

### Second Annual Picnic Meeting Slated for Sept. 16

Cooperative members will fill two positions on the board of directors at the Second Annual Meeting Picnic on Tuesday, September 16.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a picnic dinner afterward at 7 p.m.

Door prizes will be awarded: first prize of a month's free carrying charges, second prize of \$50 and third prize of \$25. Members must be present to win.

Only members in good standing can vote. Any member with an unpaid balance of more than 30 days cannot vote. If you cannot attend, you may vote by proxy.

Members voting by proxy must appoint another member in good standing to vote on their behalf. No attending member may cast more than his or her vote plus one proxy vote.

A quorum is necessary to hold the annual meeting.

The regular monthly board of directors meeting on September 15 will be closed.

### **For Sale**

Lovely antique solid walnut three-drawer chest. Victorian era. 42 wide by 37 high by 18 inches deep. \$225

Unique antique mirror. Veneer appears to be walnut or mahogany. 5 inch frame, 22 1/4 by 31 1/2 inches. Rectangular shape. \$100 Call 816.257.1982.

# **Outdoor Service Slated** for August 23

Social activities, singing, games for children, food and free clothing will be part of the event sponsored by Lighthouse Church of Independence.

The church will hold an outdoor service from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at Highleah.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Resume Format for Board Candidates**

Board member resumes will be published again in September.

Candidates whose resumes appear in the August "Highleah Highlights" will be allowed space again in the September newsletter but such resumes will be limited to no more than a half page.

If you are running for the board and want to publish a resume in the September newsletter, here is an easy format to follow.

You don't need to use every category.

Resumes for the September newsletter must be submitted to the office by Friday, August 22.

Please limit the length to one typed page.

Name:

#### **Cooperative experience:**

**Qualifications:** 

**Family:** 

Work history:

**Education:** 

"I want to serve on the board of directors because:"



#### **Board of Directors**

Marsha Clark President (Newsletter/House & Grounds)

Diane Pulford First Vice President (Education Grant)

Martha Ramcke Secretary (House & Grounds)

Nicole Zaragoza Treasurer (Security) highleahsec@yahoo.com

If you have pet complaints, please turn them in to the office. The House and Grounds Committee handles only violations of the pet waste disposal rule.

#### Handy Phone Numbers

Highleah Office 816-257-0070

Maintenance Emergency 913-894-3441

Non-Emergency Police 816-325-7300

Security 911 \*The dispatcher will send an officer to Highleah

Natural Gas Company 816-756-5252

Power & Light Service 816-325-7930

Citizens Information Center 816-325-7000

Regional Animal Shelter 21001 E. Highway 78, Independence 816.621.7722 Hours: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

**UTILITIES: 6/5 - 7/3** Water/Sewer: \$10,113.09

### OPEN SESSION, July 21, 2014 **NEWSLETTER MINUTES**

Roger Lane, an off-duty police officer serving as a security patrolman for the property, was present.

at 6:10 p.m.

common area violation.

and move-out. control and fertilizer. Seven rehabs are under way; four of these are nearly completed.

Marsha reported pet registrations are being updated. Nicole left at 6:40 p.m.

Marsha opened the floor to member comments.

The door prize drawing was held. Phyllis Locke was the winner. Marsha confirmed that she would meet with Chris Lopez about pet waste.

The open session ended at 7 p.m.

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Marsha welcomed visitors and members and called the meeting to order

Minutes of the June 30 board meeting were approved.

Gina presented the office report. There have been 33 defaults in July, 13 exterminations, two animal violations, one vehicle violation and one yard/

Lighthouse Church of Independence will hold an outdoor community service from 2 to 5 p.m. on August 23.

Two three-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit are for sale.

Kevin presented the maintenance superintendent's report. In June, there were 176 requests for service and 179 completed. There were one move-in

Four mowings were completed and JC's Lawn Service applied grub



Kevin McQuade awards a \$25 gift card to Phyllis Locke, the winner of the door prize drawing in July.

All members who attend open sessions are eligible for the door prize drawing.

The winning members' tickets will be drawn at the end of the open session - and you must be present to win.

All open sessions start at 6 p.m.

# **Heidi L. Taylor** for Board of Directors

I would like to submit my resume for consideration to serve you on the Highleah Townhouses, Inc., Board of Directors.

