

THE HOMES, INC November 2012

NEWSLETTER

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMEBER 4TH**

**SET YOUR CLOCK BACK AN HOUR**

**REMEMBER**

**TO VOTE -11/6/12**

Resident’s of The Homes can vote at

Mount Zion Baptist Church, 417 Richmond Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

**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

November 19, 6pm

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome!

FOLLOW US ON ...  AND 

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

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

**JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

-Crime loves darkness, hates light.  Keep your porch lights on at night.  The Neighborhood Watch can install a dawn-to-dusk attachment on to your porch light for $11.00 that will turn the light on at dusk and turn it off in the morning.  BPU estimates a 75 watt bulb in a dawn-to-dusk fixture costs about 15 cents a month in electricity.

-If you see anything out of the ordinary (strangers roaming the neighborhood, peering into car windows, etc.) call the police.  If a stranger knocks on your door with a sob story about their wife having the debit card, etc. politely refuse them, carefully note their description and call 911.  It is against the law to panhandle.  Report the description to the office so the maintenance men can be on the lookout as well.

**Military Therapy Dogs**

A Military Therapy Dog refers to a dog trained to provide physical, occupational, or emotional therapy to wounded soldiers and active duty personnel in military installations, military and VA medical centers, and VA nursing homes.

**Combat Stress Control Dogs**

These specially trained canines are deployed in theater for active military personnel. They offer emotional support for servicemen and women dealing with combat stress, home front issues, and sleep disorders. Working with combat stress control units, the dogs provide a nonjudgmental presence. The dogs' handlers have reported that soldiers have talked longer, and more meaningfully, to mental health professionals when the dogs were present.

**Physical and Occupational Therapy Dogs**

These dogs are important members of physical and occupational therapy rehabilitation teams at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. They can be trained to retrieve, to brace soldiers when they transfer from bed to chair, to help them get up if they fall. Through innovative "tug of war" exercises, the dogs can, with assisted tugging or resisted pulling, help soldiers as they adapt and work with their new prosthetic limbs.

**Emotional Therapy Dogs**

These dogs work with mental health professionals at VA and military medical centers to facilitate veterans' recovery from mental or social issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

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5. What is the amount of the promissory note that the Homes paid off?

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PET OWNERSHIP IN THE HOMES, INC.

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

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

Zorro &

Sophie (brother and sister)

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE HOMES, INC.

October 15, 2012

President Harold Watson called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 15, 2012.

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

Nine stockholders attended the meeting.

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

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

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

It was announced that the work order report for September, 2012 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2012 and the September 17, 2012 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Elaine Hines moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Anver reported that the financial statements have been reviewed and were found to be in good order. The income statement and balance sheet were posted for the duration of the meeting. Kayla Ross moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Elaine Hines. Carried unanimously.

There were no stockholder change requests approved by the manager.

The first stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Frank and Teresa Spears, 6-8 Reidcrest, to pour a 12 x 12 concrete slab in the back of 6 Reidcrest and a 15 x 7 concrete slab in the front of 8 Reidcrest. Work will be done by Shafer Concrete. Elaine Hines moved to approve this change request. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

The second stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Linda Tavis, 936 Manorcrest, to build a set of steps connecting 936 Manorcrest and 930 Manorcrest, The steps will be made of 4 x 4 landscape timbers, sand and concrete blocks. Work will be done by Jim Tavis. Constructing the steps will improve the appearance and safety for the mail carrier and guests. Elaine Hines moves to approve this request. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously.

The third stockholder change request for board consideration was from Melonie Jones, 24 Summitcrest, to install a 10 x 12 shed with CCA flooring using a shed kit from Lowe’s. Work will be done by MCI Remodeling. Manager has inspected the area and the yard will accommodate this size of shed. Elaine Hines moved to approve this request. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

There were no stock transfer approvals for board action this month.

