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Highleah Townhouses, Inc.
Board Meeting
March 16, 2009

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

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

Su read aloud the minutes of the February 9 open session and the February 24 special meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Carol discussed the on-site manager's report. Seven installation permits were received and all were approved. One reasonable accommodation request was received and work on two requests was completed. There have been two animal violations and one vehicle violation.

The Housing Authority of Independence has four inspections scheduled in March. Two units passed inspection recently.

The spring yard sale has been scheduled for May 16. The rain date is May 23.

The board reviewed Carol's written office report and voted unanimously to accept it.

Kevin discussed the maintenance report. In February, 162 work orders were completed. There were three move-ins and one move-out.

Leaves around the buildings are being mulched with the push mower.

Maintenance has completed five of 10 rehabs.

Classic Roofing Co. has submitted a bid for the roof replacement of building #11, 2100 through 2106 Pembroke Crescent West, for \$12,102.

S.O.S. Pest Control has bid \$3,520 for termite treatments on buildings #4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 18. This will complete the termite treatments for the budget year.

The board voted unanimously to accept the roofing bid and the extermination bid.

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Board of Directors

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President: Jim Legge
Newsletter

First vice president: Marsha Clark
Security and Pet Complaints

Second vice president: Angela Morris
Pet Registration

Treasurer: Dan Hastings
House and Grounds

Secretary: Dr. Diann Taylor
Educational Grant

Utilities for February 9 through March 9, 2009

Water/Sewer: \$7,055.55

Electric: \$958.23

Handy Phone Numbers

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Highleah office: 816-257-0070

Maintenance emergency: 913-894-3441

Security patrol: 816-916-7634

Non-emergency police: 816-325-7300

Natural gas company: 816-756-5252

Power and light service: 816-325-7930

Animal control: 816-325-7205

Citizens Information Center: 816-325-7000

Signs about parking have been ordered: two signs for Buckingham and one at each of the entrances.

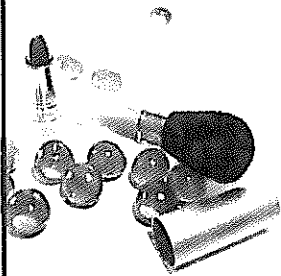
The board voted unanimously to accept the maintenance report.

Marsha gave the Pet Committee report. There have been 14 updates from members and 37 requests for information have been sent out. The first Pet Committee meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7.

Marsha gave the Security report. There was one vehicle violation and the member has since complied. There were no major issues reported by Security. Members have reported that Security is not returning phone calls. Members should be encouraged to call 911 if they are calling about an emergency.

Diann reported on the education grant. The deadline was yesterday and no applications have been submitted.

Jim welcomed members and opened the floor to concerns. Nineteen members signed in.



Mary Martens

Independent Avon Representative

816-257-1022

**Yard Sale Slated
for May 16**

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative all day long on Saturday, May 16.

That's the date for the annual cooperative yard sale.

If the sale is rained out on May 16, it will be held on May 23.



From the board president

Please don't feed the animals.

We've seen this sign often enough whenever we visit the zoo or some other wild animal park or recreation area.

It may seem unfortunate but that admonition holds true here at Highleah. I know some of you think you are helping out the furred and feathered creatures but in actuality this is not the case.

The damage and unsanitary conditions that result from our feeding the squirrels, geese and smaller birds cost Highleah Townhouses a significant amount of dollars every year.

When there is a steady, free food supply for these animals, there is no need for them to look elsewhere for food and a place to live. We are left with holes in the mansard roofs and gnawed woodwork from squirrels seeking shelter and sharpening their teeth.

We are left with having to dodge the green slime left from feeding geese (even our major lakes in the area now have signs posted warning folks not to feed the geese for this specific reason) and the spilt seeds from neglected bird feeders attract rodents of every type.

Please help us keep Highleah looking as good as it does by not feeding the wild animals.

Spring is now here.

With the coming of the warmer weather, we must be aware of the dangers that are present around us. One of these concerns should be little children playing ball in the street.

Not only is the danger that they might not be seen by an oncoming vehicle but also the possibility of their toy rolling down the gutter and into the storm drain. While these openings in the street may seem quite small to some of us, that doesn't seem to deter our smaller residents.

Very young children have been known to try to climb down into the storm drain to retrieve their lost toys. This is very dangerous in that they may injure themselves attempting this or they may become stuck and need to be extricated.

There is no telling what else has washed down that drain. Broken glass is one possibility not to mention what type of creatures may find that a convenient hiding place.

Please keep our children safe. Encourage them to use the designated play areas located throughout the grounds.

Thank you.

~ Jim Legge

A decorative border of 48 black and white patterned Easter eggs, arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text. Each egg has a unique geometric pattern and a small shadow underneath.

Free Community

Easter Eggstravaganza

at Beacon Heights Community of Christ

19402 E. Holke

9 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 28

Free photo taken with the Easter Bunny!

Games, crafts, face painting!

Great prize drawings!

Egg and Candy Hunt at 10:30 a.m.

www.beaconheights.org