

## Paula Goth for Board of Directors

Hi, my name is Paula Goth and I would like to submit my resume for the board of directors. I have been filling the vacancy of second vice president since February and already I feel I have been an asset to the board of directors.

I am still relatively new to Highleah. I just moved in December of 2011. However, I am not new to co-op living.

Previously, I lived in Colonial Square for 14 years. Even though the co-ops are very similar, they are also very different. I feel I can bring the good things from Colonial Square to Highleah and make our community a better place. I can also see things in Highleah with new eyes and give a new and different opinion on things.

Highleah Townhouses has an unacceptable amount of units open at this time. I realize that the economy has played a major factor in this area; however, our community could use an ``extreme make-over'' to stay afloat.

We also need to work together to keep our community safe and continually work toward our appearance of the grounds. I feel some new eyes and opinions may help bring change about.

I would like to share a little bit about me. I am single but in a committed relationship. I am a paralegal and work for a law firm in Independence. I have been with this firm for almost eight years.

Previously, I worked for another firm in Independence for four years. I finally decided to move to Independence and make this city and this community my home as well. Prior to becoming a paralegal, I worked for Honeywell for 17 years and was laid off in 1999. I have a consistent and diverse work history.

I also teach low-impact to intermediate aerobics at the Roger T. Sermon Center in Independence on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. I enjoy doing this and have been teaching for almost 10 years. I would enjoy introducing people to a fun group exercise class or maybe organizing something especially for Highleah.

I feel I have the time to devote to serving on the board and doing good for Highleah. I am a family-oriented person and would love the chance to attempt to bring together all the good things I know co-op living can encompass.

I am asking for the chance to serve you and the Highleah community to my fullest capacity. Thank you.

## PLEASE VOTE

### Tuesday, Sept. 18

**Annual election  
one board position open  
and  
Revised bylaws**

**If a majority of members is present in person or by proxy, a vote on the bylaws will be held and a grand prize of 3 months of free carrying charges awarded.**



# Highleah Highlights

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### Board of Directors

Marsha Clark  
*President  
(Security)*

Dorinda Meihls  
*First Vice President  
highleahtownhousepets@comcast.net  
(Pet Committee)*

Paula Goth  
*Second Vice President*

John Baggs  
*Secretary  
(Community Relations/Activities)*

Todd McQuade  
*Treasurer  
(House and Grounds)*

### Handy Phone Numbers

Highleah Office  
816-257-0070

Maintenance Emergency  
913-894-3441

Security Patrol\*  
816-864-4548

*\*You must enter your phone number  
and hit the pound sign. Then hang up.  
Your call will be returned.  
The line is not answered and  
you cannot leave a message.*

Natural Gas Company  
816-756-5252

Power & Light Service  
816-325-7930

Animal Control  
816-325-7205

Citizens Information Center  
816-325-7000

### UTILITIES: 7/7 - 8/7

Water/Sewer: \$10,960.01  
Electric: \$1,798.87

## Annual Meeting, Bylaws Vote Slated for Sept. 18

Cooperative members will fill one position on the board of directors at the annual meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

After the election, members will vote to approve revisions to the bylaws.

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. Members must be present to win.

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.

A quorum is necessary to hold the annual meeting. A majority of members is necessary to vote on the new bylaws.

If a majority is present, a grand prize of three months of free carrying charges will be awarded. Proxies will be eligible for the grand prize.

A question-and-answer session about the bylaws will be conducted by cooperative attorney, Dudley Leonard. The bylaws were revised to remove references to FHA and HUD and to update them with the way the cooperative currently operates. The date of the annual meeting, for example, was changed to the ``third Tuesday'' rather than the ``third Thursday.''

The regular monthly board of directors meeting on September 17 will be closed this month.

## BOARD MEETING, August 20, 2012 NEWSLETTER MINUTES

Marsha Clark, president, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Other board members present were Dorinda Meihls, first vice president; Paula Goth, second vice president; and John Baggs, secretary. Todd McQuade, treasurer, joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Also attending were Carol Gibson, on-site manager; Kevin McQuade, maintenance superintendent; Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney; Melva Linville, property manager, and Suzanne Miles, human relations coordinator, with Linville Management Services, Inc.; and John Morton of American Homeland Security.

Five members signed in.

John read aloud the open session section of the July 16 minutes. The minutes were approved.

Carol discussed the on-site manager's report. In July, there were 30 statements of credit, 55 statements of charges due, four attorney referrals, two evictions in process and 48 defaults.