*Announcements:*

There will be a Veteran’s Pride March at the Legends on October 18, 2012. On November 9, 2012 there will be a bus tour of the Veteran’s memorials leaving from the Salvation Army. There is no charge for the tour. There will also be a G.I. breakfast on November 10, 2012 at the Abdallah Shrine for $8.00.

Neighborhood Watch plans to use its $500.00 grant monies to purchase and install security cameras near and around the office.

The annual Halloween Party is scheduled to be held Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the clubroom. This year’s cooking contest will have a Mexican theme. First, second and third place prizes will each be given for categories of tamales, burritos and enchiladas. Volunteers are needed and side dishes are welcomed.

This month’s winner of the stockholder trivia was the stockholder at 12 Summitcrest who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

The board thanked everyone who came out and participated in the October 6, 2012 Neighborhood Cleanup.

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

Stockholders were asked to contact Animal Control if animals are seen loose in the neighborhood and off leashes.

Stockholders were reminded that they cannot work on their automobiles in the parking bays or in their yards. Violators should be reported to the police.

Stockholders were asked to park their vehicles in the spaces provided and not in yards or on curbs and sidewalks. Violators should be reported to the police.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The Finance Committee reported that the corporation is showing a year to date profit of $47,285 and its current asset to liability ratio is 3.25 to 1 which is above average. The $45,000 note at the credit union has been paid off and the $30,000 note at Security Bank will be paid off soon. The Board thanked the members of the Finance Committee for all of their hard work.

Manager has been working with the kids in the neighborhood about not playing or riding their bikes in the streets.

The fall inspections are going well and Summitcrest and Viewcrest are the only remaining streets to be completed. So far, only two furnaces have needed to be replaced which puts the corporation under budget on this expense.

A rough cost estimate has been received for the Feasibility Study for the sidewalks and curbs replacement project. Under this proposal, The Homes would pay half the expense and the Unified Government would pay the other half. As currently written, the corporation’s half of the costs would be $1 million, which would be financed over a 15 or 20 year period. No date has been set for the work and this has been submitted for informational purposes only. The work would begin in 3-5 years under this proposal. Tax increment financing would also be available which would raise the corporation’s taxes approximately $50,000 per year for the 20 year finance period.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

Advertising vacant units was discussed. Manager has placed a 30 day ad on The Pitch website for $12.99 and a 30 day online ad on the Thrifty Nickel website for free. The board reviewed advertising rates and information for several other publications. Elaine Hines moved to purchase either a one year ¼ page ad for $600 or a one year ½ page ad for $1,040 in the Cooperative Housing Bulletin with the ad size to be determined by the manager. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously. Elaine Hines also moved to place a ¼ color page ad in the Kansas City Home and Garden Magazine at a cost of $1,350. Seconded by Kayla Ross. Carried unanimously. This ad will be distributed in 3 home and remodeling shows where between 10,000 and 15,000 books will be distributed.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

Karen Anver has been attending Neighborhood Watch training. Stockholders were reminded that keeping their units in good condition helps deter theft and vandalism.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Mary Jane Watson, 28 Summitcrest, commented on the number of kids in the streets and people working on their cars. She also inquired into the status of the new playground equipment.

Gai Green, 6-8 Summitcrest, thanked maintenance for helping her put her trash to the curb and the anonymous person who returns her recycling and trash cans to her unit.

Rosetta Cantwell, 3162 N. Allis, suggested the corporation start saving money for the sewer and curb replacement project.

Beatrice Arce, 31 Viewcrest, reported on a teenager recently seen on a trampoline near her unit.

Jeannie Coffelt, 3109 N. Allis, said the sewers should be repaired before the sidewalks and commented on the number of dogs loose in the neighborhood.

Robert Englehardt, 7 Summitcrest, said he has placed his units at 3133 and 3144 N. Allis up for sale and has recently moved into 7 Summitcrest which is where his mother used to live.

Bob Anver, 108 Viewcrest, suggested that the gate to the boat and trailer lot be reinforced.

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, reminded all stockholders that Daylight Savings is the first weekend of November.

