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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: 11/5 - 12/8** Water/Sewer: \$11,925.69

### **High School Seniors Can Apply for Education Grants**

This spring, Highleah Townhouses, Inc., and Linville Management Services, Inc., will award the annual \$500 education grant to a deserving graduating senior.

Students and their family members must be in good standing at Highleah. The grant is awarded to high school graduates who will be attending an accredited college, university or trade school in the summer or fall. Students must complete an application, write a 500-word essay and comply with all requirements. The essay must explain why the applicant believes he or she deserves the grant.

The student also must make arrangements with a high school administrator to send an official student transcript to the office.

An information sheet and application form are available from the office. Applications, essays and transcripts must be received in the office no later than March 18.

Please send to the attention of:

Diane Pulford Education Grant Committee Highleah Townhouses, Inc. 2001 Pembroke Crescent West Independence, MO 64057

### **Grant Selection Committee**

Selecting the grant recipient will be the responsibility of a committee of at least two and no more than four Highleah members and Diane as the representative from the board of directors.

Members who want to participate in the student selection process should submit a letter of intent. The member must be in good standing at Highleah.

The letter must include the reason the member wants to serve on the committee, an address and phone number. Please send to the attention of the board of directors by March 18.

# How to Teach Children About Fire Safety, Prevention

Children of all ages set more than 35,000 fires annually, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

More than \$200 million worth of property is destroyed in these fires and about 150 people die.

In an effort to prevent injuries, fatalities and property damage, the USFA urges parents to educate their children about the nature of fire: fire can be fast, hot, dark and deadly.

Here are some tips.

Keep matches and lighters in a secured drawer or cabinet.

Encourage your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.

Develop a home fire escape plan. Practice it with your children and designate a meeting place outside.

Supervise young children closely.

Teach children that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Show children how to stop, drop to the ground and roll if their clothes catch fire.

Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out in the case of fire.

Teach children not to hide from fire fighters.

For more information, go to www.usfa.fema.gov, the Web site of the U.S. Fire Administration.

## Reminder About Holiday Lights

Please remember to take your holiday lights down if you haven't already done so. All lights and decorations are to be put away by February 1. Thank you.

## **Off-Duty Police Patrol**

The security provider for Highleah is off-duty officers from the Independence Police Department.

The officers will be driving marked police vehicles when they are on our property. They will enforce all city ordinances and state laws as well as our Rules and Regulations.

If you are in need of assistance from the police, please dial the emergency number: 9-1-1. If it is not an emergency but you still need assistance from the police, dial 325-7300.

If the police are on the property, the response time should be less than three minutes. If they are not currently on the property, the response time could be much longer because emergencies take priority in the city.

## January, February Meetings Moved to Fourth Monday

The board meetings for January and February have been changed to avoid a conflict with federal holidays on the third Monday of those months.

The board will meet on the fourth Mondays: January 26 and February 23, 2015.

The open meeting begins at 6 p.m. Please join us.

## Board Meets Monday, Jan. 26

The board begins the New Year with a meeting on the fourth Monday. January and February meetings were changed to avoid a conflict with federal holidays on the third Monday of those months. The regular meeting date is the third Monday of the month.

Here are the dates for 2015: January 26, February 23, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 18, Sept. 17 closed, Sept. 18 annual meeting, Oct. 19, Nov. 16

The open session begins at 6 p.m. Your appearance at the open session may win you a \$25 gift card in a door prize drawing. All members who attend the open session are eligible for the drawing. The winning member's ticket will be selected at the end of the open session -- and you must be present to win. Attending open sessions of the monthly board meetings also is a good way to stay informed about activities at the cooperative.