Happy November Birthdays

THE HOMES, INC November 2014

NEWSLETTER

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

**IF YOU HAVE A NEED TO CALL THE AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE PHONE, ALWAYS LEAVE A MESSAGE.** The after hour’s maintenance phone is for **EMERGENCIES ONLY**. Turning on your outside water, etc. are not emergencies. A clogged toilet 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

THE HOMES OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON **TUESDAY NOV 11** FOR VETERANS DAY AND ON **THURSDAY NOV 27** AND **FRIDAY, NOV 28** (CREDIT UNION CLOSED) FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO THE POLLING PLACE, **CALL BOB ANVER, 913-342-2660**

OR THE OFFICE 321-2471

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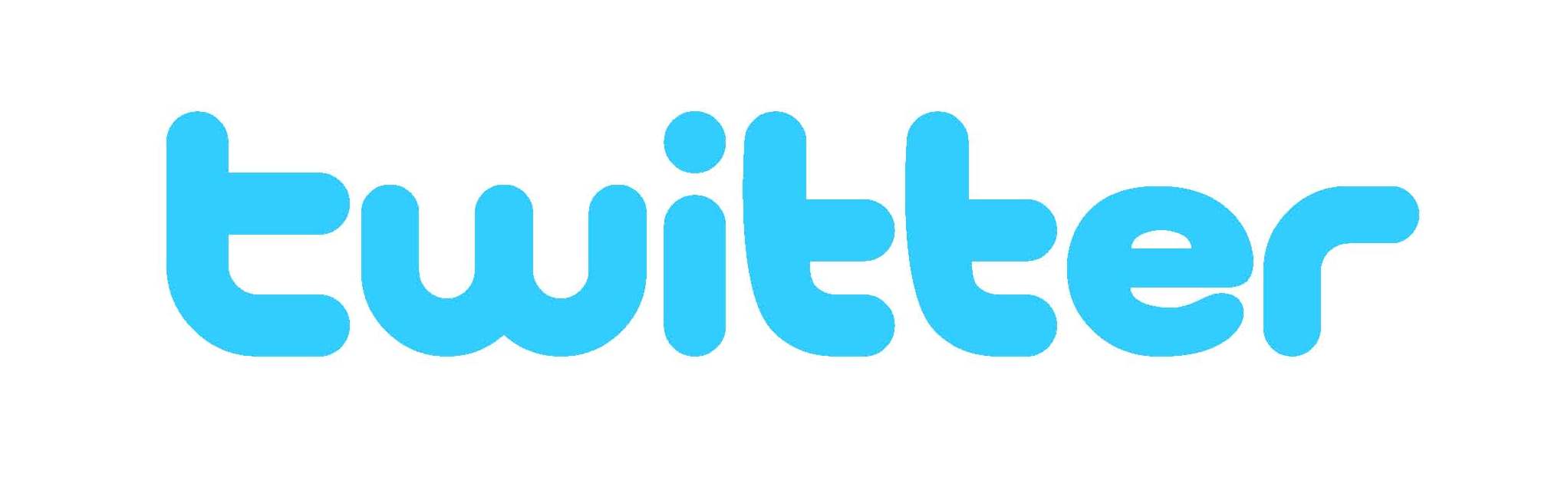
THE HOMES

BOARD MEETING

November 17, **6:30pm**

IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders are welcome

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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS**

**Tuesday, November 4**

**6:30pm in The Clubroom**

“STAYING SAFE”

Tip Sheet

Here are a few tips on how to stay safe at home and when you are away, as well as preventing identity theft.

* 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.
* 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 to it quickly.
* Car remote control. If you hear a prowler, hit the panic button on your car to draw attention.

KC Crimestoppers Tips Hotline

816-474-8477 - Text “TIP452” plus your message to CRIMES (274637)

[www.KCcrimestoppers.com](http://www.KCcrimestoppers.com)

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1. How do you fancy up a pie?

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.

October 20, 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 October 20, 2014.

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

Six stockholders attended the meeting.

President Ross welcomed the stockholders and occupants to the meeting. President Ross also asked all persons 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 all attendees to state their name and address so that the minutes can accurately reflect all comments made during the open session. Everyone was 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, 2014 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2014 and the September 15, 2014 Executive Session had previously been distributed to all board members. Karen Anver moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Tavis reported that the financial statements for August and September have been reviewed and were found to be in good order. Rob Tavis moved to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Elaine Hines. Carried unanimously.

Stockholder change requests approved by the manager are as follows:

36 Summitcrest: Replace vinyl cladding around windows and side door – Rob Tavis. Work will be done by Mario Hernandez.

129 Viewcrest: Landscaping in front of house – Socorro Olivas. Work will be done by Juan Verde.

789 Manorcrest: Install U-Verse television – Beth Peresic. Work will be done by AT&T.

There only stockholder change request for board consideration was that of Charles Sawyer, 670 Manorcrest, to repair deck to correct improper construction and add an entry/exit point. Work will be done by self. Elaine Hines moved to accept this change request. Seconded by Rob Tavis. Carried unanimously.

