



Highleah Highlights

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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

BOARD MEETING, July 18, 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; Dan Hastings, second vice president; and Rachel McPherson.

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

Four members signed in.

Minutes of the June 20 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Carol discussed the on-site manager's report. In June, there were 43 statements of credit, 72 statements of charges due, one eviction, three exterminations, two animal violations and two reasonable accommodation requests.

Currently three three-bedroom units and six two-bedroom units are on the market.

The City of Independence declared 1904 Pembroke Crescent East a dangerous structure due to damages caused by a vehicle driven through the front of the building.

A break-in at 1749 Covingtree Bend was reported to police. Property was reported missing and the basement window was broken.

The board voted unanimously to accept Carol's report.

Kevin presented the maintenance report. In June, 170 work orders were completed. There were three move-ins and two move-outs. Palmer Lawn Professionals mowed five times and treated the property for weeds and grubs. Six rehabs are in various stages of completion.

Kevin presented bids for painting the playground equipment: \$600 for the east ball field and \$800 for the south ball field.

Kevin discussed the structural repairs and city requirements necessary to restore 1904 Pembroke Crescent East.

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 6:24 p.m.

UTILITIES: 5/6 - 6/7

Water/Sewer: \$8,893.72
Electric: \$1,178.43

Tuesday is Mow Day

Weather permitting, you can expect to see lawn-mowing crews on our grounds every Tuesday.

Please help them do their job by removing swimming pools, patio furniture and other impediments to cutting the grass.

Thank you.



Services for Hire Love & Care for Kids

Hi, my name is Tierney. I am 12 years old and I love to be around kids.

I am looking for a baby-sitting job to help my mom out. The age group that I consider is 1, 2, 3, and 4 years old. I will do the job for \$3.50 an hour and can start right away. I am available after school and all day on weekends.

I am staying with my grandma at Highleah. You can contact me at **816.257.2539** and you will not regret hiring me.

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

Pool Rules Designed to Keep Kids Safe

Highleah allows children’s plastic or inflatable swimming pools during the summer.

But members must observe the rules written with the safety of our children in mind. Pools can be no wider than six feet and no deeper than 12 inches.

Every day, the pool must be emptied of water and stored behind the unit. Members who leave a pool filled with water unattended are violating Highleah rules and regulations and their occupancy agreement. Violations place your membership in default.

A swimming pool full of water is a potential drowning danger to a child and can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Highleah does not allow any kind of water slides.

If a pool causes damage to the property, the member is responsible for repairing the damages or for paying for the repairs by our maintenance crew.

Please observe these common-sense safety precautions. We want to keep Highleah a safe and desirable place to live.