

# N O R T H T O W N Report



SPRING 2006

The Official Newsletter of the City of North Kansas City Missouri

Remember to VOTE

The City of North Kansas City will hold a General Municipal Election on April 4, 2006.

The hours for casting your ballot are 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Following is a list of candidates:

- City Councilman, Ward 1  
Merle Walker  
Lance W. Harper
- City Councilman, Ward 2  
Lisa Ronning
- City Councilman, Ward 3  
Chris Hertling
- City Councilman, Ward 4  
Bill Biggerstaff

If you need information about an absentee ballot, call the Clay County Election Board, 415-8683.

All wards vote at the North Kansas City Community Center.

## Shake Your Shamrock

### 22nd Annual Snake Saturday Parade – March 11, 2006

On March 11, upwards of 100,000 people or more will fill the streets of North Kansas City for the 22nd Annual Snake Saturday Parade and Barbeque Festival. This year's theme is "Shake Your Shamrock."

The Snake Saturday Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. at 14th and Swift, head north to Armour Road, then east to Howell before disbanding past 18th and Howell.

In addition to the parade, the 19th Annual Missouri State Championship Barbeque contest will take place in North Kansas City on March 10 and 11 — bringing together top area teams.



## North Kansas City Poised to Build on a Successful 2005

North Kansas City's economy showed continued growth during 2005. Total retail sales levels in calendar year 2005 surged by nearly 12% from 2004 levels, and many recently completed construction projects have begun fueling new opportunities in the area.

Harrah's, which added a \$130 million hotel tower, parking lot and visitor amenity expansion has helped retail sales growth and will sustain Harrah's leadership position in the area's competitive gaming market.

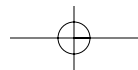
North Kansas City Hospital finalized construction of a \$137 million capital improvement project that included: the addition of six stories to the existing Health Services Pavilion; space for 130 more inpatient beds; a parking structure; and facilities to accommodate hundreds of new employment positions.

Cerner Corporation continued to add significant new employment and now has over 3,000 associates in the area. Cerner's North Kansas City-based world headquarters campus is in the midst of a \$170 million, 750,000-square-foot building project. In 2005, Cerner launched a new \$3 million dollar wellness center project. Existing North Kansas City real estate conditions also remained healthy. Developers are acquiring older obsolete buildings and making needed improvements for new occupants. The long vacant 100,000 square foot

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**Look for the liNKCity float in the Snake Saturday Parade on Saturday, March 11! And make sure to visit the liNKCity booth at the festival area or visit the liNKCity store at 312 Amour Road to sign-up for service!**



# Report

## Northgate Project Update

Work continues on the site of the Northgate Redevelopment. Of the 125 single-family and 94 town home units, approximately 50% of the units have been built or are under construction. Of the 434 units of the CityView Apartments, 222 are under construction or are occupied.

The first phase of the senior apartments (The Gardens) were completed in 2004. The first phase has consistently been at or near 100% occupancy since completion. We are often asked when the final phase of the senior apartments project will be constructed. Unfortunately the final phase has yet to be awarded the final allocation of state tax credits. The next opportunity for a tax credit award will be late in 2006, so hopefully the final phase of construction will take place in 2007.

Regarding the Northgate commercial component, Ruby Tuesday remains the sole commercial operation at this time. While Russell Stover had purchased one of the lots, we found out recently that they no longer plan to pursue construction on the site. So work continues to pursue other retail options for the site.

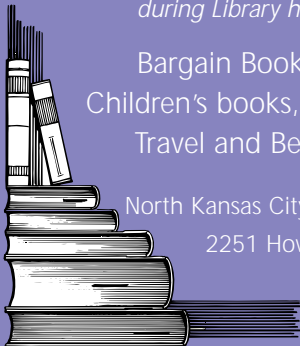
## Friends of the Library Annual Booksale!

April 5-9

during Library hours

Bargain Books Galore  
Children's books, Cookbooks,  
Travel and Best Sellers

North Kansas City Public Library  
2251 Howell St.



## liNKCity Carries on North Kansas City "Tradition of Progress"

North Kansas City's new liNKCity fiber-optic network represents a significant investment in the economic well being of the city. Enhanced quality of life for residents and availability of cutting-edge technology applications for businesses will further position North Kansas City as a fierce competitor in the economic development arena.

When completed, liNKCity will be the first municipally owned FTTS (fiber to the subscriber) broadband utility in Missouri with the capability of providing high speed internet service to over 3,500 sites, including all businesses and residences within the community.

Fiber to the subscriber technology carries significantly larger amounts of data and is not as likely to experience declines in capacity during peak user periods compared to older DSL, coax, or wireless technologies. Unlike upload speeds of competing service providers in the area which are typically only a small fraction of their download capacity, the liNKCity network will provide symmetrical service, allowing users to upload files at the same speed as downloads. The installation technique being utilized for liNKCity's communication lines provides greater reliability than overhead installation virtually eliminating outages caused by ice, wind, tree limbs or other interferences and requires less property to be disturbed.

