

Highland Creek NEWS



February/March 2022

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April 16, 2pm - 5pm
Prosperity Park



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Welcome Neighbors

If you are a new resident or tenant in Highland Creek, please stop by the Sports Club, located at 6616 Clarke Creek Parkway, to pick up your copy of the Highland Creek Community Association Rules and Guidelines for Harmonious Living.

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mcmap.org/geoportal,
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Concord/Cabarrus

concordnc.gov,

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The Laurels-Assisted Living Community	704-947-8050
The Player's Grille	704-875-8599
Univ. Child Dev. Center	704-875-3338
Highland Creek Website	www.highlandcreek.com

COMMUNITY CLUBS/SPORTS GROUPS

Golden Girls	Phyllis Smith	704-948-9548
Men's Golf	Mike Refsnider	704-201-1377
Senior's Golf	Ron Root	704-875-1385
Swim Team	HCHswimteam@gmail.com	
Womens Golf	Jenevive DeHart	720-951-0695

HOURS FOR: SPORTS CLUB OFFICE AND FITNESS ROOM

Monday~Friday
7:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday & Sunday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Closed

May 30th - Memorial Day

For Questions Call
704-766-0045

Upcoming Events

May Garage Sale Online Registration

Beginning on THURSDAY, April 7th, registration will be ONLINE ONLY at highlandcreek.com. Payment options: Credit card payment through PayPal or exact change/check due to Sports Club within 24 hours of registration. Checks made payable to HCCA. Homeowners MUST be current with HOA dues **AT TIME OF REGISTRATION** in order to be granted a selling space. If dues are not current at time of registration, the space will be given to another resident who is current on dues, should there be a wait list. \$15 per space, ONE space permitted per Highland Creek household. Please note Highland Creek does not supply tables for the sale.



The garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th, 2022. 7am to 11am at Christenbury Park and University Child Development Center Parking Lots.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022
Prosperity Park (5710 Fairvista Drive)
2pm – 5pm

Come out and enjoy face-painting, petting zoo, train rides, 26-foot slide, bounce house, and hunt for over 5,000 stuffed Easter eggs (please note: there will be a separate hunt area for ages 0-3 years)! Parents be aware, some eggs contain small pieces. Lucky eggs have a ticket to win a prize and must be redeemed at the event. The Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 2:15pm.

Enjoy ice cream sponsored by Inspire Chiropractic and Wellness; Bottled Water sponsored by Whyte Construction; Drinks sponsored by Kumon Education Company; Popcorn sponsored by AT&T; Cotton Candy sponsored by Premier Martial Arts; Easter Bunny sponsored by i9 Sports; Kids Easter egg decorating craft sponsored by Ace No.3. (All while supplies last).

Shred-It Community Event

Saturday April 23rd, 2022
11am to 2pm
Christenbury Pool Back Parking Lot (6213 Bells Mill Dr.)
Gather up all the documents that you have needed to shred! Come by the Christenbury pool (back parking lot) with your Highland Creek ID or driver's license between 11:00am and 2:00pm to have your documents shredded. Maximum six (6) paper boxes per household, Highland Creek residents ONLY.

You must enter this event through the Bells Mill Dr. Entrance. NO WALK INS.

Items that can be shredded with paper: printer paper, colored paper, files with tiebacks, notepads, spiral notepads, manila folders, paper clips, binder clips, rubber bands, staples, and envelopes. Items that cannot be shredded with paper: Cd's and DVD's, hard drives, floppy disks, VHS Tapes, film, cassette or back up tape, photographs, pill bottles. For more information visit www.ashredahead.com.

Community Blood Drive

Saturday, April 23rd, 2022, from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the Sports Club parking lot.
The OneBlood.org buses will be back in Highland Creek! If you would like to donate blood, appointments are available starting at 9:00am. You can find the link to sign up at highlandcreek.com.

CPR/AED Certification Class – Two Classes Available!

Saturday, April 30, 2022
Class 1 - 10:00am to 12:00noon
Class 2 – 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Classes will be held at the Sports Club. Only register for one class. \$47 per participant (ages 12 through adult)
This course will cover Adult, Child, and Infant CPR/AED. Upon successful completion of class, each participant will receive a 2-year certification card. Registration opens April 7th at highlandcreek.com. Highland Creek residents only.

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2022
7 AM – 11 AM
Christenbury Park (6213 Bells Mill Dr) AND University Child Development Center (6025 Clarke Creek Parkway).
Residents will be setup and selling at BOTH locations! Parking is not permitted on Highland Creek Parkway. If you live close by, please consider walking to the sales.

May Adult Bingo

Monday, May 16th, 2022
26 Acres Brewery – 7285 West Winds Blvd. NW Concord, NC 28027
7:00pm – 9:00pm
\$6 a player; ages 21 and up
Adults Only – Please no children
Doors open at 6:00. You must pre-register online to play. Online registration opens on Thursday April 21st at highlandcreek.com. We will not allow walk-ins. Enjoy light appetizers, limited servings per person. Beverages available for purchase; no outside alcohol allowed. We play about 21 games during the BINGO session. Come out and have the chance to win some awesome prizes!

Highland Creek Residents Only – Do not register someone who is not a resident. We will be checking for Highland Creek IDs at the door. **Registration is not transferable to another HC Resident.**

"Cover All" round sponsored by Consuelo Souders & Company, Keller Williams Realty and Brian Souders, Supreme Lending with the chance to win UP TO \$1,000 GIFT CARD!

Concert in the Park Featuring Thirsty Horses

Saturday, May 21st, 2022
Prosperity Park (5710 Fairvista Dr.)
Bring the entire family, blankets, chairs, canopies, coolers and enjoy an evening full of excellent live music. Water sponsored by Premier Martial arts; Chips sponsored by ZSafe; Ice Cream sponsored by Consuelo Souders & Company with Keller Williams Realty.

If you live within 1,000 feet of the park, please not eamplification equipment will be used.

Band Bio: "Thirsty Horses is a rock/pop/country cover band based in Charlotte, NC. Whether you're a child of the 60s, rocked out in the 70s & 80s or grew up with the music of the 90s and 2000s, the Horses have something for you."

Movies in the Park @ Prosperity Park (5710 Fairvista Drive)
Friday, May 27, 2022
Showing: Encanto – Rated PG
A Colombian teenage girl must face the frustration of being the only member of her family without magical powers.

Saturday, June 18, 2022
Showing: Space Jam: A New Legacy – Rated PG
A rogue artificial intelligence kidnaps the son of famed basketball player LeBron James, who then has to work with Bugs Bunny to win a basketball game.

Movies begin at dusk. Free popcorn will be served, one per person while supplies last. Bring your chairs, blanket, cooler, snacks, etc. Please note there are no rain dates scheduled for movies in the park. Do not leave trash behind in the park

Kick Off The Summer Pool Party
Saturday, June 4th, 2022
11:00am - 4:00pm at Christenbury Swimming Pool
Bring the whole family to enjoy free music, food, games, raffles and more during this fun filled day at the pool! Sponsored by Highland Creek Activities; Consuelo Souders with Keller Williams Realty; Brian Souders with Supreme Lending; and more wonderful sponsors! **For Highland Creek Residents Only, no guests on this day. Must have Highland Creek ID to access pool entrance.**

If you live within 1,000 feet of the park please note amplification equipment will be used.

Tween Glow in the Dark Pool Party
Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 (rain date: Thursday 6/16/22)
Prosperity Park Swimming Pool (5710 Fairvista Dr)
7:00pm – 10:00pm (For ages 11-15)
\$6 per person
Register your rising or current Middle School child for this fun and exciting pool party! Pizza, sodas, and water bottles will be provided, a DJ playing their favorite songs, and swimming at the pool. Fun pool games will be played, and top winners/teams will be awarded prizes! Looking for adult chaperones; please email aaayers@highlandcreek.com if interested. Registration opens for this event on May 25th.

