

THE HOMES, INC.

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 17TH IN THE CLUBROOM At 5:30 pm

**DO NOT PUT THE ITEMS TO THE
CURB UNTIL THE DAY OF THE
PICKUP.**

**Mattresses, appliances, and
furniture will not be picked up by
the trash company. If those items or
any other items are picked up by the
Homes a charge of \$100 will be
added to your account.**

**REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR
FURNACE FILTER EACH MONTH.
THEY ARE FREE AT THE OFFICE**

Longtime resident and Board Member of the Homes, Frank Moss, has passed away. Frank lived in the Homes with his wife for 30 years. He served as a Board Member for 10 years. His guidance and influence will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Services and a celebration of life have not been determined yet. Check with the office for updates.

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**The 2024 pro rata portion of the real
estate taxes is
Single Unit - \$614.65
Double Unit - \$1229.30**

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

THE HOMES INC	913-321-2471
AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE	913-948-2211
QHFCU	913-342-3421
KCK POLICE DEPARTMENT	913-596-3000
KCK ANIMAL CONTROL	913-321-1445
POTHOLES	913-573-8307
CITY QUESTIONS & COMPLAINTS	311
BPU (Customer Service)	913-573-9190
BPU ELECTRIC (Lights/power line)	913-573-9522
BPU WATER	913-573-9622
KS GAS SERVICE	1-800-794-4780

NEWSLETTER TRIVIA

We want to encourage all residents to read the newsletter. You will find **8** questions within the newsletter. Write down your answers, along with your name and address. Bring the information to the office. At the monthly board meeting we will randomly choose an answer sheet and if all the answers are correct, that resident will receive \$30 off the next month's HOA fee.

1. What number do you call for problems with power lines?

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Important Trash & Recycling Update!

Starting February 1, 2025, the Unified Government is transitioning trash and recycling calls to WM (Waste Management) customer service. After this date, please do not call 3-1-1. Instead, report service issues directly to WM using one of these options: Important Trash & Recycling Update!

Visit WM.com and sign up for 24-hour access to your account. You'll need your Customer ID to sign up. WM will mail a postcard with your Customer ID and step-by-step registration instructions in January 2025, ensuring you're ready before the transition begins. If you did not receive the postcard, call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696 and received your Customer ID. Visit WM.com or download the My WM Mobile App from the Android or iOS store for 24-hour access to your account. Use the Customer ID provided on the January postcard to register.

Services that you will need to contact Waste Management about:

Bulk pick-up **(DO NOT PUT THE ITEM TO THE CURB UNTIL THE DAY OF PICK-UP)**

Trash and/or Recyclables that were not picked up

Electronic Waste

Hazardous Waste

The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office has been receiving numerous calls to report recent scams!

These scammers are hard at work & here are a few things the scam includes:

- A call from a Lieutenant James Perry from our office (we don't have any employee by that name)
- Failure to appear for Federal Grand Jury Duty
- Rescheduling options that include calling a phone number or sending an email to set up an appointment
- Directions to chat with one of their team members through their "website"

While you may not receive this exact call, please use this as a reminder to be extra vigilant and suspicious of calls that come from unknown numbers. If you ever are not sure if you are being scammed, please hang up and call our office to verify the information.

If you have been victimized and have suffered financial loss as a result of this scam, please call our office at **(913) 573-2861** to file a report.

**TRIVIA WINNER
CHRISTINA AQUINO**

TAX REBATES

Residents of Kansas City, Kansas 65+ or older on January 1, 2025, OR disabled with an annual income of \$42,600 or less may be eligible for a tax rebate. Residents of Wyandotte County with a BPU account for utilities can apply for a Utility Tax Rebate. If you answer yes to these questions, this rebate could be available to you:

- Are you a BPU ratepayer in Wyandotte County?
- Will you be 65 or disabled on January 1, 2025?
- Is your income \$42,600 or below? Residents of the City of Kansas, Kansas can apply for a Sales Tax Rebate. If you answer yes to these questions, this rebate could be available to you:
 - Are you a resident of the City of Kansas City, Kansas?
 - Will you be 65 or disabled on January 1, 2025?
 - Is your income \$42,600 or below? Needed documents to apply will include:
 - Contact Information (name, address, date of birth and telephone number).
 - Proof of income (i.e. W-2s, Social Security statement, Railroad retirement statement, Veteran's disability statement, banking interests, food stamp award, child support income).
 - Letter of Disability (if you are not 65+). Applications will be taken January 2, 2025, through April 15, 2025. There will be several locations to make applications throughout the county. You should contact the Unified Government 311 Line (913-573-5311) to find the location nearest you.

