

HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Spring, 2011 NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting Update

The annual meeting was held Thursday, March 10 at Nashua Elementary School. Residents in attendance approved expenses and minutes from 2010. Crime stats and E-tax information were presented by police liaisons. Expanded information on other topics discussed is included in this newsletter.

Payment of your homes association dues should reach the HA/LH PO Box 28294 by May 15 to avoid penalty. Liens may be placed on properties for non-payment of dues. The dues for 2011 are \$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. Attempts to return calls are 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.

HA/LH Homes Association Website

In addition to these newsletters, a free website through Northland Neighborhoods has been created to communicate with residents. There is also a discussion area that can be used; therefore, the facebook account will be removed. To view the site go to 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.

Spring Garage Sale Saturday 8:00 a.m. June 11, 2011

Advertising for the neighborhood sale will be on several online sites including: Craig's List, www.fox4kc.com/garagesales 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.

Treasurer's Report for 2010

Income

Dues	\$28,431.24
Advertising	15.00
Interest/misc deposits	<u>107.97</u>
Total Income	\$28,554.21

Expenses

Utilities (electric, phone, water)	\$1,962.78
Insurance	265.00
Mowing/Park Maintenance	3,180.00
Park Driveway/Signs	7,160.10
Mosquito Control	10,937.00
Administrative Expenses/Liens	1,650.50
Secretary	5,120.00
Newsletters	1,193.11
Neighborhood Picnic	<u>542.12</u>
Total Expenses	\$32,010.61

2011 Officers & Board Members

President: Steve Espeer

Vice President: Bobby Verhulst

Secretary: Nancy Flynn

Treasurer: Linda Espeer

Other Board Members: Dara Adams, Theresa Bird, Pat Flynn, Roger Hutchcraft, Tracy Keeney, Lori Kindle, Kathryn Pieper, Jessica Ratzloff, Ron Tilsworth, Fritz Waske, and Tina Windsor

HA/LH Board Committees

Welcome: Tina, Kathryn, Lori, and Jessica

Park: Fritz, Bobby, Roger, Steve, Ron, Theresa, and Pat

Newsletter, Website, Information: Steve, Linda and Dara

Entertainment: Tracy and Tina (Becki Freeman)

Safety: Steve, Ron, and Tracy

Codes: All Board Members will check their area

Mark your Calendars

(articles follow to explain)

Saturday, May 21, 8 am-noon.....A.B.O.P.T

Friday, May 27.....Mosquito Spray Begins

Saturday, June 11.....Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, September 10.....Fall Picnic

Neighborhood Signs/Park

New signs have been mounted at the boundaries for HA/LH Homes Association. Temporary signs will be used at the boundaries to notify residents of events, such as the garage sale and general meeting. Signs have also been posted at our neighborhood park indicating ownership and rules. Park hours are now posted. **This is a private park owned and maintained by the Homes Association.** We ask residents to help take care of the park by observing the hours and by throwing trash in the proper receptacles. The playground at the HA/LH Homes Association park (located between 112 Terr & 113 St, east of Charlotte & west of Tracy) has the slides, sling swings, a tire swing, and a trapeze bar plus toddler and infant swings. Basketball nets have been replaced but any repairs needed for playground equipment, basketball court, tables and benches, or grills should be reported to the Homes Association (734-5546). Replacements are based upon availability of funds from dues collection. Suspicious behavior should be reported to the KCMO Police Department (call 911).

Neighborhood Safety

Speed Limit 25 mph

With the warm weather, more residents are walking, riding bikes, jogging, and children are out in the street. All drivers should maintain proper speeds on our streets. Areas experiencing speeding vehicles reported to the Homes Association will be referred to the police department for radar control.

There was concern expressed at the general meeting regarding the number of four-wheelers on the streets and in the park. Vehicles not licensed for street use are illegal and should not be used on our neighborhood streets or on park property.

KCPD Community Liaison Officer



Officer Markus Smith is the liaison between the community and police from the Shoal Creek Patrol Division.

It is important for residents to be aware of surroundings and report suspicious activity when noted. Call 911 for emergencies or contact Officer Smith for other police related questions. His phone number and email are provided above. To check specific crime incidents or crime patterns in the area, go to www.crimereports.com. Stay alert!

Spring Cleanup

At the annual meeting a suggestion was made to rent a dumpster for residents to dispose of trash that didn't qualify for bulk item pickup. After investigating the cost and discussing the logistics of supervision, eligibility of residents (paid up dues), and proper disposal of anything that might not fit in one dumpster, the Board voted that renting a dumpster for the neighborhood was

not cost effective or feasible. Many options sponsored by the city or NNI are available for residents to take care of various forms of trash. The NNI and KCMO websites are good resources to check for other options, but some will be listed here.

Leaves and Brush

As posted on our website, the Curbside Leaf and Brush pickup was April 18. If you missed that curbside pickup, the information regarding the drop off locations is on our website and as follows:

Leaves and Brush Drop-Off Sites are open on Saturdays from 8 am to 6 pm. Two sites are provided for the convenience of city residents:

1. 1815 N Chouteau Trafficway—just south of the Missouri River
2. Raytown Road Site—just south of I-470 on the east side of Raytown Road

Sites are attended, and are currently free for KC residents. Rules include:

- Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or water bill is required)
- Only leaves, yard waste and brush are accepted (no grass clippings)
- Leaves should be in paper yard-waste bags sealed with masking tape only.