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

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R. ELAINE HINES

 SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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HAROLD WATSON

PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

9. Name one item you are not supposed to flush?

**Prepare your lawn and plants for winter**

Many people think that putting away their lawn mower makes them ready for winter. There's a little more to it than that, especially if you're at all concerned about pests and as well as the overall health of your trees, shrubs, and garden beds.

**Watering**

Water appropriately. All plants, especially evergreen, need to remain hydrated throughout the winter. When it's cold, the sun can still heat up a plant so that it loses water through its foliage but can't take up water from the frozen ground. So, it's important to make sure plants go into winter well hydrated. Make sure that the soil is moist, not soaking wet, throughout the fall and into the winter. Water is especially critical for evergreens such as juniper, gardenia, and azalea. In too much wind or sun, they can lose water. For these plants, it doesn't take but a day of water loss to burn tissue and kill part of the plant. How much water is enough? If there's a week without rain, you want to provide extra water. This is especially true with younger plants. Established plants are more resistant, but still aren't immune to winter drying. Continue to water until the ground is frozen, at least into the middle of December.

**Mulching**

Another thing you can do is to mulch the root zone of your trees and shrubs to hold in the moisture. Mulch has the added benefit of holding in warmth, so when you use mulch it takes longer for the underlying soil to freeze. Caveat: Mulch should never be placed directly against the trunk. Rodents such as voles burrow into mulch and, if it's close to a plant, will chew the bark, creating a problem known as girdling. Girdling, which is the removal of a strip of bark, can kill a tree or shrub.

**Pruning**

Correct pruning this time of year can help a plant better overwinter, by reducing demand on the plant's roots.

**Protecting plants**

You can cover "barely hardy" plants such as gardenias with burlap or another permeable, soft fabric. Covering a plant in this way can reduce loss of moisture from sun and wind.

**Here are some other ideas for managing your lawn and garden in November:**

Clean sheds, pots, seed trays, and equipment (they harbor pests and disease)

Clean out bird houses (they harbor parasites)

Prune deciduous hedges (prune evergreens in the spring)

Mix well-rotted organic matter with soil for any plantings

Plant hardy climbing plants so that they can root well before harsh weather

Plant tulips and bare-root roses now, but wait until spring to plant lilies (soil permitting)

Take your lawn mower in for servicing

Insulate pots that are too large to move indoors

Water potted plants frugally

If you cut down perennials, mark where they're planted so that you can dig and divide them in spring. However, leaving dead stems standing benefits wildlife over the winter.

2. When does daylight savings time end?

**What Will You Do With Your Leaves?**

What will you do with all those leaves that fall on your lawn this year? Will you bag them and put them into the landfill? Will you blow them onto the street and have them end up causing problems with our storm water drains? Have you considered using your leaves in your landscaping? The tree leaves that accumulate in and around your lawn represent a valuable natural resource that can be used to provide a good source of organic matter and nutrients for use in your landscaping. You can and should take advantage of managing and using leaves in your yard's landscaping with the following options:

· ***Mowing Leaves*:** A light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply leaving the shredded leaves in place on the lawn. However, mowing the lawn is not an effective method of leaf management when a heavy leaf cover is present. Removing the leaves is then required.

· ***Mulching with Leaves*:** A layer of leaves applied to the surface of the soil as a mulch around trees, shrubs, in flower and vegetable gardens will conserve soil moisture, control weeds and grasses, reduce soil erosion, and prevent soil crusting. Mowing your leaves or putting them thru a shredder will create a more uniform mulch material.

· ***Composting Leaves*:** The process of decomposition or composting can be carried out in simple compost piles, bins or more elaborate homemade or purchased devices. Composting leaves and other landscape wastes can be used to add a natural source of nutrients to soil; to loosen tight heavy clay soils; and to help sandy soil retain moisture and nutrients.