If you live within 1,000 feet of the park, please note amplification equipment will be used.

Scavenger Hunts
@ The Sports Club Park (6616 Clarke Creek Parkway)
Participants are divided into teams, given a list of hunt items, and sent on their way around the park area to find them. It is not as easy as it sounds, as there are some surprise obstacles and problem-solving challenges to face. The top three teams win prizes, and the others do not leave empty handed! Water and snack are provided. Register online beginning June 2nd at highlandcreek.com.

Kids Scavenger Hunt (ages 5 to 10)
Wednesday, June 21, 2022
9am – 10:30am
\$6 per person
*We are looking for teen volunteers to help lead small groups for this event. Please email scunningham@highlandcreek.com if interested. Volunteer hours count towards community service hours.

Teen & Tween Hunt (ages 11 to 15)
Thursday, June 22, 2022
9am - 10:30am

\$6 per person
Register online beginning June 2nd at highlandcreek.com.

3 Day College Application and Essay Bootcamp
June 22 – Jun 24, 2022, 4pm to 8pm
Prosperity Clubhouse (5710 Fairvista Dr.)
\$299 per student
Hosted by Ryan Clark, MBA Author, CCPS, College Admissions & Affordability Advisor. For rising and current High School Students. For more information and registration visit highlandcreek.com.

4th July Parade
Monday, July 4, 2022 @ Prosperity Park
9:00am to 10:30am
Decorate your bike, tricycle, wagon, golf cart, etc. and ride alongside Station 31 Fire truck!



Parade line-up begins promptly at 9:00am and will depart from Prosperity Park at 9:15am. The parade route will follow alongside the fire truck on the sidewalk up Fairvista, right onto Highland Creek Parkway, right onto Crownvista, right onto Morningsong Lane then continue into the park.

Judging and prizes will begin once the entire parade returns to Prosperity Park. Prizes will be awarded to “Best in Show,” “Most Patriotic,” “Most Original,” “Best Decorated Pet,” and “Most Patriotic Family.”

Register in advance at highlandcreek.com beginning June 16th, 2022.

Kids Summer BINGO Sessions
Wednesday, July 6th, 2022 @ Prosperity Park Clubhouse (5710 Fairvista Dr)
10:00am – 11:00am (Ages 5 to 11)
11:30am – 12:30pm (Middle School and High School)
1:00pm – 2:00pm – (Ages 5 to 11)
Fun summer prizes and gift cards to win ~ limited spaces available. Online registration opens on June 16th at highlandcreek.com. For ages 5 to 10, you may register your child for only one of the two sessions offered.

ATOMZ LAB
Saturday, July 16th, 2022 @ Prosperity Park Clubhouse (5710 Fairvista Dr)
Ages 5 to 11
Session 1: 10:00am – 11:00am
Session 2: 11:10am – 12:10pm
Highland Creek welcomes Atomz Lab! Following some jaw-dropping demonstrations, Creek Kids will create their own radioactive-green, goeey slime in this “chemist for a day” session. All slime ingredients are safe household products, but the results look utterly toxic! Online registration opens on June 23rd at highlandcreek.com.

Tween Flick n’ Float
Wednesday July 20, 2022 (rain date: 7/21/22)
7:30pm – 10:00 pm at Prosperity Park Swimming Pool
Cost for this event is \$6 per child

Rising and current Middle School students are invited to come and enjoy a movie while they swim. Participants will vote on movie title!

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How to Get Your Photo IDs

If you don’t have a Highland Creek ID yet, or need a replacement card, now is the time to get it!

Please note the following:

- IDs are taken at the Highland Creek Sports Club office **by appointment only** Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Hours may differ due to COVID-19. Please check HighlandCreek.com for up-to-date hours. Call The Sports Club at 704-766-0045 for an appointment.**
- Everyone five years and older needs to have an ID card.
- You must bring your closing papers or rental agreement and a photo ID when coming for your first ID card.
- If you move from one house to another within Highland Creek, you must bring your closing papers or lease for the new house so that your address can be updated. Please do not throw away your ID cards from the previous house. The cards will be made active for your new address.
- If you lose your ID and need a replacement, you will need a photo ID and proof of residency such as a utility bill. There is a \$10.00 charge for replacement cards.
- Cards do not need to be updated unless you move. If you want to update your child’s card there will be a \$10.00 charge until such time as they are able to go to the pool on their own (12 yrs. old).
- Your ID card is valid only if Association assessments are paid and up to date.
- ID cards are for residents only. **If you own a home but lease it to someone else, the lessee is entitled to the cards.**
- *Highland Creek Security has the authority to ask to see proof of residence. Please carry your Highland Creek ID badge with you when using any of the amenities including parks and playgrounds.*

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WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS CAMP - BASEBALL, KICKBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL, FLAG TAG, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, 4 SQUARE

Hosted by Fit Kids Sports, Coach Doug Deffenbaugh
June 13th – 17th, June 20th – 24th, July 11th – 15th, July 25th – 29th, August 1st – 5th, August 8th – 12th.
9:00am – 12:00noon **OR** 9:00am – 3:00pm (ages rising K – 8th grade). \$110 half day or \$165 full day (\$10 sibling discount)

Camp focuses on the enjoyment of playing a variety of sports while teaching the core fundamentals of each sport, including balance and coordination while developing gross motor skills. Games are used to reinforce individual development. Group games are used to teach sportsmanship and cooperation. **Full day camp must bring lunch.**

INCLUSIVE SPORTS CAMP

Hosted by Fit Kids Sports, Coach Doug Deffenbaugh
June 13th – 17th, June 20th – 24th, July 11th – 15th, July 25th – 29th, August 1st – 5th, August 8th – 12th; 9:00am – 12:00noon **OR** 9:00am – 3:00pm (ages 5-12); \$110 half day or \$165 full day (\$10 sibling discount)

Wide World of Sports gets even stronger. FitKid Sports pairs up with the Kennedy Strong Foundation (KSF) for Inclusive Camp! This camp is designed to allow children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) the opportunity to engage in fun physical activities and games in a safe, encouraging environment. This camp will balance individual motor skill development along with targeted intergration into the Wide World of Sports Camps. **Full day camp must bring lunch.**

CHEERTASTIC CHEER CAMP

Hosted by Impact 1 Allstars
June 13th – 17th, Ages 6–14; 9:00am–12:00noon **OR** 9:00am – 4:00pm, \$90 half day or \$180 full day (sibling discounts: 2nd child \$20, 3rd \$25, 4th \$30 off)

This camp offers an amazing opportunity to come and learn all aspects of Cheerleading! You will learn tumbling, dances, motions and stunts. Each child will work with coaches from Allstar cheerleading to perfect their cheerleading skills and perform a routine at the end of the week for their families. Campers will receive a t-shirt for their performance! **Full day camp must bring lunch.**

TENNIS CAMPS

Hosted by Kip Koross, Tennis Director
June 13th - 17th, June 20th – 24th, June 27th - July 1st, July 11th - 15th, July 18th - 22nd, July 25th - July 29th, August 1st – 5th, August 8th – 12th, August 15th-19th, August 22nd- 26th

Beginner - Intermediate: (ages 8 - 16)

9:00am - 12:00noon, \$155 per camper (\$10 sibling discount)

Beginner: For Juniors with little or no previous tennis experience. Students will be introduced to the basic strokes of the game with emphasis on making solid contact with the ball. They will learn general rules of the game including scoring procedures and positioning on the court for both singles and doubles..

Intermediate: For Juniors with some playing experience and looking to get their game to the next level.

