



2012

# Liveable Neighborhoods Annual Report

Pictures below were taken at the 2012 Annual Neighborhood Group Awards Luncheon  
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Mayor/CEO Joe Reardon



“Making a Difference”  
Award Recipients



Neighborhood Leadership  
& Community Partnership  
Award Recipients



2012 Annual Neighborhood Group Awards Luncheon

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## **2012 Liveable Neighborhoods Annual Report**

This report will provide you with information on some of the projects and programs operating under the Liveable Neighborhoods division of the Unified Government's Neighborhood Resource Center.

The mission of Liveable Neighborhoods is to provide information, trainings, resources and a forum to have open discussion with Unified Government staff to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. To advocate for policies and ordinances that will enhance the livability of our community and to support efforts that will promote the benefits of having an organized neighborhood group.

### **Liveable Neighborhoods 2012 Board of Directors**

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Betty Wells       | #1 Commissioner Nathan Barnes   |
| Patty Orth        | #2 Commissioner Brian McKiernan |
| Evelyn Larson     | #3 Commissioner Ann Murguia     |
| Carole Newton     | #4 Commissioner Terrance Maddox |
| Don Ash           | #5 Commissioner Mike Kane       |
| Becky Billigmeier | #6 Commissioner Angela Markley  |
| Bill Boster       | #7 Commissioner Tom Cooley      |
| Beverly Darby     | #8 Commissioner Butch Ellison   |

### **Neighborhood Business Revitalization Group Representatives**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Lou Braswell     | Leavenworth Road Association           |
| Kim Hausback     | Armourdale Renewal Association         |
| Marty Thoennes   | Central Area Betterment Association    |
| Wendy Wilson     | Rosedale Development Association       |
| Elnora Jefferson | Northeast Midtown Business Association |
| Ed Linnebur      | Downtown Shareholders                  |
| Barbara Kill     | Turner Community Connection            |
| Timothy Russell  | Argentine Betterment Corporation       |

### **Miscellaneous Representatives**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Kirk Suther   | Operation Brightside                      |
| Paul Soptick  | Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol/WCAC |
| Steve Curtis  | CHWC                                      |
| Tom Lally     | Heartland Habitat for Humanity            |
| Ed Linnebur   | City Vision Ministries                    |
| Melissa Bynum | Wyandot, Inc. and Shepherd's Center       |

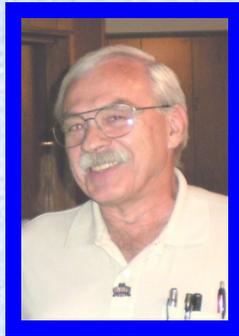
### **Government/Professional Representatives (Category II)**

|                   |                                 |
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| Pam Curtis        | Mayor's Office Representative   |
| Linda Wolford     | KCK Public Library              |
| Capt. Victor Webb | Commander of Community Policing |
| Greg Talkin       | Director of the NRC             |
| Joe Dick          | Board of Public Utilities       |
| Wilba Miller      | Community Development           |
| Sharon McMillan   | UG Commission Liaison           |

### **Flex Positions**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Chandra Ward           | United Way/Youthbuild                            |
| Cecilia Ysaac-Belmares | Ks Hispanic & Latino American Affairs Commission |

# 2012 Liveable Neighborhoods Officers and Executive Committee Members



Paul Soptick, President  
Liveable Neighborhoods



Carole Newton, Vice President  
Liveable Neighborhoods



Lou Braswell, Secretary  
Liveable Neighborhoods



Kirk Suther, Treasurer  
Liveable Neighborhoods



Ed Linnebur, Past President  
Liveable Neighborhoods



Kim Hausback, Exec. Comm. Member  
Liveable Neighborhoods



Greg Talkin, Exec. Comm. Member  
Liveable Neighborhoods



## Thank You to our Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Groups

We would like to thank all of our neighborhood groups for all they have done this year to fulfill the mission of Liveable Neighborhoods. Your commitment and dedication has made our community a better place to live, work and raise our families.

Mary Jane Johnson  
Liveable Neighborhoods



Andrea Generaux  
Liveable Neighborhoods



### Below are a few examples of how you have helped with our mission:

- Attended monthly Liveable Neighborhoods meetings.
- Served as community liaisons for Christmas in October to conduct screening and identifying seniors in need.
- Organized a National Night Out Against Crime event.
- Helped to raise awareness about underage drinking.
- Volunteered to help raise funds for MOSAIC Jumpy Monkey so that adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have job opportunities.
- Assisted with promotion of recycling by utilizing portable recycling containers for special events.
- Mowed and cleaned up vacant lots.
- Joined a task force to work on neighborhood housing issues.
- Designed, created and landscaped neighborhood entry signs.
- Created community gardens on vacant lots in partnership with the Board of Public Utilities community garden grants.
- Helped to raise funds for needy families for Christmas.
- Participated in a focus group for Wyandotte County Community Themes and Strengths Assessment that will guide strategic planning and improvement throughout the public health system.
- Attending meetings and committees with Unified Government staff and elected officials to discuss and resolve issues.
- Patrolled your neighborhoods and partnered with the Police Dept. to help reduce crime.
- Establish summer youth job programs.
- Distribute monthly newsletters and information to your neighbors.
- Held regular neighborhood meetings and social events.
- Volunteered with the Shepherd's Center Peer Support Group.
- Partnered with the Youth Corp Volunteer to do neighborhood clean ups.
- Attended Unified Government Commission meetings, standing committees and budget workshops.
- Attended the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol Training.
- Participated with the "Take Back the Night" event for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Provided resources for seniors and disabled with minor home repair.
- Helped to turn all of our neighborhoods green for Google high speed internet that will have endless possibilities for our community.

