to March 2012. The sharp rise in the number of people going to work puts Wyandotte County number 19th in the nation and 1st in the Kansas City metro for job growth as of September 28, 2012. Largest employers: According to the City's 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the largest employers in the city are:

# Employer # of Employees

1 University of Kansas Hospital 4,000-4,500

2 General Motors 3,500-4,000

3 Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools 3,500-4,000

4 University of Kansas Medical Center 2,500-3,499

5 BNSF Railway 2,500-3,499

6 U G of Wyandotte County 1,000-2,499

7 Providence Medical Center 1,000-2,499

8 Nebraska Furniture Mart 1,000-2,499

9 Associated Wholesale Grocers 1,000-2,499

10 Kansas City Kansas Community College 750-999

**Government**

Kansas City, Kansas has a consolidated city-county government in which the city and county have been merged into one jurisdiction. As such, it is simultaneously a city, which is a municipal corporation; and a county, which is an administrative division of a state. The Kansas Legislature passed enabling legislation in 1997 and voters approved the consolidation proposal the same year. The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department was founded in 1898. By 1918, it was taking photographs and fingerprints of all the felons it arrested. The Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department was founded on December 25, 1883. The fire department is part of the Firefighter's Relief Association which was founded February 28, 1918. The department has 18 fire stations in the city. They cover an area of approximately 127 square miles. They also have specialty teams including heavy rescue, hazardous materials, foam team, water rescue, tactical medic, trench rescue, high angle/rope rescue, and technical urban search and rescue. The fire department has four public service programs. The programs are citizens assist program, fire prevention, safe place, and the smoke detector program.

8. What is a good home protection weapon?

**THE UG Going Green Corner**

Pouring a little bacon grease down the drain or tossing meat scraps in the garbage disposal may not seem like a big deal, but every little bit adds up and can create major clogs and blockages in sewer lines that are part of the County’s collection system.

Once a line is blocked, wastewater can back up into streets, yards, homes, and even spill into Kansas’s rivers and streams. The good news is that your County continues its fight against grease menace and is asking for your help!

The Water Pollution Control Division (WPCD) of the United Government has initiated a Fats, Oils, & Grease Program (FOG) in order to adequately protect human health and minimize overflow and backups caused by fats, oils and grease. The FOG program applies to food service facilities (such as restaurants, schools, bakeries, etc.) and residential neighborhoods in Wyandotte County as they all discharge FOG – related wastes to the UG’s collection systems.

Here are a few ways you can help:

* Never pour grease or put food waste down sinks or toilets.
* Pour grease and oil into a container with a top (the original if available) so it can be reused, recycled, or placed in the trash can for disposal.
* Catch food scraps with baskets or strainers in sink drains and throw scraps in the garbage.
* Scrape food waste into the trash or dry-wipe with a paper towel.

For more information on grease management, or if you would like to request a Spanish version of the article, please contact: Scott Craig, Environmental Compliance Officer, [scraig@wycokck.org](mailto:scraig@wycokck.org), 913-573-1300.

9. Does the city of Kansas City, KS offer a permanent tornado shelter?

**SMOKE ALARM AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICING**

During the month of May a technician with Cintas Fire and Safety will be checking the fire extinguisher in your unit. A maintenance tech will be checking the batteries in your smoke alarm. If your fire extinguisher is not located in the utility/kitchen room, please call the office and alert us as to where your fire extinguisher is located.

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union  As of February 28, 2014 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
| LOANS | 505,055.43 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | - 11,615.06 |
| SECURITY BANK | 311,135.35 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 85.95 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 105,663.45 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 54,357.11 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,467.00 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 11.28 |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 84,936.86 |
| 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 | 550.59 |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 999.52 |
| NCUSIF | 9,839.09 |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,375,870.84** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 0.00 |
| AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE | 962.50 |
| NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 0.00 |
| FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 165.00 |
| SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE | 0.00 |
| MEMBER SHARES | 1,119,097.00 |
| REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| UNDIVIDED EARNINGS | 197,102.88 |
| NET INCOME | 1,333.25 |
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| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,375,870.84** |

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\*

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| ONE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 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 |
| THREE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone |  |
| 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 |
| 22 Viewcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Patio, Appt Only) | Bame | 913.562.4810 | $9,500 |
| 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.

