THE HOMES, INC. NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

THE HOMES BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, **6:00 pm**IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders and residents are welcome

The Homes offers free ice melt. Stop by the office and pick up a bag.
REMEMBER
Don't shovel snow into the street.

The plow will push it back into the parking bays. If you didn't shovel a parking spot don't park in a spot that has been shoveled.

SCAM ALERT

A letter is being sent to residents from the National Vehicle Protection Services. The letter talks about a price increase to their Extended Vehicle Service Plan and it gives you a Customer ID #. This is a scam. Do not call them. Do not give them money.

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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 & COMPLAINT	ΓS 311
BPU(Customer Service)	913-573-9190
BPU ELECTRIC (Street lights and 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 10 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.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Come meet your neighbors and learn more about Neighborhood
Watch

Meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm.

The 1st District commissioner for BPU, Bob Milan, will be our speaker for our December 3 Neighborhood Watch meeting.

In 2017, U.S. households spent \$178 billion on electricity — in real terms, 10% less than they spent in 2010. Average consumption in megawatt-hours decreased too, falling from 11.5 to 10.4. The reason? LEDs. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, no other improvement in the efficiency of household electrical appliances has been as dramatic as the switch from incandescent bulbs to LEDs. "When you take an incandescent bulb out and screw in an LED, consumption goes down 80%. Imagine you could get a car that uses 80% less gasoline! The Homes in partnership with the Neighborhood Watch and Livable Neighborhoods now has a supply of Dusk to Dawn lightbulbs for use on your porch. They will cut down on the cost of electricity to 3 cents per month. While the supply lasts, there will be no charge for these bulbs. Please call the office if you need one.

URPOWER Solar Lights 8 LED Wireless Waterproof Motion Sensor Outdoor Light for Patio, Deck, Yard, Garden with Motion Activated Auto On/Off (4-Pack)

- UNIQUE DESIGN: We designed the internal circuit diagram of the lamp beads by ourselves. There
 are positive and negative pole directions on the bottom of our LED, which is different with those
 lights on the market.
- SUPER BRIGHT&LONG WORKING TIME: Compared with other common 4 or 12 led solar lights, we designed our solar lights with 8 led lights, which is brighter than 4 led and working longer than 12 led.
- WEATHER RESISTANCE: IP64 waterproof and heatproof, solar powered lights, suitable for most kinds of weathers. Great outdoor light for your garden, yard, aisle, porch, patio, or driveway etc...
- AUTOMATED SWITCH: Turn on at night when motion sensor detected, and automatically off after motion stops. sensing range of 10 feet with a 120 degree sensing angle.
- SOLAR PANEL LIFE SPAN: 5 years LED Life Span 50000 hours only takes 6-8 hours to fully charge.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE HOMES, INC. November 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Homes, Inc. was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 18, 2019.

Present were: Effie Barber, Beatrice Arce, Ray Olsen, Rebecca Westpfahl and Frank Moss, Board Members; Elizabeth Bothwell, Manager; Greg Goheen, Attorney; and Karen Brokesh, Transcriber.

Thirteen stockholders and residents attended the meeting.

The stockholders and occupants were welcomed to the meeting. All persons in attendance were asked to hold their questions and comments until after the finish of regular business at which time anyone who wishes to speak will be allowed to make a statement.

All attendees to state their name and address so that the minutes can accurately reflect all comments made during the open session. Everyone was asked to hold their comments until executive session or to speak with the manager one-on-one if they did not want their comments reflected in open session.

Stockholders are reminded that if they have a problem with their unit, to please report it to the office during regular business hours.

It was announced that the work order report for October 2019 has been posted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2019 and October 21, 2019 executive session had previously been distributed to all board members. Ray Olsen moved to approve the regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously. Approval of the executive minutes was tabled pending further discussion in executive session.

Treasurer Olsen reported that he has reviewed the financial statement for the month of October, 2019 and found it to be in good order. Ray Olsen moved to approve the financial report. Seconded by Frank Moss. Carried unanimously. Manager was asked to provide the bank reconciliation, profit and loss statement and balance sheet to all board members for review each month.

The stockholder change request for approval by the manager was:

Helen Collins, 39/41 Summitcrest – install wheelchair ramp.

There were no stockholder change requests for board approval.