**We are truly grateful and proud to have the opportunity to partner with our neighborhood leaders, you are the true unsung heroes of our community!**

# 2012 Monthly Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting Speakers

## January

- Richard Mabion, Breaking the Silence Conference
- Teresa Kelly, Get Growing KC
- Jerry Schultz, Wyandotte County Community Themes and Assessment
- Rachel Hack, Google
- Lt. Col. Terry Ziegler, Police Dept. Update

## February

- Chief of Police, Rick Armstrong
- Election of 2012 Liveable Neighborhoods Officers
- Commissioner Mark Holland, Healthy Community Action Teams
- Katherine Kelley, Access to Water for Community Gardens Committee Update
- Blake Elliott and David Mehlhaff, Board of Public Utilities - 2 Degrees 2 Save Program
- Jonna Lounce, AbiBow Recycling

## March

- Wayne Wilson, Code Enforcement - Property Maintenance Codes Update
- Magie Hogan, Youth Volunteer Corp
- Melanie Austin, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
- Phil Henderson, Business License Dept.

## April

- Chief of Police, Rick Armstrong - Police Dept. Update
- Chester Owens, Strugglers Hill Video
- Steve Curtis, CHWC - EPIC Video
- Adrion Roberson, Wyandotte County Football and Cheer Video

## May

- Patrick Summer, Frank Williams Outreach Center
- Arica Roland, Friends of Yates Services
- Donna Criss and Randy Dick, Mirror Inc. - Sticker Shock
- Major Tyrone Garner - Community Policing

## June

- Chief of Police, Rick Armstrong - Police Dept. Update
- Bruce Newby, Election Commissioner
- Capt. Michelle Angell, Animal Control
- Major Tyrone Garner, COPPS Survey

## July

- Donna Criss, Mirror Inc.—Sticker Shock Update
- Greg Talkin and Ed Linnebur, Neighborhood Housing Task Force Update

**August** - No Meeting

## September

- Teresa Kelly, Get Growing KC and John Gordon, Boys Grow Corp.
- Joe Connor, Healthy Communities
- Amanda Nolen, MOSAIC
- Caryl Neinas, Educational Opportunities Center
- Melissa Bynum, Shepherd's Center Next Chapter.... Exploring Jobs Courses

## October

- Lisa Garcia, Director of Student Services KCK Public Schools
- Tyrone Hych, Community Development....Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3
- Richard Mabion, "Our Green Czar"
- Pam Curtis, Mayor's Office - Code for America

No Meetings were held in November or December

# 2012 Liveable Neighborhoods Meetings



## 2012 Liveable Neighborhoods Office Updates

### **Land Bank Advisory Committee**

In 2012, 96 properties were returned to the tax rolls for a total amount of revenue of \$38,556.00. The Land Bank Advisory Committee comprised of neighborhood leaders meets on call as needed by the Land Bank Manager. The committee makes recommendations on applications brought forward by the Land Bank Manager. The recommendations are then forwarded to the Mayor & Commissioners.

### **Office Updates**

In 2012 Liveable Neighborhoods provided 497,000 copies for neighborhood groups. This includes newsletters, meeting notices, event flyers and informational materials. We also provide a folding machine service to neighborhood groups. The office has a phone tree so any neighborhood group registered with our office can provide us with a list of phone numbers of their members which is down loaded into the phone tree software. We ask that the neighborhood leaders make an appointment to come in to record any approved information which sends out a recorded voice message to their members or they can e-mail us with their message and we will record the voice message to send out to their group. Liveable Neighborhoods sent out 247 phone tree messages in 2012.

Liveable Neighborhoods creates a monthly newsletter with updates and important information. Neighborhood groups use the monthly newsletter as a template for their own neighborhood groups newsletter which can be customized by request.

The Liveable Neighborhoods department web site is updated throughout the year to include the Liveable Neighborhoods monthly newsletters, annual reports and informational brochures. The office also maintains the neighborhood group list which includes; name of group, contact name, contact address & phone number, meeting date and times and other internal information. The list is updated as necessary and changes often, if you need an updated list contact Liveable Neighborhoods via e-mail at [mjohnson@wycokck.org](mailto:mjohnson@wycokck.org) with your request and reason for use of the list. We are prohibited to provide the list for religious, solicitation and political purposes.

The Liveable Neighborhoods office serves as the central information office for neighborhood groups to receive information. We use our neighborhood e-mail distribution list to send out information on a daily basis. We send out anywhere from 25 to 60 e-mails per week. Many departments, agencies and organizations utilize the Liveable Neighborhoods office to distribute a wide variety of events, trainings, meetings, forums, press releases etc. Due to the large number of calls and questions our office receives the Liveable Neighborhoods Directory and Resource Guide was created to help citizens with answers to the most frequently asked questions. The directory can be found on the Unified Government's web site on the Liveable Neighborhoods link. Copies of the Neighborhood Directory are available from the Liveable Neighborhoods office.

The Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Liaison assists the Code Enforcement Division and requests from the public with minor home repair for seniors and disabled residents by connecting them with local agencies, organizations and local government programs.