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| May 2014 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  1 | Friday  2  NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM | Saturday  3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6  NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING  6:30 PM | 7  EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM  2 – 3 PM | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM | 17 |
| 18 | 19  THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6:30PM | 20 | 21  CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING 4:30PM  ----------------------  EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM  2 – 3 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26  THE HOMES AND CREDIT UNION OFFICES CLOSED  ---------------------------  MEMORIAL DAY | 27 | 28  EXERCISE CLASS @ CLUBROOM  2 – 3 PM | 29 | 30  NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 1PM | 31 |

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

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**The Kansas City metro has been home to some of the nation’s most recognizable names.**

**Harry S. Truman**-This Independence, Mo., native’s two terms as president are considered by historians as one of the most eventful and most studied periods in American history. To experience his life, visit the Harry S. Truman Library & Museum, the Truman National Historic Site and the Truman Office & Courtroom, which are all located in Independence, Mo.

**Amelia Earhart**-Known as one of the world’s most celebrated aviators, this Atchison, Kan., native was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison provides an insightful look at the pilot's early life, from childhood mementos to family photos, plus information about her 1937 disappearance.

**Charlie Parker**-Legendary saxophonist and Kansas City native, Charlie “Bird” Parker, took the jazz world by storm in the 1940s. Bearing the inscription "The Bird Lives," the Charlie Parker Memorial in Kansas City's 18th & Vine Historic Jazz District is a tribute to the musician, and the nearby American Jazz Museum displays his saxophone as well as other important artifacts from the genre's history. Parker is buried in Kansas City's Lincoln Cemetery.

**Walt Disney**-After attending the Kansas City Art Institute, the beloved animator opened Laugh-O-Gram Studio, his first, on the corner of 31st Street and Forest Avenue in Kansas City. Disney fed a friendly rodent in the building, which was said to have inspired the character Mickey Mouse. The building has since fallen to almost complete ruin.

**Jesse James**-Follow in the footsteps of the famous outlaw by visiting his boyhood home at the Jesse James Farm & Museum in Kearney, Mo. The Jesse James Home, located on the grounds of the Patee House Museum in St. Joseph, Mo., was his final residence and features the bullet hole from his assassination.

**Buck O’Neil**-This baseball star spent most of his life in KC, where he played and managed for the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League. Buck is credited as the first African-American coach in Major League Baseball and played an integral role in the establishment of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, where visitors can learn about the League’s history and stars. In 2007, he was posthumously awarded America's highest honor for a civilian—the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

**Thomas Hart Benton**-This painter of American Regionalism was born in Neosho, Mo., but spent much of his later life in Kansas City. Visitors can catch a glimpse of his life at the Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio State Historic Site.

**Count Basie**-Known as one of the most important bandleaders of his time, Basie is considered a leading figure of jazz’s swing era that took place during the late 1920s and early 1930s. Before he climbed to international fame, Basie was discovered in KC. To fully experience Kansas City jazz, catch a late-night jam session at the Mutual Musicians Foundation in the 18th & Vine Historic Jazz District.

**Satchel Paige**-This legendary Negro Leagues pitcher played for the Kansas City Monarchs and pitched in two Negro World Series and five East-West All Star games. To experience the lives of Paige and other Negro League players, visit the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, which recreates the look, sounds and feel of the game’s storied past through video presentations and displays of memorabilia.

**Joyce C. Hall**-The founder of Hallmark Cards came to Kansas City in 1910 with nothing but two shoe boxes full of postcards, which marked the beginning of one of the world’s largest greeting card companies. To experience Hall’s legacy, visit Crown Center at the Hallmark’s world headquarters in downtown Kansas City.

**Actors- Ed Asner, Don Cheadle, Chris Cooper, Joan Crawford, Jean Harlow, Rob Riggle, Ginger Rogers, Paul Rudd, Jason Sudeikis, Dee Wallace-Stone, Dianne Wiest, Eric Stonestreet**

**Directors/Writers-Robert Altman, Calvin Trillin, Ernest Hemingway, Walter Cronkite**

**Musicians/Artist-David Cook, Eminem, Melissa Etheridge, John Kander, Pat Methey, Janelle Monae, George Caleb Bingham**

**Athletes-George Brett, Maurice Green**

10. How many units for sale offer C/A – Central Air?

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**MAY TRIVIA & FUN**