Effie Barber read the stock transfer approvals as follows:

ADDRESS	TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO	
870 Manorcrest	Gabriel Llave and Jose Llave	Gabriel Llave	
30 Viewcrest	Melissa Walters, Richard Walters and Joann	Gabriela Galvin-Reyes and Faustino Benitez	
	Walters		
137 Viewcrest	Elisa Marie Davis and James Scott Davies, II	Jose Alberto Buezo and Oseas Buezo	
88 Viewcrest	Quindaro Homes Federal Credit Union	Gay Lee Sawyer-Brown	

After being informed that the stock transfers were in order, it was moved by Ray Olsen and seconded by Frank Moss that the Corporation waive its option to purchase the shares of stock and approve transfer of same.

2. What should you keep in your front pocket when holiday shopping?

Carried unanimously. The manager was reminded that all original signed stock certificates must be stored with the credit union if the stockholder has an outstanding loan.

Reports and Announcements:

The Neighborhood Watch Committee filed for another grant for dusk to dawn lights. If interested in a light bulb, please contact the office. There was good attendance at the last meeting with Commissioner Townsend. Bob Milan with the BPU will be at the December meeting which will be held on December 3, 2019.

The winners of the stockholder trivia drawings for October and November were Mary Jane Watson and Sherry Davis who will receive \$30.00 of next month's maintenance fee.

Old Business to be Discussed:

Manager will be meeting with a civil engineer with the City next week to prepare plans for additional parking in The Homes.

Fall furnace inspections have been completed. Two furnaces were replaced. The office is reviewing reports from the inspections to see what issues The Homes and/or the stockholder need to address.

New Business to be Discussed:

Seven porch roofs have been replaced this year. The goal is to replace four more porch roofs by the end of the year.

The workers compensation, auto and directors insurance has been renewed.

Comments from Directors and Attorney:

None.

Comments from Stockholders:

Sherry McCool said she was happy to live in The Homes.

Anna Windham asked a question about a work order made for her unit after the furnace inspection and asked to be notified when people are coming into her unit. Ms. Windham also discussed the costs for sheds being moved and erosion issues near 780 Manorcrest.

Bob Anver asked about the microphones that used to be used at board meetings and discussed methods of recovering the costs for units that are damaged by stockholders/occupants.

Karen Anver asked about the gavel that used to be used at board meetings and asked questions about the costs for repairing a retaining wall and the change in president for the board.

No further business to come before the board the board adjourned into executive session.

EFFIE BARBER, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

BEATRICE ARCE, PRESIDENT

Transcribed by Karen Brokesh

3. Name one problem with galvanized pipes?

EVENTS

3-02-2019 - 12/29/2019 - Strawberry Hill Museum Tour

Recurring weekly on Sunday, Saturday. Strawberry Hill Ethnic Museum & Cultural Center, 720 North 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. 913-371-3264. 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Price: \$10.00. http://www.strawberryhillmuseum.org. Take a tour of the beautiful, historic Strawberry Hill Museum & Cultural Center! The Strawberry Hill Ethnic Cultural Society was formed in 1988 to promote, sponsor and preserve the ethnic heritage prevalent in Kansas City, Kansas. The Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center celebrates the many nationalities of Kansas City residents. Built in 1887, the core building is an outstanding example of Victorian Queen Anne Style architecture and was home to the Cruise-Scroggs family for 32 years. In 1919, the mansion was opened by the Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King, to care for children orphaned during the 1918 influenza pandemic. The orphanage, operated in connection with St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, closed in 1988 for conversion to the Strawberry Hill Ethnic Cultural Society.

11/02/2019 - 01/04/2020 - Olde World Christmas at Strawberry Hill Museum

Weekly on Sunday, Saturday. Strawberry Hill Museum, 720 North 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, Phone: (913) 371-3264. Time: 12:00 PM to 4:15 PM. Web: ttps://www.strawberryhillmuseum.org/event Beginning November 2nd, the Olde World Christmas opens at Strawberry Hill Museum. Victorian era decorations will adorn the mansion and the ethnic rooms will be filled with Christmas season "Olde World" traditions. In addition to our permanent ethnic exhibitors, there will be displays representing Ireland and African-American cultures. Additional space has also been added to display German, Italian and Belgium traditions. There are also new items in the Gift Shop, so make sure you stop by after your tour and pick up those unusual gifts for your family and friends. The Tea Room will also be open every weekend from 1 pm to 4pm. Stop in and enjoy a bowl of soup, assorted quiches, homemade desserts and a hot cup of tea either before or after your tour.