# 2012 U.G. Neighborhood Group Grant Recipients

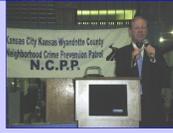


**Argentine Betterment Corp.**  
**Armourdale Renewal Association**  
**Block Hawks**  
**Brentwood Hills**  
**Brighton Hill**  
**Cathedral**  
**Central Avenue Betterment Association**  
**Crestview**  
**Delaware Ridge**  
**Douglass Sumner**  
**East Argentine**  
**Field of Dreams**  
**Fowler Park**  
**Gerding Gardens**  
**Getty Grove**  
**Hanover Heights**  
**Hilltop**  
**Historic Westheight**  
**Leavenworth Road Association**  
**Liveable Neighborhoods**  
**Morris**  
**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**  
**Neighbors On Watch**  
**Neighbors Who Care**  
**North Georgia Helpers**  
**North Welborn Watch**  
**Organization for Community Preservation**  
**Parkwood Colony**  
**Parkway Pointe**  
**Plaza Tower Crime Watch**  
**Pomeroy Neighborhood Watch**  
**Prescott Neighborhood Group**  
**Presidential Highfields HOA**  
**Quail Creek HOA**  
**Quindaro Homes**  
**Riverview Acres Crime Eliminators**  
**Rose Alert**  
**Rosedale Development Association**  
**Shawnee Road Neighborhood Group**  
**South Argentine**  
**South Turner**  
**South West Argentine**  
**Strugglers Hill/Roots**  
**Step Up Neighborhood Group**  
**St. Joseph Watchdogs**  
**Stony Point/Hunters Glen**  
**Strawberry Hill**  
**Tremont**  
**Turner Community Connection**  
**Villa Argentina**  
**Westborough**  
**Westbridge HOA**  
**Welborn Community Watch**  
**Wyandotte Countians Against Crime**



# 2012 National Night Out Against Crime

August 7, 2012



**W500**  
Wyandotte

To submit an application to join in the race .....  
Contact  
Liveable Neighborhoods at  
913-573-8737



"We are a group of diverse leaders and organizations committed to making our community Safer and Healthier"



- Select your topic of interest and join us:
- . Safety in Neighborhoods
  - . Health & Wellness
  - . Minor Home Repair for Seniors and Disabled
  - . Mentoring
  - . Youth Programs
  - . Cleaning Up Vacant Lots
  - . Community Connections
  - . Businesses
  - . Faith Community
  - . Media
  - . Non-Profit Agencies
  - . Local Government

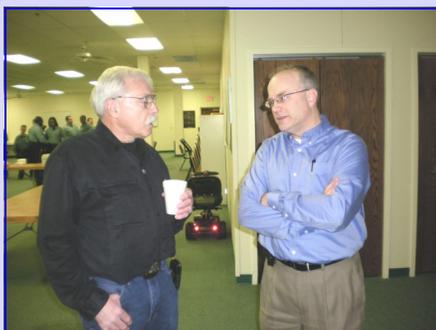
Start Your Engines  
Wyandotte County!  
Let's see how many laps  
(projects) we can finish.....500?



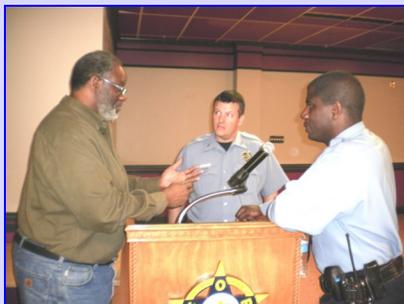
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- KC Health Kick
  - U.S. Health Department
  - American Red Cross
  - Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol
  - Richard Mabison, Breaking the Silence Conf.
  - KCK Community College
  - KCK Public Library
  - United Way
  - Equal Opportunity Foundation
  - Community Development
  - U.G. Healthy Communities Action Teams
  - Code Enforcement
  - Christmas in October
  - Shepherd's Center
  - Operation Brightside/Public Works
  - Rosedale Development Assoc.
  - Mid America Regional Council
  - Leadership 2000
  - PTA
  - Peace Works
  - Board of Public Utilities
  - MI, Carmel Redevelopment Corp.
  - Community Development
  - Community Policing
  - Armourdale Renewal Assoc.
  - Argentine Betterment Assoc.
  - Leavenworth Road Association
  - Central Avenue Betterment Assoc.
  - Downtown Shareholders
  - Northeast Business Assoc.
  - Turner Community Connections

- 2012 Partners**
- East Growing KC
  - Wyandotte County Health Dept.
  - Health
  - Shepherd's Center
  - KCRCC Victim/Survivor Services
  - Sault
  - Armourdale Renewal Assoc.
  - Argentine Betterment Assoc.
  - Central Area Betterment Assoc.
  - Historic Northeast Midtown Assoc.
  - Downtown Shareholders
  - Turner Community Connections
  - MI, Carmel Redevelopment Corp.
  - Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol
  - Wyandotte County Sheriff's Dept.
  - Christmas in October
  - Wyandot Center
  - Calibrate KC
  - KU Work Group for Community
  - Youth Volunteer Corps Kansas City
  - Metro. Org. to Counter Sexual Assault
  - Regional Prevention Center, Mirror Inc.
  - Board of Public Utilities
  - United Way Volunteer Program
  - MOSAIC
  - Leavenworth Road Assoc.
  - CHWK
  - Jewish Vocational Services
  - U.G. Community Development
  - KCK Police Department
  - Richard Mabison, "Green Crae"
  - Christmas in October

# Midtown Patrol Division and Midtown Neighborhood Groups Open House



# West Patrol Division and West Patrol Neighborhood Groups Open House



# East Patrol Division and East Patrol Neighborhood Groups Open House



# “Neighborhood Ambassador Series” Cultural Competency Training

Trainer: Cathy Anderson, Jewish Vocational Service Manager of Language and Cultural Services



# “Neighborhoods and Government in Partnership”



JFK Grand Opening



Liveable Neighborhoods assists with Community Policing Training



Community Policing  
Receives Metropolitan  
Community Service Program  
Worksite Award



Capt. Webb instructs Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol



Community Policing  
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Mayor's 2012 State of the Government Address



Greg Talkin leading discussion at the  
Neighborhood Housing Task Force Meeting



Leadership 2000 Class XXVII learns about the Unified Government's  
Neighborhood Resource Center on Governance Day.



