

Highland Creek NEWS

October/November 2025



Harvest Festival and Chili Cookoff

Saturday, October 25th
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.



What's My Day?

Not sure what day you should put your trash and recycling out?

Here are two websites that can answer that question:

Charlotte/Mecklenburg

mcmmap.org/geoportal,

click on

"trash & recycling"

*Trash & recycling pickup in

The Glen is Wednesdays.

Concord/Cabarrus

concordnc.gov,

click on "community resource guide" then

"residential collection day information"

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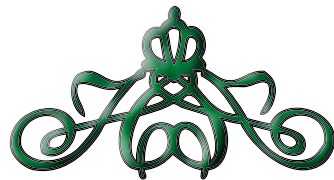
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9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday & Sunday

9:00am - 3:00pm

FITNESS ROOM

Everyday

6:00am - 9:00pm

For Questions Call

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All Highland Creek Events and Activities are for residents only.

You must display your Highland Creek badge when attending any event.

Badges may be checked at the event.

If you do not have your badge at an event you may be denied entry.

Guests of residents may not attend Highland Creek Events.

Highland Creek Community Garage Sale

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Christenbury Park (6213 Bells Mill Drive) & University Child Development Center (6025 Clarke Creek Parkway) 7am to 11am

Residents will be selling at both locations! Please note that parking is not allowed on Highland Creek Parkway. If you live close by, we encourage you to walk to the sales. At the Christenbury location, the Highland Creek PTA will be on-site with coffee and water available for purchase.

Salvation Army Drop-Off

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Prosperity Park Parking Lot (5710 Fairvista Drive) 10am to 2pm

The Salvation Army will have a trailer set up at Prosperity Park to collect donations from garage sale participants. However, even if you are not participating in the garage sale, you are welcome to take advantage of the Salvation Army truck. An attendant will be on site to write receipts.

The Salvation Army will NOT accept: air conditioners, carpet/carpet padding, chemicals of any kind, conference tables, countertops or cabinets that have to be installed, curtain rods, dental equipment, desks longer than 5 feet or L-shaped or U-shaped or particle board, entertainment centers, furnaces, garage door openers, firearms or ammo, plastic hangers, water heaters, magazines, office copiers, pianos or organs, paint of any kind, sinks or toilets, store fixtures, chandeliers, ceiling fans, sofas or couches longer than 12 feet, or swing sets.

Creek Kids Event - Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Prosperity Park Clubhouse (5710 Fairvista Drive)

10am to 10:45am

Ages 5-10

Join us for a high-energy performance that will ignite your child's passion for science through visually stunning experiments and interactive storytelling.

Highland Creek residents only. There is no cost to attend this event. HOA dues must be current at the time of registration. Online registration is open at www.highlandcreek.com until capacity is reached.



Harvest Festival & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Prosperity Park (5710 Fairvista Drive)

2pm to 5pm

Join us for a festive fall afternoon filled with fun! Enjoy a petting zoo, pumpkin painting, inflatables, and costume contests for kids, families, and even dogs! Test your strength in the "beer" stein holding competition, and don't miss the always popular Chili Cook-off! Enjoy free water, popcorn, cotton candy, apple cider, and ice cream!



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Chili Cook-Off: Highland Creek is looking for just the right spice and your culinary twist! Entry fee is \$15 (one per household). Only 8 participants accepted. The Chili Cook-Off tasting and voting will run from 2pm to 4pm or until chili runs out! Registration is open at www.highlandcreek.com until capacity is reached.

Prizes awarded for: People's Choice, Judge's Choice, Just the Right Spice, Most Original, and Best Booth Décor.

Blood Drive

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Christenbury Park Parking Lot (6213 Bells Mill Drive) 9am to 5pm

The OneBlood.org buses will be back in the Highland Creek community! If you would like to donate blood, appointments are available starting at 9:00 am. Registering at www.highlandcreek.com is highly recommended; however, walk-ins are welcome! All donors will receive an e-Gift card and a T-shirt.

November Adult Bingo

Monday, November 3, 2025

Highland Creek Taproom (7101 Highland Creek Parkway)

7pm to 9pm

\$10 a player; ages 21 and up

Doors open at 6pm. You must pre-register to play. We will not allow walk-ins.

Enjoy light appetizers, limited servings per person, while supplies last. Beverages are available for purchase. We will play approximately 20 games, with the chance to win some great prizes!

Highland Creek residents only. Do not register someone who is not a resident. HOA dues must be current at the time of registration. Online registration opens at www.highlandcreek.com on October 16.