11/10/2019 – 01/07/2020 - Cloth as Community: Hmong Textiles in America

Recurring daily. West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N 82nd Street, Kansas City, KS 66112, (913) 295-8250 Price: Free. Web: https://kckpl.librarymarket.com/cloth-community-hmong-textiles-america. Hmong flower cloth (or paj ntaub) is one of the world's great textile traditions and an excellent example of cloth as community. Despite its deep roots in Hmong culture, this complex art was not widely known outside Asia until after the Vietnam War, when Hmong refugees arrive in the United States. The works illustrate the profound relevance of textiles as infrastructure in the Hmong culture, an art form that shifted as it adapted to fit new realities. Now visitors to Kansas City, Kansas Public Library can experience the exhibition, Cloth as Community: Hmong Textiles in America, opening November 10, 2019 at West Wyandotte Library. The exhibition features 27 textiles—flower cloths and embroidered story clothes—by those in the Hmong community. The library will host an opening reception on November 16 at 2:00 pm featuring Geraldine Craig of Kansas State University, who currently provides curatorial updates for the exhibit. Following Craig's presentation, a documentary will be shown.

12-2-2019 – 02-21-2020 - Music Was My First Love" Exhibit at the Wyandotte County Museum Recurring weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Wyandotte County Museum, 631 N 126th, Bonner Springs, KS 66012, (913) 573-5002. Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Price: Free. www.wycokck.org/wycomuseum. The Lupe M. González Orchestra was a popular Kansas City, Kansas dance orchestra heard far and wide in various towns and cities in the Midwest. The music they played reflected Mexican musical standards, and the popular swing and show music of the day-- often with a Latin flavor. This exhibit documents the Lupe M. González story through photographs, newspaper articles, and musical memorabilia. The exhibit's themes focus on Lupe's strong family and musical origins; his own musical development; the "life and times" of the Lupe M. González Orchestra, and Lupe's contributions to the

4. How many veterinarians are listed for spay, neuter and vaccination services?

community.

12-6-2019 - Kansas City, KS Mayor's Downtown Holiday Lighting Festival

City Hall, 7th and Barnett, KS 66101, Phone: (913) 371-0705. Time: 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Price: FREE. Activities begin at 4:00 PM on the first floor of the Unified Government office building at 7th and Barnett. Activities will include Christmas tree decorating, entertainment by local school and community groups, holiday characters, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, classic holiday movies, and other holiday traditions. The highlight of the evening is the lighting of the Mayor's Tree at 7:00 PM, where the Mayor, Commissioners, and other elected officials will 'flip the switch' on holiday fun.

12-7-2019 - Breakfast with Santa at Grinter Place

The Grinter House, 1400 S. 78th St, Kansas City, KS, (913) 334-2500. Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Price: \$3 and up. www.facebook.com/events/2193580110689821/. Come and have breakfast with Santa at the Grinter House! Meals start at \$3 and includes a picture with Santa, goody bag, craft activity, and shopping with vendors.

12-7-2019 - 12-8-2019 - Cider Hill Orchard's Hanging of the Greens

Cider Hill Family Orchard. 3341 North 139th Street, Kansas City, KS 66109, (913) 721-2507. Time: 10:00 AM. Come make your own Holiday decor! On Dec. 7th & Dec. 8th Cider Hill Family Orchard will be open for this special holiday event. There will be: 8 different kinds of evergreens. Boxwoods, Holly, Hydrangeas, Magnolia Leaves & Pine Cones to use for DIY decorations. There will also be warm apple cider, wassail, apple cider donuts, Cider Hill gift baskets, and other treats available for purchase.

12-7-2019 - Shamisen: A Japanese Musical Tradition

Bonner Springs City Library, 201 N. Nettleton Avenue, Bonner Springs, KS 66012, Phone: (913) 441-2665. Time: 2:00 PM. www.bonnerlibrary.org/shamisen-program/. The shamisen is played as accompaniment to kabuki plays and traditional puppet theater or by geisha. The shamisen has been an integral part of traditional Japanese music for centuries. At this lecture-demonstration, John Lytton will illuminate his own journey learning to play this enigmatic Japanese instrument, and give a demo performance.

