

July 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](mailto:livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org) or (913) 573-8737



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## 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](mailto:livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org)

**Next meeting will be held July 25th.**

### 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

DO  
something  
**GOOD** in your  
neighborhood

## Reminders

July 4th — Independence Day  
(UG Offices Closed)

July 11th — Law Enforcement Advisory  
Board Meeting

July 11th — Full Commission Meeting

July 16th — Wyandotte County Fair

July 25th — Full Commission Meeting

“NEVER BELIEVE THAT A FEW CARING PEOPLE CAN'T CHANGE THE WORLD. FOR, INDEED, THAT'S ALL WHO EVER HAVE.”  
- 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

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”  
MARGARET J. WHEATLEY

From the Kansas City, KS Fire Department

# Hot Tips for Fireworks Safety



Purchase fireworks from licensed merchants.



Read and follow all directions.



Have a responsible adult in charge.



Prepare a safe, outdoor environment clear of other fireworks, dried wood, long grass and buildings.



Have water, such as a garden hose, bucket or portable pump sprayer, readily available in case of a grass fire.



Light fireworks one at a time and away from your body (and other people).

# DON'T



Never discharge homemade or illegal fireworks such as bottle rockets, missile-type rockets, and sky lanterns.



Never give fireworks to children.



Never try to extinguish live fireworks that are on fire. Back away quickly and call 9-1-1.



Never carry fireworks in your pocket.



Do not point fireworks at people or animals.



Never use metal or glass containers to launch fireworks.

## CLEANING UP AFTER THE SHOW

- Soak fireworks debris in water.
- Leave debris in a non-combustible container curbside.
- For "dud" fireworks that fail to launch, wait 20 minutes and soak it with water before disposing of it.



In Kansas City, Kansas, it is illegal to:

- Launch fireworks from, on, or under a moving or parked vehicle.
- Throw or place fireworks in any gathering of persons.
- Launch fireworks from any public roadway, alley or sidewalk or near a hospital or home for the aged.
- Ignite or discharge fireworks in any building.

Report illegal fireworks by calling 9-1-1 or the Arson Hot Line 913-573-5555.



## SAVE THE DATE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP TRAINING

MONDAY NIGHTS  
SEPTEMBER 9TH - SEPTEMBER 30TH

### WEEK 1:

THE ROLE OF A  
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP



### WEEK 2:

THE PILLARS OF  
SUCCESS



### WEEK 3:

BUILDING ASSETS,  
CONNECTIONS, & EMPATHY



### WEEK 4:

ADVOCACY &  
STORYTELLING



GEHA

Hunt Family  
FOUNDATION



## Joe Delaney Learn to Swim Presented by: GEHA



### Parkwood Swimming Pool

Swim Lessons for all ages  
Sundays July 7—July 28

#### Swim Starters: 2:00—2:30pm

Accompanied by a parent, infants and toddlers learn to be comfortable in the water and develop swim readiness skill.

#### Preschool: 2:40—3:10pm, 3:20—3:50pm

Students learn personal water safety and achieve basic swimming competency by learning two benchmark skills:

- Swim, float, swim
- sequencing front glide, roll, back float, roll, front glide, and exit
- Jump, push, turn, grab.

#### Youth: 4:00—4:30pm, 4:40—5:10pm

Students learn personal water safety and achieve basic swimming competency by learning two benchmark skills:

- Swim, float, swim
- sequencing front glide, roll, back float, roll, front glide, and exit
- Jump, push, turn, grab.

#### Adult/Teen: 5:20—5:50pm

Students learn personal water safety and achieve basic swimming competency by learning benchmark skills.

Registration Packet must be complete prior to accessing online enrollment.

Space is limited.

Providence YMCA/Ball Family Center

KansasCityYMCA.org





**AUGUST 6TH, 2024**  
5 PM - 8 PM

A NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. COME FOR THE FREE FOOD, FREE T-SHIRTS, & P.D. GAME CART. STAY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A 55-INCH TV OR OTHER RAFFLE PRIZE!



**KCKCC JEWELL BUILDING**  
7250 STATE AVE. 66112

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](mailto:livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org) and they will be featured in an upcoming e-newsletter.