The new liNKCity network will provide one of the most affordable high bandwidth systems in the United States. Residents will be able to surf the Internet at speeds up to 500 times faster than dial-up and businesses will be offered speeds of up to 100 Megs for the lowest prices found anywhere in the country. The liNKCity network will also provide customized solutions such as dedicated bandwidth for a fraction of what other providers charge allowing businesses to cut their data bill by hundreds or even thousands of dollars a month.

Package options and preliminary pricing as well as information on how to sign-up, can be found at [www.linkcity.org](http://www.linkcity.org). During the initial sign-up phase now through May 31, 2006, the City will waive the customer installation charge from the Network Interface Device (NID) to one customer device (computer, hub, and switch) providing a \$49.95 dollar savings for the residential customer and a \$99.95 savings for the business customer.

Testing of the network is tentatively scheduled for March 15 – April 15. Customers located in areas where construction has been completed will be able to begin using the network following testing. Other customers will be brought online as each phase of construction is completed after the testing period. Final construction of the network is scheduled for June 2006. However, the schedule is contingent upon the actual construction progress, which may be impeded due to weather or other factors.



North Kansas City Mayor and City Council break ground on liNKCity fiber optic network. Left to right: Tom Barzee, Lisa Ronning, Chris Hertling, James Martino, Gene Bruns, Leonard Ray (in back) Pam Windsor, Paul Rader, Betty Hall, John Toccalino, Bettie Miller, Paula Brooks.

## NKC Poised to Build on a Successful 2005 (cont.)

1301 Burlington Road building, and the 30,000 square foot 123 West 26th Street facility, are just two such structures poised to bring considerable new economic activity in 2006.

There were many significant industrial successes. National Starch and Chemical completed a \$20 million expansion. Tnemec added a multi-million dollar research and development center. Doorlink Mfg. relocated into a larger building nearly doubling their operation to over 100,000 square feet. And Steel Pipe and Supply (Ex-L-Tube) has begun a major new expansion.

Large wholesale distribution projects included Overland Tool, Demdaco, Federal Office Supply, Key Refrigeration, and Star Pipe Products.

Over 20 new retail operations opened throughout the city during the year. Pour Boy Oil, Carlito's Mexican Food, The Tobacco House, Catering by Shawn; W.W. Grainger and five new eateries within Harrah's expansion were among those which will help population gains brought by hundreds of newly constructed housing units in the city.

The city's recent acquisition of the historic Paradise Theatre and relayed plans to renovate it to help create more foot traffic and provide more entertainment options for the local community. The city has nearly completed the demolition and clearing of about 15 acres of property southeast of the M-210 & I-35 intersection with plans to offer retail development opportunities with visibility to about 120,000 vehicles daily. While there is already interest from retailers in this prime location, additional details regarding the type of development and access points into the site are still being addressed.

Also ahead in 2006, the City plans to complete connection to all businesses and residents to a state-of-the-art fiber optic system. These high-speed connections will position the city as a regional leader in high-tech business development, as well as a provider of unmatched amenities for its residents. Analysts claim that it is information-based businesses that will provide the fastest growth in employment and investment in the future. Interest already appears to be high from operations that have typically located along the west coast, but are now looking to the advantages of North Kansas City, which include better efficiencies and a less congested lifestyle.

## North Kansas City Public Library/ High School Media Center Service How Much is it Really Worth?

If customers had bought the materials they checked out at the Library, they would have paid **\$5,291,889**.

- 109,896 Books Checked Out — Value: \$2,747,400
- 77,711 DVDs & Videos Checked Out — Value: \$1,942,775
- 14,060 Audio Tapes, Books on CD; Music CDs — Value: \$281,200
- 5,541 Magazines Checked Out — Value: \$22,164
- 11,934 Items Borrowed from Other Libraries — Value: \$298,350

**Total Benefits: \$5,291,889**

**Taxpayer's Investment: \$773,073 (unaudited)**

**Return on Investment: \$4,518,816**

## Other 2004-2005 Highlights

- 816 Children Participated in the Summer Reading Program
- 17,849 Customers Carry North Kansas City Public Library cards
- Circulation Increased 12.7%
- 53,642 Customers Used Library Public Access Computers

## Spring and Great Music is in the Air

The Friday in the Park Concert Series and Saturday Jazz Jams are ready to strike-up beginning in May. Friday in the Park features top area bands at the Macken Park Gazebo each Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. May through September. The Saturday Jazz Jam uses Town Square, 321 Armour Rd., as the venue for local and national artists, who create a more spontaneous mix of jazz from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

At the Friday concerts, free prize drawings and other fun activities complement music, fresh air and the stage's backdrop of scenic bluffs. Performances are sponsored by area businesses in conjunction with the Federation of Musician's Trust Fund and the City of North Kansas City. Businesses wishing to support the local arts while receiving positive exposure are encouraged to call City Hall to get details on possible sponsorships or on opportunities for donating gifts for the prize drawings.

The Saturday Jazz Jams debuted three years ago this summer, and quickly became a favorite way for residents and visitors to start their weekend. The performances are hosted by jazz recording artists Mike Ning and Sherry Jones, who lead the stage of performers through a wide variety of music with a jazz flavor. Both aspiring and

accomplished guest musicians are welcomed to bring their instruments and join in. The mix provides for a

unique blend of music you will only find in Northtown. Lawn chairs, sack lunches and saxophones are optional.