12-7-2019 - Snowflake Swing

West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N 82nd St, Kansas City, KS 66112, Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. www.facebook.com/events/405466593421197/. Grab your dancing shoes and swing the night away with some holiday tunes! Join us for a concert and dance featuring the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra. Come as you are or dress up in your best retro inspired outfits. This is event is 100% free; no tickets required. Want to give back this holiday season? Bring in a new children's book to donate to WyCo children in need.

12-7-2019 - German Christmas Market

St. Paul's lutheran church, riverfront community center, 123 n. Esplanade, Leavenworth, Ks 66048. (913) 682-0387. Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Price: free. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the day at an indoor Christkindlmarkt. You will find a variety of quality handmade crafts for sale by talented crafters, delicious German food prepared by our congregation, German beer and Gluhwien, a Silent Auction with many wonderful and unique treasures waiting for your bid, and homemade cookies for sale to support Backpack Buddies. As you stroll through the Market you will enjoy live musical entertainment; Pic and Bow (guitarist and violinist), a French Horn Quartet, an Ompa band, recorder music, singing by the St. Paul school children, and much more. Father Christmas will also be there, with a twinkle in his eye, to visit and take photos with children of all ages.

12-10-2019 - In Their Own Words: The Ancient Egyptians

Bonner Springs City Library, 201 N Nettleton Ave, Bonner Springs, KS, (913) 441-2665. Time: 6:00 PM. www.bonnerlibrary.org/ancient-egyptians/. A Humanities Kansas presentation and discussion by Stacy Davidson, Egyptologist at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park. It seems difficult to imagine the similarities between Ancient Egypt and society today. But, universal themes of love, strife, worry, and death found in Egyptian writings show a world not dissimilar from our own. This presentation explores these familiar struggles documented in Egyptian literature, including love songs, legal documents, and the first recorded labor strike.

5. What do you have to show as proof when dropping off at the Yard Waste Center?

12-12-2019 - Night-Time Dinner/Tour at Strawberry Hill

Strawberry Hill Museum, 720 North 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 371-3264. Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Price: \$50. www.strawberryhillmuseum.org. The museum becomes a magical kingdom when viewed in the twilight of the day. Consider a night-time tour of the Strawberry Hill Museum to really get you into the Christmas spirit. The Mansion will be illuminated with all kinds of NEW DECORATIONS including hundreds of special Christmas lights. The Strawberry Hill Museum will be adding a little something different to this Night-Time Tour. You will start your evening with a true Ethnic Dinner served in the Tea Room. Under candlelight you will be served: Croatian Sarma (cabbage roll), Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut, German Hot Potato Salad, American Green Beans, Greek Tossed Salad, and Dinner rolls. Dinner will include wine, ice tea and coffee. Small groups will be then be divided to take a tour of the chapel, house, orphanage and museum. With a brief intermission half way through to enjoy English Walnut Povitica, coffee and hot tea for dessert. After dessert you will complete the tour of the museum.

12-14-2019 - Santa's Express 5K and 1 Mile Reindeer Route

National Agricultural Center & Hall of Fame, 630 Hall of Fame Drive, Bonner Springs, KS 66012. (913) 721-1075. Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Price: \$15-\$25 entry fee. www.facebook.com/events/496425770933429/. Santa's Express 5K is a holiday themed race that starts at the historic Smith Barn and takes runners across the grounds into the beautiful Wyandotte County Park. At the finish celebrate with a train ride, cookies, and hot chocolate before visiting with Santa and enjoying the Ag Center's holiday activities! Visit website for entry fees and packet information. Santa's Express 5K is a holiday themed race that starts at the historic Smith Barn and takes runners across the grounds into the beautiful Wyandotte County Park. At the finish celebrate with a train ride, cookies, and hot chocolate before visiting with Santa and enjoying the Ag Center's holiday activities!

Yard Waste Center 2019 Thanksgiving & Winter Hours

The Wyandotte County Yard Waste & Recycling Center will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on both Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th. It will be open on Saturday November 30th and Sunday, December 1st. The Wyandotte County Yard Waste & Recycling Drop Off Center is located at 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, Kansas

Starting in December the Wyandotte County Yard Waste Center will begin its winter hours. From December through March the Center will only be open on Saturday and Sunday each week beginning on Saturday December 7th and Sunday December 8th. Hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday during the winter. It is closed on Holidays.

