

BLUE HILLS ESTATES
HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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Welcome New Board Members!

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NEW OFFICERS NEEDED:

Two of our board members had to step down for personal reasons. As a result, we are in need of volunteers for the secretary and treasure positions. If you are interested in serving the neighborhood in either of these capacities, please contact any member of the board.

DUMPSTER DAY

On September 8th we held our first Dumpster Day in the Carnoustie cul de sac. The board wanted to provide a useful service to the neighborhood and this event proved to be a success. You all almost filled up two dumpsters with unwanted, non hazardous items. Special thanks to T. Jones and Libby Stone for volunteering to supervise this event! The board plans to hold a similar event in the spring.

CURB APPEAL

Has anyone missed those not-so-pleasant jolts as you drive over the man-hole covers on St. Andrews? We don't!!! Your new Board submitted requests to the city for them to be repaired and the city responded well. We hope you are able to relax a bit easier

now as you drive down St. Andrews. Submitting a request for the city to take action on neighborhood improvements is easy for anyone to do. Just go to <http://kcmo.gov/311/> or call 311. So, if you see something that needs attention, go ahead and submit a request.

Concerns with the deteriorating curbs were discussed during the last annual meeting, and there was a consensus that we, as a neighborhood, needed to begin the process to get the city to work with us on replacing the curbs. Major improvements, such as new curbs, typically involve a long process that takes a few years to get traction. To get this process initiated, the Board submitted a request to the Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) for funding to replace the curbs in Blue Hills. The city has responded with an acknowledgement of the request stating that they will prepare a cost estimate for the project that will be considered for the 2019 budget. If you would like to track the progress of our PIAC, the PIAC request number is 360871. This effort is being headed up by Ed Van Buskirk. If you have experience working with the city on getting funding requests approved or would like to assist in this effort, contact Ed at 816-215-1483 or Ed@TheVanBuskirks.com.

Clean Curbs vs. Dirty Curbs: Accumulation of sticks, acorns and mud can sure make the neighborhood look... let's just say uncared for. Clean curbs make our neighborhood a much more inviting and nice place to live. So, we recently had the curbs cleaned, and it made a notable improvement. The problem is that with more leaves and acorns falling, the curbs need periodic cleaning. Please do your part by periodically sweeping in front of your house keeping it free of sticks, acorns and leaves. Thank You!

WELCOME COMMITTEE

At the annual board meeting, several people expressed interest in welcoming new homeowners and providing them information about the neighborhood, as well as a copy of the covenants and restrictions. We thought this was an OUTSTANDING idea! Wouldn't it be nice to give our new neighbors a gift and warm welcome to Blue Hills Estates? Julie Woullfe has volunteered to lead the charge on this endeavor. If anyone else is interested in joining the welcome committee, please contact any of the board members.

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS BUDGET ISSUE

In a prior Newsletter it was disclosed that the Board was anticipating costly legal fees regarding a structure erected in violation of Association restrictions and complaints concerning said structure. Resolution has been reached with minimum expense. Furthermore, a form of restitution has been offered by the home owner that will financially benefit our Homes Association.

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

Ed Vanbuskirk, the new Executive Secretary of the Board, will replace Daniel French as the contact for street issues during inclement weather. The board is committed to making sure our streets are clear this winter. As a friendly reminder, do not exit the neighborhood via Burning Tree Drive when the roads are slick. The decline heading toward the stop sign at State Line Rd is always slick, and that street does not fall within Blue Hills Estates.

ISLAND MAINTENANCE

The board will continue working with Inspire Landscape Management, LLC, again this year to provide maintenance to the islands. In an effort to improve the aesthetic nature of our beloved cul-de-sacs, the board hopes to plan a neighborhood event geared toward island beautification in the spring.

**This newsletter is brought to you by the Board of Directors of the Blue Hills Estates Home Owners Association. Keep up with what is going on in the neighborhood by going to <http://www.ha-kc.org/index.php/48-blue-hills-estates>.