· ***Tilling Leaves into Soil:***Organic materials can be directly applied to garden soil using a plow or tiller which will allow the decomposition or composting process to occur directly in the soil rather than in the compost pile. The autumn season, when a variety of organic materials are available in the form of leaves, pruning, garden refuse, and lawn clippings is an ideal time to do direct application of organic materials into garden soils. A backyard garden tiller should be able to directly incorporate 4" to 5" of organic materials at one time.

**NEWSLETTER TRIVIA**

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

1. What is the “Word Play” answer?

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**

**11/3/12 Wyandotte County Museum Crawl**

2:00pm - 6:00pm, Cost: $5 (ages 4 and under free). Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Visitors Center, 901 N. 8th St. Suite 201 or at participating museums. The museums will also have tickets available the day of the event. The museum crawl is a self-driven progressive party featuring eight Wyandotte County museums. Come experience the history that makes Kansas City, KS and Wyandotte County unique. Your ticket will admit you to all eight participating museums on November 3, 2012. You may visit one or all. Clendening History of Medicine Museum at KU Med., Grinter Place Historical Site, National Agricultural Center & Hall of Fame, Old Quindaro Museum, Quindaro Underground Railroad Museum, Strawberry Hill Ethnic Museum & Cultural Center, Sumner High School Alumni Room, Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum

**11/6 – Election Day**,For more information on voting registration, poll locations or advance voting, contact the Wyandotte County Election Office, 913-573-8500.

**11/9/12 Wyandotte County War Memorials Bus Tour**

8:15am to 1:30pm, Salvation Army Harbor Lights, 6723 State Ave., Kansas City , KS. Visit 4 War Memorials in Kansas City, KS and attend the Veteran's Day Commemoration Celebration Program. Cost: $10. Schedule: 8:15am - Meet at the Salvation Army Harbor Lights, 8:30am - Bus Departs, 8:30-11:30am - Tour of War Memorials and special speakers, 11:30am - Return to the Salvation Army for lunch, Noon - Wyandotte County Veteran's Day Commemoration Celebration Program. Tour Stops Include: The Soldiers and Sailor Memorial Hall, Rosedale Memorial Arch, Korean/Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Wyandotte County, World War II Bomber Builders Monument. To purchase tickets contact 913-321-5800

**11/10 – The Legion of Honor** **Annual GI Mess Hall breakfast**, 7-9am. Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park (about ½ mile south of I-35).  The cost is $8 per person. The public is invited, no reservations are necessary.

**11/11 –Free or discounted meals to honor America’s veterans and active military**,

**Applebee’s**, free meal all day. [Some Applebee’s, not all, will offer free entrees.](http://www.applebees.com/thankyoumovement)

[**Nick and Jake’s**](http://www.nickandjakes.com/), in Overland Park and Parkville, a free lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[**Waterway Carwash,**](http://www.waterway.com) free car wash and discounted gasoline at all four of its Kansas City-area locations. Visit http://www.waterway.com for more.

[**Price Chopper,**](http://pricechopper.com/) 25-cent discount on your next fill-up for gas. Veterans need to bring their Chopper Shopper REWARDS card and either their VA card, VFW card, DD214 or other veterans ID to any Price Chopper store.

[Outback Steakhouse, free Bloomin Onion](http://www.outback.com/companyinfo/veteransday.aspx).

[Texas Roadhouse, free lunch entree.](http://www.texasroadhouse.com/)

[TGI Friday, buy 1 entree, get 1 free special all day](http://www.tgifridays.com/home/welcome.aspx).

[Subway, free 6-inch sub.](http://www.subway.com/subwayroot/default.aspx)

[Chili's, free lunch combo.](http://www.chilis.com/)

[Some Olive Gardens will offer a free dinner entree](http://www.olivegarden.com/Menu/Specials/) .

With any of these deals, call to see if your local restaurant is participating and if you need a reservation. Veterans must provide proof of service, which includes a U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD214, Citation or Commendation.