MAD SCIENCE

August 8th - 12th
9:00am – 12:00noon **OR** 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Ages Rising K - Rising 5th graders
\$153 each

Crazy Chemworks (9:00am - 12:00noon)
This action-packed camp explores the chemistry of everyday life! Kids will learn and apply the concepts, tools, and techniques of real chemists! Campers will learn real lab techniques and safety procedures and use these throughout the week to mix crazy concoctions and chemical combinations. They will experiment with super-sticky stuff, explore glow-in-the-dark technology, and mix potions!

Spy Academy (1:00pm - 4:00pm)
Look out 007! The Mad Science spy academy is in session! Use y our powers of observation to solve problems and uncover crimes. Check out security systems, cool spy equipment, and discover proper procedures that are used in real crime scene labs! Spy Academy camp will help you sharpen your special operative skills and become a great sply! **Combine both Mad Science camps for full day camp. Full Day camp must bring lunch.**

MIXED MEDIA ART CAMP “OUTSIDE THE LINES”

Hosted by Donna Cignatta, Lotsa Art
July 18th - July 22nd
9:00am – 12:00noon (ages 6-12), \$140 per camper.

We will be creating several innovative projects using a wide variety of techniques and materials. All creations will strive to connect and deepen our appreciation of the natural world. Spotlight on animals, people, landscapes, enviorments, and observations of our surroundings. All projects will be engaging, fun, and unique. Projects will be modified to meet individual and age-appropriate abilities. **Fee includes all art materials.**

Make a full day camp out of **ART MIXED MEDIA & MUDDY FUN POTTERY!** If signing up for both camps July 18th - July 22nd, lunch time is 12:00noon - 1:00pm (ages 8 and up **ONLY**). No swim break with this combined camp.

MUDDY FUN POTTERY CAMP

July 4th - 8th, \$150 per camper, July 18th - 22nd, \$150 per camper (\$10 sibling discount), 1:00pm - 4:00pm (ages 8-14)

Pottery Camp campers will spend a fun filled week hand building multiple unique and functional items! Each child will even get to experience “throwing clay” on the potter’s wheel! Their one-of-a-kind creations will then be fired in a kiln making them food, dishwasher, oven, and microwave safe. The items will be available to pick up at the Sports Club within 10 days following the camp. Campers should be willing to get their hands dirty and have some muddy fun! Fee includes clay, glazes, kiln firing and all tools necessary!!

LOTSA ART CAMPS

Hosted by Donna Cignatta, Lotsa Art
July 25th – 29th, ages 6 – 12
9:00AM - 12:00noon **AND/OR** 1:00pm – 4:00pm; \$140 each (\$10 discount if registering for morning **AND** afternoon sessions)

Morning session: Mixed Media Art “Outside the Lines” (9:00am-12:00noon)
During this camp we will be creating several innovative projects using a wide variety of techniques and materials. All creations will strive to connect and deepen our appreciation of the natural world. Spotlight on animals, people, landscapes, environments, and observations of our surroundings. All projects will be engaging, fun, and unique!

Afternoon session: Artful Adventures (1:00pm-400pm)
These projects will be fun and engaging! We will explore interesting materials, in paint & design - repurposing items in innovative ways - we will use multiple techniques to forge imaginative and striking pieces. Every work of art will be an individual expression of the student and their unique creativity! **Fee includes all art materials. Full day camp has lunch/swim (must be able to swim)(must bring own lunch).**

BASKETBALL CAMP

Hosted by Fit Kids Sports, Coach Doug

Deffenbaugh

July 4th - 8th

Ages rising Kindergarten - 8th grade

9:00am - 12:00noon \$110 each; OR 9:00am - 3:00pm \$165 each (\$10 sibling discount)

Athletes now to the sport or minimal experience. Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball including, dribbling, passing and shooting. The camp focuses on teaching the core fundamentals including balance and coordination while developing gross motor skills. Group games are used to teach sportsmanship and coordination. **Full day camp must bring lunch.**

CHARTLOTTE CHESS CENTER CAMP

August 15th - 19th, Ages 5 - 12

9:00am - 12:00noon, \$180 per camper

The Charlotte Chess Center will host a Junior Master Chess Camp at Highland Creek! Campers can be complete beginners, or who have played at home, are ideal candidates for this camp. Campers will learn the basic fundamentals of the game, while those with more experience will learn more advanced tactics and strategies.

Make a full day camp of **CHESS and STORYBOOK STEM CAMP (ages 5-9 only)** with supervised lunch break! No swim break.

STORYBOOK STEM CAMP

August 15th - 19th, Ages 5 - 9

1:00pm - 4:00pm, \$125 per camper

Are you ready for a new challenge each day? Each day of camp will center around a different storybook with a new STEM challenge. From floating boats to creating dream rooms and castles, campers will use all their thinking skills to design and engineer. Each day will include a read aloud, comprehension and grammar activity, introduction to new vocabulary, math connection, a STEM challenge and reflection.

SAND VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Hosted by Fit Kids Sports, Coach Doug

Deffenbaugh

July 4th - 8th

Ages rising K - 8th grade

9am - 12noon \$110 each; OR 9am - 3pm \$165 each (\$10 sibling discount)

Athletes new to the sport or minimal experience. Learn basic skills, drills, and fundamental training. Skills and drills focused on team activities and developing individual talents. Games will be played. **Full day camp must bring lunch.**

CHARLOTTE'S READING WEB CAMP

July 11th - 15th

Ages 3-rising kindergarten (must be potty trained)

9:00am - 12:00noon, Ages rising 1st-rising 3rd grade, 1:00pm-4:00pm; \$130 per camper (\$10 sibling discount)

Morning Session: Is your child ready for kindergarten? This camp will instill all the skills needed in a fun way! The kids will participate in two science projects per day. Some of the hands-on projects include building a volcano and making homemade ice cream! The little ones will play many reading games which include musical chairs, BINGO, and hopscotch with letters!

Afternoon Session: This camp includes two hands-on science projects per day. The kids will be creating a lemon volcano, making homemade ice cream, and becoming marshmallow engineers. The students will participate in reading games such as musical chairs, BINGO and Rock, Paper, Scissors, Read! All these games are designed to help increase your child's reading fluency and build their confidence as a reader.

CAROLINA MINERS LACROSSE CAMP

July 27th - August 1st

Ages K - 6th grade, 9:00am - 3:00pm, \$125 per camper (10% sibling discount)

This camp is designed to introduce and teach the game of Lacrosse through instructional skills, drills, and scrimmage in a positive environment that builds self-confidence. Players will be grouped based on age, size, and skill. Instruction will be based on the US Lacrosse Coaching Education Program. The curriculum covers beginner to intermediate skills. Non-contact, no equipment required. *Please bring your own stick if you have one, if not sticks will be provided.* **Must bring lunch.**

LISA CRATES PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP

Hosted by Lisa Crates, Lisa Crates Photography

June 20th - June 24th, Ages 7 & up

9:00am - 12:00noon **OR** 9:00am - 3:00pm

\$140 half day or \$200 full day (\$10 sibling discount)

If you LOVE taking pictures and want to learn more tips and tricks? Sign up, bring your camera, phone, iPad for a Super Fun Week! We will be searching the neighborhoods! We will have games, practice on a different range of subjects, to encourage skills in developing, stop, look & listen, and take time to notice your surroundings. Macro, Landscape, Portrait, Fashion, Underwater. This will be a basic class to help with understanding more about lighting and capture for the beginners in Photography. ***not advanced or professional lessons. Full day camp must bring lunch.**

SONGS OF DISNEY HEROES VS. VILLAINS MUSIC CAMP

Hosted by Eric Bond and Staff

June 27th - July 1st, 1:00pm - 5:00pm, rising 1st - 8th graders, \$200 a camper.

Your kids are going to love this week-long music camp as they learn a variety of Disney songs about their favorite heroes and villains. Our summer music camp is focused on the process of learning music, being creative, and having fun. We work to develop, inspire, and cultivate the individual talents of all children in a loving

and nurturing environment. It is our mission to foster the creative spirit in your child while providing sound musical instruction. Campers will prepare a music performance in just a few days! Fee includes digital music, a cast pizza party on Friday, snacks and icy treats.

