



THE HIGHLANDS AT GUNSTON

Fall 2018 Newsletter

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The Highlands at Gunston HOA Board welcome all new homeowners to the community. We encourage you to read over the By-Laws and Parking Rules and Regulation in your Homeowners Disclosure Package, as it includes important information pertaining to the community.

Besides paying annual and special assessments for capital improvements, Highlands at Gunston homeowners are bound to pay Terrace Town Homes of Gunston Condominium the yearly assessment of maintaining and operating the swimming pool and community center when they purchase property in the Highlands Community. This information is found in your Homeowners Disclosure Package.

PARKING INFORMATION



New parking passes were issued last year (October 2017). Some homeowners/tenants have not picked up the new passes. The old orange and white passes are invalid. If you are using the old parking passes your vehicle is subject to be towed. If you are displaying both the old orange and white sticker and the new green and white sticker on your vehicle, please remove the old one. The Association will not reimburse towing fees!

The Guest Hang Tag is to be used only in your numbered parking space. The vehicle is subject to be towed if parked in an unnumbered parking space.

TRASH INFORMATION



Trash Away is the trash contractor for the community. Please make sure you are depositing your trash in the containers and NOT on the ground! Homeowners will be FINED.

Typical household effects and personal effects such as sofas, beds, mattresses, box springs, chairs, desks, entertainment centers, television sets, filing cabinets, etc. will be picked up at no additional charge.

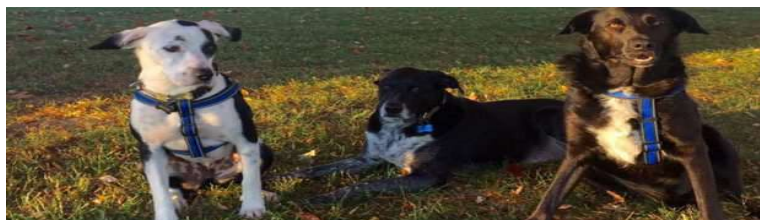
Refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, metal shelving, equipment with motors require special disposal and are not considered bulk trash.

Renovation or contractor debris, such as used carpet, cabinets, bathroom fixtures, used tiles, drywall, wood materials, paint containers, concrete, metal frames or rods, glass windows or doors are not considered bulk trash and require a special pickup.

Hazardous material such as household cleaners, paint thinners, motor oil, gasoline and pesticides will not be accepted by the collectors.

Many of these items including, vehicle tires are constantly left at the trash collection areas. It is an additional expense each time the association has to hire someone to remove the items. Contact the I-95 Energy Resource Recovery Facility at 703-690-1703 for your disposal needs or Trash Away at 703-339-4560 for special pickups.

PET INFORMATION



TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

- **Obey Leash Laws**

In Fairfax County, dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in public areas unless they're in a designated off-leash area. Pet owners should ensure that their pets are not a nuisance to other Residents.

- **Clean Up After Your Dog**

Dog waste is not only unsightly, but it pollutes groundwater and is harmful to wildlife. For your convenience Pet Waste Stations have been installed in each circle. Pick up dog waste and dispose of it in the waste bins or in your trash can at home.

- **Protect Your Dog From the Elements**

If the temperature outside is too cold or hot for you, it is also too cold or hot for your pet. The temperature will continue to fall as we go into the winter months. Pets should not be left out in the cold or in your vehicle during cold or hot periods.

FAIRFAX COUNTY NOISE ORDINANCE

ALL residents are entitled to the Quiet Enjoyment of their homes. In Fairfax County the law prohibits noises during specific hours, including:

- Loudspeakers/Amplifiers - Using a loudspeaker or amplifier between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Barking dogs - Between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. when it can be heard inside a home with its doors and windows closed, or if these sounds can be heard 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. for more than five minutes consecutively or non-consecutively during a 10-minute period.
- Noise Heard in Other Homes - Making noise that can be plainly heard in another person's home with the doors and windows closed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, or between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and the day before a federal holiday.

Visit the Fairfax County Website for other listings.



ANNUAL MEETING – Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:30pm Clubhouse

Detailed information will be mailed.

PAYMENT COUPON BOOKS

Payment coupon books will be available for pickup at the annual meeting. Homeowners on automatic payment will not receive a payment book. The payment coupon books will be mailed to any homeowner not attending the annual meeting.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- If you see a light is out on a Dominion light pole, contact the Highlands Office Manager with the location. Do not call Dominion Energy yourself. The Dominion Energy staffer may take your call, but may not process it until a representative from Highlands contacts them. It will save everyone time by contacting us first.
- If you have a small light post out near your house, please contact the office manager.
- Call or email us with any other community concerns.
- For safety reasons, do not allow your children to play on the basketball after dark.

The Board has several projects going on in the community; therefore, you might see bushes being cut back, trees trimmed, or paving and concrete work going on. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Highlands Office.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays and Wednesdays 12-4 pm

Fridays 12-2 pm

Closed Federal Holidays

For a quicker response email us at hoahighlands@yahoo.com or leave a voice message for a return call at 703-550-1354.

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