DAILY	8:30 AM-4:00 PM	CITY HALL, 3 RD FLOOR CLERKS OFFICE
TUESDAY	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	EISENHOWER COMMUNITY CENTER, 2801 N. 72 ND
TUESDAY	9:00AM-1:30 PM	AREA AGENCY ON AGING, 849C N. 47 TH
THURSDAY	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	JOE AMAYO COMMUNITY CENTER, 2810 METROPOLITAN
FRIDAY	1:00PM-4:30 PM	ANNEX BUILDING, 8200 STATE AVE. (BASEMENT LEVEL)

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a Federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit. The 2025 LIEAP application period will began November 18, 2024, and will end March 31, 2025, at 5 pm. Persons Eligible In order to qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements: An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor. Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy. Benefit levels vary according to the following factors:

- Household Income.
- Number of persons living at the address.
- Type of dwelling and type of heating fuel.

Inquiries may be directed to the Division of Children and Family Services at 913-279-7000 or by dialing toll free 1-800-432- 0043.

Someone Special Dance

Join us for the Someone Special Dance at Argentine Community Center on February 7th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Enjoy a fun evening with a dance floor, DJ, light refreshments, and photo opportunities to capture special moments. This event is perfect for an adult and child, with registration required at \$5 for one adult and one child, and \$2 for each additional child. Don't miss this memorable night of dancing and fun with someone special!

Veterans Treatment Court Graduation

We are honored to invite you to the upcoming Veterans Treatment Court Graduation, where we will celebrate the achievements of two veterans who have successfully completed our program. This event is a powerful reminder of the resilience and dedication of those who have served our country, our Veterans Treatment Court Team, and community support.

Veterans Treatment Courts provide life-changing opportunities for veterans in the justice system, addressing challenges such as mental health and substance use through treatment, accountability, and support. Your presence at this event not only honors their achievements but also highlights the importance of community in their success.

Feel free to share this invitation with others in your community who may wish to attend. The event is open to all who want to celebrate and support our veterans. Wednesday, February 12, 2025 | 02:00 PM. Memorial Hall, 600 N 7th Street Tfwy, Kansas City, KS, 66101

Romance Under the Stars

Kansas City Renaissance Festival, 628 North 126th Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012. (913) 721-2110. marketing@kcrenfest.com. Price: \$200 per couple per igloo. Time: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. February 10th-14th. Recurring daily. Call 913-721-2110. A Fine Dining Experience, Two Champagne Flutes, Photos from the Photo Booth, and A Special Renaissance Surprise.

Maple Sugaring Workshop

Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm Historic Site 1200 East Kansas City Road Olathe, KS 66061. February 15, 2025. Price: \$5/person. Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Join in this fun workshop by meeting at the Heritage Center a little ahead of 9:30 to check in. We'll be going to the Olathe Memorial Cemetery to learn how to tap trees from Mahaffie site manager, Tim Talbott. We'll head back to the Mahaffie grounds to learn how to process sap into syrup. Learn more at Mahaffie.org

Kansas Healthy Yards Expo

Discover simple, easy Earth-friendly practices for achieving a nice yard while still protecting our water, air, and healthy soils. The Healthy Yards Expo features businesses, non-profits, seminars, and tips to help residents become greener in their lawn and garden care. It's a one-stop learning event on green ideas and services. Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 09:00 AM to 02:00 PM. Register for door prizes! Free Tree Seedling: First 100 visitors get a free tree seedling. Visit with K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, and local plant societies for expert advice. Talk with city representatives to find out what's going on in your neighborhood and learn about cost share programs for establishing rain gardens and rain barrels. Kansas Healthy Yards and Communities (KHYC), developed by K-State Research and Extension, helps homeowners make better choices on environmentally conscious lawn and garden care techniques. This event, in its 14th year, is co-hosted by the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension and the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, Shawnee and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase during the Expo provided by a local Boy Scout Troop.

For Home Cleaning Services call Marlene Betancourt 913-653-2021. She is familiar with the Homes units and trustworthy.



HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOMES

KEEP FURNACE 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. CHANGE YOUR FURNACE FILTER ONCE A MONTH. FILTERS ARE FREE AT THE OFFICE.**

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 resident's needs. Second, it is against the law. Littering is a Class C violation that is punishable by a fine up to a \$2500.00. 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.

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. If you have vehicles that you do not drive, park it in an overflow lot. **NEVER PARK IN YARDS OR COMMON GROUND. IT COULD RESULT IN A FINE OF \$250.00**

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 does 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.

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. **IT COULD RESULT IN A FINE OF \$250.00**

TRASH. Do not put your trash to the curb before 4:30 pm the day before pickup. Do not put your trash in your neighbor's trash bins.

ECKAN WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Weatherization Program was created to assist low-income families save an average of 18% of their annual income for energy, compared with 5% for other households. Weatherization services save customers an average of \$283 annually. Weatherization improves heating efficiency and fuel savings by ensuring your home holds in heat and air-conditioning, while keeping hot and cold air out. At NO CHARGE to the client, income eligible families receive a comprehensive home energy audit which is an assessment of the entire home. Eligibility is based on how many people live in the home and the household income level. If anyone in the household receives one of the following sources of income, they will automatically qualify for the program: Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits; or Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP). Contact ECKAN at 888-833-0832 or online at www.eckan.org to apply.

