

HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Spring, 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Annual Meeting Update

The annual meeting was held Thursday, March 10 at the KCPD Shoal Creek Station. Several special guests presented information, including Robert Davis, Water Dept. (PIAC project), 2nd district Councilman Dan Fowler (E Tax Vote and updates), and Officer Cartwright (KCPD-liaison officer). Topics discussed at the meeting appear in this newsletter

Payment of your homes association dues should reach the HA/LH PO Box 28294 by April 30 to avoid penalty. The dues for 2016 remain at \$45 and include the following services:

- ✓ Park mowing, trash removal, playground, parking lot
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ 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 with specific question and contact number.**

2016 Officers & Board Members

President: Steve Espeer
Vice President: Bobby Verhulst
Secretary: Nancy Flynn
Treasurer: Linda Espeer

Other Board Members: Pat Flynn, Roger Hudgcraft, Russ Kielich, Martha Olivarez, Katherine Pieper, Ron Tilsworth, and Robyn Tuwei.

Mark your Calendars

Tuesday, April 5.Vote
Saturday, April 9, 10 am.....**Volunteers needed** (See Eagle Scout Project on p. 2)
Mon, April 25. Curbside Leaf & Brush Pickup
Saturday, May 14.....Spring Garage Sale
Friday, June 3.....Mosquito Spray Begins
Saturday, Sept 24.....Fall Garage Sale

Treasurer's Report for 2015

The full report distributed at the meeting is available on the homes association website.

Income:

Dues	\$29,642.31
Advertising	30.00
Interest/misc deposits	<u>5.20</u>
Total Income	\$29,677.51

Expenses

Utilities (electric,phone,water)	\$1,655.37
Insurance	102.00
Mowing/Park Maintenance	9,615.00
Mosquito Control	11,757.00
Administrative Expenses/Liens	1,359.80
Secretary	5,700.00
Newsletters	473.93
Storage Unit	<u>863.88</u>
Total Expenses	\$31,526.98
Current Savings Balance	\$25,942.92

Spring Garage Sale

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

May 14, 2016

Advertising for the neighborhood sale will be on several online sites including Craig's List, Nextdoor Neighbor, 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.

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 Contact the Homes Association or individuals can report non-emergency traffic related concerns to the KCPD Traffic Enforcement Unit, 329-0911.

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, call 311 or submit a violation at www.kcmo.gov As a reminder, some of the codes 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.

Neighborhood Preservation Meeting

2nd Wed Each Month at NNI

Linda and Steve Espeer represented the homes association at the first meeting held at Northland Neighborhoods (NNI). The four codes officers from KC responsible for the northland attended the meeting to answer questions regarding procedure and to address concerns of residents. The 311 system seems to be working well with fines imposed for violations or court appearances required on second offenses. NNI will also assist neighborhoods for chronic problem areas where cases are opened and closed for the same offense.

KCPD Community Liaison Officer

Officer Rick Cartwright is the liaison between the community and police from the Shoal Creek Patrol Division. His contact information:

Rick.Cartwright@kcpd.org and 413-3440

Officer Cartwright reported that our neighborhood has been free of crime, except for occasional thefts of items from unlocked vehicles. He complimented our neighborhood for watching out for each other as indicated by the number of suspicious vehicle or person calls they have received. He also recommended creating a hard copy list of belongings and credit cards to be kept in a safe place—not to rely totally on electronic storage. A copy of the handout available at the meeting may be obtained on the HA/LH website. **Reminders for crime prevention:** 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. 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 Cartwright for other police related questions. To check specific crime incidents or crime patterns in the area, go to www.crimereports.com. Stay alert!**

Leaf and Brush Disposal Site

Kansas City residents in Clay County may dispose of leaves and brush (no grass clippings) at the site at 11660 N Main. 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. Any trash within the leaves or brush will result in loss of privilege to use the facility. Prices and more details regarding the site can be found on www.kcmo.gov/publicworks.

Mosquito Control

HA/LH Homes Association dues pay for mosquito control by Hasty Mosquito Control, Inc. This is one of the major expenses each year because without mosquito control programs, the mosquito population would flourish and cause potential health problems. Mosquitoes are known carriers of Zika Virus, West Niles, encephalitis, malaria, and the yellow fever and dengue viruses. The ultra low volume application of PermX (Environmental Protection Agency Reg. #655-898) is done by a truck with a flashing yellow light that will drive around the neighborhood and generate a fog of the chemical. This is a different formula this year to combat the types of mosquitoes prevalent this year. Applications are made 7 to 10 days apart depending on rain and wind factors. Starting June 3, applications will be done on Thursday or Friday nights after 11 pm. **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 tires, tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other water-holders on your property. Drill holes in recycling containers.
- Keep roof gutters clean and make sure they drain properly.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use or empty twice a week. Maintain swimming pools and drain pools that are not being used.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water on your property and change water in bird baths at least twice a week. Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens.
- 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.

