



**OUR MOTTO: WE CAN**  
**HI-CREST NIA MEETING: 6 PM, OCTOBER 24, 2019**  
**CRC CARE Center @ Avondale East, 455 SE GOLF PARK BOULEVARD**

**PROGRAM:** City council candidates from District 2: Will Pope, Tamika Terry, Christina Valdivia-Alcala; District 6: Hannah Naeger, Lucas Ryan, Clark Trammell and District 4: Tony Emerson, have been invited to participate in a political forum moderated by Joe Ledbetter. The votes of all the city council members affect our lives, so come and ask questions and voice your concerns!

- Oct. 21 Advance Voting in the Election Office begins 8am to 6pm
- Nov. 1 Last day of extended office hours: 8am to 6pm
- Nov. 4 NOON deadline for advance voting in the Election Office
- Nov. 5 GENERAL ELECTION DAY 7am to 7pm

**From Ann Mah's Newsletter:**

**WHEN A SCHOOL BUS STOPS AND ACTIVATES ITS STOP ARM AND FLASHING RED LIGHTS, ALL TRAFFIC MUST STOP FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS.**

Kansas law KSA 8-1556 requires all motorists to stop when approaching or overtaking a stopped school bus displaying its flashing red lights and stop arm. MOTORISTS ARE TO REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL THE BUS IS NO LONGER DISPLAYING ITS FLASHING RED LIGHTS AND STOP ARM. Violation of this law not only endangers children but is punishable by a fine and court costs in excess of \$420.

**HARVESTERS FREE FOOD PICK-UP AT AVONDALE EAST (NO I.D. NEEDED): 3-4 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, NOVEMBER 15, DECEMBER 20**

Other Mobile Free Food Distribution Sites - PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS

- Topeka First Free Methodist Church, 3450 SE Indiana - 266-6610 - Saturday - 4th Week - 9 to 11 AM
- Indiana Avenue Church of Christ, 3510 SE Indiana Avenue - 266-7788 - Saturday - 4th week - 9 to 11 AM
- Antioch Family Life Center, 1921 SE Indiana Avenue - 232-1937 - Saturday - 4th Week - 11 AM to 12 PM

**Good advice from Community Police Officer Morgan Bracken...Halloween Safety**

**Avoid trick or treating alone — Examine all candy for tampering before eating.**  
**Utilize glow sticks or flashlights to stay visible. — Walk on sidewalks wherever possible.**

**Kansas Children's Discovery Center Free Family Fun Night Schedule**

Thursday, October 17, from 4 PM to 7 PM., Thursday, November 21, from 4 PM to 7 PM, Thursday, December 19 from 4 PM to 7 PM.

**FROM THE TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER**

**Shawnee County law enforcement agencies are joining forces to combat illegal narcotics sales and distribution in Shawnee County.**

The new initiative is called the Shawnee County Drug Enforcement Task Force. Law enforcement officials say this task force will ensure a centralized network and added resources as they work to eliminate illegal drugs from Shawnee County neighborhoods. "We have been working on this effort since Sheriff Hill became the Sheriff," said Topeka Police Chief Bill Cochran. "The timing of this press conference was perfect with what happened in Riley County because it brings to light the magnitude of the problem and the issues that are going on." Chief Cochran said the TPD narcotics officers and detectives who will be working with the task force will be deputized by the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office. He said this will give them the jurisdictional boundary to enhance these efforts.

**Local law enforcement initiative focuses on registered offender violators near schools**

The Topeka Police Department, the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, the Topeka Public Schools Police Department and the Washburn University Police Department partnered together on an initiative focused on bringing registered offenders into compliance with their court ordered requirements. The initiative took place August 12 and August 13 in areas within a 2 mile radius of Topeka and Shawnee County schools. "A major focus for the Topeka Police Department this year includes holding registered offenders accountable by making them adhere to their court ordered requirements," said Topeka Police Chief Bill Cochran. "This addresses violent offenders, sexual offenders and drug offenders as well as felons who are prohibited from possessing firearms. This focus is especially important in neighborhoods with a close proximity to schools, including the Washburn University campus."

**-- Leaves raked, Gutters Cleaned, Trees Trimmed, Mowing and other work - Call GUS 785-554-6198 --**

**WASHBURN TECH EAST**

**You can now take free college-level classes while working toward your GED. Washburn Tech is offering free**

college-level classes in Building Technology, Commercial Truck Driving License and Health Care at Washburn Tech East. The classes are currently being held from 8 AM to 3 PM at 1921 SE Indiana, with new classes every 8 weeks. Call 670-3380 for more information. If paying the \$30 fee for the GED class is a problem, call Washburn Tech's Mandy Cox at 670-2601.

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**Aetna Better Health of Kansas members ages 5 to 18** can receive up to \$35 per year to take part in activities with participating youth organizations. Members can call 1-855-221-5656 to request a form they can take to the organization they wish to join. They then take the form with them to sign up to participate. Participating organizations: Boys and Girls Club of Topeka, Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts.

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Police: 368-9551 - 24/7 hot line: 368-2500 - CrimeStoppers 234-0007 - Community Police Officer Morgan Bracken: 368-2476 - Neighborhood Relations: 368-3711 - SafeStreets: 266-4606 - Animal Control: 368-9203 - Street Signs/lights: 368-3913 - Property Maint. Inspector John Schardine: 368-3170 - Graffiti: 368-3167 or 368-3161 - Community Police: 368-2401 - Housing & Credit Counseling: 234-0217 - Kansas Crisis Hotline: 888-363-2287 - Power Outage: 1-800-544-4857 - Domestic Abuse Hotline: 800-799-SAFE - Pot Holes, Street Lights: 368-3111 - School Safety Hotline: 1-877-626-8203 - Victim Assistance/Liaison after traumatic event/Crime Prevention Tips: Community Outreach Officer William Lister, 861-9695  
Health Connections: 354-5225 - Marian Dental Clinic: 233-2800 - Valeo 24-hour Crisis Hotline: 234-3300  
City Manager Brent Trout: 368-3725 - Mayor Michelle De La Isla: 368-3895 - City Council Office: 368-3710  
Hi-Crest NIA Councilmembers: Sylvia Ortiz 357-0717 - Mike Padilla 249-0839 - Tony Emerson 422-7888  
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255 - TEXT 741741 - Local: 785-841-2345 -  
Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-522-4700. - Substance Use Treatment: 1-866-645-8216 - select option 2.  
Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 or TEXT "befree" (233733) If a minor, call 1-800-922-5330  
Crisis Intervention Team Officer: Jennifer Gogian: jgogian@topeka.org or 368-9551  
Community Action: 235-9561- Rent/Utility-235-9296, Weatherization 232-3499 - Let's Help: 234-6208 - Salvation Army: 233-9648  
TO REPORT VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBERS AT SUSPECTED DRUG HOUSES: Sgt. Sturgeon: 368-9563

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