

# HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## Spring, 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### *Annual Meeting Update*

The annual meeting was cancelled on Thursday, March 12 due to the Mayor's Order to shut down use of public facilities including the community room at the KCPD Shoal Creek Station.

### **Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020**

The report includes March 1, 2019-February 28, 2020 fiscal year tax reporting for the association. The full report is available on the Homes Association website.

### ***Mark your Calendars***

Saturday, May 16.....Spring Garage Sale  
**CANCELLED DUE TO VIRUS**

Friday, May 29.....Mosquito Spray Begins

### **2020 Officers & Board Members**

**(If anyone is interested in serving on the board or helping with park maintenance, contact the Homes Assn at the phone number above)**

President: Steve Espeer

Vice President: Bobby Verhulst

Secretary: Nancy Flynn

Treasurer: Linda Espeer

Other Board Members: Pat Flynn, Roger Hutchcraft, and Russ Kieslich

### ***Speed Limit 25 mph***

Be aware of walkers and bike riders in our streets as weather warms and everyone needs to exercise and still maintain social distancing. The KCMO Police Dept has two Community Interaction officers assigned from Shoal Creek; however, their duties have been expanded throughout this pandemic. They both are still working with board members on problems relating to our neighborhood. Contact Information for both Officers:

Officer Bill Keeney

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816-413-3440

Officer Rick Jones

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816-269-3163

### **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

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

As an ULV (Ultra Low Volume) application method using ground equipment, the application of Perm-X' UL 4-4, EPA Reg #655-898, will be applied 7-10 days apart depending upon rain and wind factors. Twenty applications are contracted and will continue until approximately October 9, 2020. 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. **Starting May 29, applications will be done on Thursday or Friday nights after 11 pm. It is imperative that residents do not stay 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 own 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.

### **Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.(NNI) HA/LH Homes Association Website**

Check the website, [www.nni.org](http://www.nni.org), for meetings, events, and resources available for northland residents. Some meetings are held virtually during this stay at home time. Sign up on the website to get emails from NNI regarding these events. 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, including the Homes Association Declaration and ByLaws.

### **Neighborhood Site—Nextdoor.com**

Many residents are using this website to communicate with neighbors. CIO Keeney posts information periodically regarding law enforcement information. Users of the site may post advice, concerns in a constructive and considerate matter, items for sale, or lost pets. Be sure to check the settings preferred when using the site.

**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. 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 in ALL yards that collect debris and on city streets. **The city allows extra trash bag pickup at homes the week after July 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. Use of fireworks in our neighborhood park is discouraged because there is no water source thus adding to the legal consequences.**

**HA/LH Neighborhood Park** The park and basketball courts are closed during the stay at home orders resulting from the pandemic.

Any resident observing illegal behavior or vandalizing equipment at the park please call 911. Contact the Homes Association with information regarding such activity after calling the police so board members can follow up with Officer Keeney.

Our private park is maintained by the volunteer board members, except mowing is done by a paid contractor. He volunteers to empty trash cans but residents are asked to clean up after use and make sure all trash is disposed of properly. Dumping of other trash or materials is illegal in the park.

The GaGa Ball court, Hammock Park, and wood posts were donated Eagle Scout Projects. Maintaining the basketball goals, benches, weeding, and other cleanup is done by volunteers.

Repairs are necessary for the playground equipment and board members are pursuing ways to fix the existing equipment. With the cost of new equipment and other maintenance issues such as border around the playground, board members are trying to utilize our limited funds to provide as much as possible in a safe environment.

**On-line Newsletter:** This newsletter was posted online to save the near \$500 that it costs to print and mail to every residence. With the aforementioned park repairs, this budget item will be transferred to help with that project. As other expenses increase, efforts are made to provide necessary items while dues stay at the current rate.