

High School Seniors Can Apply for Education Grant

Graduating high school seniors have until March 18 to apply for the cooperative's annual \$500 education grant.

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.

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

From the Rule Book

A Reminder:

"One vehicle per licensed driver. First and second vehicles to be parked in numbered and guest spaces. Any other vehicles must be parked in auxiliary only."

The guest spots and the auxiliary parking are for everybody.

Basketball Courts

1. Members are responsible for their guest and their guest's actions.
2. There must be a member present to play. No exceptions.
3. No foul or vulgar language or actions
4. No alcoholic beverages

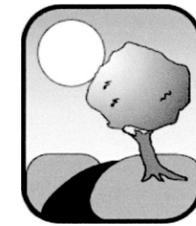


Referral Bonus Available for Members

Members are reminded that a \$200 referral bonus will be paid when a member of the cooperative refers a qualifying new member. The referral must be mentioned at the time of application.

Pet Deposit Clarification

The \$50 one-time, nonrefundable pet deposit allows a member the right to own a pet. Once the fee is paid, the member may own a pet as long as the member lives at Highleah. If a second pet is acquired, a one-time, nonrefundable deposit will be required and the same criteria shall apply for the second pet.



Highleah Highlights

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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

BOARD MEETING, February 24, 2014 NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Marsha Clark, president, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Also present were Diane Pulford, first vice president; Martha Ramcke, secretary; Linda Thompson and Gina Zukel, cooperative representatives; Kevin McQuade, maintenance superintendent; Bryan Tims, assistant maintenance superintendent; Melva Linville, property manager, and Betsy Kilker, administrative assistant, with Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney. An off-duty Independence police officer from the cooperative's security patrol also was present.

Members signed in for the open session.

Linda Thompson was introduced and welcomed as the new office representative for the cooperative.

Minutes of the board meeting on January 27 were approved unanimously.

Gina presented the office report. In February, there were 45 defaults, one eviction in process, one installation permit received and approved, two animal violations and one vehicle violation.

The Independence Housing Authority will be inspecting three units in March.

Two units are for sale.

Kevin presented the maintenance superintendent's report. In January, there were 133 requests for service and 139 completed. There were two move-ins and two move-outs.

All gutters were cleaned in January. Palmer Lawn Professionals completed one application of salt and sand to the streets on January 2.

Five rehabs are in various stages of completion.

Meadowbrooke Apartments removed the walk-through section of Highleah's fence on the west side of the property and had fence wire installed to close the fence. Kevin said the manager told him the fence belongs to the apartments, not Highleah.

Committee reports were given.

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Diane reported that there was still time to apply for the \$500 education grant. The deadline is March 18.

Marsha opened the floor to member comments. Antoinette Green won the door prize drawing.

The open session ended at 6:25 p.m.

Pet Deposit Clarification

The board agreed to this interpretation of the pet fee:

“The \$50 one-time, nonrefundable pet deposit allows a member the right to own a pet. Once the fee is paid, the member may own a pet as long as the member lives at Highleah.

“If a second pet is acquired, a one-time, nonrefundable deposit will be required and the same criteria shall apply for the second pet.”

Door Prize Drawings Awarded at Open Sessions

Attending open sessions of the monthly board meetings is a good way to stay informed about activities at the cooperative.

Your appearance at the Highleah open session also may win you a \$25 gift card.

All members who attend the open session will be eligible for the door prize drawing. Antoinette Green won the door prize drawing at the February open session.

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.



Cooperative Courtesy Makes Spring Safer

Spring is in the air
and Highleah members are everywhere.
Some drive Fords
and some ride boards.

Some grab bikes and pedal away.
Others head outside to hang out or play.
As we all enjoy the warmer weather
a few simple courtesies will make life better.

Motorists, please drive slow
and look out for little ones wherever you go.
Parents, please keep track of children and toys.
And show our youth how to be polite and poised.

Skateboarders, please take your ramps down
when you are done.

Bicyclists, remember that sidewalks and streets
belong to everyone.

Whether you're young or old, we can all agree,

Let's keep Highleah as safe as can be.

Members Welcome at all Open Sessions of Board Meetings

Open sessions of monthly board meetings begin at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

The sessions involve the board of directors, the on-site manager, the maintenance superintendent, property manager, cooperative attorney and other corporation advisers.

The sessions are open to all members of Highleah Townhouses.

Minutes of open, closed and executive sessions are a record of what is done or decided during a board meeting. Minutes are not a record of what is said.

If you are interested in hearing the complete discussion of an open session, you are encouraged to attend the sessions.

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Slated for April 5

If you need to dispose of paint, pesticides or disinfectants, you can do so free on April 5.

The City of Independence is sponsoring its annual Household Hazardous Waste collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 5. The drop-off will be at the large parking lot bordered by Osage, Liberty, Walnut and Kansas streets, one block south of the Independence Square business district.

The drop-off service is free to residents with proof of residency -- a driver's license or a city utility bill.

Chemical-based household products like oven and toilet bowl cleaners and other unwanted, old or unusable household products labeled as flammable, toxic, corrosive or reactive are considered hazardous waste. If such products are handled, stored or disposed of improperly, they can be serious health or safety threats.

Products accepted at the drop-off include batteries, paint and aerosol cans, varnish, stripper, thinner, turpentine, fluorescent light bulbs, herbicides, pesticides, sprays, rat poison, weed killers, all automotive fluids, outdated medicines and mercury thermometers.

To find out about a specific product, contact Water Pollution Control at 816.325.7711.

To transport to the site, make sure all lids are on tight. Take the hazardous waste to the drop-off in the original containers, if possible. If containers are leaking, wrap in plastic and pack in larger containers with absorbent material, such as cat litter.

The Independence Police Department will provide a certified ordinance officer to collect and dispose of old or unwanted ammunition, explosives, firearms and fireworks.

The drop-off site will not accept electronics, appliances, trash, yard waste, medical waste, tires, asbestos, radioactive waste, pressurized gas cylinders or commercial waste.



Linda Thompson, cooperative representative, awards the February door prize to Antoinette Green.

Highleah Welcomes Back New Office Employee

The newest member of the office staff is a familiar face to many.

Linda Thompson is returning to Highleah Townhouses, Inc., where she and her husband lived for 23 years.

Linda and Joe moved into the cooperative in 1977 and left in 2000 after their children were grown. They raised two sons, Aaron and Chris, and a daughter, Andrea, in Highleah.

Andrea still lives in Highleah and that's how Linda learned of the office position opening.

She is a 1976 graduate of William Chrisman High School and brings to the cooperative years of banking experience in customer service and management.

The cooperative's affordable carrying charges allowed her family to "travel and do things together that we wouldn't otherwise be able to do because we saved so much on our carrying charges."

Linda and Gina work together in the office as cooperative representatives.

Security Officer Receives Prestigious Award from School District

One of the off-duty police officers who provide the property with security patrols recently was honored by the Independence School District.

Office Roger Lane was awarded the Classified Employee of the Year for Nowlin Middle School. He is the School Resource Office there.