

# HIGHLAND ACRES/LAKESIDE HEIGHTS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## Spring, 2019 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 at the KCPD Shoal Creek Station.

**Payment of your homes association dues should have reached the HA/LH PO Box 28294 to avoid 10% late penalty.** The dues for 2019 remain at \$45 and include the following services:

- ✓ Park mowing, playground, parking lot
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Mosquito Control (see additional article)
- ✓ Administrative Expenses
- ✓ 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. One message per request is sufficient.**

### Treasurer's Report for 2018

The report includes March 1, 2018-February 28, 2019 fiscal year tax reporting for the association. The full report distributed at the meeting is available on the Homes Association website.

Income:	\$29,925.21
Expenses	\$26,724.45

### **Mark your Calendars**

Saturday, May 25.....Spring Garage Sale  
Friday, May 31.....Mosquito Spray Begins  
Tuesday, June 18.....Vote  
Saturday, Sept 14.....Fall Garage Sale

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

**Spring Garage Sale**

**Saturday, May 25**

**8:00 a.m.**

### **2019 Officers & Board Members**

President: Steve Espeer

Vice President: Bobby Verhulst

Secretary: Nancy Flynn

Treasurer: Linda Espeer

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

### **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. 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.

NNI is working closely with the City Codes Department to address residential codes violations. See the Codes Check List on the Association webpage under Pages and Links. Board members are in contact with officials and attend some of the monthly meetings to discuss problem locations. Codes violations submitted to the city's 311 online system are first addressed by NNI with a letter sent to the resident. If the violation is not taken care of by the resident, the city then takes over to pursue the solution. NNI has had over 70 percent of the codes complaints resolved; thus allowing the city codes inspectors time to pursue the more serious offenders.

### **Safety Report**

Community Interaction Officer (CIO) Bill Keeney reviewed the 15 crime reports in our area during the last six months. Many of the cases were domestic disagreements, but some involved theft and burglary. While explaining the complaints, he reminded residents to be vigilant in securing cars and houses and reporting any suspicious activity or persons in the area. Call 911 if you witness illegal activity or suspicious individuals and email one of the CIOs for repeated suspicious activity. Even if the call is not answered immediately, documentation is made of the activity for future investigations.

### **See Something, Say Something**

While parking in our neighborhood should be limited due to our narrow streets, licensed vehicles may be parked on the street if moved within 48 hours. It is against city ordinance to park directly across from a neighbor's driveway. With warmer weather, more people are walking and riding bikes on our streets so as a reminder to all residents:

**Speed Limit 25 mph**

## How secure is your home?

Community Interaction Officer (CIO) Rick Jones may be contacted to conduct safety checks around your home. He will check windows, doors, and landscaping.

Contact Information for both Officers:

Officer Bill Keeney  
[William.keeney@kcpd.org](mailto:William.keeney@kcpd.org)  
816-413-3440

Officer Rick Jones  
[Richard.jones@kcpd.org](mailto:Richard.jones@kcpd.org)  
816-269-3163

These additional crime prevention tips, are also available on the Homes Association website.

### Don't be a Victim of Stolen Auto

- Secure your vehicle and keep track of your keys
- Don't leave your car running unattended
- Don't keep valuables in your vehicle. Store in trunk or out of view
- Use a physical anti-theft device
- Take advantage of tech-based auto recovery tools
- Be weary of where you park, especially at night

For Facebook and Twitter users, the KCPD has a new crime prevention tool called **#9PMRoutine**. Every night at 9PM KCPD suggests a new habit:

- ✓ Remove valuables from your locked vehicle (purses, wallets, bags, garage door openers, etc)
- ✓ Check your mail (don't leave any outgoing mail in the box with a red flag up to signal to thieves)
- ✓ Make sure your garage door, all exterior doors and windows are closed and locked
- ✓ Turn on exterior lights. Thieves hate lights!

## Trash Disposal

The [www.kcmo.gov](http://www.kcmo.gov) website has detailed information regarding proper trash disposal methods. The Departments/Neighborhoods tab has links to specific information for each of the following methods to dispose of trash.

**Curbside Trash & Recycling** Two trash bags per household and recycling will be picked up weekly for free; however, tags must be purchased for additional bags. There are two weeks each year (after Christmas and after July 4) when up to 15 trash bags will be collected free of charge.

Recycling bins should not include any containers with food or waste of any kind. Items that may and may not be recycled are listed on the Kansas City website. [www.kcmo.gov/neighborhoods/trash/curbside-recycling](http://www.kcmo.gov/neighborhoods/trash/curbside-recycling). The cost to recycle is increased when residents include items that cannot be recycled. Protect our environment without additional costs. Check the website as a reminder of what is allowed.

### *If in Doubt, Throw it Out*

**Leaf and Brush Disposal Site** Kansas City residents in Clay County may dispose of **leaves, yard waste including grass clippings, and brush** at the site at 11660 N Main. The facility 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. Plastic bags and tree stumps are prohibited. Check [www.kcmo.gov](http://www.kcmo.gov) website for additional details.

**Glass Recycling** Glass containers and bottles can be recycled in the purple bin located in the Sunfresh parking lot at 102<sup>nd</sup> and N Oak. Containers should be rinsed out prior to disposal.

**Recycling Center** Northland residents have a new place to take their recyclables after the closing of the Metro North Mall site last October. A temporary recycling drop-off center opened Saturday, March 16, at Pleasant Valley Park, 6401 N.E. Pleasant Valley Rd. The site will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and items including glass, paper, aluminum and plastics will be accepted. Meanwhile, the city continues to explore options for a permanent northland location.

## 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 11, 2019. 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 31, 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.

Compliments of Hasty Mosquito, Inc, samples of Moskito Care, a mosquito repellent that is a formulation made with Picaridin, were provided to residents who attended the annual meeting. Information about the product is on the homes association website under Pages & Links. The product is also available from Hasty at the above number.

## 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.**

## Projects in the Area

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

**Storm Water Improvement** PIAC money was allocated to construct the detention pond project located between 114<sup>th</sup> Terr and 115 Street. It is now complete with a goal of slowing down the flow of water during heavy rains. Drainage areas were not installed unless the effected residents agreed to additional work on their properties.

**HA/LH Neighborhood Park** 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. 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. New border for the playground and replacement tables have been discussed. Any resident willing to help with park projects contact the homes association number and leave your name and number for contact when projects are going to be done

## 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 ..... \$45.00  
Half Page Ad..... \$85.00

## Animal Licenses

Residents are required by Chapter 14 of the [Code of Ordinances](#) to maintain a yearly license for their cats, dogs and ferrets. This can be done at the City's [Animal Shelter](#), at veterinarians' offices if they are [authorized](#) to process licenses, or at [www.PetData.com](#). Immunizations are required prior to obtaining the license. Check [www.kcmo.gov](#) or the Homes Association website for Northland locations to obtain a pet license.

Licensing a pet and keeping the license on its collar helps ensure that the owner will be notified if the pet is impounded. One-year pet licenses are \$10 and three-year pet licenses are \$27. Pets should be contained on the owner's property and dogs should be on a leash when walking through the neighborhood.

Anyone who locates or recovers a stray animal licensed with the City is encouraged to contact [311](#) or check [PetData](#) and get the owner's contact information so the pet can be returned to its rightful owner. Consideration should be given to other neighbors' property and comfort when walking a dog or leaving a dog outside. Pooper scoopers/bags need to be used on walks. Check the homes association website for a Barking Dog Fact Sheet.

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