*Congratulations!*

*2012 Neighborhood Leadership Award Recipients*



*Ann Dercher, St. Joseph Watchdogs*



*Carole Diehl, Strawberry Hill*



*Bill Boster, R.A.C.E.*



*Gail Godsey, Delaware Ridge - Delaware Highlands*



*Congratulations!*

*2012 Community Partnership Recipients*



*M.L. Bell, Operation Brightside*

*Melissa Bynum, Wyandot Center/Shepherd's Center*



*Mario Guess, Todd Grasmick, Bruce Pointelin, Brandon Wayne, Jack Baska  
Public Works*



*Congratulations!*

*2012 Crime Fighter of the Year Recipients*



*Officer Kellee Sluder  
Community Policing*



*April Alexander  
Code Enforcement*

*2012 John Eger Award Recipient*



*John Pack  
Demolition Coordinator*

# Community Policing Assisted Needy Families with 2012 Christmas Toy Drive



# 2012 Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Group Tree Decorating Contest



1st Place  
Strawberry Hill Neighborhood Group



Grand Prize  
Crestview Neighborhood Group



3rd Place  
Quindaro Homes HOA



2nd Place  
Block Hawks and Neighbors Who Care





## Wyandotte “500” Program

“We are a group of diverse leaders and organizations committed to making our community Safer and Healthier”



Liveable Neighborhoods, Community Policing and the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Dept. have formed a coalition to support diverse leaders and organizations in Wyandotte County committed to integrating and aligning resources to make our community cleaner, safer and healthier. We have created a partnership that is dedicated to engaging our entire community in the Wyandotte 500 initiative.

Our efforts are results focused and the bottom line is that the work of Wyandotte 500 is a common sense, smart spending, sound investment in the future of the safety, healthiness and well-being of Wyandotte County Kansas City, Kansas.

The Wyandotte 500 Coordinating Committee is seeking projects which target some of the various issues below. We hope interested individuals will submit project applications to the committee, which are available from Liveable Neighborhoods. Once approved, the coordinator can bring their idea for the project to the Wyandotte 500 coalition to recruit interested people to form an action planning group. The action planning group will then work together with the coordinator to complete their project. All projects will be documented for collection into a booklet and distributed at the monthly Liveable Neighborhoods meetings. We want to recognize people who have an idea and the passion to make their projects come true.

We hope to accomplish 500 projects and make a positive difference in the quality of life for our residents. Please join us for the Wyandotte 500 Program at the monthly Liveable Neighborhoods meetings, we welcome anyone and everyone!

Targeting



### **Community Policing**

Residents and police in partnership together to prevent crime.

### **Safety in Neighborhoods**

Assisting residents with implementing and sustaining activities and programs that reduce crime.

### **Code Enforcement and Landlord Issues**

Educating citizens and landlords about legal processes and resources available to help combat blight and substandard rental properties.

### **Vacant/Abandoned Lots**

To provide resources, programs, organizations and neighborhood groups with the tools they need to reduce the number of vacant/abandoned/overgrown lots.

### **Emergency Medical Assistance**

To help save lives by providing emergency responders with pertinent medical information during an emergency.

### **Health and Wellness**

Providing information, education, policies, programs and resources for combating health issues such as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and mental illness.

### **Mentoring**

Helping children to remain in school, avoid problem behavior, and have greater attachment to their family and community.

### **Minor Home Repair**

Addressing the needs of senior citizens and disabled with minor home repair so that they can remain in their homes as long as possible.



## 2012 Wyandotte "500" Program

### 2012 Laps/Projects



#### **#28 Get Growing KC – Cultivate KC**

Get Growing KC will help start new community gardens and to help existing community gardens and farms expand their capacity to produce food for residents with limited access to fresh, locally grown food. Priority will be given to growers serving low-income communities and people with limited healthy food options. Mini grants were made available to neighborhood groups by working with a Get Growing KC team member and submitting a proposal. For more info go to [www.getgrowingkc.org](http://www.getgrowingkc.org) or call 816-226-7979.



#### **#29 Wyandotte County Community Themes and Assessment**

The Wyandotte Health for All Task Force will host a focus group on Feb.8, 2012 with members of the Wyandotte 500 as part of the Wyandotte County Community Themes and Strengths Assessment (CTSA). The CTSA is a part of the greater "Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships" (MAPP) assessment which is being conducted by the University of Kansas Medical Center Department of Preventive Medicine and the KU Work Group for Community Health and Development (Lawrence Campus), in conjunction with the Wyandotte County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control. Wyandotte County won one of ten grants nationwide to assess our public health services and the information we gather in this and three additional assessments will guide strategic planning and improvement throughout the county-wide public health system. The goal of the CTSA in particular is to identify what strengths and assets exist in Wyandotte County and how these community assets can be used to improve health. Neighborhood residents in Wyandotte County will help to identify areas for system improvement, strengthen local partnerships and assure that a strong system is in place for effective response to day-to-day public health issues.