Wyandotte County residents can take grass clippings, garden trimmings, leaves and branches to the Yard Waste & Recycling Drop Off Center. The Center cannot accept stumps and logs larger than 12 inches in diameter or items more than four feet in length. Wyandotte County residents will need to show a proof of residency such as a driver's license. Commercially generated yard waste material will not be accepted.

Recyclable items accepted include newspapers, magazines, mixed office paper, cardboard, paperboard, food & beverage cans and plastics. Clear, brown, and colored glass are also accepted at the Center. The glass does not have to be separated by color and will be placed in the same container. In addition, other recyclables also do not need to be separated and will be placed in another container.

But there are some plastic items that will not be accepted: No plastic bags. No plastic toys. No motor oil or other auto product container. No herbicide or pesticide containers. No Styrofoam materials such as peanuts, packaging blocks/sheets or cups. No plastic cereal box or cake box liner bags. No plastic 6-pack holders. No plastic pipe, PVC pipe. No plastic building materials or plastic sheet materials

SPAY, NEUTER AND VACCINATION SERVICES

(Cost are estimates and will change for larger dogs)

SPAY AND NEUTER KANSAS CITY

1116 E. 59th St., Kansas City, MO 64110

816-353-0940

By appointment only

Spay and Neuter Vaccinations

Dogs - \$120 \$50

Cats - \$55

Bethel Animal Hospital

7100 Leavenworth Rd, Kansas City, KS 66109

913-334-2792

Spay and Neuter Vaccinations

Dogs - \$170 \$52

Cats - \$100

The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City

5445 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66104

913-596-1000

Spay and Neuter Vaccinations

Dogs - \$85 \$60

Cats - \$55

Coronado Animal Hospital

5600 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66102

Spay and Neuter Vaccinations

Dogs - \$85 \$35

Cats - \$55

VCA Welborn Animal Hospital

7860 Washington Ave, Kansas City, KS 66112

Spay and Neuter Vaccinations

Dogs - \$250 \$60

Cats - \$180

Other services offered are preventive care, microchipping, pharmacy, x-rays and dental care.

SNOW SHOVELING SERVICES

John Holt – 913-944-1092

Brian Holmes – 816-825-7576

PAINTING SERVICES

Oscar Hernandez

Interior or Exterior Painting – 913-660-6244

FOR SALE

Glass and wrought iron table and 4 chairs - \$80.00 - 913-850-2268

Remington Trigger Block, lock for gun.

B. Arce 913-999-4340

REMODEL SERVICES

Ricardo Isaiah - 973-380-5646

7. What will be exhibited at the Wyandotte County Museum on 12-2-2019 / 12-2-2020?

Remodeling Your Kitchen or Bathroom.... Call The Homes

The Homes was built in 1942. The plumbing pipes are galvanized. Even under the best conditions, galvanized plumbing corrodes over time. In areas where there is hard water, your pipes can fail more quickly. What is tricky about galvanized pipes is that while they appear fine on the outside, they could be corroding on the inside. The deposits along the interior of the pipe build up over time, restricting water flow and decreasing the water pressure in your home. This buildup can also impact water pressure in other parts of the pipe and cause leaks.

Corrosion also can occur at the joints, which can result in a leak. Unfortunately, when those leaks happen behind your walls or under your floors, you may not discover them until after your home has already sustained extensive damage.

There are several problems associated with galvanized pipes: low water pressure, uneven water distribution, water discoloration and leaks.

LOW WATER PRESSURE

The corrosion and deposits which form inside the pipes over time decrease the available space inside the pipe, which eventually lowers the water pressure in your home.

UNEVEN DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

Since corrosion often accumulates unevenly, different areas of your home may have different issues with low water pressure. If you aren't the original homeowner, what may have happened is that some of the galvanized pipes may have been replaced by the previous owner while others were left in place.

DISCOLORATION OF WATER

If you notice brown stains in your sink or bathtub, you may have iron in your water, which could be caused by galvanized pipes.

LEAKS

Over time, as galvanized plumbing eventually fails, the joints leak, which can cause extensive damage to your home. Leaks which occur behind walls or under floors, if left unnoticed, can cause severe damage. In this worst-case scenario, a homeowner might not only need to replace pipes, but also repair any resulting damage from the water leak in the foundation, drywall, flooring, ceilings, wooden support beams and sheetrock. A hidden water leak can even lead to mold damage. Adding insult to injury, leaking pipes are a magnet for termites.