WyCO Public Health Department Walk-In Satellite Clinic

The Wyandotte County Public Health Department (WYCO PHD) is offering walk-in Satellite Clinic at the Bonner Springs Community Center.

January - April 2025: Every 1st Thursday of the month, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Services offered:

- Sexual transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment
- Pregnancy testing
- Well-women exams (pap smear, breast exam, referrals for mammograms)
- Birth control / family planning
- Limited primary care for those ages 18 and up (including treatment for skin, ear, nose, and throat symptoms, and other common conditions like pink eye and urinary tract infections): \$45.00 flat fee
- Work physicals (ages 18 and up): \$75.00 flat fee
- Sports physicals (ages 12 and up): \$45.00 flat fee

What To Do If Your Power and Heat Go Out In The Winter

- *Make sure the outage goes beyond your home by checking to see if your neighbors have lights on. Then report the outage to your electric company.
- *Keep doors and windows closed, put towels in front of any drafts.
- *Layer your clothes to stay warm, put on a hat, cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs and put on mittens (they're better than gloves). Huddle under extra blankets.
- *Know the signs of frostbite — loss of feeling and color in fingers, ear lobes and the tip of the nose — and call 911 if someone has these symptoms.
- *Know the signs of hypothermia — uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, slurred speech, drowsiness — and call 911 if someone shows these symptoms.
- *Don't open your refrigerator or freezer unless necessary. Food can stay frozen 24-36 hours. Don't eat any food if the bag of ice in your refrigerator melts. You can use snow drifts as a makeshift freezer but be aware of attracting animals.
- *Listen to the news — don't go outside if conditions are unsafe.
- *Preserve your phone battery and opt to text instead of call to keep your phone lines open.
- *Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid a damaging power surge when the power comes on.
- *Leave one lamp on so you'll easily know when power comes back.
- *Generators, camp stoves or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from any window or door.
- *Never use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- *If you use candles to light the room, never leave them unattended and keep them away from pets and children.

UNITS FOR SALE

Address	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
2 Bedroom(up)				
748 Manorcrest	C/A, Fridge, Stove and much more MOVE IN READY	Lewis	816-547-1201	\$45,000
855 Manorcrest	C/A, Fridge, Stove, and W/D	Ramos	913-235-4676	\$35,000
872 Manorcrest	Fridge, Stove, and Washer	Mirabeaux	913-325-3719	\$39,000
3011 North Allis	Fridge, Stove and W/D	Brown	913-486-8900	\$40,000
2 Bedroom (down)				
747 Manorcrest	Fridge, Stove & Window Units	Rodriguez	816-503-2450	\$27,000
80 Viewcrest	Fridge, Stove, W/D, Shed & Deck	Aguilar	323-401-8641	\$49,000
112 Viewcrest	C/A, Shed	Garcia	913-742-3418	\$40,000
3 Bedroom (up)				
820 Roswell	Fridge, Stove, W/D, Deck, & A/C Units	Castillo	913-953-9190	\$60,000
830 Roswell	C/A	Haygood	618-750-8114	\$35,000
Double Unit (down)				
15/17 Summitcrest	C/A, Fridge, Stove, W/D, and more MOVE IN READY	Bond	816-686-1633	\$40,000

Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union

Monday 12:30-4:30pm. Wednesday 12:30-4:30pm. Friday 12:30-4:30pm
660 Manorcrest, KCK, 66101. 913-342-3421

Support your local community Credit Union

The QHFCU serves our community at the Homes, Inc. and relies upon its members for support. The more money members have in the credit union allows the credit union to grant loans.

Savings accounts earn 0.25%

Loan rate is 15%

Shared savings rate is 4%

New policy

\$25.00 charge for returned checks.

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND AT NOON

February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Board Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Please call or email the office if you would like the Newsletter hand delivered. The newsletter is always available in the office.

HELPFUL COUNTY RESOURCE PHONE #'S

Broken Traffic Lights - 573-9522	Water Main Breaks – 573-9622	Wild or Dead Animal – 321-1445
Drug Dealing – 573-6280	Abandoned House – 573-8600	Weeds in Yard – 573-8600
Trespasser/Solicitor – 596-3000	Broken Street Sign – 573-5776	Belligerent Person – 596-3000
Abandoned Appliance – 573-8600	Hazardous Sidewalk – 573-5400	Trash and Debris – 573-8600
Abandoned Car – 596-3000	Suspected Arson Activity – 573-5550	Illegal Fireworks – 596-3000
Potholes – 573-8307	Broken Street Light – 573-9522	Building Alarm – 596-3000
Gas Leak – 1-800-794-4780	Power Line Problems – 573-9522	Graffiti Hotline – 573-8600
Stray Animal – 321-1445	Rats – 573-6705	Prostitution – 596-3000
Clogged Storm Drain – 573-5400	Foul Odor – 573-8600	Illegal Dumping – 573-8600
Car Alarm – 596-3000	Polluting Chemicals – 321-4803	Loud Music or Noise – 596-3000

For more helpful county info contact Livable Neighborhoods Task Force – 573-8737. AA Hotline – 816-471-7229