

# HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## Spring, 2012 NEWSLETTER

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### *General Meeting Update*

The annual meeting was held Thursday, March 15 at the KC Police Department Shoal Creek Station. This location was selected because it is free to residents within that patrol area. Various items discussed at the meeting appear in this newsletter, including a recap of the 2011 financial report, safety tips, park improvements, and upcoming events.

**Payment of your homes association dues should have reached the HA/LH PO Box 28294 by March 31 to avoid penalty.** The dues for 2012 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. 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.**

**It is important that all residents pay their dues to maintain the Homes Association financial stability to continue to provide the above mentioned services.**

### **2012 Officers & Board Members**

President: Steve Espeer

Vice President: Bobby Verhulst

Secretary: Nancy Flynn

Treasurer: Linda Espeer

Other Board Members: Pat Flynn, Becky Freeman, Roger Hutchcraft, Tracy Keeney, Lori Kindle, Kathryn Pieper, Ron Tilsworth, Fritz Waske, Heather Waske, and Tina Windsor

### **Mark your Calendars**

(articles follow to explain)

Saturday, May 19.....Spring Garage Sale  
Friday, May 25.....Mosquito Spray Begins  
Saturday, September 8.....Fall Picnic

### **Treasurer's Report for 2011**

#### Income

Dues	\$29,748.42
Advertising	95.00
Interest/misc deposits	13.54
Total Income	<u>\$29,856.96</u>

#### Expenses

Utilities (electric,phone,water)	\$1,959.97
Insurance	267.20
Mowing/Park Maintenance/Trees	7,300.10
Mosquito Control	10,937.00
Administrative Expenses/Liens	1,407.27
Secretary	5,400.00
Newsletters	1,180.66
Neighborhood Picnic	<u>669.65</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$29,121.85</u>

Current Savings Balance \$25,911.12

The Financial Report was approved at the Annual Meeting and a discussion followed regarding the major expenditure to resurface the basketball court and parking lot at the neighborhood park. Board members are acquiring bids for the basketball court as it presents more a safety issue than the parking lot. With current income and reserves it was determined that the parking lot would have to be resurfaced another year. Residents were reminded that the park is a private neighborhood park owned by the Association and it is the Association dues that pay for it. Remember, board members volunteer their time and efforts to take care of many tasks that are not paid to subcontractors. A special thanks to Bobby Verhulst for all his work at the park and to Becky Freeman for the fun fall picnic.

# Spring Garage Sale

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

May 19, 2012

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

## 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. Applications are generally done on Friday evenings between 11:30 and midnight. 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 or other lawn and garden stores to further protect your property.

**Trash Disposal:** To assist residents in properly disposing of certain items, the city has locations for disposal of yard waste and hazardous materials. In previous years, the A.B.O.P.T. program was setup. At publication of this newsletter a date had not been set but check on the

Northland Neighborhood website, [www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org), for this event in the future. Also check the city website, [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org), for other curbside pickups of trash plus leaf and brush drop-off sites and hazardous waste disposal information.

## 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. A discussion at the annual meeting included the possibility of speed bumps on 112 Terrace near the park. That option is being pursued with the city.

### **Animal Control/License Fees**

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.

Funds generated from license sales support improved care and treatment of animals at the shelter. New pet license changes went into effect January 22, 2012. The changes include:

- The one-year license fee is \$10 for all altered or unaltered pets
- The three-year license is \$27 for all pets
- Licensed lost or stray pets will get one free ride home per year without a ticket
- No shelter fees if the owner is home when the pet is returned; half fees if the owner cannot be located and the pet is reclaimed at the shelter
- Amnesty on \$25 late fees until May 1, 2012

### **Fall Picnic**

A fall picnic on Saturday, September 8, 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.

### **Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.**


Check the website, [www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org), for meetings, events, and resources available for residents. HA/LH Homes Association is a member of this organization, therefore, residents may participate in any of the events and use the HA/LH website available free from NNI.

## KCPD Community Liaison Officer

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**Markus Smith**  
 Community Interaction Officer



**Officer Markus Smith is the liaison between 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. To check specific crime incidents or crime patterns in the area, go to [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com). Stay alert!

Crime prevention was discussed at the annual meeting, including tips to avoid becoming a victim. Catalytic converters have become a popular item for thieves, so cars left outside should be parked in well lit areas. Always lock your vehicle left outside and do not leave a garage door opener 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.

### Energy Works, KC

EnergyWorks KC offers many ways to help combat rising electricity costs, from identifying which appliances you can upgrade for better energy efficiency, to sealing cracks and adding insulation. This new citywide program is available to Kansas City, Mo., residents and business owners until early 2013. The program is managed by the City of Kansas City, Mo., Office of Environmental Quality, and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Neighborhood Program, made available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Give energy efficiency experts a call at 816.531.SAVE or visit the website, [www.EnergyWorksKC.org](http://www.EnergyWorksKC.org), to learn more about how you can save money and save energy. Five easy home energy fixes are:

- Lower the temperature of your water heater to 120 degrees. If it was previously set at 140 degrees, you can save 14 percent of the energy used.
- Plug your TV, stereo, computer and gaming systems into a power strip that you can turn on and off. Avoid wasting power when you're not using the appliance.
- Swap conventional light bulbs with compact fluorescents. These use up to 75 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and last up to six times longer.
- When you leave the house for long periods of time or go to sleep, set the thermostat a few degrees cooler if it's winter, hotter if it's summer. Better yet, install a programmable thermostat.
- Move furniture and curtains away from vents. Maintaining airflow improves your heating and cooling systems

## City Ordinances/Codes

The Homes Association residents need to comply with the City of Kansas City Nuisance Codes and Property Maintenance ([www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org)). **Members of the board will do periodic checks throughout the neighborhood to insure these codes are followed to maintain property values in our area.** Any complaints may be directed to 513-1313 or the Homes Association. 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.

### Message from MoDot

Plans by Missouri Dept of Transportation will affect users of Route 169 north of the Wheeler Downtown Airport. MoDot plans major repairs on Route 169 along the Missouri River beginning in mid July through the remainder of the year. A long-term solution requires extensive construction. Since an active railroad yard is only a few feet away, there is no room off MoDot's right of way to stage construction equipment. Highway closure is the only feasible method of making repairs.

The work is expected to take up to five months, which will require closure of both the southbound lanes and northbound lanes of Route 169. Motorists will continue to have access to the Wheeler Downtown Airport from downtown via the Broadway Bridge and from Harlem Road to the east. Detours will be to Heart of America, Fairfax and Bond bridges.

Additional information is available at the MoDot webpage, [http://www.modot.org/kansascity/major\\_projects/Route%20169/Route\\_169\\_Wall\\_Replacement.html](http://www.modot.org/kansascity/major_projects/Route%20169/Route_169_Wall_Replacement.html)

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**AUTO • HOME • LIFE**

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 .....	\$15.00
One Quarter Page Ad .....	\$30.00
Half Page Ad .....	\$50.00
Full Page Ad .....	\$100.00

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**Highland Acres/Lakeside Heights Homes Association**

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**Attention Home Owners: If the name on this mailing is incorrect for the address, please call the Homes Association number and provide the correct information.**

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