#### **#30 2012 Breaking the Silence Conference**

Liveable Neighborhoods co-sponsored the 2012 Breaking the Silence Conference. The mission of Building A Sustainable Earth Community is to engage our multi-cultural society in a positive manner, which empowers individuals to collaborate and promote ideas and activities that focus on building an accessible sustainable earth community that honors and preserves people and the environment. The Breaking The Silence conference has been the cornerstone for us to achieve such an agenda. We come together once a year, and allow the working class population in Kansas City, Kansas to see and meet personally with the people who are working to make their life and this world a better place to live.



### #31 Shepherd's Center /Peer Support Group

The Peer Support Program is a partnership of the Shepherd's Center, the Wyandotte /Leav. Area Agency on Aging, and the K.U. Office of Aging & Long Term Care. Made possible through support from the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City, the program seeks to assist older adults experiencing depression by pairing them with a trained peer. Neighborhood leaders were invited to sign up for free training. For more information on this program contact Melissa Bynum at 913-281-8908 or email [melissab@skck.org](mailto:melissab@skck.org). Mission: The Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas is an interfaith, multicultural, nonprofit organization that promotes and supports Successful aging. Vision: Building a community that connects, values, engages and celebrates older adults.



### #32 Youth Corps Volunteer Projects

Youth Volunteer Corps Summer Program! Neighborhood groups were offered an opportunity to host teen volunteers for a week during the summer for help with neighborhood projects.

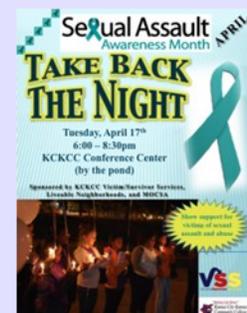
Youth Volunteer Corps is a nonprofit designed to inspire a passion for service in high school and middle school students. We provide group volunteer opportunities with agencies all over the city. We serve at homeless shelters, retirement communities, food pantries, community gardens, animal shelters, thrift stores, neighborhood associations, transitional housing programs, and much more!

The summer program was held on June 4 to July 26, 2012. For more information contact Magie Hogan at 913-432-9822 or e-mail her at [yvc\\_kc@yvca.org](mailto:yvc_kc@yvca.org).



### #33 Take Back The Night

The Take Back the Night Event served to create a safe community and respectful relationships through awareness. It seeks to end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence. Take Back The Night empowers survivors in the healing process and inspires responsibility in all. On April 17, 2012 a Take Back the Night Event was held for the community at the KCK Community College. The event was sponsored by KCKCC Victim/Survivor Services, Liveable Neighborhoods and MOCSA. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.



### #34 Neighborhood Housing Task Force

In March of 2012, A Neighborhood Housing Task Force (NHTF) was created and driven by two members of the Liveable Neighborhoods Executive Committee Ed Linnebur, Executive Director of the Downtown Shareholder and Greg Talkin, Director of the U.G. Neighborhood Resource Center. Members of the NHTF included a wide spectrum of partners, NBRs, CDCs, Neighborhood Leaders, U.G. staff and elected officials.

One of the issues that the NHTF decided to explore and initiate was a state law to address abandoned housing. The law is a tool for nonprofit organizations to gain receivership and rehab abandoned properties and eventually become the owners of the property returning the home to a viable structure for a family to rent or own. To this date no organization has utilized this particular law and its process to rehab an abandoned house. The NHTF studied the law and is considering the possibility of a working with an interested nonprofit organization to rehab a property with the existing law. In addition, the NHTF has recommended reestablishment of the Landlord Training Program and creation of a brochure explaining the pros and cons of signing a contract for deed.



### #35 Sticker Shock

The Sticker Shock Campaign was held to raise awareness about underage drinking. Liveable Neighborhoods teamed up with law enforcement, NBR’s, neighborhood leaders and community members to place stickers on alcoholic beverages reminding adults that it is illegal to provide alcohol to minors. This project aims to reach individuals 21 years old and older who legally purchase alcohol and then illegally provide it to minors. Participating retail stores partnered with organizations to help prevent alcohol-related deaths, injuries and other risks often associated with underage drinking. The stickers/bottle hangers were distributed throughout the months of May and June. We had five neighborhood groups that participated with this campaign. This lap was a partnership with the Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties at Mirror, Inc.



### #36 Board of Public Utilities Community Garden Grants

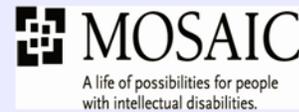
As part of its on-going effort to support neighborhoods and community groups, BPU initiated a Community Gardens program to support and promote a sustainable environment. The program provides limited grants and assistance to neighborhood groups, helping to turn vacant lots and blighted areas into neighborhood community gardens. The program supported three gardens in 2012 and two in 2011, including the Struggler Hill Community Garden in the Northeast and the Turner Community Garden in Turner. Funds are limited and applications are considered on a first-come first-serve basis. Funding is available for non profit organizations. For more information, contact Joe Dick at 913-573-9094 or [jdick@bpu.com](mailto:jdick@bpu.com).



### #37 Jumpy Monkey Project

Mosaic is a nonprofit organization that provides services and supports to 90 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Wyandotte County. In order to help the people we serve have meaningful employment opportunities, Mosaic recently began working with another nonprofit organization called Opportunities Unlimited to start distributing Jumpy Monkey gourmet coffee in the Kansas City area. Jumpy Monkey will provide many opportunities for people with disabilities in Wyandotte County to have meaningful work. They will grind, package, label, seal, sell, and distribute the coffee.

