

# HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## Spring, 2015 NEWSLETTER

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### *General Meeting Update*

The annual meeting was held Thursday, March 5 at the KCPD Shoal Creek Station. Various topics discussed at the meeting appear in this newsletter, including the 2014 financial report (itemized report distributed at the meeting is available on the HA/LH website), safety/crime concerns, park improvements, projects in the area, and upcoming events.

**Payment of your homes association dues should reach the HA/LH PO Box 28294 by April 30 to avoid penalty.** The dues for 2015 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. **It is important that all residents pay their dues to maintain the Homes Association financial stability to continue to provide the above mentioned services.**

### **2015 Officers & Board Members**

President: Steve Espeer

Vice President: Bobby Verhulst

Secretary: Nancy Flynn

Treasurer: Linda Espeer

Other Board Members: Pat Flynn, Roger Hudgecraft, Russ Kielich, Martha Olivarez, Katherine Pieper, Ron Tilsworth, and Robyn Tuwei.

### **Mark your Calendars**

Monday, April 27.....Leaf & Brush Pickup

Saturday, May 2.....Spring Garage Sale

Wed, May 29.....Mosquito Spray Begins

### **Treasurer's Report for 2014**

Income	
Dues	\$27,741.50
Advertising	30.00
Interest/misc deposits	<u>5.16</u>
Total Income	\$27,789.44
Expenses	
Utilities (electric,phone,water)	\$1,910.51
Insurance	102.00
Mowing/Park Maintenance	4,360.00
Mosquito Control	10,937.00
Administrative Expenses/Liens	777.56
Secretary	5,650.00
Newsletters	1,166.08
Neighborhood Picnic	578.30
Storage Unit	<u>671.88</u>
Total Expenses	\$26,153.33
Current Savings Balance	\$25,932.08

### **Spring Garage Sale**

**Saturday**

**8:00 a.m.**

**May 2, 2015**

Advertising for the neighborhood sale will be on several online sites including Craig's List, Nextdoor Neighbor, 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.

### **City Ordinances/Codes**

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.** Contact the Homes Association if a violation of city codes needs to be reported. All codes are listed on [www.kcmo.gov](http://www.kcmo.gov)

## Mosquito Control

Your dues pay for mosquito control by Hasty Mosquito Control, Inc. 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. This process will help control the mosquito population, but every resident needs to eliminate areas on their property where mosquitoes breed.

- 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 (454-8115) or other lawn and garden stores to further protect your property.

## Leaf and Brush Disposal Site

Kansas City residents in Clay and Platte counties may dispose of leaves and brush (no grass clippings) at the site at 11660 N Main. KCMO contracted Missouri Organics to run the facility that is open Monday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm. Proof of residence and ID is required. Drop off is **free** on Saturday; however, a fee is charged during the week. Prices and more details regarding the site can be found on [www.kcmo.gov/publicworks](http://www.kcmo.gov/publicworks).

## Neighborhood Safety

### *Speed Limit 25 mph*

With the warm weather, more residents are walking, riding bikes, jogging, and children are out near the street. Residents walking dogs must have them on a leash according to City Ordinance. All drivers should maintain proper speeds on our streets Contact the Homes Association or individuals can report non-emergency traffic related concerns to the KCPD Traffic Enforcement Unit, 329-0911.

## KCPD Community Liaison Officer

Officer Rick Cartwright is the liaison between the community and police from the Shoal Creek Patrol Division. His contact information:

[Rick.Cartwright@kcpd.org](mailto:Rick.Cartwright@kcpd.org) and 413-3440

Officer Cartwright reported that our neighborhood has been free of crime, except for occasional thefts of items from unlocked vehicles and some property damage. **Reminders for crime prevention:** cars left outside should be parked in well lit areas. Always lock your vehicle left outside and do not leave a garage door opener or anything of value 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. Extra police patrol may be requested by calling 413-3400 to alert them you are on vacation. **It is important for residents to be aware of surroundings and report suspicious activity when noted. Call 911 for emergencies, call 234-5111 for non-emergency situations, or contact Officer Cartwright 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!**

## HA/LH Neighborhood Park

The HA/LH Homes Association owns the park located between 112 Terrace and 113 Street, east of N Charlotte. Dues are the only source of income to maintain our park, so residents are asked to help keep the park and facilities in good order. Picnic tables should be used for dining, not skateboarding. Plans are underway for replacing railroad ties around the playground and park border. Residents should report any repairs needed to playground equipment to the Association secretary. Board members volunteer their time and efforts to take care of many tasks, so residents interested in helping with park maintenance should call the homes association number to volunteer.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Reminder:** Fireworks are illegal within the city limits; however, many residents in the past have chosen to have their own fireworks displays. Please use caution and clean up your mess after the show whether using the parking lot at our park or city streets.

## Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.

### HA/LH Homes Association Website

Check the website, [www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org), for meetings, events, and resources available for northland residents. The **Home Repair Program** application may be obtained from NNI for low to moderate income persons. The **HA/LH Association free website** is accessed through the NNI website under the Member Organizations tab and will contain timely information periodically that cannot appear in a printed newsletter. The Pages & Links section will elaborate on details for such events.

### Projects in the Area

**Anne Garney Park** This city park has a west boundary behind some residents on 112th Terrace. The Park currently has a paved trail around the perimeter of the park. Drainage problems should be fixed in addition to seeding and straw completed by mid May. An entry road off of N Woodland and parking lot should be completed by May 25 (weather permitting). Grading for the playground is to begin mid summer and some playground equipment will be installed. The approved plan for the Anne Garney Park is on [www.kcparks.org](http://www.kcparks.org). An additional \$250,000 is needed from PIAC funds to complete the entire playground area. PIAC information and requests are located at [www.kcmo.gov/piac](http://www.kcmo.gov/piac) website.

### Vital Records

Vital records, such as birth certificates from 1920-present and statewide death certificates from 1960-present are now available at the Health Department's Northland Satellite office at 4420 NE Chouteau Trafficway, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Fees range from \$10-\$15.

### Advertising

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.....	\$40.00
Half Page Ad.....	\$70.00
Full Page Ad.....	\$120.00

## Flynn and Son Mowing

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816-734-5106



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KCPD Emergency 911

KCPD Non-Emergency 816-234-5111

KCPD main line & operator 816-234-5000

Shoal Creek Patrol Division 24 Hour Front Desk 816-413-3400

Drug Activity 816-474-3784 or 474-DRUG (you can remain anonymous if you request)

Illegal activity on rental property SCPD Crime Free Multi Housing Officers at 413-3429 or 413-3471

Traffic problem (speeding, stop sign violations, etc.) KCPD Traffic Complaint Squad 816-329-0911

Housing CODES violations, animal violations or abandoned vehicles 311 Action Center 816-513-1313

Domestic Violence Hotline 816-468-5463 or 816-HOT-LINE

Clay County Protection Orders (ex-parte and full orders) 816-407-3800

Kansas City, MO Tow Lot 816-513-0670

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