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. 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. **Eagle Scout Park Project: Sat, April 9, 10 am.** Casey Flynn's Eagle Scout project is the replacement of the deteriorating railroad ties that surround the park. After researching alternatives to replace them, Casey negotiated free poles from KC Power & Light which they cut to our desired height. The Flynn family picked up all the cut poles; however, volunteers are needed to help with replacing the poles on the south side of the park. Casey's scout project approved replacement of poles by the parking lot. Please help Casey, the Scouts, and Board Members to accomplish this task that will be done at minimal cost with the help of other volunteers. Assistance is appreciated.

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.

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. HA/LH Homes Association Website

Check the website, www.nni.org, for meetings, events, and resources available for northland residents. The **Home Repair Program** application may be obtained from NNI for low to moderate income persons. The **HA/LH Homes 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. The Pages & Links section will elaborate on details for such events plus include forms or other topics.

Meetings held at NNI include a variety of topics, including Meet Your Councilperson. **Dan Fowler**, our 2nd district councilman and administrative assistant, Amy Justis, attended our annual meeting. Councilman Fowler explained the importance of renewing the ETax used mainly for public safety officers and addressed concerns relating to PIAC funds and 311 calls. Several residents complained about damage left in roadways or yards as a result of installation of Google fiber. His office is in contact with a representative from Google and they need input from residents whose property or street has been negatively affected by the installation. They provided several websites to answer questions about the topics discussed:

To subscribe to newsletters from Councilman Fowler:

www.kcmo.gov/subscribe

Councilman Fowler: dan.fowler@kcmo.org

To report Google damage: amy.justis@kcmo.org

E Tax information: www.kcmo.gov/tax/etax

PIAC information: www.kcmo.gov/citymanagersoffice/piac

Projects in the Area

Anne Garney Park This city park has a boundary behind residents on 112th Terrace. Entry to the paved trail around the perimeter of the park is at 111th & N Harrison or from the parking lot off of N Woodland. Residents are reminded that no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail, so report that violation through 911 as a safety concern. Any information on description, pattern of violation, or license identification would be helpful to report. A playground designed for elementary age children has been completed. The approved plan for the Anne Garney Park is on www.kcparks.org; however, no additional PIAC money is currently available to proceed with other plans.

PIAC Storm Water Improvement Robert Davis, Storm Water Engineering Section Head, KCMO Water Services, explained the progress on the PIAC project to alleviate some flooding in areas of our neighborhood. Since 2005, HA/LH has requested PIAC funding for a project to curtail the water flow during heavy rains. The option the city could afford with allotted PIAC funds included the purchase and demolition of one house at 807 NE Cookingham, purchase of two lots (914 NE114 Terr & 915 NE 115 St) and proposed installation of a detention pond on those lots to slow any water flow. The city will be acquiring easements necessary from nearby residents, then create a basin that will hold 7.9 inches of rain within a 24 hour period. The basin will be four feet deep and will overflow at 5 feet. The bank on the NE corner will be over nine feet for land contour but water will not be that deep. A map of the proposed plan and updates received on this project will periodically be available on the HA/LH website.

Vital Records

Vital records, such as birth certificates from 1920-present and statewide death certificates from 1960-present are now available at the Health Department's Northland Satellite office at 4420 NE Chouteau Trafficway, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Fees range from \$10-\$15.

Animal Control

Pursuant to Chapter 14 of KCMO Ordinances and Codes, www.kcmo.gov/neighborhoods/animals, all dogs and cats must be licensed each year. Pets should wear a collar with the up to date license tag any time they are outside the owner's fenced property. Licenses may be purchased at city offices or through your veterinarian. Vaccinations must be up to date and will be indicated on the license tag. Code section 14-52 lists all pet license fees, including dangerous dogs. Fees are \$10 a year or \$27 for three years. All dogs are to be on a leash when outside the owner's property. Code 14-19 also states that owner's are responsible for proper disposal of manure, especially on public or other's private property. Pooper scoopers and bags are essential when walking your dog anywhere in the neighborhood, our park, or Anne Garney Park. Chapter 14 code also includes public nuisance violations of safety and noise levels of constant barking dogs. Take care of your pets and be considerate of your neighbors and their property.

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.

Business Card Ad	\$20.00
One Quarter Page Ad	\$40.00
Half Page Ad	\$70.00
Full Page Ad	\$120.00

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816-734-5106



Helpful Phone Numbers

KCPD Emergency 911
KCPD Non-Emergency 816-234-5111
KCPD main line & operator 816-234-5000
Shoal Creek Patrol Division 24 Hour Front Desk 816-413-3400
Drug Activity 816-474-3784 or 474-DRUG
Illegal activity on rental property SCPD Crime Free Multi
Housing Officers at 413-3429 or 413-3471
Traffic problem (speeding, stop sign violations, etc.) KCPD
Traffic Complaint Squad 816-329-0911
Housing CODES violations, animal violations or abandoned
vehicles 311 Action Center 816-513-1313
Domestic Violence Hotline 816-468-5463 or 816-HOT-LINE
Clay County Protection Orders (ex-parte and full orders)
816-407-3800
Kansas City, MO Tow Lot 816-513-0670

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