Elaine Hines read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

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| **ADDRESS** | **TRANSFER FROM** | **TRANSFER TO** |
| 3117 N. Allis | Lisa K. Ross and Kayla M. Ross | Devra D. Harrison |
| 789 Manorcrest | Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union | Elizabeth Peresic and Emma L. Johnson |

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

*Announcements:*

This month’s winner of the stockholder trivia was the stockholder at 3117 N. 9th Street who will receive $25.00 of next month’s maintenance fee.

The Neighborhood Watch Committee’s ice cream social was held October 7, 2014.

Stockholders were reminded that the speed limit in The Homes is 20 mph and please look out for small children playing outdoors.

There is no assigned parking. Stockholders were asked to use overflow parking for guests. If you have more than two vehicles in your household, please make use of the overflow parking as well rather than filling up all the spaces in front of the building.

Guests that are staying in units longer than 30 days need to be registered on an occupancy form. The occupancy policies only allow two persons in each bedroom.

Everyone was reminded that all dogs must be kept on a leash. This is a policy the Board is strictly enforcing. If you do not comply, you may lose your pet privileges. Stockholders should be careful leaving dogs tied up outdoors alone due to several wild dogs in the neighborhood.

President Ross announced plans to organize a neighborhood Halloween event next year where children can trick-or-treat in groups to homes in the community that have signed up for visits.

The fundraiser dinner for the Jeannie Coffelt tree replacement fund raised approximately $70.00. Almost $500.00 has been raised so far. The next dinner is planned for November 1, 2014.

Elaine Hines announced she will be having a community Thanksgiving dinner in the clubroom on Thanksgiving Day this year. A notice will be placed in the newsletter.

*Old Business to be Discussed:*

The city engineer is still working on the Viewcrest parking and is currently planning entry barriers.

Payment has been received from the insurance company for the repairs to 83 Viewcrest. Manager is hiring contractors.

The Unified Government Planning and Development Department has recommended that the corporation not purchase the vacant lot near North Allis for additional parking because of zoning concerns. They recommend areas to increase the existing parking similar to what the manager recommended a year ago. Manager is working with the Planning Department and Engineering Department so that the original proposal can be accepted to increase parking by adding spaces to the existing area.

Manager continues to work on the issue of stockholder equity insurance. A proposal will be submitted to the board at the November board meeting.

Elaine Hines moved to transfer the certificate of deposit that matures at Security Bank to GE Capital for 15 months at 1.20 APY. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously.

*New Business to be Discussed:*

Elaine Hines moved to give away a Thanksgiving dinner to a stockholder at the November board meeting. Seconded by Karen Anver. Carried unanimously.

*Comments from Directors and Attorney:*

None.

*Comments from Stockholders:*

Bob Whittington, 127 Viewcrest, reminded everyone that Daylight Savings is November 1, 2014.

Evelyn Dorman, 62 Viewcrest, commented on the many children playing on Viewcrest.

Effie Barber, 877 Manorcrest, reported on the number of stray dogs seen in the area.

Tracey Hullaby, 63 Viewcrest, inquired about the application fee charged for existing stockholders interested in buying additional units. Mr. Hullaby also discussed problems with his front door.

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

**BRADFORD COFFELT TREE MEMORIAL DINNER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 from 4-11 pm**

**Dinner will be served. Beef brisket, chicken barbeque, baked beans, salad, desert and drink for $4.00. Proceeds will go the Tree Memorial Fund. Games will be available after dinner. Enjoy good food and good neighbors.**

2. What should you bring to the Homes Thanksgiving dinner?

**CALLED TO SERVE - VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE SERVICES**

In a dense suburban environment, people can still feel isolated. While subdivisions put many people and families in very close proximity to one another, living side-by-side doesn’t automatically transform a group of people into a community. Sometimes, just the opposite. We all lead busy lives, our schedules are more than hectic and the last thing most people want to do is attend an HOA board meeting to discuss tedious bylaw alterations and HVAC repair schedules. Therefore, attracting and recruiting committed board members is crucial, because it ultimately improves the quality of life within the building or association community.

Committees provide a worthwhile training ground for potential board members, and a way to tap into other owners’ specific knowledge and keep them involved and engaged. “I think being on committees are good training grounds for future board members,” says Arnie Lauri, a property manager with Argo Real Estate, LLC in Manhattan. “I manage this one condo where we have a regular board meeting on a monthly basis but we have a committee meeting the day before the board meeting. We invite everybody in the building to come to the committee meeting, and they have a voice—it’s not like they sit in a corner and don’t say anything. “We discuss everything from interior design to cable and Internet access,” says Lauri. “When you have a committee it allows residents who aren’t on the board to have a voice. We encourage residents to bring their expertise to the building committee meetings. At these meetings you get a chance to see how people interact with others and what they bring to the table. If somebody continually comes to meetings and brings good, positive stuff that would work in the building then if you have an open seat you can talk to them and say you were good on that committee—would you like to run for a position on the board?”

