

# HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## Summer, 2011 NEWSLETTER

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### **Neighborhood Updates**

**Financial Status:** Collection of dues and advertising costs from previous newsletters has resulted in a total of \$25,267.93 to date. This is a result of first notices that were sent out in April and collection of unpaid dues where liens were placed on properties. Current expenditures amount to \$20,047.10, including the payment of the balance for mosquito spraying. That expense is a large investment to make the neighborhood safe and enjoyable for outdoor activity. Second notices for unpaid dues include a late penalty fee and are due upon receipt. Please pay your annual dues on time to avoid this added expense to both yourself and the Homes Association.

**Traffic:** The city has installed some new street signs throughout the neighborhood reminding drivers of Children Walking in the Roadway and Yield signs for traffic flow. Residents are reminded of the 25 mph speed limit on all our neighborhood streets. With school back in session, drivers should be more alert to watch for children walking on streets and crosswalks and exiting from the school bus.

**City Codes:** Board members and our secretary have been diligent in reporting any code violations to the city. If residents see violations of the city codes, they are encouraged to call the Homes Association number, 734-5546, to report them. Rental property is discouraged within our neighborhood and if such property is located, call the Homes Association number to report it. The Board works with the city to make sure all rental property is registered with the city.

**Homes Association phone:** Calls should be made between 9 am and 8 pm Monday-Friday. The phone is in the residence of our part time secretary and consideration should be given for her family. Any messages left on the answering machine should be brief. Attempts to return calls are usually made within 48 hours; however, if the resident does not have an answering machine or if the return call(s) are not able to be completed (line busy, etc.); residents should call back if the need is still present.

**Website:** Residents are reminded to check the Homes Association website linked from Northland Neighborhoods. To view the site go to [www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org) and click on the neighborhoods tab, then click on member organizations, scroll down to find the link and click on HA/LH Homes Association. The website will be the source of information on events that occur between newsletter publications. Pertinent information obtained periodically from the city or NNI will also be posted. Newsletters, financial reports, and other documents pertaining to the Association can be found on this website. Residents are encouraged to check each of the tabs, especially the pages and links, and to browse the NNI website for additional resources, monthly meetings, and garage sales.

**Park:** Improvements and cleanup have been completed at the park thanks to the hard work of the park committee and chairman, Bobby Verhulst. Since the park is owned by the Homes Association, cost of maintaining it comes from the dues collected. Upgrades to equipment, tables, and benches can be made when funds are available. Residents using the park are reminded to use proper trash cans and take care of the equipment provided. Neighbors should also be vigilant in watching for suspicious activity and report any violations to the KCMO Police Department, call 911, or to the Homes Association. Board members work with the KCMO Police Dept and our community liaison officer, Markus Smith, to investigate any suspicious activity.

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## Upcoming Events

Meet your neighbors, share a meal, and watch the kids participate in a variety of children's activities at the annual neighborhood picnic at the park. The neighborhood park is located between Charlotte and Tracy, 113 St and 112<sup>th</sup> Terr. The Association will provide fried chicken, plates, utensils, and soft drinks. Each family should bring chairs and side dishes large enough to share with others for a pot luck style dinner. The picnic committee, with Becky Freeman in charge, is working hard to plan a successful event.

### Fall Picnic

Saturday, September 10, 2011

3-6 p.m.

HA/LH Neighborhood Park

Residents at the last annual meeting expressed a desire for a fall garage sale advertised by the Association. Advertising for the neighborhood sale will be

on several online sites including: Craig's List, [www.fox4kc.com/garagesales](http://www.fox4kc.com/garagesales) and the Northland Neighborhoods website, [www.nni.org](http://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.

### Fall Garage Sale

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:00 a.m.

**New Kansas City Park:** Construction has started on the development of Fairfield Park on the north side of Cookingham Dr just west of Charlotte next to the Fairfield subdivision. The park will have a paved trail at the front, picnic table, benches, and a grass trail that extends deep into the woods heading north. This new city park should be completed by late August.

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