Mosaic is beginning fund raising to cover the start-up expenses and hopes to have the money raised by February 2013. The fund raiser will offer five different coffee blends that are available for purchase. Coffee will sell for \$12.50-\$13.00 per bag and MOSAIC will receive \$5.00 for each bag sold. Once they obtain the needed equipment, coffee will be available for purchase from MOSAIC and all profits will stay locally with the individuals we serve in Wyandotte County. Mosaic would welcome the opportunity to partner with the neighborhood groups in our community. For more information contact Amanda Nolen at [Amanda.nolen@mosiacinfo.org](mailto:Amanda.nolen@mosiacinfo.org)



### #38 Joe Info

Joe Info is a partnership with Shepherd’s Center, Liveable Neighborhoods, Living Water United Methodist Church, Next Chapter Kansas City and the Volunteer Center at the United Way. These organizations are working together to provide educational and informational sessions for the residents of our community. “Joe Info” is meant to be an informative yet casual gathering of people getting together for good information and discussion along with good coffee.

In 2012 the following Joe Info Coffee and Conversations were presented at the Living Water United Methodist Church: What you need to know about Social Security, New Kansas Voting Law and the Dangers of Prescription Drugs.

There will be a new schedule and location for “Joe Info” in 2013.



### #39 Contract for Deed Brochure

The Contract for Deed brochure is an educational pamphlet developed by the Neighborhood Housing Task Force. The NHTF decided to create a brochure that could be distributed to the residents that explains the pros and cons of signing a contract for deed. Several people have been deceived by their landlords thinking that they were purchasing a house not understanding the pit falls that can lead to the sudden loss of their home. The brochure gives the buyer and seller important information. The brochure is available in both English and Spanish at the Liveable Neighborhoods Office.



# Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Group List

| Name of Neighborhood Group | Contact Name | Zip Code |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|
|----------------------------|--------------|----------|

## Zip Code 66101

|                                      |                             |       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Central Crime Watch-We Care          | Sandra Robinson             | 66101 |
| Central Crime Watch-We Care          | Michael Love                | 66101 |
| Alcott Neighborhood                  | Chuck Green                 | 66101 |
| Chelsea Plaza Neighborhood Watch     | Glenda Jordon               | 66101 |
| Cross Line Tower Tenants Assoc.      | Leonard Taylor              | 66101 |
| Oak Leaves                           | River Oaks Estates- Manager | 66101 |
| Downtown Shareholders                | Ed Linnebur                 | 66101 |
| Weed & Seed                          | Sgt Lockridge               | 66101 |
| Fowler Park Neighborhood Association | Carolyn Wyatt               | 66101 |
| St Joseph Watchdogs                  | Ann Dercher                 | 66101 |
| Quindaro Homes                       | Robert B. Anver             | 66101 |
| Sagem 8 & 9                          | Gwendolyn Lindsay           | 66101 |
| Tremont Neighborhood Association     | Patricia Orr                | 66101 |
| Turtle Hill                          | Scott Murray                | 66101 |
| Strawberry Hill Neighborhood         | Carole Diehl                | 66101 |
| Douglas Sumner Neighborhood          | Beatrice L. Lee             | 66101 |
| Riverview Neighborhood Group         | Bob Laubsch                 | 66101 |
| Gateway Plaza Homes                  | Jennifer Washington         | 66101 |
| Brighton Hill Neighborhood Group     | Jackie Anderson             | 66101 |

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| Boulevard Neighborhood Assoc.             | Cassandra Pennington-Harper | 66102 |
| Brougham Estates/ICU                      | Stan Gatton                 | 66102 |
| Country Side West HOA                     | Coretta Mays                | 66102 |
| Historic Westheight Neighborhood Assoc.   | Kevin Kenny                 | 66102 |
| Kensington Community Area Watch           | Donnie Thomas               | 66102 |
| Hillcrest Eyes Apartments                 | Terry or Jessica Ravenstine | 66102 |
| Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol      | Paul Soptick                | 66102 |
| Wyandotte Village                         | Robbie Davis                | 66102 |
| Forest Glen Enforcers                     | Joann Hendrix               | 66102 |
| Historic Northeast Midtown Assoc.         | Elnora Jefferson            | 66102 |
| Strugglers Hill-Roots Neighborhood Assoc. | Chester C. Owens Jr.        | 66102 |
| Cathedral Neighborhood Association        | Patty Orth                  | 66102 |
| Waterway Group                            | Joelynn Davis               | 66102 |

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| Wyandotte Countians Against Crime | Paul Soptick     | 66102 |
| Oak Grove Neighborhood Group      | Elnora Jefferson | 66102 |
| WestVale Coffee Club              | Colleen Norris   | 66102 |
| Cedarholm Neighborhood            | Nelsene Bell     | 66102 |
| Glenbrook Mobile Home Park NHG    | Robin Espejo     | 66102 |
| Grandview Park Residents Assoc.   | Yolanda Brockman | 66102 |
| Villas at Ridge Pointe            | Tommia Norman    | 66102 |
| Prescott                          | Stephanie Moore  | 66102 |

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| Hilltop Neighborhood Association      | Inez Swindell  | 66103 |
| Friendship Heights                    | Lisa Hill      | 66103 |
| Rosedale Development Assoc.           | Heidi Holliday | 66103 |
| Spring Valley                         | Michelle Hall  | 66103 |
| Historic Hanover Heights Neighborhood | Gil Pintar     | 66103 |
| Rose Alert                            | Linda Wright   | 66103 |
| Frank Rushton                         | Harold Hepfer  | 66103 |
| Step Up Neighborhood Association      | Tyrone Lewis   | 66103 |
| East Argentine Neighborhood Assoc.    | Evelyn Larson  | 66103 |
| Mc Farland Heights                    | Virginia Daily | 66103 |
| Rosedale Leadership Council           | Heidi Holliday | 66103 |
| Shawnee Road                          | Eleanor Pitts  | 66103 |

