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President's Letter

Mark Ellis

As we wrap another fun summer/pool season, I want to give a special thanks to our newest board member Brice Bertram who has stepped in and spearheaded the selection of a new service company, painting of the pool house, and improvements to our security system. Brice has done a fantastic job leading these noticeable improvements to the pool!

If you have an interest or specific talent and willingness to help keep our neighborhood great, please get involved in the HOA. Managing our HOA with volunteer members vs. a management company saves us significant money and provides for a much stronger, vibrant, and desirable neighborhood. It takes volunteers to make it work though and the more volunteers we have the better the HOA will be.

We still need someone to fill the Treasurer role on the Board. Jennifer McHugh (who graciously came out of retirement to help) and I have been working together to cover the duties since February. Adding a volunteer auditor role (individual or committee) has also been proposed and would be a welcome addition. Nomination information is included later in this newsletter, but if you have an interest or just want more information, please reach out to anyone on the Board.

Wilder Bluff

This year has also brought some significant developments with the city. First, as hopefully everyone has seen, Wilder Bluff Park has opened! It features over 40



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acres of parkland with a unique treetop canopy playground, hillside slide and a natural themed sprayground. The park has a 1.38 mile trail that connects HR and the Estates, natural grasses and a patio overlook. The Wilder Bluff shelter includes a fireplace and a buffet ledge with power outlets. The shelter can be reserved through the City. More information can be found at cityofshawnee.org/departments/parks_recreation/parks_and_trails/wilder_bluff

Shout out to our ACC Chair, Josh Welge for getting the city to add sidewalk in W 52nd Terrace to connect with the park entrance!

Golf Carts

The city council recently passed an ordinance that formally legalized the use of golf cart and micro utility vehicles within the city limits. Generally, these vehicles can now legally be operated on city streets following these rules (refer to the municipal code for full rules/definitions):

1. The speed limit on such road is twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less;
2. The vehicle is operated during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with and utilizing:
 - a. Lights, as required by state and local law for motorcycles, except that electric turn signals and multiple-beam road lighting equipment shall not be required;
3. The operator of the vehicle has a valid driver's license; and
4. The owner maintains insurance for the vehicle in the same amounts set forth for motor vehicles.
5. It remains unlawful to operate the vehicle on any publicly maintained park (**including Wilder Bluff**) and recreational facility, sidewalk, jogging path, or trail, or at any location identified as limited solely to pedestrian traffic or otherwise marked as prohibiting motorized vehicles.



These vehicles provide enjoyment for many in our neighborhood and are welcome, but please always put safety first and be cognizant and respectful of others as you operate them.

Thanks, and have a great fall! GO CHIEFS!!
Mark

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Pool Update

Brice Bertram

Neighbors,

As we are winding down the pool season, we want to remind everyone of some potential safety issues we face. With school being back in session we tend to see a drop in pool attendance. We still have our teens (who are 14+) going to the pool and we need to remind them not to let people into the pool if they do not have their passes. The flip side of that is all adults need to make sure you have your pass when going to the pool as well, for the safety of our kids. If you cannot find your pool pass, please reach out to highlandridgepool@gmail.com to get a replacement.

We will also be extending the closing of the pool out to September 12th. Please remember the pool hours rules which are still in place - Sunday through Thursday 10am to 9pm and Friday and Saturday 10am to 10pm.

We appreciate everyone doing their part this year to make this pool season a success.

Thank you!

Brice Bertram

Pool Chair

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Call for Officers and Volunteers

We are accepting interest from volunteers for all aspects of the HOA: Board positions (especially Treasurer), Welcome Committee, Social Committee, and ACC. Please submit your name by Friday 11/5/2021 to Mark Ellis at HighlandRidgeHOA@outlook.com or 913.461.6126 if you are interested.

2021 Events and Reminders

Social Committee Adult Swim Event

September 4th at 6PM. BYOB, Chik-fil-A nuggets provided, please bring a side dish to share.

Large Trash Pickup

November 17th.

Pool Closing

The pool will be closing for the season on Sunday, September 12th.