April 16th

8am - noon

Stormont Vail Events Center
1 Expocentre Dr.
Parking Lot #1

FREE EVENT

After collection, PC's for People will reset and repair devices that will then be provided to individuals in need of digital devices in our community.

For more information, contact Monique Glaude at 785-368-4470 or mglaude@topeka.org
Are you over the age of 60?
If so, you may qualify for a FREE desktop computer!

Who Is Eligible?
If you are 60 or older and reside in the City of Topeka city limits and receive SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension Benefit Program or have a household income that is less than 200% of federal poverty guidelines (see table to the right) per year, contact us 785-368-3098 to see if you qualify for a FREE desktop computer.

Qualifying Income-Based Assistance Programs
Documents must be dated within the last year and/or show current coverage at the date of submission:
• Adult and Child Mental Health Case Management
• Employment Services (Only if income-based in your state)
• Extended Foster Care
• Food Support (A dated letter showing current eligibility is required)
• Financial Assistance, such as GA, TANF, etc. (A Dated letter showing current eligibility is required)
• Head Start (LIHEAP)
• Medicaid or Medical Assistance (Bring a document that says “MA” or “Medical Assistance” on it)
• The National School Lunch Program’s Free or Reduced Lunch Program
• Section 8, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Group
• Residential Housing (GRH)
• Social Security Disability (SSD)
• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
• Federal Pell Grant

Qualifying Income Documentation
For households that qualify under the Net Income Test (200% Federal Poverty Level FPL) the following documentation will be acceptable as part of the application process. Annual benefits must meet the FPL guidelines (see table to the right):
• The prior year’s state, federal or tribal tax return (W-2's forms, or pay stubs are not acceptable)
• A Social Security statement of benefits
• A Veterans Administration statement of benefits (VA cards alone are not accepted)
• A retirement/pension statement of benefits
• An Unemployment/Workman’s Compensation statement of benefits
• Federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance

Eligibility
TSC – Get Digital (City of Topeka) requires photo identification and income documentation for program qualification. Acceptable documents for income documentation fall into 2 categories: 1) proof of current enrollment in an income-based government assistance program OR 2) documentation from a government source of current income under 200% of the federal poverty level relative to household size). Please note we do not check citizenship or immigration status.

Acceptable Forms of Photo Identification
• Driver’s License or state ID card for non-drivers
• Passport
• Formal ID card (such as Veterans or student)
• Company or work-issued identification

Household Income Guidelines

| 1 | $25,760 | 2 | $34,840 | 3 | $43,920 | 4 | $53,300 |
| 5 | $62,080 | 6 | $71,160 | 7 | $78,240 | 8 | $89,320 |
Each additional person add $9,080

The Following Documents WILL NOT Be Accepted
• Hand-written documents
• Tax returns where the applicant is claimed as a dependent
• Medicare
• W-2 forms or pay stubs
• Bank statements with deposit records
• EBT app screen shots
• Notices to reapply for a benefit

*Any proof of eligibility is subject to approval by the City of Topeka. Additional documents may be required to unquestionably prove income or enrollment in a government assistance program.

Qualified applicants ONLY please call 785-368-3098.

Please note that we will not accept phone calls from non-applicants. Individuals receiving equipment must be present to apply.
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10 Overbearing Experts

Have an agreement between team members there are no sacred cows and all team members have the right to explore all areas.
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Step Two

Specific here in
should be more
I think you
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9 Unquestioned Acceptance of Opinion

Ask for supporting data and reason.

Accept and encourage conflicting ideas.
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8 Feuding *participants*

*Focus on ideas, not personalities.*

*Get the adversaries to discuss the issues off-line OR get them to agree to a standard of behavior during meetings.*
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7 Dominating participants

List balance-of-participation as a goal and evaluate regularly.

Practice gate-keeping to limit dominant participant.
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Ask for confirmation of data.

Reaffirm agreement the team sticks to

Attribution of Motives to Participants

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5 Discounting / Ignoring *participants*

*Provide training in effective listening.*

*Support the discounted person.*

*Talk off-line with anyone who continually discounts other team members.*
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4 Reluctant *participants*

Ask opinions of quiet members and encourage by validation.

Require Individual assignments and reports.
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3 Wanderlust: digression and tangents

Follow an AGENDA with TIME estimates.

Keep the topics in full-view of the participants and direct the conversation back to the topic.
Make sure a consensus is reached.

Solution.

Remind them not to compromise the best

Confront those doing the rushing and

2 Rush to Accomplishment

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ON THE INTERNET.
SOMEONE IS WRONG

WHAT?