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| Welborn Community Watch   | Janet Golubski    | 66104 |
| Weaver/Wayne              | Kay Moore         | 66104 |
| Quindaro Urban            | Cedric Patton     | 66104 |
| Block Hawks               | Sandy Ziolo       | 66104 |
| North Welborn Watch Group | Deniese Davis     | 66104 |
| North Georgia Helper      | Bob Evans         | 66104 |
| Royal Gardens Apartments  | Donnette Bell     | 66104 |
| Monticello Heights        | Geraldine Strader | 66104 |

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| Parkwood Colony, Inc.                    | Dorothy Mcfield    | 66104 |
| Western Highland Community Group         | Charles Pennington | 66104 |
| Leavenworth Road Association             | Lou Braswell       | 66104 |
| Organization for Community Preservation  | Caroline German    | 66104 |
| Active Citizens Task Force               | Ava Davis          | 66104 |
| Cerneck Neighborhood Watch               | Carolyn Schratte   | 66104 |
| Field of Dreams                          | Lorena Mosser      | 66104 |
| London Heights                           | Martha Smith       | 66104 |
| Neighbors Who Care                       | Marlene Bouray     | 66104 |
| Brentwood Hills Neighborhood             | Laura B Williams   | 66104 |
| Hickman Dr. Roswell & 26th               | Annice Howard      | 66104 |
| Heather Heights                          | Robert Cobin       | 66104 |
| Welborn Villa Residents Council          | Mary Sprague       | 66104 |
| Neighbors Helping Neighbors              | Carl Kaster        | 66104 |
| Saint Neighborhood Watch                 | Janet Horn         | 66104 |
| Clearview Neighborhood Watch             | Artis Jones        | 66104 |
| Gerding Gardens Neighborhood Watch Group | Betty Wells        | 66104 |

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| Armourdale Renewal Association           | Kim Hausback    | 66105 |
| Chalet Manor                             | Jean Hall       | 66106 |
| Southwest Argentine Neighborhood Watch   | Patrick Dunn    | 66106 |
| Villa Argentina Neighborhood             | Mario Escobar   | 66106 |
| Neighbors On Watch                       | Barbra Kill     | 66106 |
| SAFE                                     | Josh Markley    | 66106 |
| Wyandotte Gardens                        | Dorothy Kelly   | 66106 |
| Morris Neighborhood Watch                | Joyce Lawrence  | 66106 |
| Douglas Heights Residents Assoc.         | Tiffany Blair   | 66106 |
| Getty Grove Neighborhood Watch Group     | Kathy Elevier   | 66106 |
| Turner Community Connection, Inc.        | Barb Kill       | 66106 |
| Argentine Betterment Corporation         | Timothy Russell | 66106 |
| South Turner Neighborhood Assoc.         | Alex Craddock   | 66106 |
| South Argentine Neighborhood Association | Tony Spencer    | 66106 |
| Crestview Neighborhood Watch             | Carol Norris    | 66106 |

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| Piper Landing                                    | Steve Owen          | 66109 |
| Miros Circle Neighborhood Group                  | Ken Yarnevich       | 66109 |
| 115th & Polfer                                   | Charles Kuger       | 66109 |
| Parkway Village H.O.A.                           | Dorothy Stine       | 66109 |
| Country View Lake Association                    | Ken Robinson        | 66109 |
| Meadows Home Owners Assoc.                       | Ola Knight          | 66109 |
| Westmore Downs                                   | Rick Courtney       | 66109 |
| Colony At Canaan Lake                            | Jerry Godell        | 66109 |
| Prairie Oaks Homeowner                           | Donna Feedback      | 66109 |
| Delaware Ridge—Delaware Highlands                | Gail Godsey         | 66109 |
| White Oaks                                       | Charlesetta Burrell | 66109 |
| Canaan Woods Homeowners Association              | Beverly Biscanin    | 66109 |
| Woodland Hills HOA                               | Tina Gray           | 66109 |
| Eagle Eyes                                       | Jack Loun           | 66109 |
| American Heritage Association                    | Sandy Pierceall     | 66109 |
| Freeman Farms                                    | Shane Wright        | 66109 |
| Greeley Neighborhood Association                 | Bonnie Johnson      | 66109 |
| Brooks-Eyes                                      | Lowell Brune        | 66109 |
| Quail Creek Homes Association                    | Larry Beashore      | 66109 |
| Westlake Homeowners Association                  | Bob & Jackie Evans  | 66109 |
| Malott Heights Neighborhood Association, Inc. .  | Deb Spurgeon        | 66109 |
| Windhill Estate Homeowners Association           | Robert Bliss        | 66109 |
| Sun Haven Watch                                  | Joel Johnson        | 66109 |
| Piper Estates HOA                                | Angela Turner       | 66109 |
| Rolling Meadows Home Owners Assoc.-Genesis Ridge | Doug Fee            | 66109 |
| Pomeroy Neighborhood Watch Group                 | Kim Kooken          | 66109 |
| Plaza Towers Crime Watch                         | Matilda Strickland  | 66109 |
| Presidential Highfields                          | Bernard Batie       | 66109 |