“Being on a committee will give the owner an opportunity to see how the board functions,” says James Cervelli, a portfolio manager with Cervelli Management Corporation in North Bergen, a property management company that manages properties in both New York and New Jersey. “It will also allow them to see how their involvement in the committee can make a real difference within the community.”

“To encourage people who look like they want to better the community as a whole, ask them to serve on committees,” says Matthew Hohl, assistant vice president at a Midwestern branch office of Associate, North America’s largest community-association management firm. “Committees are a great tool for recruitment of board members. It’s a good idea to have committees, especially in large communities. In smaller communities, it’s hard enough just to get people to run for the board.” Many professionals believe that before owners can be recruited to serve on committees or the board, they need a shared sense of community and a desire to be involved in its affairs and that many newcomers don’t understand what living in a residential community requires of them. Conflicting personalities and administrative style can be a barrier to involvement as well. “Where the board has strong personality conflicts, people would rather not be bothered in their home with that type of drama,” Hohl says.

**Community Benefits**

If these barriers can be surmounted and the community functions well, owners enjoy significant benefits and in most cases, security immediately improves when everyone knows their neighbors. Also, when people feel pride of ownership in their community, and a shared value system with shared goals in maintaining the property and amenities, it creates a more collegial and harmonious living environment. “One great thing about fostering that strong sense of community is that when you have an annual meeting or you have an informational building wide meeting there’s no fighting between the board and the residents or between the residents,” says Lauri. “If you have a good community everybody listens to each other and work together. Even in a building that has a really good community feel, there’s always going to be someone who doesn’t want to fit into that community. There’s always going to be that. When you have a strong sense of community it helps the board manage the building better.”

3. How many 800 numbers are listed under the community resource list?

“The major benefit of a strong sense of community is quality of life,” says Cervelli. “Most people will want to know who their neighbors are, especially when the neighbors share a common interest financially. Having a

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**Building a Community**

The experts note that there are a wide variety of approaches to successful community-building. One firm may query residents via survey to gauge their opinion on community issues such as landscaping or community décor, while others may take an informal vote. Another community-building technique is inviting owners to attend educational programs or to host a welcome wagon for newcomers. Hohl’s managers encourage owners in their buildings to become active in neighborhood organizations and report back to the board. “Each neighborhood has its own community calendar, festivals, and parades,” he says “Getting the building involved in the larger neighborhood’s activities and neighborhood organizations helps feed the building’s sense of community.”

“Managers and board members can organize workshops, community gatherings such as barbeques, or a day where everyone just gets together to plant flowers,” says Cervelli. “The idea is to get owners active and involved to be able to cultivate that relationship.”

Getting active board participation from your residents may be as simple as helping neighbors get to know each other. Whether your community is a small urban building or sprawling suburban development, getting your residents actively engaged and involved in community business is key to maintaining value and cohesion among neighbors. Through communication, committee work, and conscious effort, today's active residents can become tomorrow's proactive board members. Contributed by the Cooperative The Co-op & Condo Monthly.

**THE HOMES NEEDS YOU HELP. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO BE ON A COMMITTEE. PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HAVE A SOCIAL GATHERING FOR THE HOMES. THE HOMES IS WILLING TO HELP WITH THE COST (WITHIN REASON) OF HOSTING A DINNER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP**

4. If you foster four dogs a year how many dogs are you saving?

**EVENTS**

**9/6/14 to 11/16/14 - Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition: "Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program 1942-1964".**  Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum. 631 North 126th, Bonner Springs, KS 66012, 913-721-1078. <http://www.wycomuseum.org>. Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition "Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program 1942-1964" will be at the Wyandotte County Historical Museum in Bonner Springs, KS. from September 6th through November 16th. "Bracero" means Mexico manual laborer and was a project by the United States Government in partnership with Mexico. This project started out as oral history documentation but evolved into an exhibition of the braceros' experiences, and photographed images. Many former braceros are getting older and there are few oral or written accounts of their experiences inspired the project.

**11/5/14 and 11/12/14** – Welborn Community United Church, 5217 Leavenworth Rd, 9am-noon, Aligning Passion and Purpose in the Next Chapter of Life is a non-financial Life Planning class for persons ages 50+ who are discovering what’s next after they have left or are anticipating leaving their primary career. You will have the opportunity to explore, evaluate, and experience the thinking and tools that will assist you in achieving a productive and satisfying transition. Call the Shepherd’s Center office, 913-281-8908 **Plan to attend both dates. This is a two-session, six-hour course. Cost $20 per person.**

**11/7/14 - One Homeless Night**

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**11/08/14 - Annual Wyandotte County Veterans Day Commemoration Celebration**

Salvation Army, 6723 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102. <http://www.womenschamberkck.org>. Celebrate Veterans at the Annual Wyandotte County Veterans Commemoration Event on Saturday, November 8th at the Salvation Army Harbor Light Village. View commemorative Displays and Refreshments at 10:00am. Program at 10:30am. Special speakers and entertainment by: Piper High School Music-in-Motion, Schlagle High School Marching Band, and KCKPD Bagpipers.

