

HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS
HOMES ASSOCIATION
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NEWSLETTER

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Annual Meeting Update

The annual meeting was held Thursday, March 9 at the KCPD Shoal Creek Station. Several special guests presented information, including Robert Davis, Water Dept. (PIAC project), 2nd district Councilman Dan Fowler (General Obligation Bond Issue), Amy Justis (Helpful Links) and Richard Allen (Ann Garney Park). Topics discussed at the meeting appear in this newsletter

Payment of your homes association dues should reach the HA/LH PO Box 28294 by April 30 to avoid penalty. The dues for 2017 remain at \$45 and include the following services:

- ✓ Park mowing, playground, parking lot
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ 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 with specific question and contact number.

2017 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, Larry Klug, Martha Olivarez, Ron Tilsworth, Robyn Tuwei, and Angela Zinicola.

Mark your Calendars

Saturday, May 13.....Spring Garage Sale
Friday, May 26.....Mosquito Spray Begins

Treasurer's Report for 2016

The full report distributed at the meeting is available on the homes association website.

Income:

Dues	\$31,284.69
Advertising	20.00
Misc deposits(return check fee)	<u>\$(12.00)</u>
Total Income	\$31,292.69

Expenses

Utilities (electric,phone,water)	\$1,991.19
Insurance	100.00
Mowing/Park Maintenance	4,683.00
Mosquito Control	11,757.00
Administrative Expenses/Liens	864.33
Secretary	5,700.00
Newsletters	461.03
Storage Unit	<u>863.88</u>
Total Expenses	\$26,420.43
Current Savings Balance	\$25,942.93

Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, May 13, 2017

8:00 a.m.

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. 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.

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.

HA/LH Homes Association Website

Check the website, 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. An application information session will be May 26, 6 pm at NNI, 4420 NE Chouteau Trfwy, KCMO. The **HA/LH Homes 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 plus include forms or other topics.

Neighborhood Preservation Meeting

2nd Monday Each Month at NNI

HA/LH Officers represent the homes association at meetings held at Northland Neighborhoods (NNI). Residents who have specific concerns have accompanied the officers to better explain the problem. Amy Justis representing Councilman Fowler is usually in attendance and has assisted in solutions. The HA/LH officers are working with the codes officer from KC responsible for our neighborhood to address concerns of residents. The 311 system seems to be working well with fines imposed for violations or court appearances required on second offenses. NNI will also assist neighborhoods for chronic problem areas where cases are opened and closed for the same offense.

Projects in the Area

Anne Garney Park This city park has a boundary behind residents on 112th Terrace. Entry to the paved trail around the perimeter of the park is at 111th & N Harrison or from the parking lot off of N Woodland.

Respect home owners on 112th Terrace and do not trespass through their property to access the trail.

Residents are reminded that no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail, so report that violation through 911 as a safety concern. A playground designed for elementary age children has been completed and plans for a playground for preschoolers and water source into the park are the next priority when additional funding is available. Richard Allen from Parks Department informed residents that grant money has been received to complete N Woodland as a Parkway from 96th to Ann Garney Park.

Storm Water Improvement Robert Davis, Storm Water Engineering Section Head, KCMO Water Services, explained the progress on the PIAC project to alleviate some flooding in areas of our neighborhood. Since 2005, HA/LH has requested PIAC funding for a project to curtail the water flow during heavy rains. Additional PIAC funds allocated by the end of June will allow work to continue on the project late summer or early fall. This will include the detention pond on 114th St and drainage areas where easements have been obtained.

Councilman Fowler News

Councilman Dan Fowler explained the Bond Issue and Amy Justis presented information for contacts with the city and councilman. Quarterly *Donuts with Dan* at the 64th St Hyvee features guests on topics of interest to Northlanders, for example, Development of Metro North. Information may found through some of the following sites.

City of Kansas City, Missouri Website: <http://kcmo.gov/>

- Current events in the City of Kansas City, MO (i.e. GO Bond info, trash delays, etc.), learn about your City Officials, City Departments, City Ordinances, etc.
- Subscribe to KCMO Newsletters - <http://kcmo.gov/subscribe/>
 - o Here you can select the newsletters you would like to receive via email from the City of Kansas City, MO. Select the 2nd District News). Through this newsletter email, you will receive our newsletters and any other news we would sent out via email.
 - o Please enter your email address, first and last name and select the news you would like to start receiving emails for – then hit the “sign up” button at the end of those selections.

Facebook Page for Councilman Dan Fowler:

- <https://www.facebook.com/DanFowlerKCCouncilman/>
 - o Here you can also see updates, events, etc. for Councilman Fowler and the 2nd District
 - o Just hit “like” and you will see these updates in your newsfeed accordingly if you have Facebook.

Mosquito Control

HA/LH Homes Association dues pay for mosquito control by Hasty Mosquito Control, Inc. This is one of the major expenses each year because without mosquito control programs, the mosquito population would flourish and cause potential health problems. Mosquitoes are known carriers of Zika Virus, West Niles, encephalitis, malaria, and the yellow fever and dengue viruses.

Hasty Mosquito Control is licensed and insured, locally owned and has operated in the Greater Kansas City area since 1980.