**11/11/12 Veteran's Day Fantastic 4 Mile Trail Run**

This is a race hosted by Trail Nerds at Wyandotte County Lake to honor the veterans among us. If you are a veteran, or current or former member of the armed forces, police, fire department, park ranger, or EMT emergency services, your entry is FREE. Just show up on race day and fill-out & sign the waiver. Just a $10 entry fee for others. For more information visit <http://www.psychowyco.com/id65.html>.

**11/17 – Tree Lighting,** 6-9pm**,** The Legends Outlets Kansas City

**11/17 – 12/23, Photos with Santa,** (Saturdays 10am-8pm, Sundays 11am-6pm), The Legends Outlets Kansas City

**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 Thursdays

**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.

**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

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**NEED CURRENT CONTACT NUMBERS.** It is crucial that the office can reach every resident. We might have a question about a work order or need to alert you to damage to your unit because of a fire. Please call the office and give us your current telephone number.

10. Name one seasonal job that the Salvation Army offers?

**Public Service Announcements**

**AUTO**

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| Aamco Total Car Care | 1000 State Ave KC Ks | 913.342.5000 |
| Jose’s Auto Service  | 1413 N. 18th KC Ks | 913.371.9101 |
| 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**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Clair Heating & Cooling | Jon Clair | 913.334.4020 |
| AM Mechanical Service |  | 913.371.5885 |
| Smitty’s Heating & Cooling  | Joe Smith | 913.299.1488 |

**HOME REPAIR**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Air Duct Cleaning/Carpet Cleaning | Rosario Ortiz | 816-215-5114 |
| Handyman Pros &Real Deal Pressure Washing  | Brandon Deal | 913.707.2669 |
| CTC Electrical Service | Jeremy Tollie | 913.375.0070 |
| 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 / TAX SERVICE**

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| Becky, Tax Representative |  | 913.232.7339/816.516.1959 |
| 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 & Repair8. When is the general election day? |  | 913.633.1495 |

**PAINTING**

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| Todd Bothwell |  | 816.517.6639 |
| Matt Eklund |  | 913.526.2974 |
| Abe Sawyer |  | 913.562.7252 |

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

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| Freeze Frame Photography | Dee Dee Johnson | 816.716.8865 |

**RECYCLING**

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| C & E Recycling | Chris/Eric | 913.904.8501/913.907.6764 |

HELP WANTED

**Human Service Assistant / LIEAP (Kansas City)** The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) currently has up to 80 Classified Non Benefit Temporary positions located in Kansas City, KS that will pay $12.35 an hour based on skills, education and/or experience. This is an 8 to 5 job. It will start 12/26 and end in March or April. Application deadline: November 16 at 5:00 PM.

As a LIEAP Worker, you will:
• process LIEAP applications and determine eligibility
• create and send letters
• use computer applications including DCF's systems and using MS Word and Excel
• have customer contact via telephone in a fast paced call center environment

To apply, go to <http://kansascity.craigslist.org>, click on jobs, admin/office and enter LIEAP in the search field.

**Salvation Army Seasonal Job Openings**

* Christmas Driver
* Christmas Kettle Assistant Coordinator
* Bell Ringers

Submit resume and complete job application in person at The Salvation Army Harbor Light Village, 6723 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102

FOR SALE

Kenmore Dryer (24”x20”x31”), $100 obo

Energy Star Dehumidifer (14”x15”x22”), $75 obo

Call Dick Blessing, 913-371-4976

37” RoundTable w/4 wicker chairs, $30

11 ½” x10”x37” Speakers, $30

Call James, 913-940-3629

2 Thermo Windows (31”x54”), $30 each

Call Gai, 913-321-6947

 ![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 November.