**11/8/14** - Kansas City’s Police Officers, Firefighters and EMT/Paramedics charity boxing event is coming back to the Kansas City Convention Center Grand Ballroom. Purchase tickets at <http://www.kansascitygunsnhoses.com/tickets>. For more information call, 816-285-8661.

**11/09/14 - Veteran's Day Fantastic Four Mile Trail Run**

Wyandotte County Lake & Park, 91st & Leavenworth Road, Kansas City, KS 66109, 913-573-8327,

<http://www.wycokck.org/parks>. This race is 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 [www.psychowyco.com](http://www.psychowyco.com).

**11/22/14 - Holiday Craft Show**

Eisenhower Community Center, 2901 North 72nd, Kansas City, KS, 913-573-8358, <http://www.wycokck.org/parks>. The Craft Show will be held at Eisenhower Community Center and admission is free.

**11/22/14 to 12/28/14 - "Olde World Christmas" at Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center**

Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center, 720 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS. 66101 , 913-371-3264,

<http://strawberryhillmuseum.org>. The museum will be decorated in its holiday glory starting Saturday, November 22nd

5. What are 3 basic limits to fostering animals?

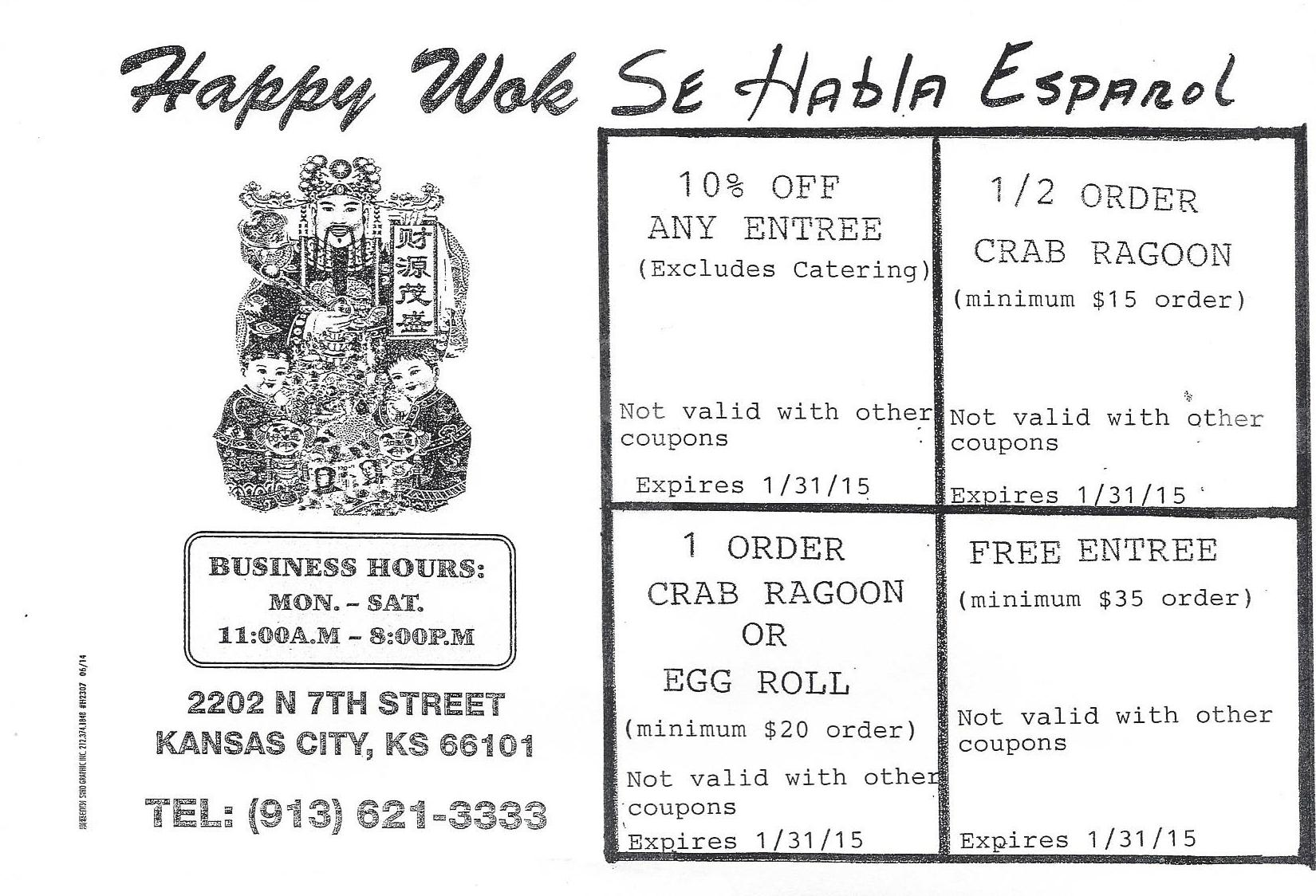
for "Olde World Christmas"! Victorian era decorations will adorn the mansion and the ethnic rooms will be filled with Christmas season "Olde World" traditions. In addition to the permanent ethnic exhibitors, also on display will be groups representing Mexico, Ireland and African-American. In the Tea Room, enjoy "Olde World Delicacies'" from different ethnic groups. Stop by the Gift Shop after your tour and pick up those unusual gifts for your family and friends. St. Nicholas will be arriving December 6th and visiting with children of all ages from 1pm-4pm at the museum. $5 photo fee, cookies and mill will be served and each child will received a special surprise gift from St. Nicholas.

