

February 2024

Livable Neighborhoods News

Livable Neighborhoods strives to improve the quality of life in our community through organized neighborhood and government partnerships that provide information, training, resources, and a forum for open discussion.

Office: Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC), 4953 State Avenue

Hours: 8am-5pm (NRC lobby closes at 4pm)

Contact: livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org or (913) 573-8737



Stay connected with us via Facebook and Instagram. Subscribe to our e-newsletter by visiting wycokck.org

Livable Neighborhoods Monthly Meeting

Every 4th Thursday of the month

January to October

9:00am - 10:30am

Attend in-person at the Neighborhood Resource Center or virtually via Zoom. To receive a Zoom invitation send an email to:

livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org

Next meeting will be held February 22nd.

Updates from:

Livable Neighborhoods Task Force

UG Mayor's Office

UG Public Health Department

WYCO Sheriff's Department

WYCP/KCK District Attorney's Office

KCK Police Department

KCK Fire Department

UG Neighborhood Resource Center

KCK School District USD 500

Turner School District

Board of Public Utilities

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

MARGARET MEAD

“IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A NEIGHBOR. WOULD YOU BE MINE; COULD YOU BE MINE?”
- FRED ROGERS

Reminders

February 8th — Full Commission Meeting

February 14th — Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting

February 19th — President's Day

February 29th — Full Commission Meeting

February 29th — Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

DO something
GOOD in your
neighborhood

What You Wanted to Know, but Were Afraid to Ask

Docu-Fest 2024 – LGBTQ+

Join us Saturday February 3, 10 & 17 to view films documenting LGBTQ+ life challenges, each followed by a panel discussion.

February 3, 10, 17
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WyCo Public Health Dept.
3rd Floor Auditorium
619 Ann Ave. Kansas City, KS

Register Today:
bit.ly/vrnwc_docufest



Feb. 3 *Mama Bears*

Conservative, Christian mothers discover their children are LGBTQ+. They ultimately make a 180-degree turnaround to become Mama Bears, fierce advocates for their children.

Feb. 10 *Every Body*

Profiles three intersex individuals who have endured arbitrary surgeries as infants to force them into one gender. As adults, they have decided to set aside medical advice to keep their bodies a secret and present their authentic selves.

Feb. 17 *Gender Affirming Care in Kansas City*

Members of the transgender community discuss challenges accessing gender-affirming care and its impact, with the professionals who provide the care and support.



STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER HOSTS

SPRING 2024 JOB FAIR

APRIL 4, 2024

11:00AM - 12:55PM

WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL FOYER

2501 MINNESOTA AVE | KCK | 66102

**REGISTER YOUR COMPANY TODAY
SPACE IS LIMITED!**



Growing, Drying, and Preserving Dried Flowers from your Garden

PRESENTED BY KAREN PENDLETON,
OWNER OF PENDLETON'S COUNTRY MARKET

Thursday, February 1
11:30 am

WYANDOTTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE:
1208 N 79TH ST. KCK 66112

Karen Pendleton, owner of Pendleton's Country Market will provide a guide to growing and drying flowers. She will share practical insights into cultivating varieties of flowers that dry well and provide tips on optimal conditions for their growth. The presentation will delve into the art of drying flowers, highlighting different methods and their suitability for various flower types. It includes simple yet effective techniques for preserving flowers at their peak and will give an understanding of how to retain a blooms' beauty long after it has been picked.

Wyandotte.ksu.edu

913-299-9300

K-STATE
Research and Extension

Master Gardener
Wyandotte County

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact (Jo Mieland) two weeks prior to the start of the event (913-299-9300 and jmielamh). Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

2024 AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

[Click here to learn more and apply today!](#)

Application Deadline:
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 5 PM (ET)



LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS TASK FORCE 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS



NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL
CONNECTEDNESS



NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL
PUBLIC SAFETY



WYCO/KCK Parks and Recreation Presents



Someone Special Dance

Friday, February 9th

6 PM - 8 PM

**Joe Amayo Community Center
2810 Metropolitan**

Every child has someone special in their life, a parent, aunt, uncle or mentor. This dance allows them to dance the night away with someone special. There will be a DJ with music, light refreshments, photo opportunities and a huge dance floor to party all night.

\$5.00 per(1 Adult + 1 Child)

\$2.00 per addition child



Register at www.wycock.org/wycoparks
913-573-8327



Other Harvesters Drive Up Distributions
in Kansas City, Kansas

PLEASE, CALL TO CONFIRM TIMES

Catholic Charities of NE Kansas 2400 Steele Rd. 816-277-4587
3rd Sat./month 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Franklin Center 1403 Metropolitan Ave. 913-647-2106
2nd Wed./month 1 - 2 PM

Full Joy Ministries Church 906 N. 17th 913-281-8995
2nd Thurs./month 9 - 11:30 AM

Heaven Sent Charities 500 Nebraska 816-606-0205
2nd Sat./month 11 AM - Noon

Metropolitan Baptist Church 853 Washington Blvd. 913-371-2023
3rd Sat./month 9:30 - 11 AM

New City Church 818 Shawnee Rd. 479-459-6066
4th Sat./month 9:30 - 11 AM

New Seasons Christian Church 1907 N. 3rd 913-321-2038
1st Sat./month 12:30 - 2 PM

Prime Health - YMCA 6565 State Ave. KCK CC Technical Education Center
816-349-9024
4th Fri./month 10 AM - Noon



For more information visit
Harvesters.org
or call #877-353-6639



LEAD TO READ

Become a Reading Mentor

Help a student learn to read during your lunch hour!

