

HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Neighborhood Updates

Financial Status: The collection of dues and advertising costs from previous newsletters has resulted in a total of \$26,974.94 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. Second notices for unpaid dues include a late penalty fee and are due upon receipt. Liens are placed on homes for nonpayment so please pay your annual dues on time to avoid this added expense to both yourself and the Homes Association. Current expenditures amount to \$25,526.18, including the pavement of the basketball court at the park and the payment of the balance for mosquito spraying. The spraying expense is a large investment to make the neighborhood safe and enjoyable for outdoor activity. According to recent news reports, West Nile Virus is reaching epidemic proportions in some parts of the US; therefore, the Homes Association's proactive approach to spray is beneficial to all residents.

Traffic: 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. Cross country runners from Staley HS also use our streets for conditioning, so the Board continues to pursue the installation of a speed bump by the park on 112 Terrace.

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.

Safety: Neighbors should 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. Many thefts are a result of an unlocked vehicle or structure; thus providing easy access to the criminal seeking personal property. Residents are reminded to secure homes and vehicles and to avoid leaving outgoing mail (especially checks or documents with personal information) in the mailbox. Residents are also reminded to close garage doors when not in use because thieves have gained entry to the homes or stolen property within the garage with this easy access. Don't become a volunteer victim.

Anne Garney Park: Residents attending the annual meeting were informed by the Board of the plans by Kansas City for developing a park in the area adjoining Woodland and 112 Terrace as the boundary from our neighborhood. Other boundaries of the area are Shoal Creek Pkwy and Harrison. The Master Plan for this park was approved June 5, 2012, by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and may be viewed online at <http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/ParksandRecreation/ParksPlanningandDesignServices/index.htm> The HA/LH Board members will continue to communicate with city officials and Northland Neighborhoods to get updates on the project. Any updates received between newsletters will appear on the Homes Association website.

Upcoming Events

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 Craig's List 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.

Fall Garage Sale

Saturday, September 22, 2011

8:00 a.m.

Fall Picnic
Sunday, October 21, 2012
3-6 p.m.
HA/LH Neighborhood Park

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. All children attending the picnic should be accompanied by adults. Due to the extreme heat and dry conditions, the picnic has been scheduled for later in the fall so residents will enjoy cooler temperatures at the park. The neighborhood park is located between Charlotte and Tracy, 113 St and 112th 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 and fun event.

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