

Highland Ridge News

President's Letter...

Paulette Blunt

We have had an excellent rate of dues payment this year! We are currently standing at over 95% of dues being paid. The collections process has begun for those who have yet to pay. Please remember that timely payment of dues is important in order to keep HOA benefits running smoothly. The HOA is also required to make payments in a timely fashion, and we need HOA dues to be paid by January 1st in order to meet our financial obligations.

I also encourage each of you take a look at the HOA regulations and requirements prior to the spring/summer months. Each year we have new neighbors, or old neighbors who have forgotten, rules and guidelines that exist solely to maintain property values. Here are a few of the most often forgotten rules:

1. All dogs must be leashed or contained within a fence. If your dog is barking, please bring it indoors. If you take your dog for a walk, you must clean up after it. Leaving dog waste in a HOA common area increases the cost of lawn care for the HOA, and eventually, you.
2. You must have permission for changing the color of your house, building a fence, or for large landscaping projects.
3. Please park in your garage or driveway at night. Overnight on-street parking is a violation. Parking at the pool is restricted to those currently using the pool.
4. Trailers, boats, and RV's may be parked no more than 8 hours, with no overnight parking.
5. Lawns must be trimmed and reasonably free of weeds and debris.

Please take time to review all the regulations, and to print ACC request forms at our web-site: highlandridgehoa.com. Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions or concerns.

Paulette Blunt,
President

Shawnee St. Patrick's Celebration Sunday, March 16th

The Parade: Calling all Irish, by heritage or in spirit! Don't miss the 32nd Annual Shawnee St. Patrick's Parade. Even if your family tree doesn't include an Irish branch, the entire family will have fun cheering on all the great parade entries and at the variety of activities before and after the parade.

The parade travels east on Johnson Drive from Monrovia to Nieman Road. Marching bands, dancers, floats are all part of the fun. Immediately after the parade, proceed to the Knights of Columbus Hall, 11221 Johnson Drive for an Irish corned beef and cabbage lunch and the awards ceremony.

The parade is sponsored by the Irish American Club of Johnson County and the Shawnee St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

This year's parade theme is Celebrating Your Irish Dynasty. Prizes will be awarded in several categories and winners will score some Irish green in the form of cash prizes. Winners must be present to pick up their plaques and cash prizes. Entry forms are available at City Hall, and at www.irishamericanclub.org. This year's \$10 entry fee will be donated to the Shawnee Police and Fire Departments' Heroes Pull, which benefits the Kansas Special Olympics. Don't forget to pick up one of the parade t-shirts along the parade route. Good Celebrations Start Here!

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

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Treasurer's Letter

Budget Update

The 2013 Budget ended in line with expectations. We were able to make landscape improvements/maintenance at the main monument, did not experience any major pool repairs, and a more "normal" summer saw a greatly reduced annual water bill. As you can see by the results we ended 2013 with reserves of \$24,067.55.

We are reviewing community needs for maintenance to pool decking and fencing, additional landscape improvements, and repairs to monument lighting. We want a strong focus on community aesthetics. We still have several home sites remaining and we want an attractive community to build a home or resell a home. As a side note to that, we encourage homeowners to contact the City of Shawnee online with service requests.

<http://www.cityofshawnee.org/> and select Residents and Citizen Service Request. This page lists many types of complaints from a neighbor's unkempt yard, sidewalk repairs, to burned out street lights. This is the same requests HOA board members use for many complaints received.

2014 Dues Update

We received a lot of feedback this year about receiving more notification that dues are due on January 1. We followed the same notification process in years past, but we will be going to a format this fall of mailing an invoice in November. We will maintain the newsletter notification in the fall with the postcard dues reminder in December. You can mark your calendars now with 2015 dues of \$425.00 being due January 1, 2015 with a mailing grace period through Monday, January 12, 2015. Trash service will be suspended for unpaid dues targeting Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

Thank you,

Jeff Brownell—913.269.9615

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Got (a little) Time?

We have several important committee positions open at this time. The Social Committee needs a person to organize two neighborhood events each year. The Yard Sale Committee needs a person to place signage, and advertise for the Spring and Fall yard sales.

Please contact any board member for more information.

We would also like to thank recent volunteers that did a fantastic job in making our neighborhood a great place to live.

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