

HFED to host Hiawatha Housing Solutions dinner
(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development will be hosting a Hiawatha Housing Solutions Dinner next month.

The event will take place on November 5 at the Hiawatha Country Club. It will begin with a social mixer at 6:00 that evening, followed by an interactive meeting and working prime rib dinner at 6:30.

HFED Director Mikaela Moore said the goal of the meeting is to bring together people from the area who have a legitimate interest in working together to provide more quality housing options in Hiawatha.

Moore said she plans to share the findings from a recent independent Hiawatha housing study. She said the findings will help guide in the decisions of the housing solutions to pursue, whether that be in the form of apartments, duplexes, homes, or a mixture of all.

Leaders from some of Hiawatha's largest employers will be featured to share specific examples of how the housing shortage in Hiawatha has negatively impacted their businesses, as well as to project the housing needs for their employees in the near future.

Randy Speaker from Kansas Department of Commerce will be sharing the details of tax credit programs and other grants and incentives that are available to pursue to help minimize the upfront investment required to secure a housing project.

RSVPs are required by Oct. 22 by email to hfedoffice1@gmail.com or text to 913-558-7069. Anyone interested in being an active participant in finding solutions to Hiawatha's housing shortage is encouraged to RSVP and attend. Admission is free.

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