

# HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION Summer/Fall, 2014 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 \$26,460.91 to date. This is a result of first notices that were sent out in March and collection of unpaid dues where liens were placed on properties. Second notices for unpaid dues including a late penalty fee have been sent out and are due upon receipt. Liens are placed on homes for nonpayment of dues so please pay your annual dues on time to avoid this added expense to both yourself and the Homes Association. Current expenditures amount to \$20,695.68, including full payment for 20 applications for mosquito spraying. Ongoing budgeted expenses amount to approximately 7,400 through March, 2015, but do not include necessary expenditures for such items as park improvements. The repair and painting of benches, basketball goals, playground and equipment will incur undetermined payments. Some of these expenses can be minimized by the proper use and care of items at the park. The neighborhood park is owned and maintained by dues paid by residents of our Association and board members who volunteer their time and effort. Everyone using the park needs to help keep our park clean and well maintained.

**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. Contact the Homes Association or individuals can report non-emergency traffic related concerns to the KCPD Traffic Enforcement Unit, 329-0911. Information regarding times and days of violations or specific license numbers is helpful for the officers to pursue the problem. With the completion of Shoal Creek Parkway from N. Woodland to North Oak, residents should exercise caution (and remind our teenage drivers) to maintain proper speed and prepare to stop at the intersections of Shoal Creek, N Harrison and N Oak. Several accidents have occurred at the N Oak intersection, so use caution on these roads.

**Crime Report:** 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. If anyone witnesses vandalism of any kind, especially at the park, police should be notified. Board members work with the KCMO Police Department and our community liaison officer, Shelly Gaddis (Shelly.Gaddis@kcpd.org or 413-3440), to investigate any suspicious activity. Many thefts have been reported recently as a result of an unlocked vehicle or structure; thus providing easy access to the criminal seeking personal property. Garage door openers should not be left in vehicles parked in the driveway. 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.

**Anne Garney Park:** Work has been done on this 100 acre park that borders 112 Terr from our neighborhood. Other boundaries of the area are Shoal Creek Pkwy and N.Harrison. The Master Plan may be viewed online at [www.kcparks.org/park/garney-anne-park](http://www.kcparks.org/park/garney-anne-park) and click view PDF file. Access to the park is from N Woodland, where a parking lot will be available. A walking/bike trail is estimated for completion by September 30, 2014. **MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED ON THE TRAIL AND WITHIN THE PARK AREA OTHER THAN THE PARKING LOT.** The purple paint present within the park boundaries indicates **No Trespassing** on this city property by such vehicles. The KCMO Police ATV Unit will patrol the area. The HA/LH Board members, Bobby Verhulst and Steve Espeer, and several residents from 112 Terr attended a meeting for input from residents regarding a playground to be completed by spring of 2015. \$200,000 in PIAC funds have been allocated for the playground surface and equipment. Funds are not yet available for the remainder of the plan as presented on the website. 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.

**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. A City Codes official, Brandon Cook, works with NNI for Code Violations and Complaints. 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.

**Social Media:** The KCMO Police Dept has informed board members of a website that neighbors can use to post classified ads, concerns, or other information pertinent to our area. It is not restricted to HA/LH per se; however, it includes the entire Nashua area of over a 1000 homes. The website, [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), requires residents (one per household) to sign up to view all the information. As with other social media, users must provide certain information and their use is tracked. As with Facebook and other websites, users should read the user policy and privacy policy and determine appropriate settings. Some residents may find this website helpful; however, it will not be used as the official Association contact.

## Upcoming Events

**Fall Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, October 4, 2014**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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 Picnic**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2014**  
**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. 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.

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