# Report

## Macken Park Shelter

### Reservations

Residents of North Kansas City may begin making picnic shelter reservations on March 1. The reservations should be made in person at the Parks and Recreation offices in the Community Center. Reservations may be made for the four shelters in the northwest corner of Macken Park as well as the Park Service shelter located adjacent to the concession stand. Non-residents of North Kansas City will begin making shelter reservations on April 3. Call the Parks and Recreation office at 300-0545 for rate information for the park shelters.

## Festival Shelter

The Festival Shelter in Macken Park is available for large family gatherings, weddings or company picnics. The reservation fee for residents is \$100.00 plus deposit. The non-resident fee is \$200.00 plus deposit. The clean up deposit of \$50.00 is refundable upon a satisfactory facility inspection.

## Park Improvements in 2006

The Festival Shelter area has several improvements being made currently. An access driveway with a circle drive has been completed to the west of the shelter. Also, a special needs parking area adjacent to the new turnaround has been constructed. Still to come is an entrance shelter leading to the Festival Shelter and an all-new playground area with new equipment and a rubberized surface. Construction work is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

## The American Community Survey

The American Community Survey is a part of the United States Census and is conducted by the Census Bureau – just like the ten year census. As a component of the regular census, the survey will gather the same data more often than just once every ten years. With today's technology, the Census Bureau has found that it now has the ability to have more up-to-date data.

We wanted to let you know about the survey in case you receive such a survey in the mail. It carries with it the same obligations to fill it out and return it as the ten year census. All individual responses are kept confidential. So if you ever happen to be one of the randomly selected few to respond to an American Community Survey, please take the opportunity to do so. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the local Census Bureau office at 913-551-6728.

## City Council Makes Tough Decisions

Sometimes the City Council, as a body, has to make really tough decisions. This last year was no exception. Politicians never want to raise water and/or sewer rates, or any utility rates for that matter, because utility rate increases are never popular with the public. When the facts indicated a rate increase was necessary in order to maintain the utilities appropriately, they made the tough decision. Before the water and sewer rates were increased, comprehensive studies of both utilities were completed to ensure that a rate structure would be implemented that would be applied fairly to all users.

Rates were increased for the first time in 20 years regarding the water rates! That is unbelievable! Just think how significantly salaries, equipment, supplies, insurance, uniforms, vehicles have increased in 20 years. When one thinks about the rate increase in that context, it becomes astounding that the water rates were maintained at a constant level for 20 years.

As most residents know, the City of North Kansas City contracts with Kansas City, Missouri for wastewater treatment, and the rates are dictated by that contractual agreement.

The City Council will be considering whether or not to go to monthly billing for utilities when the broadband service is available. That action could be viewed positively, because, while each resident would then get a bill every month, the bills will be lower. Businesses in North Kansas City already receive monthly bills.

The first billing including the rate increases will appear on the bill you will receive the first week of February.

## NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

On December 16, 2005, the Sun Newspaper and the Dispatch Tribune merged, and will be delivering one weekly newspaper. The newspaper will start being delivered on Thursday instead of Wednesday. In the past several months, unwanted publications are being left in the front yard, tossed on the sidewalk, or in the street. This is becoming an unsightly problem within our neighborhoods. Please help keep our City clean by picking up newspapers in front of your residence. If you do not wish to receive the Sun-Tribune, please send a written stop request to: Sun-Tribune, P.O. Box 28100, Gladstone, Missouri, 64118.

## Northland Wellness Challenge

Employees of the City of North Kansas City are proud to say, "We're a bunch of losers"! That's because they are taking part in the Northland Wellness Challenge between the employees of Gladstone and the employees of NKC. It's a challenge in which the city which loses the highest percentage of weight between January 9 and April 3 is not only the biggest loser, but the biggest winner as well. That's because the winning city will have \$1,000 to donate to the charitable cause of their choice.

North Kansas City has thirteen teams comprised of 120 employees whose combined weight on January 9 was 25,107 pounds; while Gladstone has eight teams with 60 employees weighing in at 13,575 pounds. The winning city will allow its winning team to designate where the \$1,000 prize is donated.

The employee participation in NKC is wide spread, with every department represented. And let's not forget the elected officials; Mayor Bruns and most of the City Council have joined in on the challenge as well. Each of the thirteen teams has a name, like the Belly Busters, the Piranhas and the Dilly Bars, and a team captain who keeps them motivated. The final results will be in April 4; who do you think will be the biggest loser, Gladstone or North Kansas City?

A special thanks goes out to St. Luke's Northland and North Kansas City Hospital. Each is contributing \$500 to make up the \$1,000 prize to be donated to a charitable cause. And thanks to NKC Iron and Metal for allowing the teams from NKC and Gladstone to use the scales at their facility. Additional thanks to Weight Watchers who donated 10 memberships to employees participating in the challenge. Be sure to watch KCPT-TV this September when they air the documentary of the Northland Wellness Challenge.