IS IMPORTANT.
I CAN'T THIS

ARE YOU COMING TO BED?
Move forward.
Everyone understands what is needed to make sure the mission is clear and

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Drafting
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1. Floundering
2. Rush to Accomplishment
3. Wanderlust: digression and tangents
4. Reluctant *participants*
5. Discounting/Ignoring *participants* statements
6. Attribution of Motives to *participants*
7. Dominating *participants*
8. Feuding *participants*
9. Unquestioned Acceptance of Opinion
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Jefferson Square Alika Barker: couldn't hear either.

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Michael Bell: can't hear Latoya.

Michael Bell: I would suggest a better balance between presentations and Q&A.

Shameca Simms: Can we get the „for dummies“ version?

Shameca Simms: Good idea.

Citizen Advisory Council: Snow Removal?

Michael Bell: Snow Removal yes.

Have not done so, please do. Thanks!

Thanks for adding your name and NIA in the chat if you have not done so, please do. Thanks!

Shameca Simms - Historic Old Town NIA

Mike Bell: City at large, present.

Mike Bell: That was bound to happen. Not aware of any vet in T-Town, let's talk more about that after the meeting. :(
The CTGO has partnered with Washburn University's Small Business Development Center Regional Director to work with him and his students on a business plan. The CTGO also currently is working to identify a grant writing entity.

6) Appeals to Elected and Appointed Officials

Once a group's ducks are in a row and quacking, a group has put together compelling reasons why a new grocery store is needed, then it is time to approach elected and appointed officials for their support. The line of quacking ducks will more easily bring them on board. Quacking ducks can be loud!

Regarding the CTGO, on March 28, 2022, Topeka Mayor Mike Padilla and City Manager William Cochran both indicated their support for addressing the city's food deserts and its food access challenges. The CTGO next will approach city council members.
The $5 million is a discretionary grant for $1 million and will enable the CTO to engage in a broad scope of work including grant writing, assistance, primarily with local meal providers, with an emphasis on enhancing the CTO's capacity for grant writing. The CTO grant is for $500,000 and will enable the CTO to conduct the needs assessment, planning, and development of the new food assistance program at the community level.

The CTO grant for $950,000 will enable the CTO to engage in the TCF's Black and Indigenous led work, including the development of a community food assistance program.

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and will make people stronger physically, and the important of healthy foods in the neighborhood. The CTCO announced the completion of a new grocery store in Central Topkea because it sees the need for a new grocery store.

The CTCO has worked to establish a new grocery store.

3) The Complished Market Study

find potential grocers in the area to document the need for a new grocery store and address.

2016, the CTCO announced the completion of a new grocery store in the neighborhood. The store is located at 1529 SW Hinson and Lane Drive, which is the site of the Presbyterian Church. The store is 10,000 square feet and features a full-service pharmacy, bakery, and deli.

In early October 2019, a $12,500 grant was awarded to the CTCO through the Kansas Food Bank Foundation to assist in the completion of the new store.

2) Funding a Market Study

How do you ensure that 1,500 Central Topkeans will make up the new store's primary clientele?

The market study uncovered a need for a new grocery store in the neighborhood, and the CTCO has worked to establish a new grocery store in the area.

1) Organizing and Outreach

Goals of addressing the needs of Central Topkeans are to provide

Food Deserts and Food/Nutrition Insecurity

moderate-income area of Central Topkea.

As a member of the Central Topkea Grocery Co-op (CTCO), a citizens-driven effort formed in March 2018,
while advancing affordable housing in Topeka.

This list is not exhaustive. We will continue to look for other ideas that can be implemented for little to no cost.

(Reply: Regulating the size of a home is not an element of our zoning code. If there is an issue
with "tiny"

the company name and look at those houses built on wheels.

Placing the tiny and small houses on foundations addresses the concerns neighbors and others have had about

no. 1 above) to construct multiple tiny or small houses that would work like duplexes or row
housing.

In Topeka neighborhoods with 25-foot lot sizes, 3 or 4 consecutive lots could be combined (and bringing
see

von costs while providing the safety, security, and stability of a house instead of residing in the mission,

as of 2/12). Both tiny and small houses also can help efficiently address homelessness by

remaining children, as a home office, as a guest house, I have houses typically cost below $20,000 to $50,000
dwelling units (or ADU's, see 2 above), to serve as additional on-property housing for family members

environmental, spending time with their families, or saving money. Small houses also use as accessory

for mid-straining when emergency housing, helping the

Tiny and small houses allow owners to "pull more el-

House Movement.

