

**BLUE HILLS ESTATES
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER – FALL - 2015**



BIG EVENT FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

It was suggested by a resident and received great acceptance at the annual meeting that we hold a “shred” event for Blue Hills Estates residents, SO that is what we are doing. This event will be held on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:30A to 11:30A. Thanks to Board members Joe Quinly and Greg Morlan, they have also agreed to collect household recyclable items that the City will accept and haul them to the Environmental Recycle Center located at 4707 Deramus in the riverfront area for our residents during this event, PLEASE see a list of items accepted and our restrictions below. This event will take place on Island #2, located across the street from 12640 Oakmont Drive.

For the shred truck:

- **Residents are limited to personal shred items, no business volume as this event does not carry the same compliance regulations as a business shred situation.**
- **Each household is limited to no more than five boxes/bags of shredding, that is a limit of five total.**

For the recycle items:

- **Clear glass**
- **Brown glass**
- **Green glass**
- **Aluminum cans**
- **Tin**
- **Newspaper**
- **Magazines**
- **Press board (cereal and food boxes)**
- **Corrugated cardboard**
- **Plastics #1 & #2**
- **Toner and inkjet cartridges**
- **Old paint cans**
- **Pesticide cans and bottles**
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- **NOTE:** If you have a question on an item outside this list, please contact the City and ask before bringing your item. We also ask that if you can get rid of something through the normal trash pickup please do that versus bringing it to this event.
- Also, if you have old electronics that you wish to recycle, this link: <http://surplusexchange.org/newsite1/> will take you to the organization that the City recommends and you can schedule a pick-up of your item.

BLUE HILLS ESTATES ONLINE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY:

Our online directory is loaded, however we only received e-mails for approximately fifty residents and the system entry is based upon e-mail, so “@noemail.com” addresses were created in order to populate the directory. At this point we are working out how to handle entry for the residents that did not send us their e-mail address and creating a password regimen for all in the system. PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE WORK OUT THE NUANCES OF THE SYSTEM. You will receive further notification on this once these things are worked out.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES:

August 1, 2015 Meeting
 Blue Hills Estates Homes Association Minutes of the Annual Meeting

In attendance: Jim Wilson, Jim & Carol Rendina, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Morlan, Joe Quinly & Janet Redding, Dan & Dee French, plus homeowners:

- Kermit & Irma Shaneyfelt**
- Phil Barrett**
- Chuck & Sarah Allison**
- Jim & June Vaughan**
- Jim & Karen Koch**
- Kaquisha Ross**
- Donna Ramel**
- Chipp & Karen Nelson**
- Elaine James**
- John & M Wood**
- John & Kelley Young**
- Steve Rinne & Barbara Mueth**
- Randy Spangler**
- Jessica Griffiths**
- Margaret & Curtis Tyler**

Items discussed:

1. Jim W. opened the meeting at 4P and welcomed the residents in attendance and provided a general introduction to the agenda.
2. Greg Morlan talked about the Crime Watch/Children Playing signs that had been posted in the neighborhood and also provided information on how to check street light polls for rust and who to call if a replacement was needed.
3. Dan French gave an update on the new online directory that is in the process of being launched, anticipated ready date is September 1 and instructions will be given to all residents via the September newsletter.
4. Joe Quinly provided an overview of the real estate market within Blue Hills Estate noting that two homes are currently under contract, one on Oakmont receiving a contract for more than the asking price on the first day on the market. The prior 18-months only six homes in the sub-division had changed ownership. Joe offered his services to anyone interested as he is a professional realtor.
5. Jim Rendina covered the proposed budget for the 2015-16 year and there was some general discussion among the members, including problem spots on the streets of Duke Gibson and 130th Terrace at the top of the hills when there is freezing temperatures and ice forms or snow gets packed. It was noted that our annual dues are locked and can't be raised, and that our snow budget is \$4,000 per year in contrast to some of our neighboring sub-divisions who have budgets four and five times that per year. There was talk among some of the residents on those blocks to get a private contractor to help with those two spots and pay it themselves, also it was mentioned that the city's 3-1-1 line seems to be pretty responsive for matters such as that.
6. Jim Wilson reminded residents of the social budget and asked that they be creative with activities for the neighborhood. This led to Dan French and Jim launching the idea of holding a "document shredding" event in the Fall, possibly in connection with some recycling which was met with great approval by those in attendance. Other discussion was asked for and one subject of "rodents" in the neighborhood emerged. An exterminator that had worked at one house suggested not putting trash out until the actual morning it was to be picked up. Possums and raccoons especially will be drawn to places where food is more easily found than in their more wilderness native environment. It was also noted there appears to be coyotes nestled in the woods to the east of the homes on Duke Gibson, between our neighborhood and the retirement/assisted living facility at the corner of Blue Ridge and Wornall, so please be cautious with house pets and children as they run in a pack, five were seen in the cul-de-sac not long ago.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM and a Special Meeting for dues assessment was immediately opened in a separate session.

In the special meeting it was voted upon that annual dues would be \$75 for the upcoming year.

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We would also like to acknowledge that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and give our thoughts for strength to those fighting the disease; gratefulness for the survivors; peace for the families who have lost a loved one to it!

GO ROYALS!!

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SOUTH PATROL DIVISION-OUR COMMUNITY CONTACT:

Our community interaction officer is MIKE HAMMER out of the KC South Patrol Division with the KCPD. The police department recently teamed up with our South KC online website, "NEXT DOOR," as another way to share information, we encourage you to check it out. However, be aware that the police department is unable to read anything you post in this site UNLESS it is a reply to a post it made, or in a private message. So if you make a general post with a question directed to Officer Hammer or any other officer, they will not be able to see it. But feel free to send him a private message or send an email to; Michael.hammer@kcpd.org or give him a call at 816-672-2828, if he can be of any assistance. Keep in mind that "Next Door" is not intended to be used for emergency situations, to file a police report, or to report suspicious activity to the police. If you have an emergency situation requiring officers to respond, call 9-1-1. For those non-emergency situations, you can call the police at 816-234-5111. As always, please keep a watchful eye for any suspicious activity and call the police if you suspect a crime. Also, you will see positngs on "Next Door" for the police department from Sarah Boyd, she is a community officer for the whole city.