A.B.O.P.T Saturday, May 21 8 am - noon

A.B.O.P.T, NNI's annual collection of antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint, and tires, and other pesky stuff, will happen on Saturday, May 21, from 8 a.m. until noon at 701 NW Barry Road (across Barry Road behind Best Buy and Children's Mercy Hospital). Last year's event drew more than 600 area residents who disposed of that hard-to-get-rid-of stuff in a safe, responsible way. The NNI staff is planning and coordinating the massive collection along with environmental specialists from the City of Kansas City, Missouri. They will be assisted by Kansas City Police officers and volunteers. Volunteers are much needed, so please call Janet Shaffer at 454-2000 if you can help.

Residents unable to utilize the May 21 A.B.O.P.T drop off may also make an appointment for the HHW program:

Kansas City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program accepts, manages, recycles or safely disposes of excess or unwanted household chemicals from residents.

The HHW facility is located at the Environmental Campus, 4707 Deramus Ave. 816-513-8400

- **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off**
The facility is open for drop-off of **household hazardous waste** from 9 am to 4 pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays by appointment only.
- **SwapShop**
The facility also houses a "**swap shop**" where residents can pick up reusable household chemicals that others have brought in. Hours are 9 am to 4 pm.

Bulk Item Collection

Residents of Kansas City, Mo., now have the option of using the City's no-charge Bulky Item Collection Appointment System, or for a fee, can access additional bulky collection options that provide greater flexibility. **FEE BASED BULKY SERVICES**(from Town and Country Disposal)

The City has negotiated reasonable rates for residents to use **Bulky Express**, a new service that provides residents greater flexibility for bulky collection. In addition to **Bulky Express**, residents can also make arrangements for the rental of dumpster-like boxes for the disposal of material from home do-it-yourself projects. To utilize these services or to learn more, contact Town and Country Disposal by calling 816-380-5595 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit **Bulky Express online**.

NO-CHARGE BULKY APPOINTMENTS (from the City's Solid Waste Division)The City's no-charge appointment-based Bulky Item Collection Program is for disposal of large household items that cannot be handled in the regular weekly trash collection. More information is available at www.kcmo.org

- Make an appointment online using the **Online Bulky Scheduler** at www.kcmo.org
- By phone: Call 311 or (816) 513-1313 to schedule an appointment
- Appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance
- Collections will not be made without an appointment
- Items must meet guidelines for large item collection

RecycleFIRST

Be sure to secure items put at the curb to withstand windy conditions. Recycling is also available at Metro North Community Recycling Center at the location north of the Macy's Store, in the northwest corner of Metro North's parking lot. Bins for disposing of glass bottles are located in the Sunfresh parking lot and the

Recycle Center. **Hours of operation are: Wed-Sat 9:00 AM to 5 PM.**

Area schools are still collecting magazines, newspapers, paperboard, and other items in bins in the school parking lots. The schools have different items collected, so be sure to dispose of proper items in the appropriate locations.

Frequently asked questions about recycling are answered on the KC website, www.kcmo.org

Mosquito Spraying

Why we need mosquito control programs?

Without control programs the mosquito population would flourish and cause potential health and comfort problems. From a health standpoint, mosquitoes are known carriers of encephalitis, malaria, and the yellow fever and dengue viruses. Mosquito-borne diseases cause more than one million deaths each year around the world. Mosquito bites can also infect a pet with the deadly canine heartworm.

To allow residents to enjoy the outdoors, your Homes Association will purchase neighborhood mosquito spraying provided by Hasty Mosquito Control again this year. Spraying of Permanone (EPA Reg #432-1182) will begin **May 27** and continue for 20 applications to be made 6 to 10 days apart, depending upon the rain and wind factors. Applications will extend until approximately **October 7. Spraying is usually done late on a Friday night with yellow lights flashing on the truck indicating the application. DO NOT go outside to watch during the spraying as Hasty will discontinue the application in that area where residents are outside.**

The spray will eliminate the majority of the mosquito problems; however, it is the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain their property and to purchase additional supplies to avoid attraction of the pests. Check at your local garden center or Hasty Mosquito Control.

- Dispose of 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.
- Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens.
- Maintain swimming pools and drain pools that are not being used.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water on your property.
- Change the water in your bird baths at least twice a week.
- Cover boats and wheelbarrows or store them upside down.

Fall Picnic

A fall picnic on September 10 is being planned. The Association will provide fried chicken, soda and water, and place settings. Residents are asked to bring side dishes to share. A few picnic tables are available but residents are advised to bring additional chairs. Details will be on the HA/LH website and later newsletter.

Animal Control

With the children outdoors more, it also reminds us to keep our pets in a fenced yard or on a leash. Be sure all licenses and shots are up to date for your pets. Kansas City Missouri law requires all dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4 months old kept within the city limits to be licensed annually. Furthermore, licenses are to be worn by the animal when outside the residence. City officials do periodic checks of animals in the neighborhood to check for proper licensing.

The license fee is \$10 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$33 for animals that have not been altered.

There are three ways to license your pet: City's Animal Shelter at 4400 Raytown Rd, your veterinarian, or Pet Data on the www.kcmo.org website.

City Ordinances/Codes

Our neighborhood experiences less new construction, therefore, the problems are more of home use and maintenance. 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.** 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 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.

For information regarding city services, the city website, www.kcmo.org is extensive and will answer many questions. The HALH Board continues to work closely with city officials to maintain the neighborhood according to city codes and ordinances. When complaints are

made to the Homes Association, efforts are made to contact the home owner to eliminate the problem prior to reporting it to the city.

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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
Half Page Ad \$50.00
Full Page Ad \$100.00



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Meet our Shelter team:

Linda Bender, Office Manager - Licensed 11 years
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