## Join in – Recycle

Wednesday is recycle day for residents in North Kansas City. Set your recycling items on the curb in your recycling tubs or in trash barrels. Items included in recycling are: newspapers, plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans, and corrugated cardboard. Glass is not included in the recycling program. Recycling containers are available at City Hall.

The first tub is free with proof of residency, additional tubs may be purchased for \$5.00 each. The recycling program is for residents only.

A recycling trailer is located in the lot between Caboose Park and Fire Station No. 1. Residents can take their recyclables to that location if they prefer. It is sometimes easier for those living in apartments to use the trailer rather than the curbside recycling program.

Household hazardous waste includes household cleaners, lawn and garden products, automotive fluids, paints and paint-related products and as well as other common products.

North Kansas City has joined the MARC Regional Collection Program for the disposal of these items. Call Kansas City's permanent collection center, 241-2288, for an appointment to drop off your hazardous waste items at no cost to you.

Several times during the year participating cities will host a hazardous waste drop off. Call 1-800-CLEANUP for more information.

## Council Actions

The City Council of North Kansas City meets in a Regular Business Session the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month and in a Work Session the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 2010 Howell. Following is a list of highlights from the past few months.

- Approved contract with Keller's Flowerhaus & Landscaping, Inc. to plant 83 trees around the City of North Kansas City.
- Approved purchase of High Speed Emergency Notification System.
- Approved contract with K-9 Concepts, Inc. for purchase of a trained narcotic detection dog.
- Awarded contract to Vaughn Mechanical, Inc. for drainage improvements at 28th Avenue and Fayette St.

## NKC Business Trade Show

The North Kansas City Business Council, in cooperation with the City of North Kansas City, will host a Product and Services Trade Show April 20, 2006, from 12pm to 6pm at the North Kansas City Community Center.

Booth space is available, on a space available basis, for North Kansas City businesses. Call the Business Council at 472-7700 for more information. The trade show is free and open to the public for guests who would like to learn more about local businesses in North Kansas City.

# Report

## OVERNIGHT TRIP Seniors on the Go!

Springfield, Illinois –  
May 17, 18, & 19, 2006

An exciting 3 days await you on this visit to Illinois. We will be visiting the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The Lincoln Home of 17 years, the Lincoln Law Office, Depot, tomb, the Old State Capital and the New Salem site where Lincoln lived for 6 years and grew to a “man of purpose and destiny”. Botanical gardens, a ghost walk and other attractions will diversify this fantastic tour.

Branson, Missouri –  
September 26 & 27, 2006

A one night, two-day trip to Branson will offer a nice break in your weekday schedule. Highlights include the Frankie Avalon and Brenda Lee Concert, a tour of the new “Titanic” exhibit and showcase, and The Dutton Family show. An additional show and a few extras will surprise you!



## Senior Activities

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS

It's fun to get involved in community activities. Stop in at the meeting and find out about our Volunteer Group. We meet in the Senior Room at the Community Center.

Thursday, March 30	2:00 p.m. Volunteer Meeting
	3:00 p.m. Newsletter Volunteer meeting

### SENIOR SERVICE PROJECTS

Want to give back to your community? Join us in the Senior Room at the Community Center for these service projects.

Tuesday, April 4 and June 6	10:30 a.m. work on Cancer Action bed pads
Tuesday, March 7	10:30 a.m. work on neck coolers for the Armed Forces
Thursday, May 4	2:00 p.m. work on neck coolers for the Armed Forces

## Here's Some Exciting Senior Happenings

Contact the Park and Recreation Department at 300-0545 for details.

Check the Senior Happenings flyer for daily senior programs, cards, socials, guest speakers, and games that are planned. **Note:** All seniors are invited to senior room activities and special parties. You do not need to be a member of the Community Center.

**Friday, March 17, 1:30 p.m.** — St. Patrick's Day Social (in the multi-purpose room) – Wear some green and plan to have a treat time. You can bet on having some green refreshments. The Raytown Ramblers will provide our musical entertainment.

**Tuesday, April 11, 1:30 p.m.** — Senior Easter Party Bunnies, eggs, sweets – you will find them all at the Easter Holiday Party. The party will take place in the multi-purpose room of the NKC Community Center. Music, fun games, and refreshments will combine to make it a fun afternoon.

**Tuesday, May 9, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** “Seniors are Special” Picnic (Macken Park Festival Shelter) – Come and celebrate with us! There will be games, entertainment, bingo, and surprises. The NKC High School Harmonaires will perform. Hot dogs, drinks, and chips will be provided. Please bring a small covered dish (salad or dessert) and your personal place setting. If you would like to attend, please call the Park Office at 300-0545.

### NKC GOLDEN SENIORS CLUB

The club is open to men and women age 55 and over. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the North Kansas City Community Center multi-purpose room. Activities include games, guest speakers, and entertainment. There is no membership fee, but you are asked to bring your personal place setting and a covered dish. If you are interested in attending a meeting, just show up – there is no need to register. For a detailed listing of the club activities, call the Park Office at 300-0545.