Using an ULV (Ultra Low Volume) application method, which mixes chemical with outside air to create an aerosol mist, they can effectively treat up to an entire acre of property with as little as 2.6 ounces of Permethrin, an insecticide that is preferred by environmentalists.

These treatment techniques are safe for the environment and leave no meaningful accumulation in the soil, water or air.

The application is done by a truck with a flashing yellow light 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. **Starting May 26, applications will be done on Thursday or Friday nights after 11 pm. 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.

- Dispose of tires, tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other water-holders on your property. Drill holes in recycling containers.
- Keep roof gutters clean and make sure they drain properly.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use or empty twice a week. Maintain swimming pools and drain pools that are not being used.
- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water on your property and change water in bird baths at least twice a week. Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens.
- 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 (454-8115) or other lawn and garden stores to further protect your property.

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.

“See Something, Say Something”

This advice is from KCMO Police, Shoal Creek Station. In addition to suggestions to prevent crime, officers referred to an increased number of panhandlers in the northland. Residents are advised to avoid contact or giving money directly to these individuals; rather donate to an organization whose purpose is to help the homeless. Violent crimes are rare, but property crimes have occurred in our area. Suggestions to protect your property are listed below.

Your House and Neighborhood

- ☐ Lock the doors in your house and set the alarm if you have one.
- ☐ Outdoor lighting is a great deterrent. Criminals don't like being seen.
- ☐ Report streetlights that are out to 311 for repair.
- ☐ Ensure your garage door is shut and locked when you are home and when you leave.
- ☐ Check on your neighbors. Let them know if their garage door or house doors are open.
- ☐ Get to know your neighbors.
- ☐ Call 911 if you see people or vehicles in your neighborhood that are not familiar to you.
 - o Be sure to contact the officer if you call 911. Your information may be a key lead to a crime in your neighborhood.
 - o Be willing to testify as a witness in any criminal case.
- ☐ Mark and photograph items in your house so that it can be identified as yours in the event it is stolen. Copy the make, model and serial numbers for motorized equipment and electronic equipment and keep that information available if needed.
- ☐ The Shoal Creek Patrol Division provides security surveys and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys at no cost to home owners and multi-family residences.
- ☐ The Shoal Creek Patrol Division provides a house watch program if you will be out of the city. Notifying your trusted neighbors of your plans is also prudent.

Your Vehicles

- ☐ Do not leave valuables in your car in plain view. If it can be seen through the window, it can be taken. If you have to leave something in your car, lock it in the trunk, out of sight.
- ☐ Use caution when keeping loose change in a cup or ash tray. It may be loose change to you, but to a criminal or a drug user, it is worth taking.
- ☐ If your car is in your garage, take the keys out and into the house with you. Never leave the keys in your car if it is unattended, even at home.
- ☐ Always lock your car and take your keys when parking and leaving your vehicle.

Property criminals look for the easy score. Avoid using your mailbox for outgoing mail as the red flag is a signal to a possible thief that information of your identity and account numbers may be available. They purposely come to the Northland because they know people who live here are not as vigilant and they can find desirable items that are easy to steal and sell. Take some time and harden the target...your residence and your car. A large percentage of property crimes could be prevented if Northland residents would lock their doors!

Leaf, Brush, and Tire Disposal Sites

Kansas City residents in Clay County may dispose of **leaves and brush** (no grass clippings) at the site at 11660 N Main. 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. Any trash within the leaves or brush will result in loss of privilege to use the facility. Prices and more details regarding the site can be found on www.kcmo.gov/publicworks Information regarding **waste tire disposal** is also available on the kcmo website. Residents may drop off waste tires at the Environmental Campus, 4707 Deramus. Fees are assessed based upon the type of tires. The facility is open for tire dropoff March through November, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9 am to 5 pm.

HA/LH Neighborhood Park

The HA/LH Homes Association owns the park located between 112 Terr and 113 St, 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. 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.

New basketball goals were installed so players are asked to avoid pulling on the rims or nets. The Hammock Park built as an Eagle Scout Project by the Boy Scouts Troop 447 is ready to use—bring your own hammock. Those same Scouts helped clean up our park last fall.

July 4th Reminder: Fireworks are illegal within the city limits; however, many residents in the past have chosen to have their own fireworks displays. Many organized fireworks displays are located within the northland, so pursue that option to avoid any legal action. If residents choose to have their own fireworks, please use caution and clean up your mess whether using the parking lot at our park or city streets. The last two years, fireworks debris was left in the park; and two volunteer board members had to pick up and dispose of the trash bags. **The city allows unlimited trash bag pickup at homes the week after the 4th so anyone shooting fireworks should bag their mess and set out the trash bags at their own residence. The park does not qualify for city trash pickup. Trash bins are emptied as a courtesy by the man who mows or board members. Pick up and remove your own fireworks trash.**

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	\$20.00
One Quarter Page Ad	\$40.00
Half Page Ad	\$80.00

Flynn and Son Mowing

Specializing in residential yards in the Highland Acres/Lakeside Heights area

Reasonable Prices
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816-734-5106



Helpful Phone Numbers

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

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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