CITY OF HOUSTON ACRES
FALL NEWSLETTER 2015

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Meetings: Last Thursday of each month at McMahon Fire House

BICYCLE & CHILD SAFETY

Safety in our City is a primary concern for all who reside and visit. With the number of kids on the rise in Houston Acres, it is critical that we remember to travel safely on our streets. We are all responsible for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and other drivers.

As young children are learning road safety from their parents, it is the responsibility of drivers to be patient and drive slowly near kids. Given the ease of navigation through Houston Acres, some residents near the back of the city are avoiding the more kid-populated streets during "play hours" after school.

Please exercise caution when kids are present.

Block Party / An Evening Out

On Monday, September 21st, the City of Houston Acres will host an evening outdoors. Starting at 6:30PM in the dead-end of Hewitt Avenue, light refreshments will be provided and all are welcome to gather and meet. You are encouraged to walk that evening and take advantage of the opportunity to meet your neighbors. If you'd like to bring an outdoor bag-chair and stay for a while, we'll keep the street closed off until roughly 8:30PM.

Bicycle Safety Continued

- **Actively supervise children until they are responsible to ride on their own.**
- A simple saying: "Use your head, wear a helmet." It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes.
- Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.
- Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.
- When riding at dusk, dawn or in the evening, be bright and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors as well. It's also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.
- http://www.safekids.org

Road Paving Bill #2

The second invoice for the Road Fund Assessment was mailed to homeowners on July 1st. Payments were due by July 15th, 2015. Please mail your payment to:

Road Fund Assessment c/o City of Houston Acres
PO BOX 206098
Louisville, KY 40250-6098

Garbage Bags, Mattresses

Rumpke will no longer accept yard waste (leaves, etc.) in plastic bags. Leaves can be placed in cans, or yard-waste paper bags. ALSO, please contact Rumpke at least 24 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up for acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pick-up. **Any mattress or upholstered furniture must be completely sealed in disposable plastic and duct tape for removal.**

Our Police, Lost / Stolen Bikes, Speeders and Solicitors

As a point of clarification on our Police: The officers we contract to patrol our streets are here for our safety. Please, only contact them for life-safety, suspicious person and crime related issues. A lost dog is neither a crime nor a life-safety issue.

Houston Acres is currently in possession of a few bikes that were either stolen or lost. If you suspect any of these bicycles to be yours and you can identify them (specifically by model, color, serial number, size, etc.), please reach out to HoustonAcres@gmail.com or contact Scott Medley: 502.727.3154.

We know speeding is a huge concern with our residents and we're doing what we can to eliminate it. **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** If you see someone speeding in our city and you can safely capture their license plate number, do so. Send that information along with the time (roughly) and the street to HoustonAcres@gmail.com . We will provide that information to Chief Jones. Chief Jones has promised to knock on doors and directly discuss the speed limit within our city. Children at play, radar signs, and people walking hasn't gotten the attention of the repeat offenders, maybe a police officer at their door will do the trick.

Solicitors hold a special place in our hearts; they rank right up there with poison ivy and dental work. **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Send an email to HoustonAcres@gmail.com with the solicitor's company name and what street they're on. If you prefer to send a text, do so: 502.727.3154. We have contacts in Louisville Metro Government who will have those folks removed.

Your City

Have a question you want answered? Wonder how the city commissioners operate? Come to a meeting. All are welcome and invited. The commissioners meet the last Thursday of each month at 7:45PM in McMahon Fire House.

Mayor

Charles Bartman 454-3355	Daily Operations

Commissioners

Steven Schlotter 417-0039	Road Fund
Scott Medley 727-3154	Newsletter / Communications
Ed Hardison 548-2078	Police, Permits, City Safety
Mia Seitz 210-7660	Rumpke, Landscape

City Clerk

Donna Duvall 451-0654	City & Public Records

Treasurer

Eustace Fernandez 671-5333	Financial and City Taxes

Lincolnshire / Houston Acres Police

Mark Jones 376-9983	Police Chief

RECYCLING Pickup Fall 2015

September:	14, 28
October:	12, 26
November:	9, 23
December:	7, 21

YARD WASTE Pickup Fall 2015

September:	10, 17, 24
October:	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November:	5, 12, 19, 26
December:	3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/HoustonAcres

Email Group: http://groups.google.com/group/houstonacres or email HoustonAcres@gmail.com for assistance.

Road Fund Repayment: $69 per house due by July 15th each year until 2023.