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Let's Talk Trash . . .

By Philicia McKee, Executive Director

Good morning everyone!

Great resources are coming soon!

On Saturday, June 2nd, the Garick Yard Materials Recycling Facility will offer free disposal of yard waste for all Topeka residents. The hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at I-70 and MacVicar. They will accept trees, limbs, leaves and grass. All loads should be covered or secured. The free day is available to all residents of Shawnee County, no businesses. For more information, contact 368-3762.

On Saturday, June 9, Free landfill day, Rolling Meadows Recycling and Disposal Facility will offer a free landfill day, sponsored by Waste Management of Kansas, Inc. The landfill located at 7351 N.W. Highway 75 will be open from 7 a.m. to Noon. To be eligible for free disposal all loads must be covered, contain no tires, hazardous waste items or appliances that contain Freon, no E-waste or PCB containing items. One load per customer. The free disposal of trash is available for individual Shawnee County residents only, no businesses. For more information, contact: 246-0305. In the event of inclement weather, June 23rd will be the free day. Please call to verify.

Christmas in Action held their event on the same day as Get Down and Get Dirty. They had 60 skilled volunteers help out residents in Shawnee County.

May began with World Naked Gardening Day on May 5th. A group of dedicated volunteers planted the very first annuals at our beautiful Ted Ensley Gardens that day. Sharefest also held their event on May 5th. They had approximately 1700 volunteers participate.

Topeka Cemetery beautification was held on May 19th. We had rain – again! Approximately 65 of our tough KAB volunteers attended and we accomplished many things on the cemetery wish list. Thanks to Lisa Sandmeyer for providing us with this opportunity. Thank you to all volunteers that helped out that day, and a very special thank you to Darlene Ijams for coordinating the event, Bill Riphahn for being our master chef, and Jerry Bragg for helping in so many ways. Also thank you to Frito Lay, Waste Management and Pepsi-Cola for providing a great lunch. No one went home hungry!

We received a grant check from Wal-Mart West. Thanks to all of our corporate sponsors!

Great things are coming this year. Stay tuned!

--Philicia

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities:

June 2	Free Yard Waste Disposal, 8:00am – 4:45pm-Garick Yard Waste Facility, I-70 and MacVicar
June 2	Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 131 NE 46 th 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
June 5,6,7	Summer Sizzle--Topeka Bible Church
June 7	Master Gardener Presentation at TSCPL, 7:00 p.m.—Rain Barrels-Alice Brooks
June 9	Free Landfill Day 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 p.m. Rolling Meadows Landfill-1 load per household
June 9	TBA/KAB work in Crestview or Snyder Cabin Gardens 9 a.m. – noon (volunteers needed)
June 11-15	TARC-1800 SW 42nd-free residential confidential paper shred 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
June 12	KAB Monthly Meeting, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Topic will be: Curtis House, 1101 S. Topeka, \$5 fee for the tour. Please RSVP.
June 14	Master Gardener Presentation at TSCPL, 7:00 p.m.—Presidential Gardens-Carol Bragdon
June 23	Raindate for Free Landfill Day 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 p.m. Rolling Meadows Landfill-1 load per household and Free Yard Waste Disposal, 8:00am – 4:45pm-Garick Yard Waste Facility, I-70 and MacVicar
June 23 – 24	TAWGS Water Garden Tour
June 28	Weed Elimination Day Ted Ensley Gardens-- meet 37 th and West Edge Road-9am-12pm (volunteers needed)
July 5	Spirit of Kansas cleanup-- (volunteers needed)
July 10	KAB Monthly Meeting, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Topic will be: Tour Evel Knievel Museum, 2047 S. Topeka, Fee of \$22 includes admission, a 4-D virtual reality jump, and lunch from Henry's Grill.
July 12 Gardener	Master Gardener Presentation at TSCPL, 7:00 p.m.- Becoming a Shawnee County Extension Master
July 13	Tentative date for Community Appearance Index
July 14	TBA/KAB work in Crestview or Snyder Cabin Gardens 9 a.m. – noon (volunteers needed)
July 16-20	TARC Industries, 1800 SW 42nd-free residential confidential paper shred 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
July 26	Sun and Sweat Day at Ted Ensley Gardens-- meet 37 th and West Edge Road-9am-12pm (volunteers needed)

F.Y.I.

You start dying slowly
if you do not travel,
if you do not read,
If you do not listen to the sounds of life,
If you do not appreciate yourself.

You start dying slowly when you kill your self-esteem,
when you do not let others help you.

You start dying slowly if you become a slave to your habits,
walking everyday on the same paths ... If you do not change your
routine,

If you do not wear different colors or you do not speak to those you
don't know.

You start dying slowly if you avoid to feel passion & it's turbulent
emotions, those that make your eyes glisten & your heart beat fast.
You start dying slowly if you do not change your life when you are not
satisfied with your job, or with your love, or with your surroundings.

If you do not risk what is safe for the uncertain,

If you do not go after a dream,
If you do not allow yourself,
at least once in your lifetime
to run away from sensible advice.

~ Pablo Neruda

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