

HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Spring, 2014 NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting Update

The annual meeting was held Thursday, March 6 at the KCPD Shoal Creek Station. Various topics discussed at the meeting appear in this newsletter, including Google Fiber expansion to the area, the 2013 financial report (itemized report distributed at the meeting is available on the HA/LH website), safety/crime concerns, park improvements, projects in the area, and upcoming events.

Payment of your homes association dues should reach the HA/LH PO Box 28294 by April 30 to avoid penalty. The dues for 2014 remain at \$45 and include the following services:

- ✓ Park: mowing, trimming, trash removal, parking lot upkeep, liability insurance, and electricity
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Playground and park equipment
- ✓ Vacant lot mowing for non-resident owners
- ✓ Mosquito Control (see additional article)
- ✓ Administrative Expenses
- ✓ Neighborhood Events
- ✓ Paid Part-Time Secretary--Homes association phone--**Calls should be made between 9 am and 8 pm Monday-Friday. The phone is in her residence and consideration should be given for her family. Any messages left on the answering machine should be brief. It is important that all residents pay their dues to maintain the Homes Association financial stability to continue to provide the above mentioned services.**

2014 Officers & Board Members

President: Steve Espeer

Vice President: Bobby Verhulst

Secretary: Nancy Flynn

Treasurer: Linda Espeer

Other Board Members: Pat Flynn, Becki Freeman, Roger Hudgcroft, Russ Kieslich, Martha Olivarez, Katherine Piper, and Robyn Tuwei.

Mark your Calendars

Saturday, May 3.....Spring Garage Sale
Thursday, May 15.....Google Fiber Deadline
Friday, May 30Mosquito Spray Begins
Sun, Sept 21 or 28.....Fall Picnic TBD

Treasurer's Report for 2013

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| Beginning Checkbook Balance | \$ 5,637.83 |
| Income | |
| Dues | \$27,541.24 |
| Advertising | 175.00 |
| Interest/misc deposits | 5.20 |
| Total Income | \$27,721.44 |
| Expenses | |
| Utilities (electric,phone,water) | \$1,784.92 |
| Insurance | 103.00 |
| Mowing/Park Maintenance | 5,426.96 |
| Mosquito Control | 10,937.00 |
| Administrative Expenses/Liens | 1,487.23 |
| Secretary | 5,400.00 |
| Newsletters | 1,175.30 |
| Neighborhood Picnic | 653.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$26,967.41 |
| Current Savings Balance | \$25,927.32 |

Spring Garage Sale

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

May 3, 2014

Advertising for the neighborhood sale will be on several online sites including Craig's List, and the Northland Neighborhoods website, www.nni.org. Signs will be at entrances of the neighborhood, but it is recommended that individuals list their address on Craig's List and mark their yards the day of the sale if participating in the event.

Mosquito Control

Your dues pay for mosquito control by Hasty Mosquito Control, Inc. Without control programs, the mosquito population would flourish and cause health and comfort problems. The ultra low volume application of Permanone (Environmental Protection Agency Reg. #4816-755) is done by a truck that will drive around the neighborhood and generate a fog of the chemical. Applications are made 7 to 10 days apart depending on rain and wind factors. It is imperative that residents do not stay out in their yards when the truck approaches or the fog will be turned off in that area. A second pass is generally made in the event that residents are out, but do not try to observe an application outside. This process will help control the mosquito population, but every resident needs to eliminate areas on their property where mosquitoes breed:

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other water-holders on your property
- Dispose of old tires properly.
- Drill holes in recycling containers
- Keep roof gutters clean and make sure they drain properly
- Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens
- Maintain swimming pools and drain pools
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water
- Change water in bird baths at least twice a week
- Cover boats and wheelbarrows or store them upside down
- With the open drainage ditches in our area, standing water in them may need additional treatment. Pellets can be purchased by individual home owners from Hasty (454-8115) or other lawn and garden stores to further protect your property.

Leaf and Brush Disposal Site

Kansas City residents in Clay and Platte counties may dispose of leaves and brush (no grass clippings) at a new site at 11660 N Main. Blue signs direct you to the facility located at the end of the street (north side of Cookingham across from Casey's). KCMO contracted Missouri Organics to run the facility that is open Monday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm. Proof of residence and ID is required. Drop off is **free** on Saturday; however, a fee is charged during the week. The area provides a location for disposal of leaves and brush **without** bundling and/or size requirements like the curbside pickup twice a year. Compost, mulch, and top soil are also available for purchase. The site **will not** accept drop-off's by commercial or business enterprises. Prices and more details regarding the site can be found on www.kcmo.gov/publicworks.

Neighborhood Safety

Speed Limit 25 mph

With the warm weather, more residents are walking, riding bikes, jogging, and children are out near the street. Residents walking dogs must have them on a leash according to City Ordinance. All drivers should maintain proper speeds on our streets. The KCPD IMPACT Unit concentrated enforcement of speed limits on residential streets, school zones, and school bus stops April 1-18 by issuing tickets and warnings; however, residents should remain vigilant in reporting speeding cars at all times. Contact the Homes Association or individuals can report non-emergency traffic related concerns to the KCPD Traffic Enforcement Unit, 329-0911.

