

HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter, Winter 2019



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We look forward to the New Year and working with the community members. As always, The Highlands at Gunston HOA Board of Directors welcome all new homeowners to the community. A special thank you to those homeowners who came out last month to the Annual Meeting to vote on this year's budget.

With a limited budget The Highlands completed several projected last year.

- Excavation on two units to repair bellied pipe.
- Removed and replaced asphalt driveway.
- Installed Pet Waste Stations.
- Trimmed bushes and trees in two circles.

GOOD NEWS

- The 2019 Budget was approved.
- Seven houses were sold in 2018. All of the properties are occupied by homeowners. There are two known vacant houses. Homeownership has a positive impact on the value of the houses.
- No increase in HOA assessments.
- You can now pay your HOA Assessments online. Payments will be processed through Intuit. All we need is your email address and an invoice will be automatically sent to you 10 days prior to the due date. Contact us with your email address.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Do you want to make a difference? Can you spare a few hours a month to work for your community? We are looking for homeowners in the community to join the board. If you are interested email us at hoahighlands@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS

Do You Know What Your HOA Dues Pay For?

Every year a budget is approved for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget lists all the anticipated expenditures for the association. Those expenditures include insurance, common utilities, snow removal, common area maintenance costs, legal fees, postage, and administration costs.

Did you know that the HOA spends over \$100k on just the water/sewer bills each year? You can help reduce the cost by fixing leaking faucets and running toilets. During the summer take the children to the community pool oppose to allowing them to play with the water hose or filling inflatable swimming pools.

IT'S SNOWING!



Not many people enjoy having to dig out after a snow fall! Our snow contractor will plow when approximately two and one-half inches (2 ½") of snow has accumulated. In the event of a snowfall approaching five to six inches (5"-6"), the contractor will make one pass to open up the roadways and return again to clean up. Vehicle owners are responsible for areas around parked cars that inhibit plowing. While not obligated, we ask that you clear snow from walkways near your house so everyone (especially children, those with disabilities, and the elderly) may walk safely.

PARKING INFORMATION

Visitor's Hangtag – For our new residents and homeowners please be aware that the Visitor's Hangtag is to be used only in your designated numbered parking space. If it is used in an unnumbered parking space it is subject to be towed. If you are a new resident or homeowner, and do not have your permanent parking passes contact our office at 703.550.1354 or via email at hoahighlands@yahoo.com to make arrangements to get a temporary parking pass.

BACKEND PARKING

It has come to the Board's attention that some vehicles are parking with the backend facing the houses. When this happens it could cause a problem with fumes going into the houses. ALL vehicles should park with the frontend facing the house. Backend parking is **permitted** only on the **fence side** of the parking lot. If a vehicle is found with backend facing the houses ONE written warning will be given before Dominion Towing enforces towing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE, PIZZA, AND FAMILY FUN!

Monday, January 28, 2019
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Moose Family Center Lodge
9612 Fernedge Ln, Lorton, VA 22079



Join members of the Lorton community and local officers from the Fairfax County Police Department to share your thoughts on your community and how to build better police-community relations. Activities for kids and pizza will be provided!

Please RSVP to Camille Sanchez, Camille@LortonAction.org or
703/339-5161, ext. 171

Organized by the Lorton Community Action Center, Fairfax County Police Department, and the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.



12th Annual Monopoly Tournament

March 2, 2019

The Ron Kowalski Real Estate Group will host the 12th Annual Monopoly Game Tournament to benefit the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). Tournament includes two 75-minute preliminary rounds with a final round where the top six competitors play for the top prize of \$500.

To register visit <https://lortonaction.org/>



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