March 22	Speaker – Officer Mark Smith of the NKC Police Dept. Entertainment – The Country Bee's
April 26	Speaker – Kris Ketz from KMBC-TV Entertainment – NKC High School Music Program
May 4	Speaker – Bill Nicks, Lenexa Park & Rec Director “Mr. Sunflower” Entertainment – Rob Robinson Show
June 28	Speaker – Mr. Don Inbody from “Elderhostels” Entertainment – Special Mystery Performer

## "SPRING CLEANING RITUAL" WRITING CONTEST

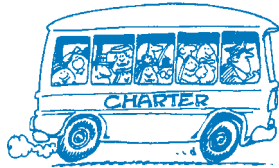
It's time to let your mind wander back to the days of your youth. Remember how, at the mention of spring, your mother would announce, "Gee, it's time for spring cleaning!"

In 100 words or less, we would like you to describe the "spring cleaning ritual" that you remember. The judges will be looking for vivid descriptions that help us visualize the process. Entries may be printed or typed. Put your name and phone number on the backside of the paper. Entries are due in the Parks office by March 3rd. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Good luck!

## SENIOR CITIZEN TRIPS FOR AGE 50 AND OVER

If you are not currently on our senior citizen mailing list and are interested in trips and activities please call the Park Office at 816-330-0545.

March 9	Quality Hill – Your Hit Parade, "The American Songbook"
March 15	New Theatre Restaurant – "Say Goodnight Gracie"
March 28	Local Mystery Trip and Luncheon
April 1	Fort Leavenworth Homes Tour
April 12	American Heartland Theatre "Married Alive"
April 18	Wildflowers and More
May 23	T-Bones Game
June 1	Union Station "First Ladies Collection" from the Smithsonian plus the Union Station Story Program and the KC Rail Experience Journey
June 14	New Theatre Restaurant – "Proposals"
June 22	Quality Hill – "Side By Side" by Sondheim



# Summer Camp

June 5 – August 11, 2006

Come join us for our Summer Camp, for ages 5-8 and 9-13 (limit of 25 children in each age group). The children will be participating in fitness activities, making crafts, having guest speakers, educational components, swimming, climbing the rock wall (ages 9+) and going on field trips that coordinate with the weekly theme. All participants should bring a sack lunch, swimsuit, towel, bag for wet clothes, tennis shoes, and a water bottle. Camp will run 7:00am – 6:00pm. Contact Monica Ottman, Program Coordinator at 816-300-0531 for information or registration form.

**Fee: \$140 per child**  
(plus a 10% discount on siblings)  
with a \$20 deposit to hold your child's spot.

Enrollment will begin  
**Monday, April 3rd, 2006!**

Week #1 – June 5-9 – All About Me Week

Week #2 – June 12-16 – Space Week

Week #3 – June 19-23 – Sports & Fitness Week

Week #4 – June 26- 30 – Career Week

Week #5 – July 3-7 – Holiday Week

(No camp Tuesday 4th. Week will be prorated @ \$112.00)

Week #6 – July 10-14 – Healthy Habits Week

Week #7 – July 17 – 21 – News & TV Week

Week#8 – July 24 -28 – Leadership Week

Week #9 – July 31 - Aug. 4 – Western Week

Week #10 – August 7-11 – Olympics Week

\*Weekly Themes may rotate due to fieldtrip reservations!

## Summer Special Event!

\*All programs are held at the Festival Shelter in Macken Park • (Entrance is located at 716 E. Clark Ferguson Dr.)

### PUPPET SHOW

Friday, June 9, 2006

6:45 p.m. – Paul Mesner Puppets, Inc. presents...

## Cinderella



The Paul Mesner Puppets presents the thousand-year-old tale of Cinderella, updated in a funny way. Cinderella is forced to do all the work, from the kitchen floors to the leaky roof, but her spirit shines through. She may be dressed in rags, but the prince realizes that she is truly beautiful on the inside.

REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE PERFORMANCE

### Mark your calendar for:

Friday, July 14  
Family Fun Night  
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 20  
Summer Jamboree  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## NORTH KANSAS CITY Spring/Fall Pool Schedule

Effective October 1, 2005 - June 3, 2006 and August 14 - December 24, 2006

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Lap Lanes & Spa	CLOSED
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Water aerobics classes are scheduled during these times and have priority over other pool activities. Please consult current schedules. <b>The River is generally not opened until 10:00 a.m.</b> We use 2 lap lanes for Deep Water Exercise from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. daily.					Lap Lanes & Spa Water Exercise as Scheduled	CLOSED
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa <b>Kiddie Pool Open</b> Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa <b>Kiddie Pool Open</b> Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	CLOSED  Special Programs	CLOSED
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	Lap Lanes & Spa Lazy River	12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	All Water Park Features are on	All Water Park Features are on
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa	Lap Lanes & Spa
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Water Park Features	All other available space are reserved for programs.	Water Park Features	All other available space are reserved for programs.	Water Park Features		
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Lap Lanes & Spa ONLY
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	SPA CLOSING @ 9:00 p.m. Lap Lanes stay open until 9:30 p.m.					CLOSED	SPA CLOSED @ 7:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

### Appropriate Swim Attire Guidelines:

The intent of enforcing a swim attire policy is to maintain a clean, safe and inviting environment for our patrons. Clothing, other than swimwear can create problems with water clarity, disinfectant systems and filtration. **Swim diapers are required for all non-toilet trained children and are available for sale at the Welcome Desk.**

**The following are NOT appropriate swim attire:** T-shirts, sport bras, sport shorts and basketball shorts, cut off jeans or other cotton materials, shorts /cover-ups worn over swimwear, underwear or jock straps worn under swim suits or shorts, thong bikinis or suits that are deemed "too revealing" for a family environment. If you need extra coverage for modesty, please ask us about our swimsuit resources. It will be our pleasure to assist you in finding appropriate attire.



