



# Historic Westheight

## President's Message

**D**ear Westheight Neighbors,

Earlier this year the board mailed each of you a survey to determine how we can best serve you and the terrific neighborhood we share. We were thrilled with the response we received. So many of you took the time to complete the survey, shared ideas and even paid dues with that mailing. Thank you for taking the time to fill in those blanks. You may be interested to know what we learned from the survey. Westheight neighbors indicated the following subjects were most important (in order of highest number of responses): 1) Caring for one's home 2) Gardening/Lawn care/Trees 3) Tax Credits for Home Improvements 4) Hands On Restoration Clinics 5) Local Leaders/Politics. You also let us know what events are

most important: 1) Neighborhood Clean Up 2) Neighborhood Communication/Directory 3) Holiday Homes Tour 4) Yard Sale 5) Holiday Lights Contest 6) Easter Egg Hunt/Party 7) 4th of July 8) Halloween

Just a couple weeks ago I received another survey and we continue to add late entries to our survey tallies. I hope that you see in the way your board plans meetings and events that we strive to address issues that are most important to you and your Westheight neighbors.

Sincerely,

Joy Richardson

### 2008 Hazardous Waste Collection Days September 20 & October 18

The schedule for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days for Wyandotte County residents has been set for 2008. The site will be open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on September 20 and October 18.

The site is located at 2443 South 88th Street in Kansas City, Kansas. (South on 88th Street from K-32) or (East of I-435 using Woodend exit near Kaw River)

When bringing items to the collection site please label or identify all items. Items accepted include tires (limit of 10 tires, rims need to be removed), motor oil, batteries, anti-freeze, degreasers, paints, varnishes, solvents, lawn and garden insecticides/pesticides, and household cleaning products. For additional information call 913-573-5400.

## RECYCLING By Rick Yarnell

Curbside recycling has begun! After month's of planning (and an increase in your trash bill), the Unified Government of Wyandotte. Co. / KCK has started its Curbside Recycling program. Now, all households can more easily recycle much of the stuff that they discard. Why should you recycle? Why not?, is the better question. First, it's a good thing to do, so that this country can better manage our God-given natural resources over the long-term without destroying or wasting those resources. Second, you're already paying for the Curbside Recycling pro-

gram. The UG increased its Trash Bill on January 1, 2008 by \$1.50 per month, and by another \$1.50 per month on July 1, 2008. Much of that increase is to fund the Curbside Recycling program.

Each week, Defenbaugh Disposal will send a separate truck through the neighborhood to pick up and haul away the items placed in the green recycling bin. The things that you can put in the bin are:

- metal cans - aluminum and steel
- cardboard
- paperboard

- newspaper
- magazines
- plastic, #1 & #2, with necks only

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Please join us on September 2, 2008 at 7:15PM for our HWNA meeting. We meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 18th & Washington. A representative from BPU will be making a presentation on energy conservation.

We are on the WEB:  
Visit us at  
[www.westheightmanor.org](http://www.westheightmanor.org)

## HWNA NEWS

HWNA News is the newsletter of the Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association, a non-profit volunteer organization established to improve life in the Historic West height Neighborhood. Production of this publication is made possible through support from the United States Government Neighborhood Development Department (Community Development Block Grant) and the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY--**  
 5445 PARALLEL PARKWAY KANSAS CITY, KS 66104 -VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION IS THE SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH AT 10:00AM TILL NOON. CALL JO AT (913) 596-1000 EXT 14 TO RESERVE A SEAT.