Lead to Read KC is recruiting volunteers to read **once a week** for **30 minutes** with students in high-need elementary schools.

Only **20%** of **third-grade** students in Kansas City public and charter schools are **reading proficiently**, so **WE NEED YOU!**

It's the easiest, most meaningful volunteer experience in the city. No evenings or weekends!



Go to leadtoreadkc.org to apply and learn more.

CAREER AND INTERNSHIP EXPO



KANSAS UNION **FEBRUARY 7TH** **1PM - 4PM**

KU CAREER.KU.EDU/EVENTS
If you require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this event, please contact the University Career Center at least 7 days prior to the event ucc@ku.edu or 785-864-3624

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY

"ALONE, WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH"

HELEN KELLER

THE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO FIND YOUR GIFT. THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO GIVE IT AWAY.

- PABLO PICASSO

Staying Warm in Wyandotte

DURING THE DAY

Willa Gill Services Center

Monday – Friday 9AM – 1PM
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (Holiday) 9AM – 1PM

Frank Williams Outreach Center

Jan 13. – Jan. 22, 2024
Monday – Sunday 8:00AM – 4:30PM (5PM when needed)

Unified Government Community Centers

Monday – Friday 2PM – 5PM (EXCEPT Monday Jan 15th – CLOSED)
Saturday 9AM – 2PM (Except Bethany)
Sunday – Closed

KCK Main Library – Downtown*

Monday – Thursday 9AM – 6PM
Friday – Saturday 9AM – 5PM
Sunday 1PM – 5PM
Monday – Jan. 15th, CLOSED.

Avenue of Life*

Monday – Friday 8AM – 4:30PM (EXCEPT Wednesdays)
Wednesday 8AM – 8PM
Saturday 8AM – 12PM
Sunday and Monday (Holiday) CLOSED

*NOTE: Avenue of Life and the KCK Public Library will follow school district cancellations. If schools are closed, these warming centers will be closed as well.

AS OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024



OVERNIGHT

KCK Cold Weather Shelter

Monday – Sunday 6PM – 8AM when below 25° F
Friday, Jan. 12 - Sunday, Jan. 14 - 5PM - 8:15AM
Monday, Jan. 15 4:30PM - 8:15AM
Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Wednesday, Jan. 17 - 5PM - 8:15AM

Scan the QR Code to find the location nearest you or visit wycokck.org



TRANSPORTATION

Monday – Friday ALL Routes are running as normal.



wycokck.org/transit

Weekend Service:

- 101 State – Saturday & Sunday
- 104 Argentine – Saturday
- 106 Quindaro – Saturday & Sunday
- 107 7th Street – Saturday

MLK Day | Monday, January 15th, 2024

- 102 Central Avenue
- 103 3rd Street/Fairfax
- 113 Leavenworth Road
- 116 West Parallel
- 118 18th Street
- 101 State Avenue
- 104 Argentine
- 106 Quindaro
- 107 7th Street

Catch someone
DOING
something
GOOD in your
neighborhood

Have you seen someone doing something good in your Wyandotte County or KCK neighborhood?

Send in a photo with a brief description to livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org and they will be featured in an upcoming e-newsletter.

We want to recognize them!

Free At-Home COVID Test Kits in Wyandotte County while supplies last.



Joe E. Amayo Argentine Community Center
2810 Metropolitan Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 261-4382
Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Avenue of Life
500 N 7th St Trfy, Kansas City, KS 66101
(816) 787-6101
Tues, Thurs and Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Beatrice L. Lee Community Center
1310 N 10th St, Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 551-0438
Monday – Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bethel Neighborhood Center
14 S 7th St, Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 371-8218
Monday – Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Bonner Springs Community Center
200 E 3rd St, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
(913) 422-7010
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Bonner Springs Public Library
201 N Nettleton Ave, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Edwardsville City Hall
690 S 4th St, Edwardsville, KS 66111
(913) 441-3707
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Merc Co+op
501 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101.
(913) 320-0404
7 days a week: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Kansas City, Kansas Public Libraries:
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Main Library
625 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101
South Branch Library
3104 Strong Ave, Kansas City, KS 66106
West Wyandotte Library
1737 N 82nd St, Kansas City, KS 66112

Turner Community Library
831 S. 55th St, Kansas City, KS 66106
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rosedale Development Association
1403 Southwest Blvd, Kansas City, KS 66103
(913) 677-5097
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Turner Recreation Center
831 S 55th St, Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 287-2111
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wilhelmina Gill Services Center
645 Nebraska Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 621-4690
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wyandotte County Neighborhood Resource Center
4953 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 573-8600
Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

You can also order free at-home COVID-19 tests at CovidTests.gov.

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