There were eight exterminations in August, two animal violations, one vehicle violation, one noise violation, one yard/common area violation and six housekeeping standards violations.

Twenty-four units are on the market: five three-bedroom units (five are sold); 17 two-bedroom units (four applications are in process) and two one-bedroom units (one is sold). Five of these units are still occupied.

The board voted unanimously to accept Carol's report.

Kevin presented the maintenance report. In June, 175 work orders were completed. There have been three move-ins, one transfer and three move-outs.

The grounds were mowed twice. Vegetation killer was applied to parking lots and sidewalks and insecticide to the evergreens.

Seventeen rehabs are in various stages of completion.

Two air conditioner units were stolen at 17904 Westchester Branch, a material cost of \$1,482.19; and at 17900 Essex Court, \$1,603.11. To replace and install units at both locations required 10 hours of labor each.

Kevin reminded members not to pour hot grease down their garbage disposals. It costs \$150 to replace a garbage disposal.

The board voted unanimously to accept Kevin's report.

John reported for the Activities Committee. Bingo has not

been well-received. The event for the community sponsored by the Lighthouse Church of Independence on August 4 was successful.

Dorinda reported for the Pet Committee. Two incidents -- one about excessive pet waste and one about holes dug -- were reported. New volunteers for the Pet Committee have started their terms.

John Morton reported for American Homeland Security. From July 2 to August 11, there were 86 foot patrols, five car checks, 20 pedestrian checks, 97 building checks, 303 resident contacts, no arrests, five calls for service, 17 tickets for expired tags and four cars towed.

Marsha opened the floor to member comments.

Kevin told the board there was another dumpster fire caused by a member dumping hot charcoal into the dumpster on Buckingham.

Brea Baggs won the door prize drawing of a \$25 gift card.

## Services for Hire

### HOUSE CLEANING

Husband and wife team looking to clean your rooms from top to bottom, spic 'n span! Very reasonable rates. Call 816.257.4991 day or night.

### HANDYMAN

Do you have a "honey-do" list? Need anything hauled out, in, or cleaned? I am available to move furniture or do odd jobs for you, anytime night or day.

Call Rick at 816.984.3997 or at 816.813.3095. Pricing very reasonable.

## For Sale

Girls high school musical bike, like new with decals for ages 5-10 years. Call 816.394.9722 or email T61FORBES@att.net.



## Hot Coals Set Trash on Fire

Smoldering coals from outdoor grilling do not belong in the dumpster.

Please extinguish all charcoal before throwing it away. Coals that are still hot will burn the trash inside the dumpster, melt the paint, create fumes and damage the dumpster beyond repair.

You are also endangering the members of the cooperative by creating a fire hazard. In these dry conditions, fires can quickly spread and destroy everything in their path.

Members also are reminded to put trash in bags and to place them inside, not next to, a dumpster.

Recently a member reported finding credit and employment applications with personal information on them, mail and other trash littering the area around a dumpster.

Members who empty their trash cans directly into the bin are creating a mess for the maintenance staff. When the dumpster is picked up, loose trash is blown all over the grounds. Litter and garbage strewn throughout the complex are unsightly and unsanitary.

### *Illegal dumping*

The maintenance staff has evidence that some of the trash in Highleah dumpsters is coming from companies and individuals who are not members of the cooperative.

This is illegal. If you believe a motorist throwing trash into a dumpster is not a Highleah member, please get a license tag number and turn the number into the office.

Illegal dumping makes extra work for our maintenance staff and fills up dumpster space intended for use by members.

## Sept. 17 Board Meeting Will Be Closed

The board will meet in closed session on Monday, September 17.

The annual meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18. Members will fill one position on the board of directors.

If enough members are present -- a majority -- a bylaws vote will be held after the annual meeting. If a majority attends the bylaws vote, a grand prize of three months of free carrying charges will be awarded.

Annual meeting door prizes will be awarded to only members present. The grand prize is available to both members present and to members represented by proxies.

## Earlier Curfew Enacted

At the August board meeting, the board voted to change the curfew on weekends.

**Curfew for residents 17 years of age or younger is now 11 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The curfew for Sunday through Thursday remains at 10 p.m.**

Much stricter enforcement of this rule will now be taking place. Repeated violations of the curfew rules will necessitate the board of directors taking further action. We want to keep Highleah a safe and desirable place to live. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Fall Yard Sale Slated for October 6

Look for bargains throughout the cooperative all day long on Saturday, October 6.

That's the date for the Highleah fall yard sale.

The rain date is October 13.