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| Foxmoor Neighborhood Association             | LaVance Anderson   | 66112 |
| Central Area Betterment Assoc.               | Marty Thoennes     | 66112 |
| Parkway Pointe                               | Alphaqenia Hines   | 66112 |
| West Wyandotte                               | Marlene Link       | 66112 |
| Stony Point/Hunters Glen Neighborhood Assoc. | Norman D. Scott    | 66112 |
| Caring Residents of College Park             | Amy Perry          | 66112 |
| Westbridge HOA                               | Robert Frey        | 66112 |
| Normandy West Home Owners Association        | Lavert Murray      | 66112 |
| Westborough Neighborhood                     | Lonnell Pennington | 66112 |
| Village Woods                                | Tim Griggs         | 66112 |
| Riverview Acres Crime Eliminators            | Steve Lichliter    | 66112 |

*Some Appreciative Comments  
Received Throughout the Year From our Partners*

Wonderful things are happening in Kansas City. We are finally a city on the move. It is ***MOST EXCITING!!!*** Thanks for keeping me informed about all that is going on in and around Kansas City Kansas. I always share the info you email me to other people. *Gail Godsey, Delaware Ridge/Delaware Highlands*

Thank you so much for profiling Duchesne Clinic in your e-newsletter. A member of the Junior League saw that profile and decided to support Duchesne Clinic through a project with the Johnson/Wyandotte County Junior League. *Karole Bradford, Caritas Clinics, Inc.: Saint Vincent and Duchesne Clinics*

Thanks so much for helping me stay connected to what is going on in our city. I frequently pass the information on to others as well. You provide an invaluable service to others. THANKS MUCH!!!! *Gwen Lindsay, Board of Public Utilities*

I just wanted to personally say thank you for both allowing us to present at the meeting and for the support and encouragement you've given us. I am always amazed at how GOD connects you with the right people at the right time as you make an effort to do things for the good of others. Many thanks for all you do and we look forward to working with you and making a difference in our county. *Andre' Redd Marketing Director Wyandotte County Football and Cheer League*

You really did a wonderful job planning & organizing the Awards Luncheon. Getting all that accomplished within 2 hours couldn't have been an easy job. I was so glad to see lots of folks I haven't seen for a while. *Francie Sachen, Strawberry Hill NHG*

Mary Jane and Andrea, Thank you for your dedication and perseverance and cooperation, It all starts with you guys. *Norm Scott, Stony Point/Hunter's Glen NHG*

Thank you so very much for all you do for me. Whenever I call with a job, you both are always so gracious and it is very much appreciated. Thank you *Evelyn Larson, East Argentine Neighborhood Assoc.*

Thank you both for the great job you do. You both are always much appreciated for the things you do and having our paperwork ready in a timely manner and keeping us updated with all the information we need to know in order to improve our neighborhood. Thanks again for a job well done. *Donnie Thomas, Kensington Community Area Watch*

To the Liveable Neighborhoods Board, Thank you for the Certificate of Special Recognition, it is an honor to be so well thought of. Although I should be honoring you. Without all of you working together to improve Wyandotte County it would be a much sadder place. I truly enjoyed working with all of you....it enriched my life. *Wendy Wilson, Former Director of Rosedale Development Assoc. and Liveable Neighborhoods board member.*

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Thank you so much for providing valuable information to our Foster Grandparents.  
*Charlotte Melson, Foster Grandparent Program Director*

Thank you so much for your kind words. I am so happy the presentation was well received and help educate so many important community leaders. Without collaboration we would all be lost in our missions. Thank you for your offer for assistance just letting us come and speak was a big leap forward for us and our audience. *Patrick Sumner, Frank Williams Outreach Center*

Thank you for your kind note! I learned so many wonderful things during my year and one was that there are so many, many organizations that make this community thrive - like yours! *Tammy Dodderidge, Leadership 2000 Graduate*

I just wanted to thank you again for your helpful information and for allowing me to sit in on the meeting today. I look forward to the next meeting and learning more about Liveable Neighborhoods. *Amanda Nolen, Community Relations Manager for MOSAIC*

I wanted to thank you both for taking the time to meet with me yesterday. You ladies are a wealth of information!! I am already working on a few things you suggested. *Rachel Downtain Director, Hillcrest of Kansas*

The Leavenworth Road Association would like to thank Liveable Neighborhoods for your support of this year's Fishing Derby. About 225 kids enjoyed a wonderful morning of fishing along with each child receiving a good bag we gave away 4 bicycles and 4 \$25.00 gift cards. *John Zawacki, Chairman of LRA Fishing Derby*

Please forward my sincere "thank you" to all involved in getting the neighborhood litter issue resolved. The crew arrived on Saturday morning, and they did an excellent job of cleaning the entire area. They filled several trash bags and even pulled out 2 old tires for pick up. Officer Sullivan spoke with me personally and kept me updated on the scheduled cleanup. We couldn't be more pleased with the communication and results.  
*Kathy Kovac, Resident*

I wanted to thank you for the assistance you have provided me this year. I appreciate the turnaround time you have given us (Westheight) on our flyers. We had approximately 60 people at our last meeting, much of them due to the flyer you copied for us.  
*Kevin Kenny, President of Historic Westheight NHA*

Our agency is in the process of putting together a neighborhood meet and greet type program. While researching for ideas, I visited your website and found it to be very informative. Your brochures, newsletters and information on how to organize a neighborhood group are exceptional. The information that you have provided on your website is absolutely outstanding! *Captain D. M. Caldwell, Isle of Palms Police Department*