



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11 at 9 am Community Clean Up

June 20 at 6 pm Next board meeting

September 10 at 11 am Annual Meeting
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Planned Activities to Come:
Trick or Treating
Fall Harvest
Pictures with Santa
Block party

A Blowout Celebration once the top playground is completed.

Save The Date HOMESOWNER'S ANNUAL MEETING



September 10 at 11 am

See the attached Board of Directors/Officers nomination forms. Please fill out and drop in the box outside the office.

Happenings Around Town

JUNE

Shakespeare in the Park
Maryland Entertainment Group brings live theatre to Hagerstown's University Plaza. Free! Bring a blanket, chairs, and a picnic and enjoy a summer tradition. Maryland Entertainment Group

Antietam Velo Club Tour of Washington County Downtown Criterium
Speeding cyclists spin around the City Center's A&E District.

Juneteenth - June 18-19, 2022
University Plaza

Miss Maryland Pageant - June
Come to the Maryland Theatre to watch Maryland's best as they vie for the title of Miss Maryland and Miss Maryland's Outstanding Teen. The Miss Maryland/Miss Maryland Outstanding Teen Pageants are official preliminaries to Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen competitions, the world's largest scholarship organization for women.

Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday Music - June 24, 2022
Great music, food, and drink at University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street.
Imagine Hagerstown Official Website

JULY

Fireworks at Fairgrounds Park | July 4, 2022
Free to the public! 30 minutes of spectacular fireworks begin at 9:30 pm. Check with the Department of Parks & Recreation to see if this event is happening as scheduled. No alcoholic beverages. No personal fireworks. No pets (only service animals permitted).

Hagerstown Hopes Pride Festival
Live entertainment, vendors, speakers, food, and more. Come out and show your support of the LGBTQ+ community whether you're gay, bi, lesbian, trans, questioning, or straight. Hagerstown Pride festival is a family friendly event that is a good time for all regardless of sexual orientation.
Hagerstown Hopes

Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday Music | July 22, 2022
Great music at University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street. Imagine Hagerstown Official Website

AUGUST

Krumpe's Donut Alley 5K - August 12, 2022 - A 5K race that raises funds for the Wounded Warrior project.

Augustoberfest - August 20-21, 2022 - Augustoberfest Official Website

Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday Music - August 26, 2022
Great music at University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street. Imagine Hagerstown Official Website

SEPTEMBER

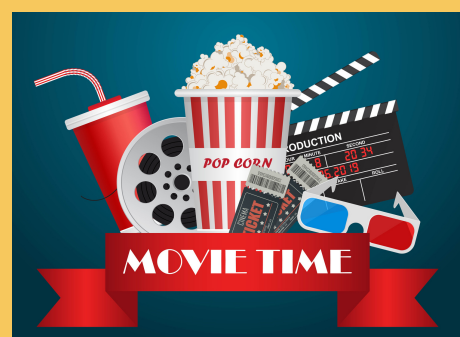
USMH 5K Spirit Run - Show your school colors while you race through downtown! This route includes some University System landmarks as well as the Cultural Trail!

Remembrance In The Park
September 13, 2022 6:00pm
Washington County Emergency Services Tribute Gardens at Hagerstown City Park

Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday Music - September 23, 2022
Great music at University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street. Imagine Hagerstown Official Website

Porchfest
Enjoy fun music on the unique porches of Prospect Street's historic homes.

Thunder In The Square - September 30, 2022
A classic car show that takes over downtown! Alsatia Club



OUR MOVIE NIGHTS ARE HELD ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING AT DUSK

Look on our website and social media as well as the flyer on the bulletin boards behind the mailboxes and office wall for the chosen movie. If you have suggestions for future showings, please email highlandmanorhoa@outlook.com. We provide popcorn. Just bring your chairs, blankets, soft drinks, etc.

HOME IMPROVEMENT TIPS



HAVE A PLAN

Renovations rarely go exactly to plan, but that doesn't mean you should wing it. Last-minute changes are both stressful and expensive, so get the non-negotiable details hammered out first. At minimum, this means knowing what results you want and how much money—and time—it will take to achieve them.

Modeling and design tools like Floor planner are super helpful in the planning phase. Create a couple different versions of the same project, then add a 10-15% buffer to your budget estimates to prepare for inevitable surprises.

TACKLE QUICK, TIME-SENSITIVE PROJECTS FIRST

Some home improvements are more urgent than others. If a project will save you money immediately or prevent devastating damage in the future, bump it to the top of the priority list. That goes double for quick, easy fixes, like sealing drafts and replacing filters.

FIND YOUR DIY THRESHOLD

Even if you're an experienced DIY-er with a well-stocked workshop, not all home improvement projects are suitable for amateurs. Before starting a project, gauge your interest level: How much work are you willing to put in? Is that effort worth the money you'll save? Be brutally honest.

If you have no idea what you're getting into, don't commit until you've spent, at minimum, a solid couple of hours watching YouTube tutorials and pricing out materials. Remember: Just because you can doesn't mean you should.

BONE UP ON DIY KNOWLEDGE

Everyone should know a few basic repair skills, and thanks to the internet, learning them has never been easier. If you can, start with a specific question: Is my garbage disposal broken or just clogged? Do I really need to clean my dishwasher filter? How do you refinish a coffee table? You'll click with some blogs and video personalities more than others; next time, start with them.