**Help with the Homebound**

CSI Care, staffed by religious women, provides services such as spiritual care, homemaking, personal care, companionship and transportation. If you have a need, please contact us to request more information or to apply for assistance for yourself or a loved one. Mrs. Ann Landers, CSI, 1919 E. 58th St., KCMO (816)-304-2968

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

4. What is the cost to install a dawn to dusk timer on your porch light?

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| Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union As of September 30, 2012 | NEEDED |
| Assets: |  |
|  LOANS |  564,343.16 |
|  ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES |  - 15,201.80 |
|  SECURITY BANK |  86,185.75 |
|  CHANGE FUND |  200.00 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS |  85.77 |
|  COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD  |  105,075.69 |
|  BANK MIDWEST |  54,073.70 |
|  KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES |  11,428.85 |
|  KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT |  1,440.18 |
|  CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS |  26.28 |
|  INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK |  84,609.07 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  1,550.77 |
|  INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN |  100,000.00 |
|  M & I BANK |  100,000.00 |
|  COMMERICAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS |  100,000.00 |
|  PREPAID INSURANCE |  3,401.35 |
|  FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT |  2,123.62 |
|  NCUSIF |  10,308.28 |
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|  **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,209,650.67** |
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| Liabilities: |  |
|  ACCOUNTS PAYABLE |  0.00 |
|  AUDIT FEE - PAYABLE |  1,235.00 |
|  NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE |  922.15 |
|  FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE |  165.00 |
|  SHARED DIVIDENDS PAYABLE |  0.00 |
|  MEMBER SHARES |  956,680.44 |
|  REGULAR RESERVES |  31,510.21 |
|  RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES |  26,500.00 |
|  UNDIVIDED EARNINGS |  192,637.87 |
|  NET INCOME |  0.00 |
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|  **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,209,650.67** |

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| ONE BEDROOM  | Owner | Phone | Price |
| 728 Manorcrest (C/A, Fridge, W/D, Furnished) | Tsai | 816.582.6181 | $3,000 |
| 900 Manorcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 3118 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Patio) | Rueff | 757.572.5165 | $4,500 OBO |
| 960Manorcrest (No C/A) | Dyche | 913.406.5968 | $1,500 |
| 3156 N Allis (C/A, Stove, Fridge) | Allen | 913.499.7704 | $4,000 |
| 31 Summitcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | $6,200 |
| TWO BEDROOM UP | Owner | Phone |  |
| 745 Manorcrest (No C/A) | Hullaby | 816.678.9871 | $6,000 |
| 839 Manorcrest (No C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Jackson | 816.803.9914 | $9,255 OBO |
| 855 Manorcrest (C/A, Appliances, Dryer) | Ramos | 816.337.6567 | $8,000 |
| 3116 N 9th (C/A) | West | 913.999.2517 | $10,000  |
| 810 Roswell (C/A, All Appliances) | Lawrence | 913.548.1575 | $9,900 |
| 85 Viewcrest (C/A, Shed, Fridge, Stove, W/D) | Dickey | 727.319.3736 | $12,500 (Seller will pay 1 year maintenance fee) |
| TWO BEDROOM DOWN | Owner | Phone |  |
| 5 Craigcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Prince | 913.400.1133 | $ 8,000 |
| 727 Manorcrest (C/A, Shed) | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 741 Manorcrest (C/A) | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 783 Manorcrest (C/A) | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $10,000 |
| 841 Manorcrest (Appt Only, C/A, Fridge) | Green | 913.424.6059 | $9,000 |
| 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 |
| 14 Summitcrest (C/A, Appliances) | Weichelt | 757.375.7548 | $10,500 |
| 30 Summitcrest (C/A, Fridge, W/D, Shed) | Tevis | 816.985.5581 | $8,500 |
| 14 Viewcrest (C/A, Appliances, Deck, 2 Sheds) | Couch | 913.371.6911 | $8,000 |
| 80 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Shed) | Vandaveer | 816.721.3759 | $14,000 |
| 115 Viewcrest (Stove, No C/A) | Rivas | 913.371.3001 | Make Offer |
| 130 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Patio, Shed) | Rivera | 913.522.9147 | $ 9,500 |
| THREE BEDROOM | Owner | Phone |  |
| 822 Roswell (C/A, Appt Only) | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 824 Roswell (C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Gardea | 913.562.4288 | $13,000  |
| 44 Viewcrest (C/A, Deck, Appt Only) | Meraz | 913.991.8131 | $13,000 |
| 68 Viewcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 3150 N 9th  | Sherwood | 816-838-9974 | $10,000 |
| DOUBLE UNIT | Owner | Phone |  |
| 3133/3141 N Allis, 1/1 Bedrm (No C/A) | The Homes | 913-713-3458 | $ 6,000  |
| 39/41 Summitcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (Stove, Fridge) | Lopez | 913.952.5386 | $25,000 OBO |
| 84 / 86 Viewcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (C/A, Shed) | Eberhardt | 913.281.5847 | $20,000 OBO |