# COMMUNITY CENTER

NOT A MEMBER YET? WE OFFER MEMBERSHIPS WITH NO LONG-TERM CONTRACTS TO SIGN AND NO INITIATION FEES...PAY AS YOU GO!

Monthly	Res	Bus	Non-Res	Annual	Res	Bus	Non-Res
Adult	\$29	\$31	\$39	Adult	\$305	\$326	\$410
Youth	\$21	\$22	\$24	Youth	\$221	\$231	\$252
*Senior	\$21	\$22	\$24	*Senior	\$221	\$231	\$252
Family	\$53	\$58	\$72	Family	\$557	\$609	\$756

*\*\*Multi-Use for individuals (20 entrances per person/expires one year after purchase)*

	Res	Bus	Non-Res
Adult	\$95	\$109	\$120
Youth	\$72	\$ 78	\$ 83
*Senior	\$72	\$ 78	\$ 83

*\*Seniors are defined as individuals who are 60+.*

## Family Definition:

A family is defined as a parent(s) and dependent(s) (children) through the age of 24 years claimed on the most recent years federal tax return. The Center reserves the right to request proof of a "family."

## Program Opportunities

Program Opportunities and Descriptions offered throughout the year at an additional fee may include the following, please check at Welcome Desk for schedules and more information.

### Swim Lessons

We will be offering American Red Cross progressive level swim lessons. Our lessons are designed for the children ages 3-12 years, to interact with the instructor and other students. For that reason we ask that parents watch the lessons from outside the pool area. However, parents must remain available to take the child to the restroom or in case of an accident or injury. For assistance in deciding your child's skill level and for upcoming schedules, contact the Aquatic Office at 816-300-0531 and ask for Becky. Fee will vary based on number of lessons in session.

**Summer Sessions: Mon/Wed**

**First enrollment: May 22 – 31, 2006**

**Classes: June 5 – 26, 2006**

**Second enrollment: June 26 – July 5, 2006**

**Classes: July 11 – August 3, 2006**

### Speaker Meetings – AquaNutz

**All ages are welcome FREE**

The third Thursday of every month a guest speaker will be here covering various topics. See the AquaNutz Newsletter for topic information, times, and meeting room.

### Volleyball Fun Nights

If you are 18 or older, join us on Friday Nights from 7-9 pm for some fun volleyball play. Must have at least 8 people to set up nets and will play on Court 3. Cost is included in membership.

**Dates: Friday Nights**

**March 17 – May 5, 2006**

### Grandparents Day FREE

Join us on the following Mondays to enjoy a little time together making a craft and swimming. The following dates from Noon – 2:00pm have been set: March 20, 2006

### Co-ed Volleyball League

If you are 18 or older, join us on Tuesday Nights from 7-9 pm for volleyball league play. Must have at least 8 teams to run league.

**Dates: Tuesday Nights**

March 14 – May 2, 2006

(7 weeks of games;

2 weeks of tournament)

**Cost: \$150 per team/must sign up by**

Noon, March 3, 2006

CONTACT MONICA OTTMAN @ 412-6834

### Spring into Fitness

**Ages 16+**

Join us on Wednesday, April 12th from 6pm – 8pm and enjoy a variety of class formats to kick off spring. Stay the entire time or leave when you have had your fill. Fee is \$5 per person; please register in advance.

### Summer Jam

**Ages 16+**

Join us on Monday, July 24th from 6pm – 8pm and enjoy a variety of class formats to heat up your summer. Stay the entire time or leave when you have had your fill. **Fee is \$5 per person; please register in advance.**

### Community CPR & First Aid

The North Kansas City Community Center offers Community CPR and First Aid certification to businesses in North Kansas City. The goal of the course is to provide your employees with the knowledge and skills necessary to handle an emergency until advanced emergency medical help arrives. We offer the course at your work site or at the Community Center, Monday through Friday with day or evening hours. For more information, please contact Kari Thomas, Fitness Supervisor, at 300-0539.

# Report

## AFAA Kickboxing Skills Workshop

**Day/Time:** Saturday, 8:00am-5:00pm  
**Date:** April 1st, 2006

Contact Kari Thomas at 816-300-0539 for registration of classes and for more information.

## AFAA Kickboxing Certification

**Day/Time:** Sunday, 8:00am-5:00pm  
**Date:** April 2nd, 2006

Contact Kari Thomas at 816-300-0539 for registration of classes and for more information.