**11/28/14 - Strawberry Hill Museum Night Time Christmas Tour**

Strawberry Hill Ethnic Museum & Cultural Center, 720 North 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, 913-371-3264. <http://www.strawberryhillmuseum.org>. Consider a night time tour of the Strawberry Hill Museum. During these evening tours, the museum will be illuminated using Victorian oil lamps and Christmas lighting. Night time tours will be on Friday evenings on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 19 and Jan. 2 at 6pm. Tour size is limited and reservations are required. Cost is $15 which includes tour, drinks and dessert.

**11/29/14 - Strawberry Hill Museum Candy Making Class**

Strawberry Hill Ethnic Museum & Cultural Center, 720 North 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, 913-371-3264, <http://www.strawberryhillmuseum.org>. David Hartman will be leading a class in the techniques of making peanut brittle, fudge, and a surprise goodie in the Museum's Children's Dining room. Class size is limited and participants must be 18 or order to participate. Cost is $25 per person for supplies. Pre-registration is required by Friday, November 21.



6. If you need a ride to vote on November 4th, who should you call?

**EMERGENCY PET ALERT DECALS**

DID YOU KNOW more than 40,000 pets die each year in home fires! Don’t leave your pet(s) home unprotected and let them become a fire statistic. Many pet deaths could be avoided if pet owners took the time to place “Rescue Rover” Pet Alert decals on windows. Fire Lieutenant John Rogers says, "when animals are stressed, they hide from us, big-time. Because they are small, smoke affects them worse and quicker than it does a human". “Rescue Rover” Pet alert decals can be placed on a windows to alert Firefighters or Police to save your pet(s) in case of a fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake or other emergency situation. The vibrant red and white decal features "Rescue Rover," the Dalmatian dog mascot, wearing a Fireman's hat with "PET ALERT" Fire Rescue (Please Save our Pets) in big, bold, bright white letters. Help increase your pets' chances of survival in an emergency situation. Pet Alert decals can also be an added deterrent to unsuspecting burglars who see the bright red and white decals on windows, thinking twice before trying to break into your home, knowing that there are pets inside who might attack or alert homeowners of their presence!

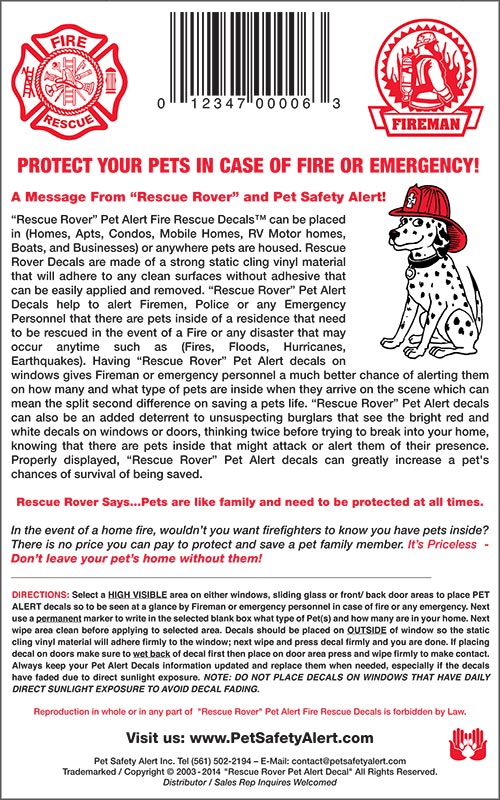
Pet Alert Decal Instructions

Directions: “Rescue Rover” Pet Alert decals are labeled for cats, dogs, birds, or other small animals. Select a HIGH VISIBLE area on either windows, sliding glass or front/ back door areas that is not in direct sunlight to place PET ALERT decals so to be seen at a glance by Fireman or emergency personnel in case of fire or any emergency. Next use a permanent waterproof ink marker to write in the selected blank box what type of Pet(s) and how many are in your home. Next wipe area clean before applying to selected area. Decals should be placed on outside of window so the static cling vinyl material will adhere firmly to the window; next wipe and press decal firmly and you are done. Always keep your Pet Alert Decals information updated and replace them when needed, especially if the decals have faded due to direct sunlight exposure which we recommend for them not to be placed. You have taken the first step in being a responsible pet owner to protect your pets in case of a fire or emergency when not at home. Don’t leave your pets home without them! Please pass this Pet Safety Alert message on to other pet owners to do the same.

