

# 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 \$27,232.93 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. 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 \$21,132.01, including operating expenses, replacement basketball goals, swings, and the balance for mosquito spraying. The spraying expense is a large investment to make the neighborhood safe and enjoyable for outdoor activity.

**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.

**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.

**Homes Association Website:** Residents are reminded to check the website for periodic updates of events and information received between newsletter publications. The free website is accessed through Northland Neighborhoods where other programs and informational meetings provided by that organization can also be located. Check the News and Events section for meetings such as Cop Talk, Meet Your Councilperson, or other topics. Go to [www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org), Neighborhoods, Member Organizations, and click on Highland Acres/Lakeside

Heights Homes Association for specific information regarding our neighborhood.

**Safety:** Neighbors should be vigilant in watching for suspicious activity and report any violations to the KCMO Police Department, call 911. If anyone witnesses vandalism of any kind, especially at the park, police should be notified. Vehicle description and license plus descriptions of suspects are needed. Board members work with the KCMO Police Dept and our community liaison officer, **Shelly Gaddis (Shelly.Gaddis@kcpd.org or 413-3440)**, 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. Medications with labels (no needles) should be disposed of properly at the drop box at Shoal Creek Patrol Div or North Patrol Div stations.

**City Codes Enforcement:** 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.

## Volunteers Needed

Because the neighborhood park is owned by the Association, maintenance is the responsibility of board members. Mowing, tree trimming, and concrete/asphalt work is done by contractors; however, much of the upkeep is done by board members. Several upcoming projects include painting the benches, removing the old railroad ties from the lots and replacing with treated timbers, and setting up the basketball courts. Help is also appreciated for the fall picnic. Anyone interested in helping with projects at the park or the picnic, please contact the Homes Association and get further details on how and when assistance is needed.

## Upcoming Events

Advertising for the neighborhood sale will be on Craig's List and 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 14, 2013

### 8:00 a.m.

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. 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 and fun event.

### Fall Picnic

### Sunday, September 22, 2013

### 3-6 p.m.

### HA/LH Neighborhood Park

### P.I.A.C. Funds

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee consists of 13 people, two from each council district and a chairperson, appointed by the mayor and City Council. The PIAC's primary function is to solicit resident input and

make recommendations regarding portions of the capital budget. Residents and board members have attended public meetings in the past to request funds. Several projects in our area were completed using these funds. Improvements along North Oak and Fairfield Park across Cookingham at Charlotte were both PIAC funded projects. Another project to begin this fall that is partially funded is the Cookingham Lakeside Drainage Project #300387. Although the complete project plan is not available on the city website as of this publication, board members were informed that the first phase beginning on Cookingham should begin this fall and additional PIAC funding is requested to complete the project from Cookingham to 114 Terr. Check the city website, [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org), for additional PIAC information.

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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.

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