KCPD Community Liaison Officer

Officer Shelly Gaddis is the liaison between the community and police from the Shoal Creek Patrol Division. Her contact information:

Shelly.Gaddis@kcpd.org and 413-3440

Officer Gaddis reported that our neighborhood has been free of crime, except for occasional thefts of items from unlocked vehicles and some property damage. The Northland has experienced vandalism to cars using pellet guns. Anyone observing this action should contact the KCPD. She also discussed the meetings hosted by NNI, such as Cop Talk the third Wednesday of each month.

Reminders for crime prevention: cars left outside should be parked in well lit areas. Always lock your vehicle left outside and do not leave a garage door opener or anything of value in the vehicle. Avoid using the red flag on your mailbox for outgoing mail, especially bills or anything that could be used for identity theft. Alert your neighbors when you will be out of town, plus extra police patrol may be requested by calling 413-3400 to alert them you are on vacation. It is important for residents to be aware of surroundings and report suspicious activity when noted. Call 911 for emergencies, call 234-5111 for non-emergency situations, or contact Officer Gaddis for other police related questions. To check specific crime incidents or crime patterns in the area, go to www.crimereports.com. Stay alert!

HA/LH Neighborhood Park

The HA/LH Homes Association owns the park located between 112 Terrace and 113 Street, east of N Charlotte. Dues are the only source of income to maintain our park, so residents are asked to help keep the park and facilities in good order. Picnic tables should be used for dining, not skateboarding. Please remind your kids to take care of the property. The basketball court has new backboards, nets, and was resurfaced. Bench painting and other improvements are planned with the hope of getting Boy Scouts involved in some of the projects. Swings have been replaced when needed and new toddler equipment is being considered. Board members are investigating options for replacing the old railroad ties around the playground. Residents should report any repairs needed to playground equipment to the Association secretary. Board members volunteer their time and efforts to take care of many tasks, so residents interested in helping with park maintenance should call the homes association number to volunteer.

July 4th Reminder: Fireworks are illegal within the city limits; however, many residents in the past have chosen to have their own fireworks displays. Please use caution and clean up your mess after the show whether using the parking lot at our park or city streets.

City Ordinances/Codes

The Homes Association residents need to comply with the City of Kansas City Nuisance Codes and Property Maintenance Codes. **Members of the board will do periodic checks throughout the neighborhood to insure these codes are followed to maintain property values in our area.** Contact the Homes Association if a violation of city codes needs to be reported. As a reminder, some of these restrictions are:

- No off-street parking of vehicles except on approved parking space.
- No wrecked, damaged, or disassembled vehicle shall remain on the premises unless in a private garage.

- No motor vehicle without current state license or plates may be parked, stored or located on a premise unless in a private garage.
- Litter, trash, refuse, lumber scraps, vehicle parts, tires, boxes, etc., are forbidden on exterior property.
- Interior and exterior house condition shall not be unkempt. All codes are listed on www.kcmo.gov.

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. HA/LH Homes Association Website

Check the website, www.nni.org, for meetings, events, and resources available for northland residents. The HA/LH Association free website is accessed through the NNI website under the Member Organizations tab and will contain timely information periodically that cannot appear in a printed newsletter. Events sponsored by KC Parks or other city sponsored activities will be listed in the calendar as information is received. The Pages & Links section will elaborate on details for such events.

Projects in the Area

Dollar General Store Even though the location of the new store is not within the boundaries of our Homes Association, the concerns expressed by Steve and Nancy on behalf of the Association were addressed by city planners and the end result appears to be a very nice facility. It far surpasses the original proposal for design and landscape. The store opened April 1.

Google Fiber A representative from Google, Austin Watson, attended the annual meeting and explained the opportunities and signup procedure for residents who are interested in purchasing Google Fiber. Signups on the www.fiber.google.com website began on March 11. A percentage of applications must be received prior to construction in a designated area or fiberhood. Signup deadline is May 15.

Anne Garney Park This city park has a west boundary behind some residents on 112 Terrace. The Park currently has a trail under construction that will go around the perimeter of the park. It should be completed this year. A small parking lot is to be built off of N Woodland. If the PIAC (Public Improvement Advisory Committee) budget doesn't change, funding is available for a playground to be built by spring 2015. PIAC Funding for water runoff and other improvements is pending, so updates will be posted on the HA/LH website as they are received. The approved plan for the Anne Garney Park is on www.kcparks.org. The representatives on PIAC from our District 2 are Nelsie Sweeney and Chris Byrd. Their contact information is on the www.kcmo.gov website.

Cookingham-Lakeside Water Project PIAC money was designated to begin a watershed project that involved the purchase and demolition of one house on Cookingham, then future drainage improvement throughout the area will be included as funding is available. As additional information is received regarding PIAC Hearings or funding for projects, updates will appear in a newsletter and on the HA/LH Association website.

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Advertising

Ads may be submitted for printing in the next newsletter. Call the Homes Association office at 734-5546 to place an ad. Payment is due when the ad is submitted. Make checks payable to HA/LH Homes Association. Ads submitted for the newsletter are paid ads and do not represent any endorsement by the homeowners association.

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| Business Card Ad | \$15.00 |
| One Quarter Page Ad | \$40.00 |
| Half Page Ad | \$70.00 |
| Full Page Ad | \$120.00 |

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Highland Acres/Lakeside Heights Homes Association

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