**NO MORE HOMELESS PETS KC IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF ITEMS INCLUDING CAT FOOD, DOG FOOD, CLEANING SUPPLIES, KITCHEN SPONGES, TRASH BAGS, WASH CLOTHS AND GENTLY USED TOWELS. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION - (816) 333-7387**

### Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

**The United Way of Wyandotte County needs you!**  
[www.unitedway-wyco.org](http://www.unitedway-wyco.org)

## Recycling (continued)

Besides the Curbside Recycling program, the UG operates a Drop-off Recycling Program at 3211 Park Drive, and the Hazardous Waste Disposal Program for items such as batteries, hazardous chemicals, paint and tires at 2443 South 88th Street. In addition, various other materials can be recycled at private businesses, such as scrap metal, foam packaging material, compact fluorescent lights and motor oil.

Recycle your scrap metal for cash at: KAW RIVER SHREDDING 1153 S. 12th ST. KANSAS CITY, KS (913) 621-2711

Recycle foam packaging peanuts and large molded Expanded polystyrene foam chunks by dropping off at:

ACH FOAM TECHNOLOGIES 4001 KAW DRIVE KANSAS CITY, KS 66102(913) 321-4114

Recycle Compact **Fluorescent Lights** (which contain mercury and should not be placed in regular trash disposal) by dropping off at:

HOME DEPOT 5700 ANTIOCH RD MISSION, KS 66202 (913) 789-8899

Recycle used Motor Oil by dropping off at:

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS 3653 STATE AVENUE KANSAS CITY, KS 66102 (913) 321-3246

**DID YOU KNOW THAT LOW COST SPAY AND NEUTERING FOR YOUR CATS AND DOGS IS AVAILABLE?** CONTACT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY - 5445 PARALLEL PARKWAY KANSAS CITY, KS 66104 913 596-1000

## After School Programs in Wyandotte County

**El Centro**  
 290 S. 10 St Kansas City KS 66101  
 913-281-1186 An after school cultural enrichment program for children of migrant families that builds self-esteem and reinforces academic studies  
[www.elcentroinc.com](http://www.elcentroinc.com)

**Bethel Neighborhood Services**  
 14 South 7th St Kansas City KS 66101  
 913-371-8218. Provide after school programs and help with homework for youth 6-14 years old.  
[www.bethelcenter.org](http://www.bethelcenter.org)

**Tutordotte.com**  
 4000 Victory Drive Kansas City KS 66102  
 913-233-1688 [www.tutordotte.com](http://www.tutordotte.com)

**YMCA**  
 900 North 8th St Kansas City KS 66101  
 913-321-9622 Youth Sports programs strive to teach the skills needed for life-long enjoyment of sports and develop character, self-esteem and physical fitness habits. The fees for these programs are affordable and financial aid available so that more kids can take part in sports and succeed  
[www.ymca-kc.org](http://www.ymca-kc.org)

**YWCA of Kansas City, KS**  
 1017 N 6th St Kansas City KS 66101  
 913-371-1105 Before and after school care; summer Y-land day camp. [www.ywca-kck.org](http://www.ywca-kck.org)

### RESOURCE INFORMATION

**Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging. Resource information for Seniors.**  
 1300 North 78th Street, Suite #100  
 Kansas City, Kansas 66112  
 Phone: 913-573-8531 Fax: 913-573-8577  
 TDDKS Relay: 1-800-766-3777  
 Email: [60plus@wycokck.org](mailto:60plus@wycokck.org)

**Wyandotte Center** offers outpatient and crisis services for children, adults and families experiencing hopelessness, problems with anger, parenting issues, depression, grief or other challenges. Services include: Individual, family and group therapy Psychiatric services and medicine clinic. **24-hour Crisis Line 913-788-4200**

## Quindaro Overlook Structure Dedication & Celebration

September 13, 2008

1:00 PM—6:00 PM

3470 North 27th Street

Kansas City, KS

Questions Contact La Vert Murray or Debra Watson at 913 573-5730

## REFRIGERATOR FOR SALE

Need an extra refrigerator for the basement or den? How about an ivory-colored 18 cu. ft. KitchenAid refrigerator with top freezer? It's in good condition, so make us an offer! Just leave your name and phone number for Meredith or Jim at 371-2644