

Voice of the Highlands

A great place to call home!

December 2018



A Year In Review

The HOA Volunteer Board of Directors, along with many wonderful committee members have been working hard to make our neighborhood a great place to live. Here are some of the projects that have been completed this past year.

Audit- The Board of Directors authorized a full financial audit for the 2017 fiscal year. This ensures homeowner dues are being spent according to what the board has approved. This is just one of many ways the Board has been transparent in its operations.

Open Board Meetings- Each board meeting this year has been advertised on our website and homeowners have been encouraged to attend and see how volunteers are working on your behalf. Additionally, all meetings hold a "Homeowner Open Forum" where homeowners may address the board in person if they have questions or comments. The Board values your participation and wants to hear from you!

Delinquent Assessment Collections - The Board adopted a neighborly approach to collecting late annual dues by eliminating all past interest and late fees and allowed payment plans to help homeowners get their accounts current. Those homeowners who refused multiple offers by the Board were referred to our attorney for action per the adopted Delinquent Assessment Collection Policy. We started with 40% of homeowners in arrears, and currently only have 6%. That number will continue to fall as the legal process moves forward.

Rockport Entrance - Beautifully enhanced with new lighting, this entrance has made our neighborhood welcoming and easier to find!

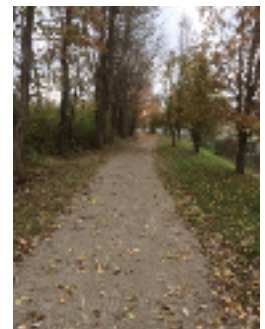
Community Fun

We've had a great time getting to know you at the social events. Thanks to everyone who came out this year. We look forward to more opportunities to gather together as a community.



Nature Trail Clean-Up

The HOA Nature Trail got a much needed face lift! This nicely cleaned up trail has been a great addition and is a nice path for walking the dog or taking the family out!

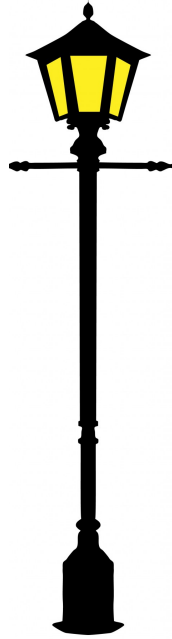


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Shed Some Light!

DID YOU KNOW that section 6.25 of our governing documents requires all homeowners to have front yard exterior lights in operable condition with auto illumination from dusk to dawn? Without street lights, this is an important thing to keep in mind. All that is needed are bulbs of sufficient wattage to insure uniform illumination on each lot. Want to save on electric costs? Buy LED bulbs and a dusk to dawn light sensor. Not sure how to DIY? Check out YouTube.com for tutorials. As the days get shorter, let's make the nights a little brighter and our neighborhood a little safer and more welcoming!



Snow Removal

The county is responsible for snow removal for public roads within the Highlands. Major roadways are plowed first, followed by residential areas and cul-de-sacs. Please be patient and feel free to contact the Monroe County Highway Maintenance Department with any concerns at (812) 825-5355.

Get Out Your Shovels!

A friendly reminder that homeowners are responsible for clearing snow on driveways and sidewalks. After snowfall, please keep vehicles off the street so county snow removal can plow and salt without obstructions.



Gone For The Holidays?

Remember to...

- Unplug small appliances
- Put lights on a timer
- Ask a neighbor to collect mail & packages, or stop mail deliveries
- Do not leave a hidden spare key
- Ask a neighbor to shovel your sidewalk in case of snow
- Do not post travel plans on social media
- Turn down the thermostat

Time to Winterize

- Check furnace filters & service unit
- Clear gutters of leaves and debris
- Drain outdoor hoses
- Check fireplace and chimney
- Stock up on essentials in case a big winter storm hits.

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