

# Highland Ridge News

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## President's Letter...

**Paulette Blunt**

Another summer as flown by! What a wild summer it has been. I cannot recall having so many damaging storms and many trees in the neighborhood have taken a hit. We have had most of the broken branches in the common areas cleaned up and carted off. Please report any additional common area storm damage to the board or the ACC. We have also worked on removing dead trees and diseased plants, etc.. We continue to work on keeping the common areas healthy and eye pleasing.

With Fall right around the corner, it is time to call for individuals willing to run for the HOA board and/or to serve on committees. One big opening this year is for President. After a decade as President, and as a social committee member before that, I have decided to "retire" from HOA duties. I will finish out the year. I have been lucky to be surrounded by great fellow board members in my tenure which made it easy to stay as president for such a long time. I have just decided that I would like to take a break from the HOA, and to just enjoy being a neighbor. The rest of the board is planning to stay, so I know that the transition of a new president should be a smooth one. If you are interested in the president or any other position, please submit your name to me at [pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com) by 10/1/2017. The vote will occur via ballot in the November newsletter, with new board members going into effect on 1/1/2018.

If you have any questions or concerns about the change, please feel free to contact me at [pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com). Enjoy the last fleeting days of summer!

Paulette Blunt,  
President

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# Planning a Project?

*Painting - Fence - Deck - Landscaping*

*Storage - Swingset - Addition*

*Basically, anything visible to neighbors*

## ACC Approval is Required

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### Advertising

We do offer advertising space in the newsletter to help offset the cost of printing and mailing. Contact Paulette Blunt at [pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com) or 913-422-7144 if you are interested in placing an ad in an upcoming newsletter.

*The HOA does not endorse nor guarantee the products or services of any paid advertisements.*

### Vice President's ACC Letter

Thanks to all who have submitted plans for approval this summer and to the committee for reviewing and approving those plans so quickly! We've been working to get the word out on the requirements for approval and it appears to be working with the large number of requests received this year.

With the multiple strong storms we've had this season, we have been keeping our tree crews busy. If you see any additional down limbs that need to be addressed, please let us know.

With those storms, we also have a lot of roofs being replaced. Many have asked questions around approval for new roofs. If you are replacing with same style and color, no approval is needed. If you are making a change, please submit plans to [HighlandRidgeACC@outlook.com](mailto:HighlandRidgeACC@outlook.com).

After (and during) your roof replacement, please inspect the road in front of your house for nails. The tire you save could be your own!

More information regarding HOA Restrictions and ACC requirements can be found at <http://www.highlandridgehoa.com/architectural-control-committee-acc.html>.

#### **Be a Good Neighbor and Keep Our Neighborhood Looking Great!**

Most complaints we receive continue to involve trash, street parking and lawns. Please do your part and be a Good Neighbor by:

- Putting your trashcans away in a timely manner. The City requires empty trashcans be removed within 12 hours of collection and stored behind the setback line of your house. This means they cannot be stored in front of your house in the driveway.
- Not parking vehicles on the street overnight
- Keeping your yard well-maintained and free of weeds, debris and trash

The City has many great resources for building better neighborhoods including the Good Neighbor Program. There is also a Citizen Service Request app for reporting issues. Check it all out at [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org).

Mark Ellis—ACC Chair

## Calling for Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for all aspects of the HOA: Board positions, Welcome Committee, Social Committee, and ACC. Please submit your name by 10/1/2017 to Paulette Blunt at [pauletteblunt@yahoo.com](mailto:pauletteblunt@yahoo.com) or 913.422.7144 if you are interested.

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.

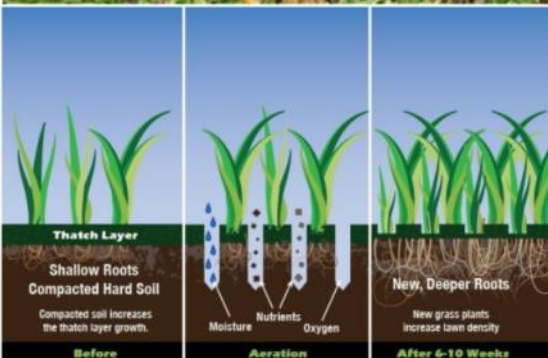
2017 Pool Season  
The last day for the pool  
has been extended until Sunday  
September 10th

Fall Yard Sale Dates  
Thursday through Saturday  
September 14th—16th



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## Core Aeration –Key to a Healthy Lawn!

### Do you need Core Aeration?

If you live in Kansas, the answer is probably YES! Most lawns in Kansas have compacted clay soil which restricts the movement of air and soil to the roots. Unlike garden soil, the soil under lawns tends to compact readily because unlike that of garden soil it is never turned or worked with. Good drainage is one of the keys to having a healthy lawn, but all too often our lawns in Kansas are growing on heavy clay soil that packs down easily just with normal lawn use making drainage a real problem.

### How often should I aerate my lawn?

Homeowners should aerate their lawns in the fall and in the spring for the first 3 years. There after, once a year in the fall is sufficient.

### What is Compaction?

Compaction is the pressing together of soil particles, which squeezes air out of the soil. Most compaction occurs in the upper two inches of soil. The biggest cause of compacted soil is activity on soggy turf. Other causes include watering lawns and/or lawn mowing. Construction and grading equipment used to build homes also has adverse effects.

### Benefits of Core Aeration

1. Reducing soil compaction
2. Penetrating heavy thatch
3. Allowing more efficient watering and fertilizing
4. Enhancing root growth
5. Enriching surface soil
6. Decreasing water run-off

A healthy root system is a must for an attractive lawn. Oxygen in the soil is vital for healthy roots. Root growth is inhibited by clay and compacted soils because of a restricted oxygen supply. Aerating improves rooting and problem soils by allowing air into the soil. An aerator does this job mechanically without destroying the turf.

**Remember, 90% of grass is in the roots!**

### Verticutting / Slit Seeding

If you're interested in thickening the lawn up, call us to verticut and overseed. Verticutting creates a proper seedbed by cutting small linear slits in the soil for optimal seeding results. We verticut the lawn in two different directions to ensure an even germination. This Process generally results in seed germination rates of 80% and better!

*Core Aerate, Verticut and Overseed for best results!*

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## Reminders

### ◆ Yard Sale Dates

Thursday through Saturday,  
September 14th—16th

### ◆ 2017 Pool Season

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been extended until Sunday,  
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