BABYSITTER CLUB CAMP

June 27th - July 1st, Rising 3rd - 8th graders

9:00am - 12:00noon, \$150 per camper

Is your child responsible and loves younger kids? This Babysitters Camp will teach your child essential skills to become a reliable babysitter. Some of the skills include changing a diaper, feeding a child, ways to handle discipline issues, interviewing and communicating with parents. The kids will practice these skills throughout the week and earn a Babysitters Certificate at the end of the course. **They will also receive a participation certificate for CPR and First Aid safety class on the last day of camp (not a certification).**

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June 27th - July 1st

Ages 6 - 12

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August 1st - 5th, 9:00AM - 12:00noon **AND/OR**

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Pickleball

Pickleball Open House - Saturday, April 23rd
10am - 12noon

Come join us for a Pickleball Open House April 23rd from 10am to 12noon to check out the new courts and find out more about this sports craze called PICKLEBALL.

We will also be offering 1 hour clinics during the Open House to give you a quick start on how to play. Come prepared to play - wear tennis shoes and athletic wear. Bring water, sunscreen and visor/hat. We'll provide paddles, balls and instruction.

Never heard of pickleball? Well, it's one of the fastest growing sports in the USA with over 5 million players. A paddle sport created for all ages and skill, it combines many elements from tennis, badminton and ping-pong. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced competition.

The game has developed a loyal following nationwide and here in Highland Creek due to its friendly, social nature and its multi-generational appeal.

Interested in giving Pickleball a try or just taking a look? Stop by on Saturday, April 23rd and meet your pickleball playing neighbors!

More Questions? Call or text Sandy Endsley at 704-575-1318. See you on the Courts!



Community Night at the Charlotte Knights

Friday, August 19th
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Fitness Classes

Indoor in-person classes are held at the Sports Club.

Adult Yoga Classes - Classes are held at the Sports Club every Monday evening from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per class. Students are encouraged to bring their own mat and bottle of water. For more information on either Yoga class, go to DivineShantiYoga.com.

Chair Yoga - Classes are held at the Sports Club every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$5 per class.

Tai Chi/Qigong Classes - Class is the first Tuesday of the month at 2:30 pm in the Sports Club. Cost is just \$10 per class (\$8 for seniors). For more information, contact Karen at karen.koutsky@gmail.com or 704-929-1015.

Zumba Classes (Adult and Kids) - Zumba, Wednesdays 6:00 pm at the Sports Club with Candra. \$5 a class. For more information, contact Candra at info@busygirlsfitness.com

Outdoor Yoga - Wednesdays, 2:00pm at Prosperity Park. Classes cancelled if raining. Instructor is Karthika Rajapandian Soundrapadian. \$5 a class.

All classes are for Highland Creek residents only. You may not bring guests to fitness classes. Your Highland Creek ID is required to participate in the class.



Highland Creek Hurricanes Swim Team Registration

Registration for the Highland Creek Hurricanes Swim Team is now open at hch.swimtopia.com

January Adult Bingo

A fun crowd of Highland Creek bingo players came out for January Adult Bingo. Several prizes were given out. Doug Dorow and Trey King both tied for the Cover All win and decided to split the \$500 prize. Girija Shrestha won a \$100 gift card to 26 Acres in a quick round of last man standing.

Both the Cover All and Last Man Standing rounds were sponsored by Consuelo Souders with Keller Williams Realty and Brian Souders with Supreme Lending. Gary Moshman won the Yeti Cooler prize sponsored by 5 Star Senior Living - The Haven and The Laurels in Highland Creek. A big thank you goes to the rest of the evenings business sponsors: Whyte Construction, Pure Barre of Highland Creek, and Tiffany Hahne with Savvy + Co. Real Estate.



Kids Winter Bingos

High School, Middle School, and Kids Bingos was held in February and our Creek Kids had a blast! The games were so much fun and several kids walked away with prizes. The cover all winners of the day were Avelyn Moore, Ben Davis, and Ryann Wilson. Thank you to our teen volunteers: Mikayla, Milan, Charlotte, Makenzie, Kyle and Braydon.



College Planning Class

The latest class in our Free College Planning series was held in February. Parents of college bound kids attended "How to Choose the Best College for Your Student AND Your Pocketbook". The class was taught by Ryan Clark of Clark College Consulting, bestselling author and Highland Creek resident.



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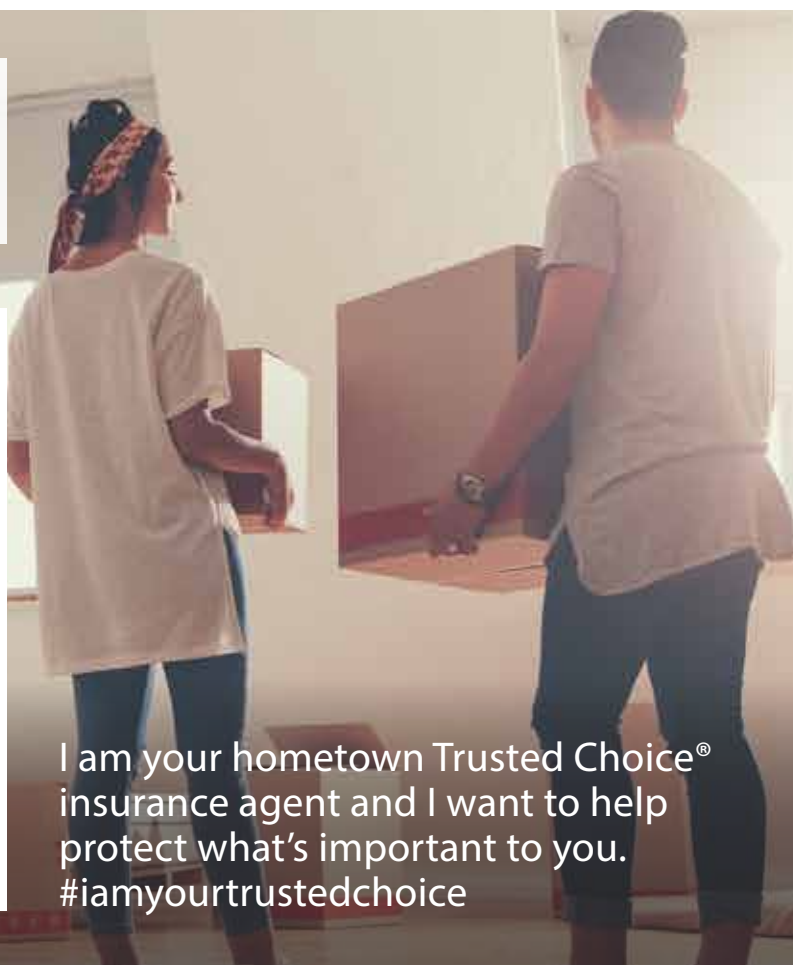
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- The clubhouses cannot be used for any business, religious, charity or commercial purpose.**
- Prosperity Park - rental fee is \$100 with a damage/non-compliance deposit of \$350. A check for \$50 must be submitted with the contract to hold your reservation. The balance of \$400 must be paid by certified check or money order no later than 30 days before the event. Make check payable to HCCA.
- Sports Club - rental fee is \$200 with a damage/non-compliance deposit of \$350. A check for \$50 must be submitted with the contract to hold your reservation. The balance of \$500 must be paid by certified check or money order no later than 30 days before the event. Make check payable to HCCA.
- \$50 is non-refundable if your party is cancelled.
- NO** cash payments will be accepted.
- Rental contracts/fee/deposit must be dropped off at the Sports Club.
- Reservations may be booked up to six months in advance on a "first come, first served" basis.
- Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the event.**
- If consumption of alcohol will be permitted, proof of \$1,000,000 personal liability limit insurance or umbrella policy must be received no later than 14 days before event.
- If the event is being held for a person between the ages of 15-21, you must provide proof that an off-duty police officer has been hired to be present during the duration of the party.
- One adult must accompany every 5 persons under 21 years of age.
- Time slots available for rentals are 11-5pm and 6-midnight. The six hour rental includes your set-up and clean-up.
- The Sports Club has 10 six foot long tables, 4 card tables and approximately 70 chairs for your use. It also has a full kitchen, sound system, and smart TV.
- Prosperity Park has 6 square tables with 4 chairs each, 1 long table with 6 chairs and approximately 20 extra chairs. It also has a kitchen with microwave & refrigerator.
- Capacity of the Sports Club is approx. 80 people and Prosperity Park Clubhouse is approx. 50.
- If renting Prosperity Park clubhouse for a pool party, wet bathing suits are not allowed in the clubhouse. Guests must be completely dried off.**
- Helium balloons, bounce houses, game trucks and grills are not allowed.**
- If you are found in violation of the contract, deposit monies will NOT be returned.**
- Please bring your Highland Creek ID card with you to the Sports Club when filling out the rental contract.



