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# Blue Hills Estates

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## Gearing up for spring, and beyond.

No doubt you and your fellow home association neighbors are wondering about the status of our islands.

We have contracted a landscaper to properly service the islands for the season. Some work you may have noticed occurring, or will see starting, include removal of weeds, chemical treatment to deter the growth of weeds, general cleanup, and trimming as needed for proper growth of plants. We are also removing all mulch from past seasons, and adding new treated mulch. Grass is being fertilized and defined borders will be installed to help maintain clean crisp lines and appearance.

#### The winter that was... winter.

Kansas City received 25.2 inches of snow this past winter during multiple snow events. Our contractor had a couple of minor scheduling issues with the first snowfall, but overall did an outstanding job of dealing with snow in our part of the City. Blue Hills Estates is just one of several contracts they managed this year. We completed snow removal thanks to annual dues and the generous voluntary funds provided by many of our homeowners. Snow removal is funded through the Homeowners Association, and is not provided by the City of Kansas City.

The Blue Hills Estates Homeowners Association spent \$3,341.00 for snow management this past season.

#### Island watering

You may have noticed it occurring and wondered who does it. We have five landscaped islands in the Blue Hills Estates neighborhood. Watering of the islands is ideally accomplished by a homeowner close to each island. There are dedicated homeowners who water islands as needed. We currently are in need of homeowners to assist with watering islands number two and number three. They are located on Oakmont, East of St. Andrews, at the North end of the block.

Homeowners who provide island watering will be reimbursed their Home Association dues.

Please help maintain the beauty of Blue Hills Estates by volunteering to water, if you live near those islands.

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#### What's that noise

One of the worst ways to destroy peace and tranquility in any neighborhood is to have to hear barking dogs, car horns, and loud music.

There have been several complaints over the last few months of neighborhood dogs barking excessively. A barking dog can be a real nuisance, especially if the owner is unaware or doesn't do anything about it. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Help reduce unwanted noise by quieting pets and keeping noise to a minimum.

Nuisances can be reported to the City of Kansas City Missouri 311 Action Center.

### In & Around the neighborhood

- QuikTrip at Holmes and Blue Ridge will be building a new store. The new store will be their Gen3 design, and will be built just south of the current location. Look for construction to start the second week of May.
- Keep our neighborhood businesses open by visiting and passing word to others. A new restaurant opened nearby at Stateline Market Shops behind CVS. It's called Yamas Mediterranean Grill & Takeout.
- Our neighborhood is active at removing nuisance signs soliciting business. Signs placed in the right-of-way (within 11 feet of the curb) are illegal and can be removed, and reported. Please help keep our right-of-ways clear.
- Summer is coming. Be sure to nominate people that have taken extra special care of their lawns for "Lawn of the Month"!
- Last year's Walks on Tuesdays were such a hit. We are encouraging everyone to get out and walk on Tuesday nights.
- Construction will be starting this summer on 135th Street. Currently the
  project is being bid out and work will start this summer! The first phase
  of work will be from Holmes to Oak. The road and businesses will be
  open during construction, but there will be traffic delays.
- The Homeowners Association will be emailing out a survey to all home owners that have provided us their email address. If you would like to be kept up to date via email, please send an email to Mindy at mjc0217@gmail.com and we will get you added.

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