HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Fall, 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Meet your neighbors, share a meal, and get updates on the projects and expenditures of the HA/LH Homes Association. The Association will provide fried chicken, plates, utensils, and soft drinks. Each family should bring a side dish large enough to share with others for a pot luck style dinner. A general meeting will start at 2 pm with dinner immediately following any discussions.

Fall Picnic/General Meeting
October 9, 2010
2-5 p.m.
HA/LH Neighborhood Park

Park Improvements

The driveway to the parking lot at the park has been repaved, making a much safer entrance to the park. Repair to the parking lot area will be done in the future based upon cost. Benches, basketball goals, and other improvements are planned. Anyone using the park later this fall after mowing is no longer needed is asked to remove any trash generated.

City News

<u>City Codes</u>: The Board continues to work with Kansas City regarding ordinances for upkeep of property and regulations. Any violations of city codes can be reported to the Association for notification to the resident and to the Action Center. Board members are responsible for certain areas to check for code violations.

Rental Registration: This Board has tried to ascertain if properties are rented. The HA/LH Bylaws indicate that property should not be rented, therefore, the Board is trying to discourage future rentals and is working with the City to make sure that any existing rentals are registered annually with the City. The Board also works with the KCPD to maintain a safe environment, as landlords may be responsible for the tenants. Residents are encouraged to call the Association number if a rental property is nearby to assure that it is on the rental list.

<u>Vacant and Foreclosed Property</u>: These properties have not been a significant problem in our neighborhood, but the Board wants to remain

vigilant to help report any of these properties to the City. Annual registration of these properties is part of the Registration and Inspection Program, ordinance #081277, requiring all vacant properties to be registered within 90 days of becoming vacant. Fines are assessed for noncompliance.

<u>Trash Collection</u>: Curbside recycling, paper bins at local schools, and the recycle center at Metro North have eliminated most trash that ends up in bags; however, residents with more than two bags will now have to pay \$2 per excess bag. Bulk item pickups are still on an appointment basis with a call to the Action Center, 513-1313.

<u>Earnings Tax:</u> All residents are encouraged to investigate the pros and cons of the Statewide Ballot Initiative to Repeal the Earnings Tax. This vote may have a significant impact on Kansas City residents.

Free Zoo Admission: As a Kansas City resident, visit the Kansas City Zoo for free in October and November. A photo ID and proof of residency (a utility or other bill) is required for admittance.

Web News

Visit the Northland Neighborhoods website, www.nni.org, for information on community garage sales, community meetings or seminars, and the link for an upcoming HA/LH website.

Advertising

Ads may be provided 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	\$15.00
One Quarter Page Ad	\$30.00
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Important Information for HA/LH Residents

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