Space (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiny)

Tiny houses provide more than 200 square feet of living

square feet). As of 2013, the typical single-family

bedroom apartment with a living room, dining, and

Sleep between 400 and 1,000 square feet (1,000

"tiny" houses usually provide less than 400 square

Small Houses on Foundations

(7) Adverse Zoning Requirements to Allow "Tiny and
and complexes could be transformed.

Single-family neighborhoods hold small multifamily buildings. The complexes, however, bear little in common with commercial and retail destinations. Single-family structures are often more than double-family housing. Single-family zoning blocks the development of anything more than a single-family home—no duplexes, no triplexes, no fourplexes, no low-rent, multifamily housing. This could make it easier to integrate retail uses within existing commercial areas.

The scope of this report...

Investigating parking minimums and maximizing part of the missing middle project. The scope of this report...

4 Elimination Minimum Parking Requirements

Case Study: Existing Situation

In many cases, parking standards are set high enough to discourage development. In this example, a site selected for a new housing development has a parking requirement of 2 spaces per unit. However, if the developer can show that the site is already heavily used with existing parking, the requirement can be reduced to 1 space per unit.
The presentation to kick off these ideas will be at the Planning Commission meeting on April 18, when our project is to determine what sorts of changes to policy and the development code could be made to support more missing middle development. Some of the items that I pointed out in the previous response are part of that project.

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We're currently weighing other options, including ADUs. ADUs are essential in the transition to higher-density neighborhoods.

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with Habitat.

The City of Toledo and the Neighborhood Development
Real Estate Manager Kevin Rooney worked closely with
the Toledo Town NA to enable the acquisition of the properties
that enabled the acquisition and rehabilitation of
existing housing.

Please see attached press release for more.

The process and the issues that have

In the first 1200 block of SW

The neighborhood Identifier for Housing Providers

Developer/developers for

Housing Quality Standards: HUD defines "standard housing" as

Kansans authorized cities to create land banks via ordinance and

Here are some alternatives:

highlight a number of options cities and states across the nation have created to address abandoned
housing.

This report discusses only

my hope that the State of Kansas will do all it can to support these alternatives instead of adopting
they are not sustainable.

Housing or Other Development, in 2004. Toledo

Several ordinances have been adopted in 1996 and 2009 to

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they are not sustainable.
I address the concern of abandoned housing and ask you to consider the adoption of the proposed legislation that you have previously addressed. My name is Michael Bell, President of the Tornado Town Association. I have been the chair of the Citizens Advisory Council, which is the association of NTVs in Topeka. My speaking only for myself and from my 22 years of experience in Topeka's low to moderate-income areas. I am a currently active member of the Kansas State House of Representatives and a strong supporter of land banking. I have worked with the Kansas State House of Representatives and the city of Topeka in establishing a land bank.

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Affordable Housing:

CAC Work Group Report: May 4, 2022

Affordable Housing and Food Deserts and Food/Nutrition Insecurity

Note: Topeka Planning and Development Department Planning Division Director Dan Warners, April 6, 2022,

and more initiatives to develop/maintain. These are the ideas we've discussed so far:

Given the breadth and depth of the challenges of our food and affordable housing issues in traditional ways and more initiatives to do more. Our work group chose to focus on affordable housing. This is not a substitute for the development of affordable housing. Given the breadth and depth of the challenges of our food and affordable housing issues in traditional ways and more initiatives to do more.
FREE BOARD LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The City of Topeka Division of Community Engagement is partnering with K-State Research and Extension to offer leadership training for neighborhood leaders, social service agencies and other organization board members in the community.

**Dates:**
- Wednesday's - July 20, August 10, August 17, August 31
- Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Location: CRC - Avondale East, 455 Golf Park Boulevard (media room)

A light dinner will be served.

**Participants must attend ALL sessions.**

Reservations are required. To reserve a spot, please contact Candis Meerpohl, Extension Director, 785-232-0062 ext. 110 or candism@ksu.edu.

**Deadline is July 6 at 5:00pm (no exceptions).**

Disclaimer: K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer. K-State Research and Extension is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, or a dietary restriction, please contact our office at 785-232-0062.

**Session Topics:**
1. Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members/Effective Meetings
2. Understanding Fellow Board Members/Conflict Management
3. Financial Responsibilities, Fundraising, Legitimates, and Ethics
4. Strategic Planning

**The Top 10 Meeting Problems that will be addressed in the**

1. Getting Off Subject
2. Inconclusive: no results or follow-up
3. No Purpose: goals or agenda
4. Meetings are too long
5. Lack of control
6. Starts late
7. Poor Preparation
8. Individuals monopolize discussion
9. Interruptions