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Environmental Tips and Awareness for Highland Creek Residents (and why you should care!)

The following information is intended to increase the awareness of residents in regards to storm water, water ecology, and proper disposal of yard waste. Disregard for these issues presents challenges we as a Homeowners Association must address. By minimizing these challenges we hope to minimize the resulting future cost to the association and ultimately its owners and residents must bear.

What is storm water? Storm water is rainwater that does not soak into the ground. Storm water runs off our streets, yards, nature trails, and other hard surfaces into storm water basins or into specific drainage areas as originally designed by the developer's engineers. Storm water, if not managed correctly, can create problems with water quality via pollution and silt and water quantity by excessive flooding.

At Highland Creek, over the past several years, we have been working diligently to improve our watershed areas. A watershed is the area of land that contributes water runoff to a lake, river, stream, wetland or pond. Having clean, non-polluted water is not only our local government's responsibility, but also the responsibility of our community and every individual within that community.

Most people do not realize that the # 1 pollutant in North Carolina is sediment caused by erosion. Sediment comes from improper erosion control measures, illegal dumping and loss of soil in our fields, creeks and streams. Best Management Practices or BMP's, are installed and utilized to treat, slow and reduce storm water runoff. BMP's can be structural, vegetative, or management practices used to protect and improve our surface and groundwater.

Throughout the years Highland Creek was developed, each developer was required to submit storm water and drainage plans to the Counties for approval. The engineers developed plans to move water throughout the neighborhood in a systematic

and natural manner. Many of the homes in the community have drainage areas behind them which move water to larger streams and creeks. The water is cleaned naturally in this process before it makes it to our ponds and rivers.

Our present situation is a bit more challenging than we would like. We have many drainage areas clogged and choked by litter and debris. Over the years, homeowners have used the common open space behind their homes as an area to dump their pruning clippings, tree removals, leaves and unfortunately their trash. Many of our storm water drainage areas are clogged up with trash, leaves and debris. As a result the water is not moving and cleaning itself properly.

Recently, the HOA Board initiated a program to start cleaning and repairing our drainage areas. Crews were sent into some of our non-maintained common open spaces to inspect and clean out choked areas. We found many areas where the water was moving properly and naturally. Other areas though, were filled with trash, debris, pruning's from adjacent property owners, and leaves up to 3' deep! We even found plays sets and an old lawn mower dumped in the stream bed. The dumped items (even leaves and twigs) are damming up the waterways which can cause numerous other problems, including flooding your neighbors' yards!

The Board's # 1 objective is to educate the homeowners of our community as to why dumping litter and debris in the common open spaces is bad for the

watershed and the environment. Chiefly, our top priority is clean water that flows and cleans itself naturally. Second, there are safety and liability concerns that should not be ignored. Finally, there is a sizable cost for these areas to be cleaned out that has to be borne by the HOA and ultimately the owners and residents of the community.

Many of these issues could easily be avoided with some good common sense approaches by our homeowners.

1. Do not dump anything in the common open spaces at Highland Creek
2. Do not blow or dump leaves into the common open spaces.
3. Pick up leaves and trash that might wash into catch basins, which will wash downstream.
4. Control any sediment that might run into a catch basin or waterway.
5. Treat our streams and ponds with respect and keep them clean
6. Report anyone you see violating our policies to the Hawthorne Management Company.

Here is a snippet from the City of Charlotte's guidelines for Yardwaste which can also be found on their website; <http://charmec.org/CITY/CHARLOTTE/SWS/CURBIT/YARDWASTE/Pages/Home.aspx>

Brush

- Brush should be no longer than 5 feet in length.
- Separate brush into piles that are small enough for one individual to handle.

Grass clippings

- Grass clippings must be placed in tied or untied plastic bags for collection or placed in uncovered containers less than 32 gallons.
- Containers or plastic bags should not weigh more than 75 pounds each.
- Grass clippings can be mixed with other yard waste such as leaves and trimmings.

Leaves

- Leaves must be placed in untied plastic bags for collection or placed in uncovered trash cans.

Limbs

- Limbs must be no longer than 5 feet in length and no larger than 4 inches in diameter.
- Limbs should be separated in piles small enough for one individual to handle.
- Limbs should not be tied.

Logs

- Logs must be under 4 inches in diameter
- Stumps will not be collected.

The HOA Board is taking clean water in our community very seriously. We are working on better watershed programs to improve our overall water quality for the betterment of all of our residents. Our initial plan of actions includes:

- Education of Residents through e-notes, newsletters and mailers.
- Remediation and repair of challenge areas by HOA and proven violators.
- Look for and educate violators-
- Fines for repeat offenders

Examples of
issues our crew
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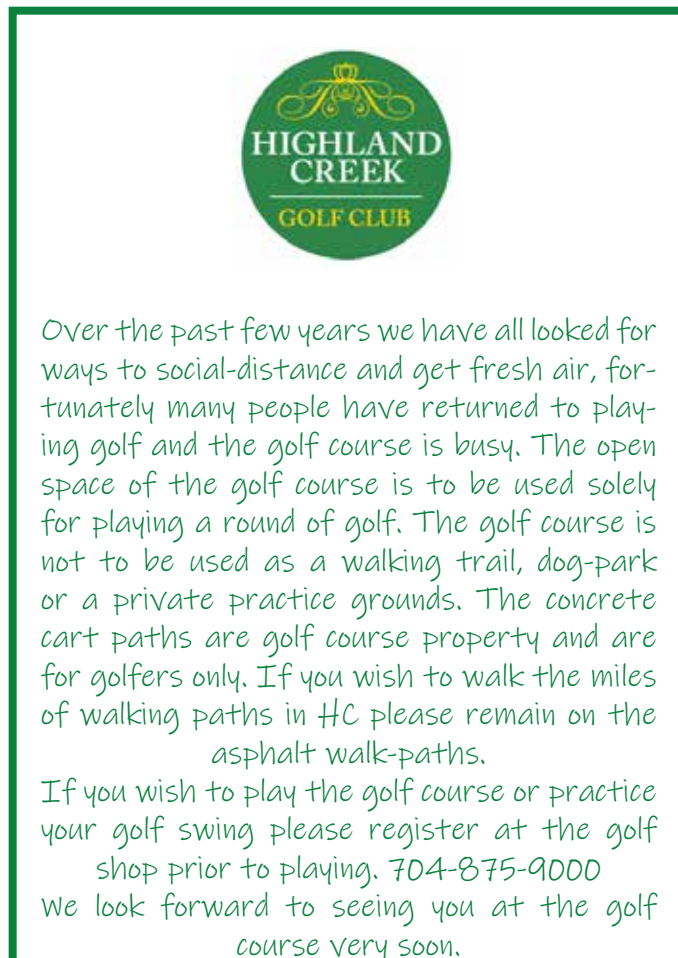
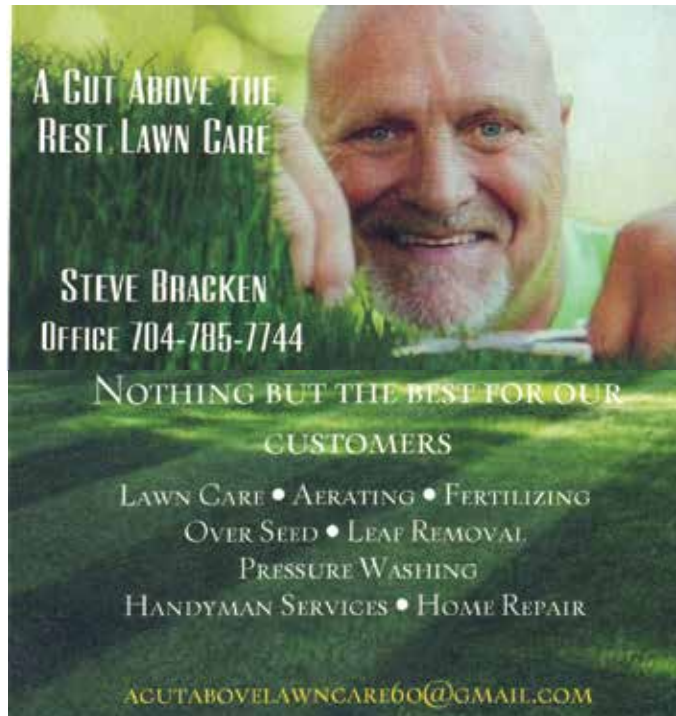