IF YOU PLAN TO REMODEL YOUR KITCHEN OR BATHROOM CALL THE OFFICE. WE WILL MAKE A PLAN WITH YOU TO CHANGE OUT YOUR GALVANIZED PIPES.





UNITS FOR SALE

One Bedroom Down	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
20 Summitcrest	C/A, Stove, Fridge	Pier	816.337.1066	\$6,500
Two Bedroom Up	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
743 Manorcrest	Fridge, Stove	QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$6,500
855 Manorcrest	C/A, Stove, Fridge, Deck	Ramos	913.235.4676	\$9,900
883 Manorcrest	C/A, Fridge, Stove, W/D	Kuntz	913.548.1600	\$5,500 obo
65 Viewcrest	Fridge, Stove	Foran	913.371.6780	\$9,000
84 Viewcrest		QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$7,500
112 Viewcrest	C/A	Sanchez	913-499-5435	\$6,000
113 Viewcrest		The Homes	913.321.2471	\$5,000
Two Bedroom Down	Amenities	Owner	Phone	Price
771 Manorcrest	C/A	Garcia	913.944.3438	\$8,000
789 Manorcrest	C/A, Shed	Peresie	913.669.0766	\$11,000
879 Manorcrest	Stove, Fridge, Shed, Dishwasher, Deep Freezer	Mantooth	913.485.9992	\$7,800
72 Viewcrest	Dishwasher, Patio, Shed	Hackney	619.929.1307	\$10,000

Safety Tips for the Holiday

While you are shopping

- -Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- -Be extra careful if you carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- -Park in a well-lighted area and lock all doors.
- -Never put items in the car's interior or trunk and then go back for more shopping-a thief can be watching and now knows you have valuables stashed in the car.
- -Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious persons, and ask security to escort you to your vehicle if you suspect you are being followed.
- -Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or wearing expensive jewelry.
- -Keep cash in front pocket.
- -Pay for purchases with check or credit card when possible.
- -Always carry identification with you.
- -Stay in groups (safety in numbers).
- -Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- -As always, keep small children close and tell them in advance to go to a responsible adult in case you get separated. It is also suggested that you have children memorize their name, address and phone number in order to assist law enforcement if needed.

9. How many stockholder change requests where there at the November meeting?



HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOMES

BE KIND! IF IT SNOWS DON'T PARK IN A SPOT YOU NORMALLY WOULDN'T. IF A NEIGHBOR TAKES THE TIME TO SHOVEL OUT THE SPACE THEY NORMALLY PARK IN, THEN RESPECT THEIR HARD WOK AND DON'T PARK THERE.

DRYER VENTS. To help prevent a fire and to make your dryer efficient you should clean out the dryer vent on the outside of the house. Lint can build up and clog the hole not allowing the heat to escape through the vent.

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 backup in your pipes you may be charged for the repair.

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. NEVER PARK IN YARDS OR COMMON GROUND.

YARDS & PORCHES: Please take the time to clean up/organize your yard and porch. The size of our porches do 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 alternative is to store your items in a deck or patio box. 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 your porch railings.

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 take your vehicle 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.

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.

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.

STICKS AND LIMBS: Place sticks/limbs in 4 foot bundles to the curbside for pickup by maintenance.

10. Who will be at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting?

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Neighborhood Watch	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 The Homes Board Meeting 6pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Office Closed at Noon	25 Office and QHFCU Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 Office and QHFCU Closed			

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 Drug Dealing - 573-6280 Trespasser/Solicitor - 596-3000 Abandoned Appliance - 573-8600 Abandoned Car - 596-3000 Potholes - 573-8307	Water Main Breaks – 573-9622 Abandoned House – 573-8600 Broken Street Sign – 573-5776 Hazardous Sidewalk – 573-5400 Suspected Arson Activity – 573-5550 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 Dog – 321-1445	Rats – 573-6705	Prostitution – 596-3000
Clogged Storm Drain – 573-5400 Car Alarm – 596-3000	Foul Odor – 573-8600 Polluting Chemicals – 321-4803	Illegal Dumping – 573-8600 Loud Music or Noise – 596-3000

For more helpful county information contact Livable Neighborhoods Task Force – 573-8737

AA Hotline - 816-471-7229