## NETA Personal Trainer Certification

**Day/Time:** Saturday & Sunday  
8:00am-5:00pm

**Date:** March 25th & 26th, 2006

Contact Kari Thomas at 816-300-0539 for registration of classes and for more information.

## Water Safety Instructor (WSI) Training

**You must attend all days and times scheduled for the course.** Contact Becky Ryan at 816-300-0531 for more information and registration or email baryan@nkc.org

**Day/Time:** Tuesday & Thursday  
4:00 - 9:00pm

**Date:** May 16 – June 1, 2006

## American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

In order to host this course, this class must have a minimum of 6 participants enrolled by the deadline of March 12, 2006.

**Cost:** \$165 (\$135 course fee + \$30 non-refundable pre-test fee)  
NKCCC Membership not required

### Dates and Times:

**Tuesday, March 14, 2006**  
4:00pm-8:00pm

**Thursday, March 16, 2006**  
4:00pm-8:00pm

**Saturday, March 18, 2006**  
8:00am-12:00pm

**Tuesday, March, 21, 2005**  
4:00pm-8:00pm

**Thursday, March 23, 2006**  
4:00pm-8:00pm

Contact Luke Young, Aquatic Coordinator, by phone at (816) 412-6848 or email, layoung@nkc.org

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## American Red Cross Lifeguard Challenge

Contact Luke Young, Aquatic Coordinator, by phone at (816) 412-6848 or email, layoung@nkc.org

**Cost:** \$25 for CPR Pro.

**\$50 for Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR Pro** (note: we will not recertify participants in Lifeguarding and First Aid without recertifying CPR Pro)

### Date and Time:

**CPR Pro: Saturday, March 18 from 8am - 10am**

**LG, FA, CPR Pro: Saturday, March 18 from 8am –12pm**

## BSA Merit Badge Saturdays

The North Kansas City Community Center will offer times for Boy Scouts to work on their rank advancements, Swimming Merit Badge, and Lifesaving Merit Badge. During the class, instructors will work with students on their requirements; afterwards, a Merit Badge Counselor will sign-off what was completed. **Instruction will be limited to the following skills and students must enroll in advance at the Center.**

### Requirements Offered:

**Second Class** Req. 7a. 7b. 7c.

**First Class** Req. 9a. 9b. 9c.

**Swimming Merit Badge** Req. 1 through 10d. (excepting 8b. and 9)

**Lifesaving Merit Badge** Req. 1 through 15

**Cost:** \$15.00 per student, per session; NKCCC membership is not required.

### Materials Needed:

- Proper swim attire, including towel and goggles
- For Swimming Req. 4, long pants, belt, and long-sleeved shirt
- Blue merit badge card, signed by a unit leader
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Risk Waiver, signed by a guardian (available upon enrollment)

### Dates:

**Saturday, March 4, 2006**  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**Saturday, March 25, 2006**  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**Saturday, April 8, 2006**  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**Saturday, May 6, 2006**  
10:00am - 12:00pm

Questions? Contact Luke Young at (816) 412-6848 or layoung@nkc.org

## Sports

### ADULT SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The North Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department has finalized plans for the spring softball season. Registration is being accepted at the Park Office, located in the NKC Community Center at 1999 Iron. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Divisions being offered are all D levels which are for new teams or teams playing at a recreational level. All leagues play a 10 game schedule. The season begins April 2nd and all games are played at Macken Park.

**Coed – Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday**

**Coed leagues are \$370.00**

**Men's – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

**Men's leagues are \$350.00**

### YOUTH LEAGUES

**T-BALL** is the first step in the baseball-softball progression. Emphasis is placed on having fun and playing together as a team. Our goal is for youngsters to learn the correct techniques for batting, throwing and catching as well as developing an understanding of the basics of the game. T-Ball is for youth who will be 5 by August 1, 2006 through youth currently in kindergarten.

**COACH PITCH** takes over where the T-Ball ends. The youngsters will attempt to hit a ball pitched by a coach. Fielding techniques and team play will be further developed. Coach Pitch is for youth currently in grades 1 and 2.

Your youngster's T-Ball head coach and Coach Pitch head coach will attend a coaches training clinic. After successful completion of the training he/she will become a certified coach through the (NYSCA ) National Youth Sports Coaches Association). Games will be played at Macken Park. Practice begins in April in Macken Park with games beginning in late May.

**Fee: T-Ball fee of \$45.00 includes a team shirt and hat.**

**Coach Pitch fee of \$55.00 includes a team jersey and a team hat. There are no tryouts or fundraising projects.**

Registration will be taken until March 22 or until teams are filled, whichever comes first. Registration forms are available at the Park Office or at [www.nkc.org](http://www.nkc.org), then click on Parks and Recreation link.

