



Highleah Highlights

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(Security)

Dan Hastings
Second Vice President
(House and Grounds)

Dorinda Meihls
Secretary
(Pet Registration)

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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: 7/11 - 8/8

Water/Sewer: \$8,955.71
Electric: \$1,527.37

BOARD MEETING, August 15, 2011

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Jim Legge, president, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Other board members present were Marsha Clark, first vice president; Dorinda Meihls, secretary; and Dan Hastings, second vice president.

Also attending were Carol Gibson, on-site manager; Gina Zukel, assistant on-site manager; Kevin McQuade, maintenance superintendent; Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; and Carmen Detherage, comptroller, and Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management Services, Inc.

Four members signed in for the open session.

Carol discussed the on-site manager's report. In July, there were 44 statements of credit, 46 statements of charges due, one attorney referral, 39 defaults, one installation permit received and approved, one eviction in process, six exterminations, two animal violations and two vehicle violations.

The fall garage sale will be on Saturday, September 24, with a rain date of October 1.

Currently, six two-bedroom units and six three-bedroom units are on the market. Three of the units have been sold but are not yet occupied.

The board voted unanimously to accept Carol's report.

Carol was excused.

Kevin presented the maintenance report. In July, 186 work orders were completed. There were two move-ins and two move-outs. Palmer Lawn Professionals mowed four times.

Eight rehabs are in various stages of completion.

The playground equipment on the east and south playgrounds has been painted.

Repairs Unlimited estimates the scope of work to repair the damage to 1904 Pembroke Crescent East at \$15,145.29. The cooperative has not yet received an approved scope of work from the insurance company.

The board voted unanimously to accept Kevin's report.

Jim opened the floor to member comments.

Jim thanked members for attending the meeting and the open session ended at 6:20 p.m.

Fall Yard Sale on Sept. 24

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative all day long on Saturday, September 24.

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

If the sale is rained out on September 24, it will be held on October 1.

For Sale

Need Avon? Call Darlene at 816-612-7696.

Wanted to Buy

Fold-up table/card table
15-gallon tank

Call 816-877-5384 or email
OffDaWall552@yahoo.com.

Services for Hire

Have precious photos in need of repair?

Have an upcoming event and need to design a custom flier to get the word out?

Have any other projects similar to these in need of assistance?

Angela James, a self-proclaimed graphic designer, is here to help. She is skilled in Microsoft Office, Windows Movie Maker and Photoshop Elements.

Her prices are flexible and affordable. If hired, she can trouble-shoot your computer for free (if applicable/desired).

Call Angela at 816.877.5384 or email her at OffDaWall552@yahoo.com.

John Baggs

Hello, my name is John Baggs and I am hereby running for the Highleah Townhouses Board of Directors.

As a newer member of Highleah, I will strive to offer the members some perspectives not seen from those who have lived here so long.

My wife, Brea, and I got married last June and we moved into Highleah in March of this year. This being our first place we can call home together is a reason why I am running for the board of directors. We want a place where we can stay for quite some time, like many of the members here.

As I said, my name is John Baggs. I may be young but I have a lot of experience behind me already. I obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with highest academic honors from ITT Technical Institute. With that degree I have worked in the security industry for a little over five years now, both in the private and corporate field.

Some of the places that I have done security for include Harrah's North Kansas City Hotel/Casino, InterContinental Hotel on the Plaza, American Airlines Overhaul Base and many others. I also have provided security for Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, Eminem, Tina Turner, all of the major league baseball teams, vice presidential candidate Joe Biden and president Barack Obama, just to name a few.

I have been involved in the Boy Scouts of America since about 1990 and have attained every rank throughout Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, obtaining my rank of Eagle Scout in 2002. I have been active with Scouts since then, including serving four summers on the camp staff at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in Osceola, Mo. I have also spent three summers providing staff for my local Cub Scout District's day camp.

I want to turn this community into something that we can all begin to love and enjoy. As someone with security and non-profit experience, I believe that I am the person for this community.

Please join me on September 20 for the annual Highleah meeting and vote me into the Board of Directors and you will see the change YOU want.

Thanks so much,
John Baggs

Jim Legge

Hello, my name is Jim Legge. Many of you know who I am but there may be some of the newer members of Highleah who do not.

I have been a member of your board of directors since May of 1981, having first been appointed to replace John Mangosing. I have held every board position available to me throughout this time, having served as president on three separate occasions and this is the position I currently occupy.

Whenever I come across individuals who are looking for affordable housing, I have not hesitated to recommend Highleah Townhouses as a safe place in which to raise children. Many persons have taken me up on my recommendation and have become members of our community.

My wife, children and I moved into Highleah in January of 1978 and this cooperative has been a vital part of my life since then. Even though I physically left Highleah to buy a home in 1982, the membership has seen fit to re-elect me whenever I've run for re-election.

Whenever I have had to make a decision concerning Highleah Townhouses, whether the decision is difficult or not, I have always held to the belief that I must do what is best for Highleah as a whole and have placed personal opinion on the back burner.

I believe I offer Highleah an unbiased approach to handling the many aspects which are vital in maintaining this cooperative in a viable and growing condition.

Many things have changed over these 30 years: My children are grown and have moved out on their own; I've become a great-grandfather; and my wife of 41 years has gone to be with her Lord. One thing has remained constant throughout that time and that is my love and concern for Highleah and its members.

For this reason, I ask that you give me your vote for another term as a member of your board of directors.

Thank you,
Jim Legge

Dorinda Meihls

I am running for a position to the Board of Directors of Highleah Townhouses.

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 resigned. I would enjoy continuing to serve you and I ask for your vote on Sept. 20.

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 five years and in Missouri since 1976. I am originally from Michigan.

Thank you,
Dorinda Meihls

Marsha J. Clark

I would like to submit my resume for consideration to serve you on the Highleah Board of Directors another three years.

My family and I have lived here for 26 years this past 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 12 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 21 years, I have worked with children and adults with developmental disabilities in a variety of settings. My goal has been to help them to live the same quality of life that you and I enjoy every day.

This continues to be my goal and mission as I develop my own Private Case Management Business.

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 work diligently to help keep the cost of affordability from going through the roof, seek out opportunities to help the community maintain its beauty and kid-friendly neighborhood while keeping our aging population safe from harm.

I know that we have a limited budget for security but we as a community can work together to keep our neighborhood safe by writing complaints to me and I will personally follow up with them and provide you back the results of the follow-up by the next board meeting.

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.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to visiting with you at our Annual Meeting on September 20, 2011, at Bridger Middle School at 6:30 p.m. Come, let your voice be heard if not for me, for someone else.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha J. Clark

Annual Meeting Slated for Sept. 20

Cooperative members will fill five positions on the board of directors at the annual meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The meeting will be held at Bridger Middle School, 18200 E. Missouri 78, just east of Highleah. Please enter through the back door on the north side at the back of the building.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded: first prize of a month's free carrying charge, second prize of \$50 and third prize of \$25.

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.

The regular monthly board of directors meeting on September 19 will be closed this month.