

Current Events:

• **Annual Meeting voting results –**

- Resolution 1 – By-laws amendment – Failed to pass.
- Resolution 2 – Dues increase to \$320 – Passed. Please see over the page for more details.

• **Dues notices**

These will be mailed out by Homes Associations of Kansas City during the month of December.

- Deffenbaugh price will be \$160 for 2016 and includes trash / recycling / yard waste.
- Therefore total dues plus trash will be \$480.

• **Neighboring Developments:**

The 159th Street and US 69 highway interchange construction is essentially complete

159th Street widening has also started with utility relocation work under way. The majority of the roadwork will be performed during the school summer vacation. At some point in time the 159th / Riggs intersection will be closed off. The neighborhood entrance monument will be removed from its current location and re-built on the west side of the Riggs & 159th intersection

The City of Overland Park will be performing survey work in 2016 for improvements along Metcalf between 159th and 167th. The project is slated for 2018 construction.

The sewer lift station on the property west of the neighborhood is almost complete. Construction of roads is due to commence next year along with apartments & housing

NEWS and reminders from the BOARD:

• **Please drive carefully through the neighborhood**

When you go to work / school in the morning, consider taking your foot off the gas and enjoy the peaceful surroundings for the 30 seconds – 2 minutes before you enter the Johnson County rat-race. When you come home and get off either 159th or Metcalf, take it easy and cruise gently along the tree-lined streets and pause for thought that you live on the outskirts of all the craziness – the dog-walkers / joggers / other road users will appreciate it.

• **Newsletters** – This year we have been e-mailing newsletters out with very few (around 19) being sent out by snail mail – either we do not have an e-mail address on record or the e-mail was bounced back. If you have not been receiving any copy (electronic or paper), or if you wish to be put on the e-mail distribution list, please email andrewpedwards123@gmail.com and we will update the list.

• **Yard maintenance** – Please keep their grounds well maintained and free of excessive trash and brush. Brush piles should be burned or removed annually. The Johnson County Fire District #2 station #81 at 19495 Metcalf covers our neighborhood and will issue 30 day burn permits.

When clearing leaves please mow / blow / sweep leaves towards your property and off the street so that the storm drains do not get clogged. Also, please either mulch or bag. Note that Deffenbaugh are contracted to take up to 10 paper bags of yard waste per property per week year round.

Thanks to the group of Scouts who did a great job on one of our resident’s yard. It is good to see local groups looking out for the community.

• **On Street Overnight Parking** – Our bylaws are nowhere near as draconian as many neighborhoods. However, we all have long driveways, and overnight parking on unlit streets with no sidewalks can be hazardous for other road users, so please use your driveways whenever possible.

If you have information you would like to include in the newsletter, please contact Andy Edwards (andrewpedwards123@gmail.com) .. Members of BVR may post a business card size advertisement in the newsletter for \$15 (room permitting)

BVRHA BOARD MEETINGS are open to all residents. All residents are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Meetings are held generally on the **Second Sunday of each month**. Please contact the secretary prior to a meeting for location and time. Board meeting minutes are available to members and kept on file with the secretary.

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BVRHA Web Address on HAKC:

<http://www.ha-kc.org/index.php/ksassoc/73-bvra?layout=blog>

BLUE VALLEY *Riding*

Dear residents of Blue Valley Riding,

The following are the results of the ballots cast at the Annual Meeting held on 1 November 2015

Total votes cast = 51
Total Valid votes = 42
Total Invalid votes = 9

The main reason for invalidating votes were that the proxy forms were either not sent along with the voting form or filled in incorrectly.

Number of full valid voting members = 122

Valid voter turnout was $42 / 122 = 34.4\%$ (*Total including invalid votes = $51/122 = 41.8\%$*)

Resolution 1 - By-Laws Amendment

Valid Yes = 39 out of 42 valid votes = 92.9%.
Quorum requirement = 61.

Resolution not passed

This amendment was to try to make it easier to update the by-laws in future and allow absentee voting / use of alternative voting technology. In order to update the by-laws, we need "*the majority of the voting power of the corporation*" in order to do so. Since we have not been able get this number of attendees at an annual meeting, it requires the messy proxy process in order to do so. We will attempt the same resolution next year.

Note - If all invalid votes were counted, then the results would be $46 / 51 = 90\%$

Resolution 2 - Dues increase to \$320

Valid Yes = 31 out of 42 valid votes = 73.8%
Quorum requirement = 25 (>20% of members in good standing. In order to pass, a simple majority of the votes cast is needed)

Resolution Passed

Note - If all invalid votes were counted, then the results would be $36 / 51 = 70.6\%$

Please contact any board member if you have further questions, we will follow up with these results and future plans in the winter newsletter.