**Starting Friday, November 14th, the Emergency Pet Alert Decals will be available at the office for free. An up to date occupancy form and dog registration must be on file, in order to receive the decal. The forms will be available to complete in the office when picking up your decal.**

7. How many Kansas City homeless children sleep outside every night?





**PET FOSTERING**

The Homes is in need of responsible adults willing to foster a cat or dog. The Homes has a lot of transient animals that have been dumped, gotten lost or have been neglected by people that don’t understand the responsibilities of being a good pet owner. Our shelters are overwhelmed and can’t take in animals. We are fortunate to have a resident that dedicates her life to rescuing animals but she is flooded with the constant rotation of animals in her home and is unable to care for them all. Your help is needed. Fostering an animal can be a fulfilling experience for you and/or your family. There are some things you should consider before volunteering to foster a pet.

1) Know your physical limits. There are 3 basic limits to fostering animals: space, time, and other responsibilities. You need to have a space for your fosters; a spare bedroom or a confined area is a perfect foster room. The size of the pet also affects how much space you’ll need; a bathroom would be too small for a large adult dog, but it would be perfect for a kitten or puppy. Make sure you have enough time in your schedule to socialize and take care of a foster pet too. You may have other commitments, such as a job that takes you away from home for long periods. If you have other pets, make sure they will still get plenty of room in the house and playtime with you. Figure out your limits by asking yourself:

- What size pet can I handle?

- How do I feel about fostering on short notice?

- Do I prefer short-term or long-term?

- Does my landlord forbid certain breeds or set a maximum number of pets?

- How many animals should I foster at a time?

- Could I deal with an animal who might have medical or behavioral issues?

2) Know your emotional limits. Some people don’t foster cute kittens because they’ll be tempted to adopt them. Others choose not to foster injured, sick, or old animals because they would be too sad if the animals died. You know best what “gets to you” and what to stay away from, and you’ll get a better sense of this after your first few fosters. It’s also a good idea to take breaks between fosters so you don’t feel overwhelmed at the thought of always taking care of unwanted pets. You’ll also appreciate your own pets more.

3) Put your limits and expectations in writing. Make sure you’re clear on how many animals you can take at a time and how long you can take them for. You don’t want to be stuck with an animal you don’t have time or room for. Most people foster through a shelter or rescue group, so make sure you pick one you trust. They will probably have you sign a fostering contract, and you should keep a copy of this too. They’ll tell you what you should expect and what they expect from you. Some questions to ask them include:

The hardest part about being a foster parent can be giving them up.

Tip #3: Put your personal rules for fostering in writing, and get each family member to agree to them.

- How long will I keep each animal?

- Should the fosters be integrated into my household or kept separate?

- Who will pay for pet supplies such as food, cat litter, dishes, and leashes?

- Who will take the animal to the vet and pay for medical bills?

- What kind of training and behavior assessment will I need to do?

- Will I need to bring the animal to adoption events?

- Will potential adopters come to my home?

- What if I am unable to foster anymore?

3) Put your limits and expectations in writing. Make sure you’re clear on how many animals you can take at a time and how long you can take them for. You don’t want to be stuck with an animal you don’t have time or room for. Most people foster through a shelter or rescue group, so make sure you pick one you trust. They

will probably have you sign a fostering contract, and you should keep a copy of this too. They’ll tell you what you should expect and what they expect from you. Some questions to ask them include:

The hardest part about being a foster parent can be giving them up.

Tip #3: Put your personal rules for fostering in writing, and get each family member to agree to them.

- How long will I keep each animal?

- Should the fosters be integrated into my household or kept separate?

- Who will pay for pet supplies such as food, cat litter, dishes, and leashes?

- Who will take the animal to the vet and pay for medical bills?

- What kind of training and behavior assessment will I need to do?

- Will I need to bring the animal to adoption events?

- Will potential adopters come to my home?

- What if I am unable to foster anymore?

4) Start small. I recommend fostering a healthy adult cat or dog for a few weeks first. The longer you keep the foster, the harder it can be to return them. You can increase the length of time per foster gradually, as you learn your limits. Cats are probably the easiest pets to foster, since they require less space and no potty breaks. Then again, if you’ve already got a dog, adding another dog to your daily walks might not be so tough, provided they get along and both have good leash manners.

5) Think big. Fostering is a great way to save many animals’ lives. Many people refer to themselves as “failed fosters” because they adopted their fosters instead of giving them back. Don’t be tempted to adopt a foster unless there’s a very good reason to. If you’re worried about their potential adopter, the shelter or group you work with can tell you about their adoption standards so you’ll know what kind of forever family your foster pet will go to.

You can help the shelter find a good home for your foster animals by asking friends and family.

Tip #5: Have a foster you want to adopt? Ask your friends and family if need a new pet. If they decide to adopt, you can still visit your favorite foster. Don’t pressure them into a decision though.

It happens to everyone; you foster a great pet and decide you can’t bear to give them back. That’s fine if your pet has just passed away and you’re replacing a “spot” in your furry family, or if you have plenty of room for an addition. The problem is when adopting a foster means you don’t have the room or time to foster anymore.