**We want to recognize them!**

**Spay / Neuters at KCK Animal Services**  
Starting May, 2024

Call 816-353-0940 ext. 4 or email [mobileclinic@prckc.org](mailto:mobileclinic@prckc.org) for details and to make an appointment for your pet!



**Attention!**  
PRCKC is now scheduling spay/neuter surgeries at KCK Animal Services!

JOIN US FOR A  
**CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN PRESENTATION WITH MOCSA**

CPTED IS A TOOL TO EMPOWER NEIGHBORS TO IMPROVE THEIR COMMUNITIES BY MAKING POSITIVE CHANGES TO SHARED SPACES. BY PROMOTING CPTED, VIOLENCE CAN BE REDUCED AND CAN BRING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER.

THURSDAY, JULY 11TH,  
3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
KCKPL MAIN LIBRARY  
625 Minnesota Ave,  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
2nd Floor Auditorium



"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its members."

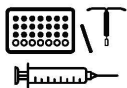
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# WALK-INS Fridays 8:30AM — 3:30PM



**Birth control**  
Including long-acting birth control options.



**Well-woman exams**  
Pap smear, breast exam, mammograms.



**STI testing & treatment**  
STI: Sexually Transmitted Infection.



**Immunizations**  
For children and adults.

**AND MORE!**

Updated: 04/02/2024



## Stormwater Treatment Facilities are for Everyone!

Ever noticed the lush gardens at Wyandotte County Lake or Waterway Park? Or maybe the sprawling green spaces at Wyandotte County Youth Soccer Complex? These are not just your regular parks, they're actually Stormwater Treatment Facilities, or STF's.

Let's break that down. **STFs are basically nature's superheroes that combat water-related issues such as flooding and water pollution.** At the same time, they spruce up our parks and protect our rivers and streams. What's even cooler is that you can have these heroes right in your backyard.

Experiencing waterlogging in your yard after it rains? Here's how you can turn the situation around:

- **Create a Rain Garden** – Picture a garden that doesn't just look great, but also works smart. That's a rain garden. It slows down rainwater, spreads it out, and helps it sink into the ground. This magic garden not only reduces water overflow but also purifies it, refills our underground water reserves, and creates a natural paradise for wildlife. Plus, rain gardens can soak up 30% more water than an equivalent patch of lawn!
- **Set up a Rain Barrel** – This is a neat little device that collects and stores rainwater running off your roof. Imagine capturing 600 gallons of water from just an inch of rainfall. You can use this stored water for watering your garden, filling up birdbaths, caring for indoor plants, or cleaning your garden tools.
- **Grow Native Plants** – Did you know our local plants can help prevent water runoff? They have deep roots that penetrate the dense clay soil in our area, making it easier for rainwater to be absorbed. As an added bonus, these plants often need less mowing, watering, or chemical treatment.

**Here's the best part** - the Unified Government has a special program to help you set up an STF at your home or business. However, there's limited funding, and it's given on a first-come, first-served basis. So, hurry up!

If you live in Kansas City, Kansas, you're eligible to apply. **Visit the Stormwater Quality Programs webpage at [wycokck.org/Stormwater](http://wycokck.org/Stormwater) for more details** or to get your application form.

If you want to learn more or have any questions, simply dial 3-1-1 and ask to speak with Public Works' Stormwater team.

Learn more at [wycokck.org/Stormwater](http://wycokck.org/Stormwater)



## 2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS

**APRIL 20, MAY 18, JUNE 15, JULY 20,  
AUGUST 17, SEPTEMBER 21 & OCTOBER 19**  
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATED AT 2443 SOUTH 88<sup>TH</sup> STREET, KANSAS CITY, KS 66111

## FREE TOBACCO TREATMENT & SERVICES

**NO  
INSURANCE  
REQUIRED**

READY  
**T**  
QUIT  
TOBACCO?  
NRT. MEDICATION. QUIT PLAN. RELAPSE PREVENTION. SUPPORT. COUNSELING.

**WYCO Health  
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619 Ann Ave,  
Kansas City,  
KS 66101



**Tobacco Treatment  
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Prevent. Promote. Protect.