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Teen Fitness Room Policy

The fitness room at the Sports Club is open to all Highland Creek residents and guests who are a minimum of sixteen years old, provided that teens under eighteen years old...

1. Are residents of Highland Creek.
2. Come to the Sports Club accompanied by a parent or guardian with proper ID. Both parties must review and sign the Authorization/Contract in front of a Sports Club employee.
3. The Sports Director will schedule a session for instruction on the fitness room equipment.
4. Present a valid ID Card at the Sports Club desk. No teens will be admitted to the Fitness Center on his/her own without showing the valid Fitness Center ID, NO EXCEPTIONS! If they lose the ID they will have to pay \$10.00 for a replacement.
5. If the teen is disruptive or does not follow the rules he/she will have one warning; if it happens again, his/her ID will not be returned to him/her. He/she will not be permitted back in the Fitness Center.



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Creamy Herbed Easter Ham and Pea Pasta Salad

Recipe from Food Network Kitchen

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
3 tablespoons sour cream
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
8 ounces dried penne or pennette
1 1/2 cups frozen peas, thawed
1 cup diced ham

Step 1 - Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Step 2 - Whisk together the mayonnaise, parsley, sour cream, chives, mint, lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper in a large bowl.

Step 3 - Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to the package directions. Three minutes before the pasta is done, add the peas to the pot. Drain and rinse under cold water to cool; add to the bowl with the dressing.

Step 4 - Add the ham to the bowl and toss to combine, season with salt and pepper. The pasta salad is best if served right away.

Bunny Oreo Balls

Recipe from Food Network Kitchen

1 14.3 ounce package chocolate sandwich cookies, such as Oreo (about 36 cookies)
6 ounces cream cheese
3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
3/4 teaspoon meringue powder
Pink gel food coloring
Black gel food coloring
2 cups white candy melting wafers
1 teaspoon refined coconut oil
White sanding sugar, for decorating
Pink sanding sugar, for decorating
45 mini marshmallows

Step 1 - Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with

parchment paper.

Step 2 - Pulse the cookies in a food processor to fine crumbs. Add the cream cheese and pulse together until the mixture begins to ball up. Transfer to a large bowl and knead together a few times until completely combined.

Step 3 - Roll about 1/3 of the mixture into 18 truffles (about 1 level tablespoon each) and place on one of the prepared baking sheets. Roll the remaining mixture into 18 large truffles (about 1 heaping teaspoon each) and place on the second prepared baking sheet. Refrigerate until firm and chilled through, about 1 hour.

Step 4 - While the truffles chill, prepare the decorations.

Step 5 - For the royal icing, combine the confectioner's sugar and meringue powder in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Beat on low speed just to combine. Add 2 1/2 teaspoons water and increase the speed to medium. Beat the mixture until the icing is stiff enough to hold a peak but soft enough to pipe, about 2 minutes. If the icing gets too stiff, add up to 1/2 teaspoons more water.

Step 6 - Divide the icing evenly between 2 bowls. Tint one bowl of icing bright pink using the pink food coloring. Tint the remaining bowl of icing with the black food coloring. Transfer the pink and black icings to separate piping bags (with no cut openings) or to resealable plastic bags and set aside.

Step 7 - For the white coating, combine the candy melting wafers and coconut oil in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Microwave the mixture in 20 second intervals, stirring between each, until the wafers are melted and the mixture is smooth, about 1 minute 20 seconds. Set aside.

Step 8 - Put some white sanding sugar and pink sanding sugar in separate bowls.

Step 9 - For the bunny tails: Cut 9 of the marshmallows crosswise to create 18 halves. Carefully dip one flat side of each marshmallow piece in the white candy coating, let the excess drip off and then dip in the white sanding sugar. Place each marshmallow

piece sugar-side up on a plate to set. These will be the bunny tails.

Step 10 - For the bunny ears: Cut 18 of the marshmallows in half on the diagonal to create 18 pairs of bunny ears. Dip the cut side of each marshmallow piece in the pink sanding sugar. Place sugar-side up on the plate with the tails to set.

Step 11 - For the bunny feet: Cut the remaining 18 marshmallows in half lengthwise to create 18 pairs of feet. Set aside on the plate with the tails and ears.

Step 12 - Put a truffle in the white coating and use 2 forks to evenly coat. Lift out the truffle, letting any excess drip off, then return to the baking sheet. Continue with the remaining truffles (both sizes) until all are coated. If the coating cools to room temperature during the dipping process, microwave it in 20 second intervals to reheat. Reserve the leftover white coating to use as glue for the tails, ears, and feet.

Step 13 - For the heads: Dip the bottoms of 2 bunny ears in the leftover white coating, place until the coating sets, about 15 seconds. Snip a very small tip off the corner of each bag of icing. Pipe a small pink heart for a nose on the front (face) of the truffle. Pipe a pair of eyes and mouth using the black royal icing. Repeat with the remaining small truffles.

Step 14 - For the bottoms: Dip the cut side of two marshmallow feet in the leftover white coating. Position them on the truffle below the tail and hold until set in place. Use the pink royal icing to pipe a large oval on the top each foot and 3 small circles underneath for toes. Repeat with the remaining large truffles.

Step 15 - Return all the truffles to the refrigerator to set, about 10 minutes. Serve chilled.



