

# Highland Ridge News

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## President's Letter...

**Paulette Blunt**

I cannot believe that this is the last HOA president's letter that I will write! It has been my pleasure to serve the home owners association. Do not forget to VOTE as we have two candidates running for the president position. We have a wonderful remaining board, and I would encourage neighbors to be patient during the time of transition. Be sure to update your contact information for board members' phone numbers and e-mails. I am sure that I will continue to receive emails/calls, and I will do my best to quickly forward those to the new president, but that will add to the time it takes him to respond.

Finally, just remember most issues between neighbors can usually be handled by simple communication. Communicate with the ACC board if you are making any changes to your home or property. This protects you from complaints from neighbors or actions by the HOA. What could be worse than putting in a new fence for thousands of dollars and then having to replace it because it doesn't meet regulations? If your neighbor is doing something that you find irksome, talk to them! If you cannot work it out (or if you fear your safety), the HOA is happy to step in, but we have found that most issues are quickly handled just by neighbors talking. Most neighbors appreciate open communication, and perhaps a new friendship will be forged.

Thank you all for letting me serve you these last years.

Paulette Blunt,

President

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## **HOA President Candidate Bio: Darrell Howard**

Originally from Owensboro, Kentucky I moved to the Kansas City area in 2009. I began working in the golf course industry as an Equipment Technician in 2010 for Leawood South Country Club as well as Nicholas Golf Club at Lionsgate. Most recently I accepted a position with E-Z-Go as Service Technician. I married my wife Theresa in 2014, and we moved into the neighborhood in August 2016. Through the years, I have found a passion in working with kids and have even created a board game centered on the game of golf! In my spare time I enjoy riding my Harley, working on electronics, working on projects around the house with my wife and playing with our pets.

Working in a service industry for the past 15 years has helped me to prioritize needs, efficiently address issues, and be proactive in addressing needs. These are skills that will be necessary if elected as your HOA president. I have a strong work ethic and desire to serve others which I learned through my time in the Air Force. I look forward to being able to serve the needs of everyone within our association and would appreciate your vote.

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## **HOA President Candidate Bio: Mark Ellis**

Mark Ellis has lived in Shawnee since 2001 and he and his family joined the Highland Ridge community in 2009. He has served as the HOA Board Vice President and the Chair of the Architectural Control Committee since 2014. In that role, Mark reinstated and recruited members for a full committee and has consistently worked to apply the HOA Restrictions in fair and reasonable manner. Mark currently works for Kansas City Power & Light in the Internal Audit department and is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Internal Auditor.

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## **Vice President's ACC Letter**

### **The Holiday Season is Here!**

Thanks to neighbor Jason Blackburn for volunteering to design and install the new holiday lighting on the monuments! This will be a great addition to brighten the neighborhood during the holiday season!

We also love all the personal home displays! If you install a lighting/display at home, please remember the following HOA restriction:

*Exterior Christmas lights and/or decorations may be erected or maintained during the sixty (60) day period beginning November 15th of each calendar year.*

This means exterior decorations should be taken down by January 14th. We do typically allow a 30-day grace period, particularly if the weather is unfavorable for working outside.

Happy Holidays!

Mark Ellis—ACC Chair

## Calling for Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for all aspects of the HOA: Board positions (especially Vice President), Welcome Committee, Social Committee, and ACC. Please submit your name by 12/15/2017 to Paulette Blunt at [pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com) or 913.422.7144 if you are interested.

Again, the current board would like to extend a word of appreciation to Paulette for volunteering her time for over 10 years serving our neighborhood! We know she will enjoy the extra time.

## Large Item Pickup Wednesday, November 29th, 2017

### 2018 Highland Ridge HOA Board Ballot

**Ballots are due by December 15th, 2017 and can be mailed to:**

Highland Ridge HOA  
PO Box 860231  
Shawnee, KS 66286-0231

You may also e-mail your name, address, and response to:  
[pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com)

Only one vote per household. If emailed or postal mailed, please provide your name, address, and response.

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|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>President (vote for one)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Darrell Howard  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Ellis |
| <b>Vice President</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |                                     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer McHugh |                                     |
| <b>Secretary</b>                | <input type="checkbox"/> John Kuhn       |                                     |
| <b>Pool Maintenance</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Mize       |                                     |

**Whether it's your garbage, recyclables or yard waste that's going to the curb, there are a few tips you can follow to help ensure collection.**

#### PLACEMENT TIPS

**1.** Consider the three-foot rule; there should be three feet between carts, yard waste bags and structures such as mail boxes, cars and lamp posts.

**2.** Cart should be within 18 inches of the curb.

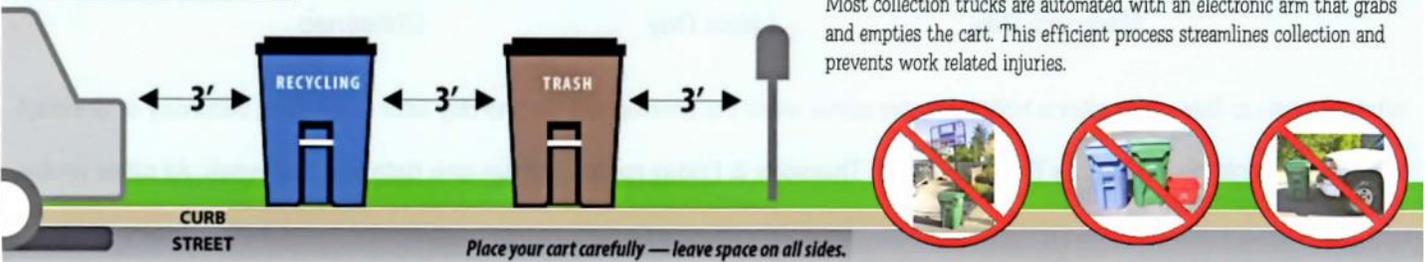
**3.** Face the short metal bar toward the street.

**4.** Position the cart on as level of surface as possible, away from overhanging tree branches.

**5.** Make sure lid is closed.

#### Why it Matters?

Most collection trucks are automated with an electronic arm that grabs and empties the cart. This efficient process streamlines collection and prevents work related injuries.



## 2017 HOA CONTACTS

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### **Vice President**

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### **Social Committee**

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### **Yard Sale Committee**

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### **Welcome Committee**

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## Dues Reminder

Please remember to send in your Home Owner's Dues of \$425. They should be mailed to our PO BOX no later than Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018.

Make checks payable to:  
Highland Ridge Homes Association

And mail to:

Highland Ridge Homes Association  
PO BOX 860231  
Shawnee, KS 66286-0231

We will also take payment by credit card this year, but additional fees will apply. If you are interested in this option, please contact our Treasurer, Jennifer McHugh.

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