If you're more of a hands-on learner, try volunteering: You'll learn new skills and help people at the same time. Many hardware stores offer free clinics on basic home repair and improvement skills, too, so be sure to check the offerings in your area.

Major renovations are expensive but going full Scrooge on every single line item only creates more work later. Instead, identify where you can and can't afford to be a little stingy. A good rule of thumb: Shell out for anything catastrophically expensive and/or difficult to replace, like hot water heaters and electrical work. For easily replaceable items—shower heads, light fixtures, drawer pulls—cheap is fine. You should also consider how much use and enjoyment you'll get from an item. If you're an avid cook, skimp on floor tiles so you can splurge on the stove of your dreams.

UNDERSTAND YOUR FINANCING OPTIONS

Unfortunately, most home improvements do not pay for themselves. If you can't afford to finance the project in full with cash, you should know the different ways you can finance your home improvement without putting your home at risk.

Personal loans and credit cards can be useful for small-to-medium projects, depending on the interest rate and terms, while home equity loans (HELs) and lines of credit (HELOCs) can help finance major renovations and repairs. Improvements that increase your home's value can cut down on private mortgage insurance payments, but keep in mind you'll have to pay to get your home reassessed on top of everything else.

GET YOUR TOOLS RIGHT

You can't really improve your home with just your bare hands—most projects require at least a multi-tool. Before you start a project of any size, be sure your toolbox actually contains the tools you'll need. Keep in mind that some project genres need special equipment, particularly if they involve plumbing or electrical systems. When in doubt, Google it.

FIND THE PERFECT CONTRACTOR

Finding a handyman or contractor you trust is a lot like finding the right dentist or therapist: Harder than it sounds, and with incredibly high stakes. It's important to vet potential contractors carefully using these criteria:

- Word of mouth: Ask friends, family, and neighbors for recommendations—especially if they have industry connections
- Check for complaints: Look up your state's consumer protection office and your local building inspection office
- Learn which licenses and permits are required in your area for contractors, electricians, plumbers, and painters
- Get proof of insurance: Ask contractors to provide you with their insurance details so you can verify it with the provider
- Ask for references, then actually check them out
- Meet with every potential candidate so you get a feel for their style
- Get quotes—and track them with a spreadsheet or other list

Washington County Planning and Zoning

747 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21742
Phone: 240-313-2430 / Email: askplanning@washco-md.net / Fax: 240-313-2431
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
TTY users may call any government office through the Maryland Relay Service 1-800-735-2258

REMINDERS OF THE RULES !

For those needing a refresher...

HOUSE NUMBERS 4" HIGH FACING THE ROAD

TRASH CANS ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE STREET WITHIN 24-48 HOURS AFTER COLLECTION

NO COLLECTION OF TRASH, LITTER, JUNK, DEBRIS, OR THE LIKE SHALL BE ALLOWED ON ANY LOT

KEEP BUSHES, TREES, SHRUBS AND GRASS MAINTAINED

ALL GUTTERS, SKIRTING, SHUTTERS, AND DECORATIVE TRIM MUST BE MAINTAINED AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED. PAINTING OF HOUSES OR OUTBUILDINGS MUST MATCH ITS ORIGINAL COLOR OR BE APPROVED

Thanks for being attentive to these matters as we encourage each other to uphold the integrity and reputation of this community.

30 FRUGAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

by trueaimeducation.com

- 1 Go jump roping
- 2 Try an outdoor science experiment
- 3 Set up a relay race
- 4 Have a campfire
- 5 Go swimming
- 6 Go to a movie outdoors
- 7 Make no-churn ice cream
- 8 Play with sidewalk chalk
- 9 Go to the beach
- 10 Stargaze
- 11 Try a new sport
- 12 Invite friends over for dinner
- 13 Go camping in your backyard
- 14 Have a scavenger hunt
- 15 Create a lemonade stand
- 16 Play Tic-Tac-Toe with frisbees
- 17 Try a Pinterest craft
- 18 DIY popsicles
- 19 Visit the park
- 20 Try something new
- 21 Have a water fight
- 22 Play frisbee
- 23 Visit a friend
- 24 Go on a bike ride
- 25 Have a BBQ
- 26 Play kickball
- 27 Make root beer floats
- 28 Try fresh produce
- 29 Have a photo shoot
- 30 Outdoor family game night!

Playground Update!



PHASE 1 COMPLETED... RESURFACING THE BASKETBALL COURT AND PAVED WALKWAY WITH ACCESSIBLE PICNIC TABLES

We have resurfaced the Basketball Court, installed ADD accessible walkways and picnic areas. The next phase is for the fence around the playground to be installed.

The last phase requires installation of the commercial playground equipment, including several benches and borders obtained, free of charge from the City, that is in great used condition, but inspected yearly. The two separate pieces of equipment were going to be destroyed from a development as part of Hagerstown's rehabilitation project. The only cost was the tear down, storage, and re-installation.

Note from the HOA President:

As we put the additional stresses of the last two years behind us and look forward to the future, I am taking this opportunity to voice my appreciation. Thanks to my Board of Directors and Officers for their dedication to improving Highland Manor. Your ongoing support and feedback are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all Homeowners and Renters for your continued efforts to improve your properties and make Highland Manor a better community. Participation in Community Events has increased, and more events are in the planning stages to promote community cohesion. Please continue to reach out to us by phone, letter, email, and attendance at monthly Board meetings. The schedule can be found at www.highlandmanor.org under the "Board Meetings" tab.

Thank you,

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