Think about it this way: in the 10-20 year lifespan of the pet you could adopt, how many fosters could you keep in that time if you didn’t adopt? How many lives could you save just by giving a few pets a little extra time? If you foster one cat a year, that could be as many as 20 cats saved by fostering instead of the 1 cat saved by adopting. If you foster four dogs a year, that’s 60 dogs saved. Compare those numbers before you consider adopting a foster.

If you are interested in fostering please call the office to volunteer.

8. How many stock transfers were there in October?

**ANTIQUE COAT TREE WITH UMBRELLA STAND**

**16-24 HOOKS WITH UMBRELLA HOLDERS AT THE BOTTOM - $10**

**CALL THE OFFICE**

**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**

Groomer - Terry 816-582-1367

Small pet carriers for sale $7.00

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

**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.

**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.**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

9. What must be on file in order to get an Emergency Pet Alert Decal?

**AUTO**

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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  Art Tucker |  | 913.321.7462  913-334-4186 |
| **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 | 913.707.2669 |
| **Haircuts for Homebound Seniors** |  | Juanita Priolo | 816-606-0026 |
| **Lawn Care** | Green Brothers Mowing | Juan Verde  Antonio Mandujano  Oscar Hernandez | 816.522.5006  913.944.8082  913.660.6244 |
| **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 Alteration & 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 |

**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.

**SERVICE AND REPAIR**

LIABILITIES

ASSETS

QUINDARO HOMES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

September 30, 2014

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LOANS | 500,348.15 | AUDIT FEE – PAYABLE | 1,137.50 |
| ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES | -11,615.06 | NCUSIF PREMIUM PAYABLE | 0 |
| SECURITY BANK | 213,845.06 | FEDERAL & KANSAS TAXES DUE | 165.00 |
| CHANGE FUND | 200.00 | SHARE DIVIDENDS PAYABLE |  |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – SAVINGS | 86.05 | MEMBERS SHARES | 1,167,169.46 |
| COMMUNITY AMERICA CU – CD | 256,170.62 | REGULAR RESERVES | 31,510.21 |
| BANK MIDWEST | 54,357.11 | RESERVES FOR CONTINGENCIES | 26,500.00 |
| KCCU MEMBERSHIP SHARES | 11,428.85 | UNDIVED EARNINGS | 198,443.51 |
| KCCU CASH MANAGEMENT | 1,476.04 | NET INCOME | 1,302.82 |
| CREDIT UNION 1 SAVINGS | 11.28 |  |  |
| INDUSTRIAL STATE BANK | 85,043.96 |  |  |
| INTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 1,555.64 |  |  |
| 6NTERSTATE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN | 100,000.00 |  |  |
| M & I BANK | 100,473.09 |  |  |
| COMMERCIAL STATE BANK OF BONNER SPRINGS | 100,000.00 |  |  |
| PREPAID INSURANCE | 1,871.00 |  |  |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 624.82 |  |  |
| NCUSIF | 10,351.89 |  |  |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **1,426,228.50** | **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **1,426.228.50** |

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIST**

**Crisis/Support/Hotlines Shelters**

24-hour Crisis Line (Any crisis) 913-268-0156 Friends of Yates (domestic violence) 913-321-0951

Abuse Hotline (Child, adult, elder) 800-922-5330 Rose Brooks (domestic violence) 816-861-6100

Local Domestic Violence Hotline 816-468-5463 Homeless Hotline 816-474-4599

MOCSA (Rape crisis line) 913-642-0233 Kansas City Rescue Mission 816-421-7643

National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233 Salvation Army (Homeless) 913-232-5400

Wyandot Center Crisis Line 913-788-4200 Shalom House (single men) 913-321-2206

* AR Doer Twist Exercise Machine, $60, 913-999-4340
* Party Piñata, 20” x 34”, $10, 913-313-7895
* Stockholder is looking for original interior doors and an Entry door from The Homes, with or without door knobs. Resident is willing to pay up to $30 per door. Also looking for original base boards. 503-709-2290
* If you would like starters from the following plants: Aloe, Christmas cactus, and Asparagus ferns call 913-626-0043. Stockholder is looking for starters from Airplane (Spider) plants.