Highland Creek SOLD Properties (Jan 2022 - Feb 2022)

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* Address	Village	BR's	BA's	Heated	Original List Price	Most	Closed Sale Price	%SP/LP**	Sold Date	DOM	\$/Sq Ft***
				Living Area		Recent List Price					
10015 Legolas Lane	Dominion Glen	7	5/0	5,202	\$689,000	\$689,000	\$694,000	101	2/1/22	1	\$133.41
1824 Laveta Road	Dominion Point	5	3/1	3,570	615,000	615,000	635,000	103	2/9/22	3	177.87
4519 Crownvista Drive	Crownvista	4	2/1	3,243	575,000	575,000	575,000	100	1/27/22	0	177.30
1202 Elrond Drive	Dominion Hills	6	4/0	3,500	599,900	599,900	575,000	96	2/25/22	2	164.29
5714 Lagrande Drive	Lagrande	4	2/1	2,913	481,000	481,000	536,000	111	2/9/22	3	184.00
5835 Kinglet Lane	Wingrove	6	3/1	3,702	550,000	550,000	530,000	96	1/10/22	46	143.17
2246 Elendil Lane	Dominion Crossing	5	3/0	3,325	479,900	479,900	490,100	102	2/28/22	0	147.40
9704 Aragorn Lane	Dominion Grove	5	3/0	2,860	489,900	489,900	489,900	100	1/25/22	12	171.29
5290 Cambridge Bay Drive	Lagrande	5	3/0	2,850	482,500	482,500	485,000	101	2/4/22	4	170.18
5713 McIaggart Lane	Masters Hill	4	3/1	3,547	525,000	500,000	485,000	97	1/14/22	39	136.74
14238 Northridge Drive	Northridge	4	3/0	2,899	474,999	474,999	479,999	101	1/13/22	3	165.57
ES 8236 Beardsley Drive	McChesney	3	3/0	2,765	425,000	425,000	466,000	110	1/11/22	4	168.54
2274 Elendil Lane	Dominion Crossing	4	2/1	2,267	436,900	436,900	435,000	100	1/24/22	13	191.88
9154 Snow Hill Court	Cambridge Run	3	2/1	2,409	426,300	426,300	431,300	101	1/20/22	6	179.04
8915 Kestral Ridge Drive	Falcon Ridge	3	3/0	2,229	414,900	414,900	410,000	99	2/11/22	2	183.94
9924 Dominion Crest Drive	Dominion Crest	4	2/0	2,244	402,000	402,000	402,000	100	1/4/22	12	179.14
5920 Downfield Wood Drive	Downfield Wood	3	2/1	2,106	359,000	359,000	400,000	111	1/31/22	1	189.93
5106 Bentgrass Run Drive	Whistlers Chase	3	2/1	1,842	395,200	395,200	392,100	99	2/22/22	3	212.87
ES 10704 Haddington Drive	Dominion Haddington	4	2/1	2,329	350,000	350,000	390,000	111	1/11/22	2	167.45
5307 Bentgrass Run Drive	Whistlers Chase	3	2/1	1,871	389,900	389,900	385,000	99	2/18/22	9	205.77
4421 Squirrel Trail Lane	Parkway Oaks	3	2/0	2,281	392,900	392,900	383,000	97	1/28/22	7	167.91
5134 Bentgrass Run Drive	Whistlers Chase	4	2/1	1,884	400,000	394,000	382,000	97	1/20/22	67	202.76
6401 Fillion Lane	Harburn Forest	3	2/1	2,141	395,000	386,000	380,000	98	1/18/22	68	177.49
2014 Wilburn Park Lane	Dominion Trace	3	2/1	2,044	365,000	365,000	370,000	101	2/1/22	4	181.02
7420 Tupelo Lane	Harburn Forest	4	2/1	2,159	384,900	379,900	370,000	97	1/7/22	14	171.38
6610 Cragland Court	Harburn Forest	3	2/1	1,508	332,900	332,900	365,000	110	2/28/22	2	242.04
8806 Kestral Ridge Drive	Falcon Ridge	3	3/0	1,710	340,000	340,000	357,000	105	1/6/22	4	208.77
7405 Tupelo Lane	Harburn Forest	3	2/0	1,471	356,200	356,200	356,200	100	1/5/22	6	242.15
3809 Millstream Ridge Drive	Dominion Village	2	2/0	2,034	330,000	330,000	355,000	108	1/21/22	5	174.53
6026 Beech Cove Lane	Springhurst	3	2/0	1,517	355,000	345,000	340,000	99	1/6/22	17	224.13
9306 Meadowmont View Drive	Meadowmont	3	2/1	1,255	327,000	327,000	311,000	95	2/7/22	2	247.81
14678 Penmore Lane	The Glen	2	2/0	1,734	299,000	299,000	294,000	98	1/24/22	1	169.55
8918 Meadowmont View Drive	Meadowmont	2	2/1	1,294	269,900	269,900	285,250	106	1/10/22	3	220.44
7112 Founders Club Court	Signature Ridge	2	2/1	1,639	259,000	259,000	268,500	104	1/7/22	2	163.82
7141 Founders Club Court	Signature Ridge	2	2/1	1,429	249,900	249,900	260,000	104	2/24/22	3	181.95
Average:				2,394	\$417,660	\$416,089	\$421,810	102		11	\$183.59

* SPECIAL CONDITIONS: FC - Foreclosure, FP - Foreclosure Proceeding Commenced, SS - Short Sale, RL - Relocation, NC - New Construction, ES - Estate,

BK - Bankruptcy, FO - For Sale By Owner (Updated in MLS by Buyer's Agent), SL - Subject to Lease

** Rounded to the nearest whole percentage

*** AVG \$/SQ FT: Based on Closed Sale Price divided by Heated Living Area (HLA) which may include finished square footage in a basement or additional floors. It does not include: unheated areas of the property (i.e., garage, unfinished basements or additional floors).



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Watch For Changes When Filing Taxes...submitted by Daniel Haller



As you prepare your tax returns before the April 18 filing deadline, you'll want to be up to date on changes that could affect you. Here are some issues to discuss with your tax professional:

- **COVID-19-related distributions and recontributions** – If you took a coronavirus-related distribution (withdrawal) from a retirement account, such as a 401(k) or IRA, in 2020 and chose to spread the amount equally over three years, you need to include the relevant part of the distribution on your 2021 tax return, so you should bring your 2020 Form 1099-R to your tax advisor. You can recontribute your distributions back into any retirement account eligible to receive a rollover for up to three years after you received the initial distribution. So, if you haven't already done so, you can still recontribute to your 401(k) or IRA up until the April 18 filing deadline – and by doing so, you could reduce your 2021 taxes. (Your tax professional will know what forms and documentation you'll need for this recontribution.)

- **Return of RMDs** – In 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act suspended the required minimum distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts that people over a certain age typically must take. But RMDs returned for 2021 and had to be taken by Dec. 31, unless your birthdate is between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1949, in which case your starting date was delayed until April 1, 2022. So, if you had an RMD for 2021, bring your 2020 Form 5498 or your 2021 retirement account statements to your tax professional to calculate the required RMD. You'll also want to provide your 2021 Form 1099-R to report the amount of RMDs taken.

- **Charitable contributions** – The CARES Act authorized a deduction for cash contributions to qualified charities for those who don't itemize. For 2020, the maximum deduction was \$300; this provision has been extended for the 2021 tax year, with a new provision allowing a \$600 deduction for joint filers. If you do itemize deductions, be aware that the CARES Act also suspended the 60% of adjusted gross income limit for cash gifts in 2020, a change that has been carried over to 2021.

- **Child tax credit** – For 2021, you can claim up to \$3,600 for children younger than 6 and up to \$3,000 for children ages 6 to 17. This tax credit is refundable, which means you can receive it even if it's larger than the amount of taxes you owe. The credit phases out at certain income limits.

- **Child and dependent care credit** – This credit is more substantial in 2021 – up to \$4,000 for one qualifying person and up to \$8,000 for two or more. This credit is also potentially refundable, but it phases out differently than in previous years, so you'll want to go over your dependent-care expenses carefully with your tax professional. And last, but certainly not least, review your IRA contributions. There

aren't any changes for 2022, but you can still fund your traditional or Roth IRA for the 2021 tax year up until the April 18 deadline. See your tax professional soon to ensure you've got everything in order. Staffing shortages at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), combined with a heavy workload due to pandemic-related programs, may slow down processing of returns, so consider getting your taxes done as soon as possible – especially if you're anticipating a refund.

