

Newsletter, Fall 2019



Greetings Residents!

The Highlands at Gunston Homeowners Association thanks you for your continuing support and hope you are enjoying our community. We hope to see you at the upcoming annual meeting on **December 5, 2019 at 7:30pm.**

The HOA Board continues to receive numerous complaints from our residents concerning the following:

PLAYING IN THE PARKING AREAS

The parking areas in the community are for vehicles. They are not playgrounds for children. It is extremely dangerous for children to be playing in the parking areas. The riding of bikes, scooters, skates, mopeds, etc. are prohibited in the parking areas. The area near the Lorton Library is a better place for such activities.

MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES

Major vehicle maintenance (such as body repair & painting; removal/rebuilding/overhaul of engines, transmissions, major end-item components, etc.) is strictly forbidden at all times. For safety of our Residents, no vehicles should be placed on blocks, jacks or ramps and left unattended at any time.

LITTERING

Litter is a continuing issue in our community. If you or your visitors are smokers, please refrain from disposing cigarette butts on the sidewalks.

Some residents are setting their trash bags on the ground at the trash collection areas. Bags are being put out without tying them closed. It only takes a few seconds to tie your trash bags and put them in the trash bins. Littering projects a lack of concern and respect for our community. Help us to maintain a clean environment.

If you have borrowed a trash bin from the trash collection area, please return it. Additional trash bins had to be ordered because some trash bins have disappeared. The Association had to replace 12 trash bins.

Please do not store bikes and other toys in your front yard. These items should be stored inside your house or out of sight. Water hoses should be hung on a hose hook.

TRASH PICK UP

Trash Pick-Up Days are **Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.**

Bulk Items are picked on **Mondays** only.

Paint cans, construction debris and tires should not be put in the collection for trash pickup at any time. Shopping

carts should be returned to the local grocery store when finish using them. There is an additional cost, outside of the regular trash collection cost, to have these items removed. Our trash company, Trash Away will not remove these items.

SPECIAL PICK-UP

For large items such as refrigerators, washer/dryers, water heaters, etc. call Trash Away at (703) 339-4560 for a Special Pick-Up. Please do not set these items out prior to contacting Trash Away.

PETS

All dogs must be restrained by a dependable leash and controlled by a responsible person when off the property of the owner. Within Fairfax County, it is against the law to allow any animal to run at large on public property or on private property of others. Pet owners should ensure that their pets are not a nuisance to other residents. Pet waste should be picked up and disposed of properly. There are currently **four Pet Waste Stations** available within our community. We solicit and encourage their use. Animals are not permitted to be housed outside on porches as well.

PARKING

Each resident is assigned one (1) numbered parking space and up to two permanent parking stickers and one (1) Visitors hangtag. The privilege to park may be revoked, after notice, for failure to pay assessments and/or to follow the rules and regulations of the Association Any vehicle parked in a numbered parking space that does not display a valid Visitors Parking hangtag or Permanent Parking Sticker is considered an unauthorized vehicle, and is subject to being towed without notice at your expense.

PARKING IN FIRE LANES

As a courteous, a 15 minute loading and unloading time period is extended to residents needing the use of the Fire Lanes. Your vehicle flashers must be on and the trunk or door opened to indicate that you are loading or unloading. Dominion Towing may monitor this activity for compliance.

NOISE

ALL residents are entitled to the Quiet Enjoyment of their homes. Incessant barking dogs, loud music, and unsupervised children yelling, screaming and running throughout our community for hours on, afternoons and into the evenings detract from our mutual enjoyment of our community.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT

In January of this year we rolled out an electronic payment option. Some of you are enjoying making payments without dropping them in the drop box at the office or paying the cost of a postage stamp to mail your payment. An invoice is automatically sent to anyone who has an email on file. Instructions on paying is included in the email.

COUPON PAYMENT BOOKS

Payment coupon books will be available at the annual meeting, Thursday, December 5, 2019. Anyone paying assessments electronically or by bank draft will not receive a coupon book or envelopes. Contact Jacki Walker, Office Manager if you have questions regarding electronic payments.

Highlands at Gunston HOA Board Meeting: Monthly, 1st Thursday of the full week of the month at 6:30pm at the Clubhouse (next to the swimming pool).

HOA Board Members:

Janet Davis, President

Natalie Vega Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer

George Horton, Member at Large

Office Manager:

Jacki Walker, 703-550-1354 or hoahighlands@yahoo.com

USEFUL INFORMATION

Fairfax County Police: 703-691-2131 (Non-Emergency) / Crime Reporting Website - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/communityreportingsystem>

Towing Company: Dominion Towing (703) 339-2400

Trash Service Provider: Trash Away (703) 339-4560

Handyman: Larrie Williams Handyman Services (703) 231-9097

Financial Services: Jacki Walker, JW Tax and Bookkeeping Services (Notary Services) (703) 608-4430

Realtor: Sanchez Glover (703) 283-1753

Again, thank you for your continuing support and cooperation to ensuring a safe and friendly environment within The Highlands at Gunston.

Sincerely,

Janet Davis, President
The Highlands at Gunston Homeowners
Board of Directors