

# THE HOMES, INC. NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2020

### THE HOMES BOARD MEETING JANUARY 13, 6:00 pm IN THE CLUBROOM

Stockholders and residents are  
welcome

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**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.**

#### **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 & COMPLAINTS	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

The office will be closed on  
Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, in  
observance of Martin Luther  
King Day. The meeting has  
changed to Monday, January  
13, 2020.

#### **NEWSLETTER TRIVIA**

We want to encourage all residents to read the newsletter. You will find **5** 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.

**Senator David Haley will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Doors will open at 5:30 pm.**

**CHANGE YOUR FURNACE FILTER EVERY MONTH. THE HOMES PROVIDES AIR FILTERS FOR FREE. STOP BY THE OFFICE & PICK ONE UP!**

## **5 REASONS YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTER**

Keeping your system running properly, Extending the life of your HVAC unit, Keeping energy costs down, Maintaining healthy air quality and Keeping your HVAC system clean

## **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.

## EVENTS

### **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: <https://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](http://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 community.

**If you are 62 or older, you are exempt from late fees on your BPU bill. You must call the BPU service number and give them your date of birth.**

**A RESIDENT OF THE HOMES IS WILLING TO DONATE BEDDING TO RESIDENTS THAT HAVE PETS OUTDOORS. CALL TH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Need alterations for men and/or women’s wear. Contact Le Vo at 913-709-1577.**

2. What does the latest BPU scam involve?

## **BPU Warns Customers of Telephone Scams Targeting Customers**

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is warning customers about phone scams targeting electricity customers regarding their utility bills.

The latest scam involves telephone callers claiming to be from a utility company and then using various techniques to defraud customers. Some threaten customers with disconnecting electric service to their home or business if they do not make a payment immediately.

In some instances, the caller requests that the customer purchase a money gram or a prepaid credit card and the caller gives out a return number for customers to call back.

Some of the scammers are using software that fraudulently mimics a utility company's phone number that appears on the Caller ID.

"We've had numerous reports from customers who have been contacted by these methods. Any customers who receive such a call should refrain from providing any personal or banking information, hang up and should instead contact the BPU Customer Service Department," stated David Mehlhaff, BPU Chief Communications Officer.

BPU customer service representatives are reassuring customers that this is a scam and warning them to not give out any personal information to these scam artists. The BPU Customer Service Department can be reached by calling 913-573-9190.

Mehlhaff added some other important safety tips to keep in mind:

Never give credit card, debit card, Social Security, ATM, checking or savings account numbers to anyone who comes to your home, calls, texts and/or sends an email requesting this information in respect to your utility bill, without verifying that person is with BPU by either asking to see company identification or by calling BPU's Customer Service Department.

Be suspicious if you receive an email regarding your utility bill if you have not requested online communications from BPU. For customers using BPU's online bill pay system, always make online payments directly through bpu.com. Never provide personal information via email or click on any suspicious links.

### **City Sales Tax Refund**

General information for 2020

To qualify for the refund, all three must apply:

Be a Kansas City, Kansas resident. Residents of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville are not eligible for the refund.

Be 65 years of age or older during the entire calendar year of 2019 (born prior to January 1, 1954).

Gross income from all sources, including that of spouse, shall not exceed \$25,000 per year.

To apply for the refund:

You must come to the Unified Government Clerk's office- City Hall, third floor, Room 323, (701 north 7th street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101). Provide proof of income received in 2019 from social security, pensions, W-2s, interest earned, rental properties, etc. Said information may also be mailed to the clerk's office. All mail-ins must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Make application between January 2 and March 31, 2020, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The area agency on aging, located at the midtown KCK Metrocenter (849 north 47<sup>th</sup> street) will fill out applications by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting February 4, 2020. Make an appointment by calling 913-573-8531.

If you are eligible, your refund will be according to the total household income. For additional information, call the Unified Government Clerk's office at 913-573-5260.

3. Who will be the guest speaker at Neighborhood Watch meeting?

## Utility Tax Rebate Program

General information for 2020

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Gross income from all sources, including that of spouse, shall not exceed \$25,000 per year.

To apply for the refund:

You must come to the Unified Government Clerk's office- City Hall, third floor, Room 323, (701 North 7th street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101). Bring all 2019 utility bills for telephone, gas, and BPU. You must also provide proof of income received in 2019 from social security, pensions, w-2s, interest earned, rental properties, etc. Said information may also be mailed to the clerk's office. All mail-ins must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

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If you are eligible, your refund will be the total of the following (not to exceed \$150):

Gas franchise tax paid to Kansas gas or Atmos energy

90% of water pollution control charges paid to the board of public utilities

11.9% of water and electricity paid to the board of public utilities

Franchise tax (special municipal charge) paid to AT&T

Please note: individuals other than the senior citizen and spouse living in the residence will result in the refund being lowered by one-half for water pollution, electricity/water and gas. Example, adult children and those with children living with the applicant. This also includes adult grandchildren. For additional information, call the Unified Government Clerk's office at 913-573-5260

## UNITS FOR SALE

<b>One Bedroom Down</b>	<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Price</b>
20 Summitcrest	C/A, Stove, Fridge	Pier	816.337.1066	\$6,500
<b>Two Bedroom Up</b>	<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Price</b>
743 Manorcrest	Fridge, Stove	QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$6,500
855 Manorcrest	C/A, Stove , Fridge , Deck	Ramos	913.235.4676	\$9,900
65 Viewcrest	Fridge Stove	The Homes	913.321.2471	\$9,000
84 Viewcrest		QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$7,500
85 Viewcrest	<b>C/A, Stove</b>	Palacios	913.749.2947	\$12,000
112 Viewcrest	C/A	Sanchez	913.499.5435	\$6,000
113 Viewcrest		The Homes	913.324.2471	\$5,000
3109 N 9 <sup>th</sup> St	C/A	QHFCU	913.321.2471	\$7,000
<b>Two Bedroom Down</b>	<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Price</b>
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	Hackeny	619.929.1307	\$10,000

4. What age do you have to be to qualify to be exempt for BPU late fees?

# JANUARY 2020

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

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	Water Main Breaks – 573-9622	Wild or Dead Animal – 321-1445
Drug Dealing – 573-6280	Abandoned House – 573-8600	Weeds in Yard – 573-8600
Trespasser/Solicitor – 596-3000	Broken Street Sign – 573-5776	Belligerent Person – 596-3000
Abandoned Appliance – 573-8600	Hazardous Sidewalk – 573-5400	Trash and Debris – 573-8600
Abandoned Car – 596-3000	Suspected Arson Activity – 573-5550	Illegal Fireworks – 596-3000
Potholes – 573-8307	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	Foul Odor – 573-8600	Illegal Dumping – 573-8600
Car Alarm – 596-3000	Polluting Chemicals – 321-4803	Loud Music or Noise – 596-3000

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

AA Hotline – 816-471-7229

5. If you didn't shovel a parking spot, what should you not do?