



NEWSLETTER



**Saturday, December 18, 2022
10 am to 12 Noon**

All children that live in our community are welcome to have their personal chat with Santa, tell him what you want for Christmas and get complimentary pictures taken. There will be some light refreshments and drinks, as well as a gift for every child who attends. Make sure you let us know you are coming so we have one for each child. Unlike the other Santa visits, this is free for our community and we encourage you to come.

Just a Friendly Reminder

MD Laws On Passing A Stopped School Bus: What To Know
Here are the rules for driving through a school zone and passing buses. **This also applies to dropping off children at the bus stop when the bus is present.**

A state law imposes an increased maximum penalty of \$500 for drivers caught on school bus stop-arm cameras failing to stop for buses with red lights flashing that are loading or unloading children. This includes being within 20 feet from the front or rear of the school vehicle. You must wait until the lights go off, the arm is retracted, and/or a good rule of thumb is once the bus starts to move..

RECENT UPDATES TO MARYLAND HOA LAWS

Effective October 1, 2022 new Maryland Laws went into effect during General Assembly which will impact all Maryland HOAs:

1. A Reserve Study professional (MD licensed architect or engineer) must be hired/paid by each HOA to determine the capital components the association is required to repair/replace, normal and remaining useful life and cost to replace/repair each capital component, and estimated amount of money the association has allocated and must set aside annually to fund these requirements.
2. The Study must be completed by October 1, 2023. Estimated costs to date range from \$2,750.00 – \$5,000.00.
3. Once Reserve Study is completed, the amounts recommended in the Study must be budgeted into the annual

Reserves within 3 years. This MAY require additional assessments for which the new law provides authority, regardless of any in any limit, restriction, or cap assessments in any HOAs governing documents.

4. More information will be provided as this process unfolds. Keep in mind that this is a State Mandate with which Highland Manor Board of Directors must comply no matter who is currently serving.

5. Another law change requires your HOA hire an attorney to review Rule Violations/Penalties notifications. Under this new law, questioning of a debtor is no longer permitted in small claims under \$5,000 not including interest/costs/fees. For judgments over \$5,000, debtors can still be required to answer such questions. Details to follow as available.

We are in the process of reviewing and updating our current Rules and Regulations. If you have any suggestions or comments that you would like to discuss, please email us at highlandmanorhoa@outlook.com.



However you celebrate this magical time of the year, we want to take this time to wish you well wishes and a great new year full of happiness. May the Holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter.



Calls From The North Pole
Your child (ages 3-6) can receive a special call this December from either Santa, Mrs. Claus or the elves! This opportunity is FREE! Submit a completed form (found by scanning the QR code below). Calls will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 13 and December 14 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

SNOW HELP! I know there are rumblings when the snow plow does what you just did.

A smart way to shovel your drive

How to reduce the possibility of getting a huge pile of snow in your driveway opening when snowplows clear your street:

- Make snow collection pocket
Clear an area for the snow pushed by the plow
- Shovel in same direction as traffic
Pile snow downstream of the plow

Holiday PICKLE HUNT
December 12-17, 2022
FREE - Find the Holiday Pickles hidden in our Washington County Park locations.

Washington County Parks & Rec have programs for all ages such as fitness programs, sports, fun activities, dress up events, and holiday things going on. Check out their website

Winter Youth Paint Night
January 20, 2023 - 6-8pm
For ages 15 and under. Winter-themed painting / Supplies provided

Happenings in Our Town



For more information on these events and/or to register click [here](#) or scan the QR code

SuperHero Party
February 24, 2023 6-8 pm

@WashingtonCoParksandRec
Follow Washington County Parks & Recreation on social media to stay up-to-date on new programs and activities, weather cancellations and special events!



Family Skate Nights
TURNER'S SKATE PALACE
January 10, 2023 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM
February 28, 2023 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

STARLAND SKATING CENTER
February 17, 2023 | 7:30 - 10:30 PM
April 7, 2023 | 7:30 - 10:30 PM



HOW TO REGISTER
Here are the different ways you can register for recreation programs and special events:
Online Registration: www.washcorefit.com or click on the Activity Number hyperlink located throughout this document.
Mail-in Registration: Print completed form and mail to Washington County Recreation Department, Hagerstown Community College, 11400 Robinwood, Dr., 2nd floor, Room 227, Hagerstown, MD 21742