



# Timber Hill Estates

Spring 2012

## By-Law Committee Established

During the December 2011 Annual Homeowners Meeting, several items came up regarding our by-laws that the group felt needed clarified or revised. The group voted to establish a by-law committee to look over our existing by-laws and propose possible changes, additions, and/or revisions. The group of five that volunteered to serve on the committee had the opportunity to meet once so far. If you have concerns about our existing by-laws or an item that you think may need clarified or changed, please contact Brigitte Doleshal or Amber Yarnevich at [timberhillboard@gmail.com](mailto:timberhillboard@gmail.com).

### By-Law Committee plans to review...

- Proxy Voting – How & When
- Board Member Selection of Officers, Term Limits
- Board Maximum Spending w/o Member Approval
- Committees Establishment, Structure, & Authority
- Architecture Structures requiring approval
- Voting requirements for Changes to By-Laws or Dues
- By-Laws Match the Declaration of Covenants
- Covenants – Can we change? Do we need changes?
- Cemetery Maintenance Maximum Spending Amount

## Mount Pleasant Cemetery

A Boy Scout Project by Nicholas White

Our neighborhood cemetery, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, is in the midst of a discovery effort. During the December 2011 Annual Homeowners Meeting, Nic White and his mom, Leslie, presented to the homeowners Nic's Boy Scout project to locate gravesites and install cement pillars with a bronze plaque at the entrance to the cemetery.

Nic found a donor to pay for ground penetrating radar to be conducted in hopes of locating gravesites throughout the entire cemetery. The ground penetrating radar uses radar pulses to image what is underneath the grounds surface. It detects the reflected signals from objects, changes in material, and voids and cracks underground.

The company conducting the radar, Construction Solutions Services<sup>1</sup> of Paola, Kansas, has located more gravesites than was originally believed to be in the cemetery. The company is locating gravesites by moving the radar equipment perpendicular to the row



*Ground Penetrating Radar being conducted at the Cemetery.*

of burial sites, and placing flags at the edges of the burial. Ground penetrating radar is not fool proof; it is possible that they have marked possible gravesites that are actually a large decayed tree root system. However, they use the approximate dimensions and spacing of typical gravesites to help them differentiate between burial sites, tree roots, etc.

Based on past research of historical documents, there were believed to be at least 42 burial sites in the

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cemetery.<sup>2</sup> The company found 76 possible burial sites throughout the cemetery. Due to the age of the cemetery, they believe that some of those burial sites located in the southwest corner of the cemetery may actually be slave burial sites based on the size, spacing, and location of each burial site to one another.

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A land survey will permanently record the possible burial sites that have been located for use in the future.

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After the ground penetrating radar was completed, the company conducted a land survey to permanently record the location of the flags and possible burial sites. This land survey can then be used at a later date by any groups trying to refurbish the cemetery and potentially place physical markers at each burial site.

Nic with the help of others has installed the concrete pillars. The pillars were donated from a site where they were no longer going to be used. The bronze plaques were discussed at the December Homeowners Meeting, and the homeowners were in unanimous support of donating \$300 for one larger bronze plaque.



*New pillars installed at the entrance to the Cemetery.*

After a little more designing by Nic for the signs, THE Board agreed to pay an extra \$120 for two smaller plaques that would fit better on each pillar, and not overhang and risk getting knocked off as easily. A donor covered the remaining expenses for the two plaques.

Thanks to everyone who helped out!!! We hope to have Nic come back to a meeting and show us all what they found.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.construction-solutions.net/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://home.netcom.com/~dcvolts/buriedatlist.htm>

## Entertainment Committee VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Board would like to have some help from our fellow neighbors in establishing an Entertainment Committee to help organize events like the Annual Picnic. Would you like to help organize some fun events for our neighborhood? To volunteer, please contact Brigitte Doleshal at 816-941-7509 or contact the Board at [timberhillboard@gmail.com](mailto:timberhillboard@gmail.com).

## Calendar of Events

### DELAYED TRASH PICK-UP

MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FOR MEMORIAL DAY

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

June 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Homeowners Dues Late

## NEW Email & Website

In order to improve communication, THE Board has established a new email address and website. The new email address, [timberhillboard@gmail.com](mailto:timberhillboard@gmail.com), will deliver email to all five board members automatically. As Board members change, the email address to reach all the Board members will stay the same. THE Board is also going to start using our website with the Homeowners Associations of Kansas City at <http://www.ha-kc.org/>. We will be posting our meeting minutes as well as newsletters. We hope you all find this helpful.

THE Board will no longer be placing items directly in your mailboxes out of concern for your privacy... not to mention it is also against U.S. Postal Services laws. There was some confusion in the past that items placed in your mailbox came from THE Board when they did

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not. THE Board will only be using email or the U.S. Postal Service for mail delivery of notices, newsletters, etc. We ask that you respect your neighbor's privacy and not place items in their mailboxes.

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## Check out THE Website!!!

<http://www.ha-kc.org/>

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## WRITERS WANTED

Do you have an idea for an article for our newsletter? How about a son or daughter who loves to write? THE Board would like to mix a little fun in with our business for the newsletters. Submit your ideas for future articles or submit a fully written article to [timberhillboard@gmail.com](mailto:timberhillboard@gmail.com). We will try to fit it into our newsletters as space provides.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

Do you love taking photographs? Does your son or daughter love to use a camera? Send us your photographs of people having fun in the neighborhood or of nature in your backyard. THE Board would love to include them in the newsletter or website. Maybe if we get enough submissions, we can have a photo contest. Submit your photos, digital only please, to [timberhillboard@gmail.com](mailto:timberhillboard@gmail.com).

### Are you getting THE Board's emails?

If you haven't been getting any emails from THE Board in the last month and would like to, SEND US AN EMAIL.  
[timberhillboard@gmail.com](mailto:timberhillboard@gmail.com)



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## Cemetery Leaf Debris Cleanup

You may have also noticed a large pile of leaf and limb debris and a dumpster at the cemetery at the end of January. In order for the company conducting the ground penetrating radar to do their work, the cemetery had to be cleared of all leaf and limb debris. The Boy Scout group and some neighbors volunteered their time to help clear the cemetery. There was more debris than expected by this cleanup and there was believed to be some dumping of debris into the cemetery as well.

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**If you see someone dumping in the Cemetery, please ask them to stop. If You are dumping in the Cemetery, PLEASE STOP!!!**

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The Boy Scout group had no plan to get rid of all the debris from the second day of cleanup.... so the Board agreed to pay for the disposal of 200 leaf bags and a pile of limbs left by the Boy Scouts. This was not presented at the December meeting by the Boy Scout, and was an unexpected expense by the Board. However, the Board felt that it was important to dispose of the debris quickly or the bags would tear and break from the weather and/or it would attract others to dump and add to the pile.