10. Getting active board participation from residents may be as simple as what?

THE HOMES UNITS FOR SALE

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| **ONE BEDROOM** | **Owner** | **Phone** | **Price** |
| **TWO BEDROOM UP** | **Owner** | **Phone** | **Price** |
| 743 Manorcrest (Newly Remodeled) | QHFCU | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 3109 N 9th (C/A, Stove, Fridge) | Parast | 913.710.6216 | $6,000 |
| 3116 N 9th (C/A, Appt Only) | West | 913.375.8723 | $8,500 |
| 5 Reidcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| **TWO BEDROOM DOWN** | **Owner** | **Phone** | **Price** |
| 783 Manorcrest (C/A) | Deal | 913.707.2669 | $6,000 |
| 954 Manorcrest (C/A, Basement) | Ramos | 913.621.4532 | $13,000 |
| 3000 N. Allis | Walther | 856.278.1040 | $11,500 |
| 3143 N 9th | Olivarez | 913.689.8895 | $3,000 OBO |
| 1 Summitcrest | Robleado | 816.830.2092 | $9,000 |
| 7 Summitcrest | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 16 Summitcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Shed) | Rodriguez | 913.961.4588 | $8,500 |
| 28 Summitcrest (C/A, Fridge, W/D, Shed, Patio) | Allen | 816.728.8174 | $9,500 |
| 60 Viewcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Shed, Patio) | Hernandez | 913.375.3904 | $10,000 OBO |
| 88 Viewcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Dishwasher, Deck, Shed) | Eklund | 913.909.4687 | Contact S/H |
| **THREE BEDROOM** | **Owner** | **Phone** | **Price** |
| 776 Manorcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Deck, Shed) | Sickman | 913.233.9275 | $11,000 |
| 788 Manorcrest (C/A, Patio, Appliances) | O’Brien | 913.620.8521 | Make Offer |
| 822 Roswell (C/A, Appt Only) | Gallegos | 913.638.0521 | $14,500 |
| 827 Roswell (No C/A, WD) | Bolton | 913.396.3919 | $10,000 |
| 832 Manorcrest ($11,000 with appliances) | Reitmeyer | 316.737.5038 | $9,500 |
| 19 Viewcrest “AS IS” | Linderman | 816.898.5163 | $2,000 |
| 22 Viewcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, Patio, Appt Only) | Bame | 913.562.4810 | $8,000 |
| 33 Viewcrest (C/A) | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |
| 137 Viewcrest | Barnes | 816.808.3542 | $ 3,000 |
| 139 Viewcrest (C/A, Fridge) | Mora | 816.419.9387 | $11,000 |
| **DOUBLE UNIT** | **Owner** | **Phone** | **Price** |
| 15/17 Summitcrest (C/A, Stove, Fridge, W/D) | Olivarez | 913.689.8895 | $19,000 |
| 84 / 86 Viewcrest, 2/2 Bedrm (C/A, Shed) | Eberhardt | 913.281.5847 | $17,000 |
| 112/114 Viewcrest 2/2 Bedrm (Shed, Patio) | The Homes | 913.321.2471 | Make Offer |

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| November 2014 | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4  NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH 6:30PM IN THE CLUBROOM | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY @ CLUBROOM 3PM | 15  TREE MEMORIAL DINNER IN THE CLUBROOM  4-11 PM |
| 16 | 17  THE HOMES BOARD MEETING IN THE CLUBROOM 6:30PM | 18 | 19  CREDIT UNION BOARD MEETING IN THE CLUBROOM 4:30PM | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27  THANKSGIVING  THE HOMES OFFICE CLOSED.  THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR RESIDENTS AT THE CLUBROOM. 5:00PM BRING A SIDE DISH | 28  THANKSGIVING  THE HOMES & CREDIT UNION OFFICES CLOSED | 29 |
| 30 | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |

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**THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE HOMES**

Thursday, November 27th at 5:00pm

In the clubroom

Enjoy a traditional thanksgiving dinner with residents and friends.

No charge but side dishes are needed and welcomed.

**Make the holiday more fun by having your kids help prepare the meal. The following are kid easy recipes.**

**POPCORN STUFFING**

Popcorn Stuffing is the ultimate in out-of-the-ordinary stuffing recipes. It’s a sure conversation-starter as the main ingredient for dressing our turkey for a holiday, or anytime.

**What You'll Need:**

6 cups crumbled cornbread or corn muffins (see Notes) 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted

3 cups popped popcorn (see Notes) 2 eggs

1 medium-sized onion, finely chopped 1 1/2 teaspoon dried rubbed sage

1 3/4 cup chicken broth

**What To Do:**

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients; mix well. Spoon into prepared baking dish.
3. Bake 40 to 45 minutes, or until center is set.

**Notes**

* Ready-made cornbread or muffins can be found in the bakery section of your supermarket, or you can start from scratch and use your favorite cornbread recipe.
* One regular package of microwave popcorn will yield 7 to 8 cups of popcorn.

**IMPOSSIBLE PUMPKIN PIE**

Talk about having a secret helper in the kitchen! Impossible pies make their own crust, so we don't have to do a thing but mix'em together and bake! Why wait for Thanksgiving when we can enjoy this lighter pumpkin pie anytime?!

**What You'll Need:**

1 (15-ounce) can 100% pure pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling) 1/2 cup sugar

1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk 1/2 cup biscuit baking mix

1 tablespoon butter, softened 2 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

2 eggs 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

**What To Do:**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate with cooking spray.
2. Blend all ingredients together in a blender on high speed for 1 minute, or place all ingredients in a large bowl and beat 2 minutes with a hand beater. Pour mixture into pie plate.
3. Bake 1 hour, or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.
4. Let cool then cover and chill at least 2 hours before serving.

**Note**

If you want to fancy up this pie a bit, top with dollops of light whipped cream and a cinnamon stick.