My family and I have lived here for more than five years this past June. We have enjoyed the beautiful grounds and have been blessed to be a member of such a friendly neighborhood. Over the years, we have made a lot of friends, shared the joys and the sorrows as one would in a community family.

During the past few years, I have served on the Jackson County Genealogical Society's Board of Directors. I was newsletter editor and Web site contributor while serving on that board. I currently serve as a volunteer at the Midwest Genealogy Library and contribute considerable time to other volunteer endeavors in our community along with keeping a watchful eye out for the children in our cooperative while they play on the playgrounds and our neighborhood.

Over the past 40 years, I have grown up living at Country Storehouse, a cooperative in Bates City, Mo. Tomorrow's Hope a living community for developmentally disabled women. I volunteered with Special Neighbors, a residential group home. I also volunteered at the co-op Food Fair working with my parents several hours a week, which was a cooperative grocery store in our community.

Contributing to cooperative environments continues to be my goal and mission as it comes very naturally to me from my upbringing.

I have worked hard to continue my education and have several years of corporate work experience in accounting, banking and human resources. I currently run my own business in the State of Missouri as a professional genealogist. I have always been encouraged to learn and grow and seek new challenges in my daily life and my mission continues to do just that.

As your board member, I will work diligently to continue to provide affordable housing for our seniors and moderate- and low-income families. To provide a backbone for a cooperative environment that supports the Missouri Sunshine Law that promotes openness in government and governmental bodies.

It has come to my attention that as a community there are ongoing issues with the reluctance of some of the members to abide with the Highleah Townhouses, Inc. bylaws. Along with Highleah Change, an ad-hoc group of members organized with the goal of bringing the corporation back into compliance with the original intent is of its founders as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation. This includes any budget or security concerns. I pledge that no resident/owner will go unheard.

Again, I ask you to consider me, Heidi L. Taylor, to represent the residential/owner membership on the Board of Directors for Highleah Townhouses, Inc.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to visiting with you at the Annual Meeting on September 16, 2014, in the Highleah courtyard or I can be reached anytime via highleahchange@gmail. com.

Respectfully submitted,

#### Heidi L. Taylor

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# Marsha J. Clark for Board of Directors

I would like to submit my resume for consideration to serve you on the Highleah Board of Directors for another three years. I believe my experience and expertise will continue to be an asset as many of the current board members are new and are learning abo serving on a board. With age and experience come wisdom.

My family and I have lived here for 29 years this p August. We have enjoyed the beautiful grounds and have been blessed to be a member of such a friendly neighborhood. Over the years, we have made a lot of friends, shared the joys and the sorrows as one would in a community family.

During the past 15 years as a member of the Board of Directors, I have had the pleasure of serving on the Pet Committee, the Newsletter Committee, the Security Committee and I have volunteered my time to assist with Pet Registration Day. I have cared for many of your children by keeping a watchful eye out for them while playing, keeping the playgrounds safe and picking up litter and trash.

Over the past three years I have provided supports to the elderly by helping them find resources to retur to the community from long-term care and after they have completed their short-term rehab therapy. Previously I worked 21 years with children and adult with developmental disabilities in a variety of setting My goal has been to help them to live the same qual of life that you and I enjoy every day.

I have worked hard to earn a Master of Science degree in Education, K-12, with emphasis in severe developmental disabilities. It was because someone many years ago said that I should go to trade school as I was not college material. From that day forward, my mission was and continues to be for the "underdog."

As your board member, I will continue to work diligently to help keep the cost affordable and seek out opportunities to help the community maintain its beauty and kid-friendly neighborhood while keeping our aging population safe from harm. I would like to see the House and Grounds Committee actively looking at ways to support our residents in achieving

n	more freedom in developing their areas around their homes with more ownership to planting bushes and flower gardens, creating different types of patios and fixing the muddy grassless yards. I would like to work
out	with the community in maintaining our pets, but holding residents more accountable for their animal waste and see that pet stations are set up throughout the grounds to promote clean-up.
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f	Over this past year, Security through the Independence Police Department has helped prevent vandalism and a lot of problems on the basketball
d	court and elsewhere. With the fence on the southwest side not being open for people to walk through, security for our residents has improved. We as a
d	community can continue to work together to promote a safe and healthy environment for our children and families.
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t e	Again, I ask you to consider me, Marsha J. Clark, to represent the membership on our Board of Directors for Highleah for another three years.
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