

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President Jen Wewers opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Duncan provided the invocation, and Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "Home on the Range". *Remember Kansas Day is this Saturday, January 29th!*

Jay Dunlap then introduced our speaker, Brennan Crawford, CEO and Executive Director of Community Housing of Wyandotte County (CHWC), who has been with CHWC since 2014 and has served as its CEO/Executive Director since November 2016. Prior to joining CHWC, Mr. Crawford worked for 15 years in the areas of housing, economic development, and workforce development in the government, nonprofit and for-profit sectors.

CHWC is a comprehensive community development corporation that has been serving KCK for more than 20 years, after Catholic Housing of Wyandotte County and Neighborhood Housing Services of KCK joined forces. With deep experience in stabilizing and rebuilding KCK neighborhoods, CHWC serves the community through its work as a HUD-certified housing counseling agency and through its community engagement work as well as by building new housing and rehabbing existing housing stock.

The pandemic and the attendant supply chain issues have had a definite impact on CHWC's work. In 2020, CHWC was able to construct 20 new homes, but in 2021, CHWC was able to complete only 7 new homes and 3 home renovations. Mr. Crawford expects 2022 to mark a return to previous production as CHWC already has 19 new home construction projects in the pipeline and hopes to complete 24 new homes this year. These new homes are planned for the new River's Edge East development as well as the Meadowlark, Strawberry Hill, and McKinley/Waterway Park neighborhoods where CHWC has built many houses in the past.

In 2021, CHWC was able to launch some new efforts including the Community Land Trust, a community lending program, and a home repair and improvement program, funded by a grant from FHLB - Topeka, assisting with the work that Shepherd's Center has undertaken for many years.

Although market values for residential properties are climbing rapidly, construction costs are rising more quickly, while individual incomes are not rising quickly enough to keep up with the cost and market value increases. To address these home affordability issues, CHWC launched the Community Land Trust to assist homeowners with housing affordability. With the Community Land Trust, the homeowner may purchase the house while the Trust continues to own the real property on which the house is built so that the home is more affordable to the individual. CHWC also has a down payment assistance program to assist buyers with affordability.

CHWC has expanded into multifamily housing with the Boulevard Lofts 50-unit complex at 8th Street and Washington in KCK, which is scheduled to open later this year. Additionally, the former Bethany Hospital site is slated for mixed income, intergenerational housing development to be designated as Panoramic Park, including both multi-family and single-family housing.

CHWC was able to revive the 3rd Friday Art Walk in October 2021 and plans to continue the Art Walks in May 2022. Also, arts programming was provided to approximately 300 youth last year through EPIC Arts. Watch for announcements about this year's Art Walk schedule!

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be Assistant District Attorney Candice Alcaraz, who will be speaking about the life of a case in the DA's office. Mark Dupree is the program chair for the month.

Many thanks to Jay Dunlap for a great month of January programs!

HEALTH REPORT: Last week, Dave Skidgel heard from Bud Thurston, who was on a trip to Antarctica but tested positive for COVID while on the ship. Bud and his wife were quarantined at a ski resort in Ushuaia, Argentina, but they received daily deliveries of food - and wine. Wishing Bud a quick return to good health and a safe return to KC!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rotary District 5710 is holding its **Gathering for Good**, a fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation (of Rotary International), on Saturday, **March 26, 2022**. The in-person event will be held at Prairie Band Casino, but Rotarians may also attend the event virtually. In addition to dinner, the evening includes entertainment and a silent and live auction. Register [Gathering For Good 2022 \(constantcontact.com\)](http://constantcontact.com).



Where the Gate to Kansas Swings Open

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club was organized on November 2, 1915, and received its charter as Club No. 195 in January 1916. Its members take pride in more than 100 years of Rotary service to the community and to international fellowship. From this Club have come five District Governors and two Directors of Rotary International. The Club's history is as rich as that of the community it represents.

Following the Lewis and Clark expedition which camped at the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri rivers on June 26, 1804, in present day Kansas City, Kansas, this area became an important center for fur trappers. In the following years, many Indian tribes were relocated here from the East. In 1842 the Wyandot Indians acquired land here and founded a town. During this period, and for the next five decades, this area became the main gateway to the inviting majesty of the sprawling Kansas Prairie and the American West. This was where the frontier began. Pioneers found river transportation, outfitters, and the beginning of the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails. After the covered wagons, came major trunk railroads and barge lines.

In 1886, Kansas City, Kansas received its charter as an incorporated city, combining the towns of Wyandot, Argentine, and Armourdale. (Rosedale was added in 1922.) Kansas City, Kansas is the site of the first industrial park in the United States, home of the prestigious University of Kansas Medical Center, and the location of the National Agricultural Hall of Fame and of the nationally recognized Kansas Speedway.

Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, Kansas City, Kansas is in the temperate latitudes at an elevation of 726 feet above sea level. The average rainfall is 35 inches. The average mean temperature ranges from 30° F in January to 80° F in July. The lowest recorded temperature was -23° F on December 23, 1989, and the highest was 113° F on August 14, 1936. Our city's population of 145,000 and area of 155 square miles rank it 158th among cities in the United States.

Welcome to Kansas City, Kansas Rotary and the vibrant community it represents.

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WHERE NEARBY TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

MONDAY

Bonner Springs (11:45 am) ----- Twister Bar & Grill, 13100 Kansas Ave.
Overland Park (Noon) ----- Overland Park Chamber, 9001 W. 110th, Bldg #150

TUESDAY

Gladstone (7:00 am) ----- Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65th
Western Johnson County (5:30 pm) ----- Blue Moose, 10064 Woodland Rd., Lenexa

WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15 am) ----- Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133rd
Leavenworth (Noon) ----- Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade
KCI, Missouri (Noon) ----- Granite City Pub, 8461 NW Prairie View Rd.
Shawnee Mission (Noon) ----- Sylvester Powell Community Ctr, 6200 Martway, Mission
Olathe (Noon) ----- American Legion, 410 E. Dennis Ave.
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- RC's Restaurant, 330 E. 135th St.
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15 pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119th & I-35
Waldo-Brookside, Missouri (5:30 pm) ----- Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway

THURSDAY

Johnson County (7:15 am) ----- Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder St., OPKS
Leawood (7:15 am) ----- Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Dr.
Village West (7:30 am) ----- Providence MC/Cafeteria Conference Rm, 8929 Parallel, KCK
Gardner (7:30 am) ----- Gardner Community Ctr., 128 E. Park
Santa Fe Trail (7:30 am) ----- Mid-Am Nazarene U, 2030 E. College Way, Olathe
Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- The Gallery, 61 E. 14th Street, KCMO

FRIDAY

Desoto (7:00 am) ----- Desoto United Methodist Church, 8760 Kill Creek Road
Shawnee (7:15 am) ----- Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive
Plaza, Missouri (7:15 am) ----- Grand Street Cafe, 4740 Grand Ave.
North Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- NKC Parks & Rec., 1201 Clark Fergusson Dr.
Parkville, Missouri (Noon) ----- Park University Underground, Distance Learning Ctr.
Lenexa (Noon) ----- Lakeview Village, Southridge Bldg., 14001 W. 92nd, 5th Floor

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