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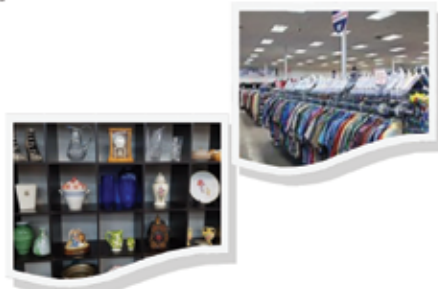
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We hope you and your families are enjoying the wonderful spring weather. Highland Creek has so much to offer! Enjoy the common facilities that are yours... you will also meet new neighbors who have moved into Highland Creek over the winter.

New Board Member

A board member recently resigned due to selling their home. The term for this seat expires in September 2022. Per the governing documents, because there is less than nine (9) months for this director’s term, the board can appoint someone to serve the remainder of this term. Tim Tobin, resident at 6017 Swanston Drive, was appointed to fill this vacancy on the board. Mr. Tobin has served on the Covenants Committee since 2018 and on the Advisory Committee from 2019 through 2021. He will serve as the Liaison to the Covenants Committee while on the board.

Photo ID Cards

We include this notice for the benefit of residents who have recently moved into Highland Creek. Residents must have a valid Highland Creek photo ID card with them in order to access the pools, tennis, pickleball and basketball court gates/areas, fitness center and when visiting all parks in the community. Everyone five years and older (including residents who have moved to a different address within the community) who have not secured or updated your photo ID card, please make plans to do so in the near future. You may have your photo ID card made at the Sports Club, 6616 Clarke Creek Parkway. Residents must bring with them their closing papers or rental agreement and a picture ID when coming for their first ID card. Please call the Sports Club at 704-766-0045 to schedule an appointment to have your ID made soon.

Residents will notice Highland Creek security officers patrolling and monitoring the park areas

for the safety of those using the parks. During their visits to the parks and courts, the security officers will ask residents to show their photo ID card in an effort to ensure that the park areas are being used by Highland Creek residents and their guests only. A maximum of three (3) guests per ID card is permitted when visiting the amenities and parks.

Please remember dues must be current to use the HOA pools and other amenities

Yard Maintenance

Spring’s sunny weather brings forth the healthy growth of grass. Please plan to mow it regularly in consideration of the aesthetics of your own home and the pleasing surroundings of your neighbors. As a matter of clarification, the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street is the resident’s maintenance responsibility; please trim and mow it along with your yard. Grass clippings should not be blown into the street, dumped into storm drains or streams or the community lakes or on Golf Course property. Please bag yard debris and dispose of properly. Do not put curbside until the night before pick up by the city.

Highland Creek Community Association defines lawn care standards as follows:

- Maintain grass height less than 5”
 - Pull or kill weeds
 - Trim the grass, weeds, and groundcover off the sidewalk and driveway
 - Mow often to eliminate grass seed head growth (sprouting)
 - Re-seed bare spots
- You may need to consult with a landscape maintenance company or gather information on the process for turf restoration from a professional at a garden center for guidance.

Environmental Tips

Some of the creeks that run

through the community continue to be littered with landscape debris, tree logs/limbs, trash, and various other items which are damming up the waterways and causing problems, including flooding your neighbor’s yard. Please help by properly disposing of any landscape debris, grass clippings or trash items, large or small.

Vandalism

Unfortunately, there is an increase in vandalism during the warmer months of the year. Vandalism is very costly to the Association, and therefore, each of you. Please help us hold the perpetrators responsible for their actions and the losses incurred by the Association by reporting any hint of suspicious behavior to Weiser Security Services (704-609-0569) and/or the appropriate law enforcement department.

Charlotte Code of Ordinances

Code enforcement divisions work to improve the appearance of communities and maintain standards of living. Violations of code ordinances can be reported as noted below:

City of Charlotte - 311 or 704-336-7600

Some common nuisance violations as stated at <https://charlottenc.gov> website:

Yard waste - \$150 fine

- Must not be placed curbside any earlier than the day before the collection date.
- Bulky and junk items - \$150 fine
- Eligible items must be scheduled for collection. Call 311 to schedule a pick up.
- Items cannot be placed at curbside prior to scheduling.
- Bulky items cannot be placed at the curb any earlier than one day before the scheduled pick up date.

Neglect of Premise - \$150 fine

- Neglect of property is considered as causing or

allowing unsightly litter, tall weeds and grass, yard waste, foul odor, dead animals, junk, unsecured appliances or potentially dangerous devices to remain on or emanate from the property. You may also receive a violation if you discard, abandon or cause these issues on public property, private property, vacant lots or any pond, stream or body of water or banks thereof within the city limits and/or property that is in a littered condition -- such as dilapidated furniture, appliances, machinery, equipment, building materials, automotive parts, tires or any other items which are in a wholly or partially rusted, wrecked, junked, dismantled or inoperative condition and are not completely enclosed within a building or dwelling -- will result in a violation.

Tall Weeds & Grass - \$150 fine

- Failure to cut weeds or grass and overgrowth exceeding 12 inches will result in a violation.

Parking on the Front Lawn - \$25 fine

- Parking in the front yard or front and side yards of a corner lot is a code violation except if the vehicle is on an improved driveway or parking pad.

City of Concord – 704-920-5150

Code Enforcement Officers investigate complaints of substandard housing conditions, hazardous conditions, improper use of dwellings and commercial structures, nuisance conditions and other code related issues. The code of ordinances can be viewed online at <https://www.concordnc.gov>.

Dog Etiquette

Our office receives calls regularly from Highland Creek residents who are upset because pet owners have allowed their dogs to poop on the private property of others or on the sidewalk along the parkway. The violated property owners are also disappointed that neighbors are not considerate and do not follow pet etiquette guidelines. When walking your dog, please carry a “pooper scooper” and bag to clean up your pet’s waste; this is the responsibility of the pet owner. Please do your part to keep Highland Creek clean.

Sidewalk Maintenance

If the sidewalk that abuts your property is uneven, holds water following a hard rain, or needs repair, please call “311” if you live in Charlotte or 704-920-5555 if you live in Concord. Sidewalks are not an asset of the Association, and therefore, their maintenance is not a responsibility of the Association.

Role of Board of Directors

The last issue of the Highland Creek newsletter explained the role of the management company. To further educate residents on the day to day operations of the Association, below is a brief explanation concerning the role of the Board of Directors.

Board members are elected at the annual meeting by the voting members of the Association each year. Each board member serves as a liaison between the Board and a standing committee of the Association. Board members are elected to serve the interests of the whole community and to make decisions regarding upkeep and improvements to HOA owned common spaces within the community. They hire contractors to maintain the common areas and provide direction to the management company on implementing the policies and rules for the Association. The Board enforces the Covenants by holding hearings and imposing fines if a violation is not corrected. The Board, along with input

from the Finance Committee, the management company and a professional reserve study analysis, adopts an operating and reserve budget each year which determines the annual assessment for the residents. They attend monthly meetings and inform members of important board decisions. The annual meeting for the Association is held each September. If you are interested in serving on the Board and would like to participate in the upcoming election this fall, please contact Leah Singleton at 704-377-0114, ext. 138.

Home Safety Information

There are many steps residents can take to keep your home and Highland Creek safe. Below are some tips listed at www.charmeck.org. The most important step is for you and your neighbors to work together.

- Always keep your doors and windows locked day and night.
- Never leave your garage door open.
- Don’t have your valuables visible through windows.
- Keep ladders locked in the garage. Burglars can use them for access to otherwise inaccessible second story windows.
- Don’t forget when going on vacation to hold or have someone pick up your mail/newspapers.
- Don’t advertise new gifts or purchases. Break up the cartons before leaving them at the curb.
- Call the police immediately when you see suspicious persons or activities.

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