The Board of Directors is accepting bids on units owned by The Homes. For more information, contact the office.

7. Name one type of Military therapy dog?

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| November 2012 |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday1 | Friday2 |  Saturday3 |
| 4DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS | 5 | 6NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 6:30 PM-------------------------ELECTION DAY | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11VETERAN’S DAY  | 12VETERAN’S DAY – THE HOMES & CREDIT UNION OFFICES CLOSED | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19THE HOMES BOARD MEETING 6PM | 20 | 21THANKSGIVING -THE CREDIT UNION OFFICE CLOSED | 22THANKSGIVING -THE HOMES OFFICE CLOSED | 23THANKSGIVING-THE HOMES & CREDIT UNION OFFICES CLOSED | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |

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3. Which seller will pay the first year’s maintenance fees if you buy his unit?

“There is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American.”

 **O. Henry**

Why did the pilgrim's pants fall down?
Because he had his buckle on his hat.

**NOVEMBER TRIVIA & FUN**

**T** is for the trust the pilgrims had so many years ago
**H** is for the harvest the settlers learnt to grow **A** is for America, the land in which we live **N** is for nature and beauty which she gives
**K** is for kindness, gentle words, thoughtful deeds **S** is for smiles, the sunshine everyone needs **G** is for gratitude... our blessings big and small **I** is for ideas, letting wisdom grow tall **V** is for voices, singing, laughing, always caring **I** is for Indians, who taught them about sharing **N** is for neighbors, across the street, over the sea **G** is for giving of myself to make a better me **by Judith.A. Lindberg**

WORD PLAY

Can you rearrange the jumbled letters into an 11-letter word for an insect? GOPHER SPARS

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There are four friends (Adam, Elizabeth, Peter, Sally) and each has a balloon. From the clues below can you match each of them with their age and balloon?

The kids are aged 5, 6, 7 and 8 and one of them has a blue balloon.

1. The six year old girl has a green balloon.

2. Adam has a red balloon and is older than Peter.

3. Elizabeth is 5 years old but her balloon isn't yellow.

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| Name | Age | Balloon |
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6. Name one thing you can do with your leaves this fall?

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| Name | Age  | Balloon |
| Adam | 8 | Red |
| Elizabeth | 5 | Blue |
| Peter | 7 | Yellow |
| Sally | 6  | Green |

Marshmallow Pilgrim Hats

Here's a treat that looks old-fashioned but is made with two favorite modern-day sweets: marshmallows and chocolate.

Ingredients

24 chocolate-striped shortbread cookies

12-ounce package of chocolate chips

24 marshmallows

Tube of yellow decorators' frosting

Instructions

Set the chocolate-striped cookies stripes down on a wax-paper-covered tray, spacing them well apart.

Melt the chocolate chips in a microwave or double boiler.

One at a time, stick a wooden toothpick into a marshmallow, dip the marshmallow into the melted chocolate, and promptly center it atop a cookie.

Using a second toothpick to lightly hold down the marshmallow, carefully pull out the first toothpick.

Chill the hats until the chocolate sets, then pipe a yellow decorators' frosting buckle on the front of each hat.

Do you have a craft, game, idea, or recipe you want to share? Submit it to the office by the 20th of the month and we will put it in the newsletter.