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Highleah Townhouses, Inc. • 2001 W. Pembroke Crescent, Independence, MO 64057

## Board of Directors

Jim Legge  
President  
(Newsletter & Pet Complaints)

Marsha Clark  
First Vice President  
(Security)

Angela Morris  
Second Vice President  
(Pet Registration)

Dorinda Meihls  
Treasurer  
(House and Grounds)

Dan Hastings  
Secretary

## Handy Phone Numbers

Highleah Office  
816-257-0070

Maintenance Emergency  
913-894-3441

Security Patrol  
816-645-3001

Police (Non-Emergency)  
816-325-7300

Natural Gas Company  
816-756-5252

Power & Light Service  
816-325-7930

Animal Control  
816-325-7205

Citizens Information Center  
816-325-7000

## UTILITIES

June 2, 2010 - July 8, 2010

Water/Sewer: \$9,309.54

Electric: \$1,427.59

## THREE POSITIONS OPEN ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cooperative members will fill three positions on the board of directors at this year's annual meeting. Two candidates will be elected to serve two-year terms and one candidate will be elected for a three-year term.

All members in good standing who care about our community are encouraged to run for office and to vote. Resumes of candidates will be printed in the September newsletter.

The annual meeting will be on the third Tuesday in September, the 21st.

## BOARD MEETING, July 19, 2010

### NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Jim Legge, president, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Other board members present were Dan Hastings, secretary, and Dorinda Meihls, treasurer. Also attending were Carol Gibson, on-site manager; Gina Cowan, assistant on-site manager; Kevin McQuade, maintenance superintendent; Lisa Gamble, controller for Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

Two members signed in. The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 21 meeting.

Carol discussed the on-site manager's report. In June, there were 31 statements of credit, 29 statements of charges due, four exterminations and two attorney referrals. There have been 28 defaults for July. Three installation permits were received and approved. Installations are under way or pending on reasonable accommodation requests for three households. The board voted to accept Carol's report as submitted.

Kevin discussed the maintenance report. In June, 276 work orders were completed and there were three move-outs and one move-in. Eight units are in rehab; two of these are completed. Palmer Lawn Professionals mowed five times in June and trimmed the perimeter fence two times and the bushes by the office and behind the walk-out units. The chain link fence on the north property line behind 1822 Stafford Lane was vandalized. Repairs cost \$146.

Interior work, walk-through inspections and punch lists were completed on 36 units in June. Through the end of June, interior work has been completed on 310 units. Soffits and fascias were wrapped on 79 buildings by the end of June. The board voted to accept Kevin's report as submitted. Jim opened the meeting to member comments. The open session ended at 6:20 p.m.

# Recycling Centers in Independence

The City of Independence operates two recycling centers.

Items accepted at the centers include paper, cardboard, paperboard, steel and aluminum cans, plastic, glass food and beverage containers, toner cartridges and dry cell batteries.

## **35th Street Recycling Center**

13600 E. 35th Street

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday

## **Vista Avenue Recycling Center**

875 Vista Avenue

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday

The City also offers a Drop-Off Depot from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month from March through November.

The depot is at 875 Vista Avenue, located next to the animal shelter.

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### **Trash:**

Cars, \$10; vehicles larger than a car, \$15; trailers measuring 8 feet in length or longer, \$25.

### **Brush:**

Limbs, firewood, bushes, stumps. No leaves or grass, \$10 per load.

### **Major appliances:**

\$15 each

### **Batteries and lawnmowers:**

Free

### **Tires:**

Car, \$1; mounted car, \$3; truck, \$4; mounted truck, \$10; farm/tractor, \$15.

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*Services available to residential vehicles only.  
No vehicles larger than a pick-up truck allowed.  
Proof of residency is required.*

## **Members Asked to Report Suspicious Activities**

Whenever you see suspicious activities or persons on Highleah property, please call the Independence Police Department at 911. Responding to and investigating all citizen concerns are what the police do. You can help prevent crime by being alert to strangers on the property and questionable behavior. To keep the cooperative safe for all of us, report your concerns to the police.

You also can call Central Jackson County Patrol during the evening hours when they patrol the cooperative. The patrol's phone number is 816-645-3001.

Security patrol officers respond to all calls and file reports. The nightly reports are turned in to the Highleah office the next day. Having this kind of documentation keeps management and the board aware of incidents and helps determine whether additional action is necessary.

## **Dan Hastings for Board of Directors**

My name is Dan Hastings. I have proudly served on the board of directors for the past three years. I would appreciate your vote once again. I lived in Independence for more than 36 years, and 16 of those years were in a Highleah townhouse. Although I no longer live in Highleah Townhouses, our bylaws permit me to serve on the board.

I hold a bachelor's degree in business management and an associate degree in marketing. I work for the State of Missouri and my duties include property acquisition and negotiations. I can promise you that as a board member, I will be guided by common sense and a fair and impartial approach in considering the best interests of the cooperative and members.

Please vote for me at the annual meeting on September 21.

Thank you,  
Dan Hastings

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## **Dorinda Meihs for Board of Directors**

I am running for a position on the Board of Directors of Highleah Townhouses. I have a background in retail sales that includes responsibilities in ordering merchandise, cash office duties, merchandise displays, stocking merchandise, assisting customers and answering phones. I also have worked with those who are mentally handicapped and have had my own foster home for children who are mentally or physically handicapped. My responsibilities involved physical care and the teaching of life skills, charting lessons and behaviors and summarizing the charts. I also handled responsibilities for the children's finances, school attendance, doctor visits and social activities.

I worked as a housekeeper in a hospital on several different floors, including the substance abuse floor, and was in charge of setting up conference rooms for use by the hospital and community.

I have worked at Park University for four years. In that time, I held positions in Food Service and Physical Plant. While there, I was a resident manager in a women's dorm and was given the position as Conference Coordinator for the university. As Conference Coordinator, I negotiated and wrote contracts for the use of the Park University facilities such as housing, meals, conference rooms, classrooms and the university theater. I served as host to the guests while they were on campus.

Currently my interests include knitting and crocheting, studying spirituality and world events. I am interested in environmental issues and human rights. I have lived at Highleah for four years and in Missouri since 1976. I am originally from Michigan. I feel I can contribute my experience and interests to the complex. I am now filling in as a temporary replacement for a board member who recently resigned. I would enjoy continuing to serve you and I ask for your vote on Sept. 21.

Thank you.

# AUGUST 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Carrying Charges Due	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 \$50 Late Fee Added	13	14
15	16 Board Meeting Open Session 6:00 pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Delinquent Accounts to Attorney	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				