## Code Enforcement Division

In October 2001, the City of North Kansas City adopted the International Property Maintenance Code to establish regulations governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures within the City. The standards set by adopting this code, is to ensure that structures and properties are safe, sanitary, and fit for use. To help property owners and residents within the City of North Kansas City, the following list of requirements may be helpful:

- Permits are required for building, remodeling, electrical, mechanical, fuel gas, and plumbing projects.
- Residential properties that are used as rental must have a dwelling inspection prior to occupancy.
- All exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds, grass, and plant growth in excess of ten (10) inches. Yard waste, including grass, leaves, or trimmings, shall not be placed or allowed on or in adjacent property or public right-of-ways.
- Exterior property must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Please keep all litter, rubbish, and trash picked up on and around your property.
- All accessory structures, including detached garages, sheds, and fences must be maintained structurally sound and protected from the elements by paint or other protective covering. Permits are required for new structures.
- All exterior surfaces including door and window frames, porches, trim, and decks must be maintained in good condition.
- No inoperative or unlicensed vehicle shall be parked, kept, or stored on any premise.
- Recreational vehicles, trailers, boats, or motor vehicles may be stored on the basis of one per lot in private garages or in the side or rear yard, but shall not occur on lawn areas.
- Storage of items not specifically designed for exterior use on porches, patios or any other place on the exterior premises, shall not be allowed.
- All properties must be identified with numbers that shall contrast with their background and shall be a minimum of four (4) inches.
- Solid waste must be stored in containers that are leakproof, waterproof, and fitted with a fly-tight lid and shall be properly covered at all times.
- Residential solid waste containers, yard waste, and large bulky items shall not be placed for collection, prior to your area's twelve (12) hour collection period.
- It is unlawful to keep containers on any public street, sidewalk, or alley. Containers must be kept on private property back of the front building line.
- The City Code prohibits on-site advertising of any nature for a home-based business. On-site advertising for any business is not allowed. Real estate and political signs are allowed in residential districts, with restrictions.

In the past few years, the residential areas of the City are improving. Thank you for cooperating and taking pride in our City. If additional information is needed, please feel free to contact the Code Enforcement Division at (816) 274-6006.

## Protect Yourself from Fire at Home

In America a residential fire occurs every 77 seconds. In 2004 3,900 fire deaths and 17,785 fire injuries occurred. Fear of injury or worse from a fire in our homes is a major concern for Americans. Below is a home fire safety questioner to help you identify how well you are prepared for fire in your home.

- Do you have smoke alarms on every floor of your home?
- Is there an alarm outside every sleeping area?
- Do your smoke alarms work? (Do you test them once a month and replace batteries at least twice a year?)
- Are any smoke alarms in your home more than 10 years old? (If so, replace them.)
- Does your family have a fire escape plan that includes every member of your household?
- Has your household picked a meeting place outside your home where everyone can gather when they've escaped a fire?
- Does every member of your household know the local fire-emergency number, (911)?
- Do you practice your escape plan every six months?

We at the North Kansas City Fire Department hope for a safe and healthy new year for all our residents and business partners.



# Westward, Ho!

North Kansas City Public Library's 2006  
**Summer Reading Program**

Grab your six-shooters, your ten-gallon hat, and your LIBRARY CARD!  
 This summer we are going back in time to see how the Wild West was REALLY won!

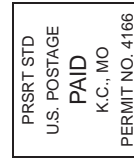
The North Kansas City Public Library's 2006 **Summer Reading Program** will kick off on Friday, June 7, with a registration party at Macken Park, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Games, prizes, crafts, and live entertainment will be offered courtesy of North Kansas City Hospital and the library staff. The North Kansas City Kiwanis will be on hand to grill hotdogs and prepare other "goodies" for "Chowtime"! Groups must pre-register at the library by May 15th.

North Kansas City Public Library's Summer Reading Program, *The Wild, Wild West!* will present a variety of activities for its readers. Storytellers, puppeteers, musicians and various other entertainers will provide a fun-filled summer calendar of events! In addition, the children's staff will offer weekly story times and craft workshops. Children will keep "logs" of titles of books read over the summer and will be rewarded with motivational prizes from North Kansas City Community. Quality of reading, not quantity, is emphasized. Children read at their own pace and come away with the knowledge that reading is a pleasurable tool.

North Kansas City Public Library's Children's Department offers an extensive collection of books, audio books, musical CDs, magazines, videos and DVDs. The library's unique atmosphere and theme-related décor add to the summer fun!

The Summer Reading Program's **registration** begins in the children's department **May 1, 2006**. For further information call 221-3360 or contact Nancy Robinson at [nancyrobinson@northkclibrary.org](mailto:nancyrobinson@northkclibrary.org).

Gene Bruns, Mayor  
 City Council: Merle Walker, James Martino, Elizabeth J. Hall, Lisa Ronning, Joseph Koppe, Chris Hertling, Bettie L. Miller, William Biggerstaff



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## General City Numbers

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Police Department	274-6013
Fire Department	274-6025
Code Enforcement	274-6004
Public Works	274-6004
Park & Recreation	300-0545
Street Department	274-6031
Utilities Department	274-6022
Water Billing	274-6000
Water Pollution Monitoring	274-6021
Trash Collection	421-1014
Animal Control	274-6024
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Home Security Surveys By Police Dept.	274-6013
Home Inspections By Fire Dept.	274-6025
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Community Center	300-0531