Thank you to our overall prize sponsors: Brian Souders - Supreme Lending and Consuelo Souders & Company, Keller Williams Realty.

Highland Creek Adult Event - Beginner's Sewing Class: Holiday Theme

Saturday, November 8, 2025
10 am to 2 pm

Prosperity Park Clubhouse (5710 Fairvista Drive)

Get ready for the holidays with a fun, hands-on beginner's sewing workshop! Perfect for beginners & anyone looking to add a personal touch to their holiday decor.

Projects include holiday pillows (pillow inserts are available for an additional \$10), festive table runners, wine bottle holders, or coffee mug covers.

All machines and sewing supplies are included! Instructed by Ms. Bobbie, a retired educator with 40 years of sewing experience.

\$55 a person – Registration required at www.highlandcreek.com

Highland Creek Heroes - Veterans Day Campaign

Highland Creek Veterans, we would like to thank you for your service! Banners will be hung on the Prosperity Park fence with the Highland Creek veteran's name and their branch of service, starting on Veterans Day (November 11) through the end of November.

To be included on the banner, veterans must register online at www.highlandcreek.com by October 31, 2025.

We would love to see pictures of our Highland Creek Heroes next to banners! Please email photos to jbowen@highlandcreek.com.

Mistletoe Market

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Cox Mill Elementary School Gym (1450 Cox Mill Road)
10am to 2pm

Get an early start on all your holiday shopping with 50+ vendors showcasing their items in one convenient location! Shopping is open to the public; please help spread the word! Overflow parking is available at Cox Mill High School (located across the street).

Plus, the first 250 shoppers will receive a free shopping tote! Sponsored by: Ace No. 3, Clozetivity of Charlotte, Consuelo Souders & Company, Keller Williams Realty, Livewell Animal Hospital, O'Connor Insurance Associates, and Premier Marital Arts.

A few lucky shoppers will receive a "Golden Ticket" in their shopping tote, which can be redeemed at the event for a prize. Sponsored by: AR Workshop - Concord, and other great sponsors!

Eibsee CoffeeCo will be on-site with a special menu available for purchase, including Americanos, cappuccinos, chai lattes, and hot chocolate! Beginning around 11am, grab some delicious BBQ for sale from the GGC Smokehouse food truck.

Vendor applications will be accepted online at www.highlandcreek.com until all spaces are filled.

Run the Creek 5K and Family Fun Run Registration

Registration opens Monday, December 1, 2025, at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Charlotte/RuntheCreek5k>.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 7, 2026 and invite your friends and family to join the fun! Race proceeds will benefit Highland Creek's six public schools: Highland Creek Elementary, Cox Mill Elementary, Harris Road Middle, Ridge Road Middle, Cox Mill High, and Mallard Creek High.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at multiple levels. Contact jbowen@highlandcreek.com.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 5, 2025

Prosperity Park (5710 Fairvista Drive)
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Join the Highland Creek community, along with the Highland Creek Elementary School Choir, in celebrating the festive tree lighting at Prosperity Park! Please have your child bring an ornament or decoration to hang on the tree. Ornaments will also be available, while supplies last.

Complimentary hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

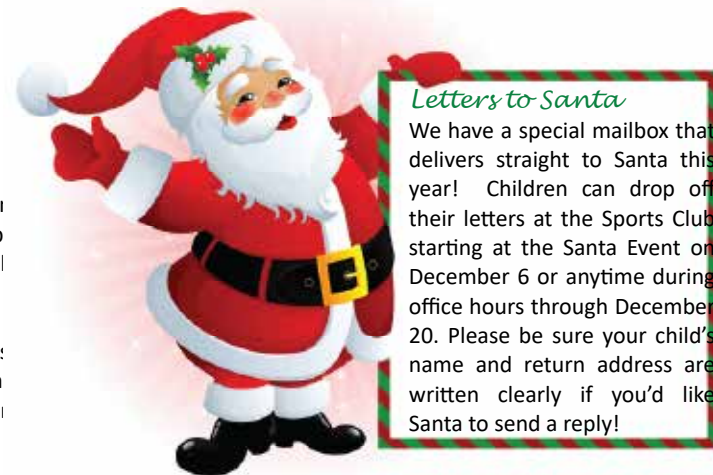
Visit with Santa

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Sports Club (6616 Clarke Creek Parkway)
11am to 2pm

Drop in anytime to visit Santa! Enjoy face-painting, train rides, hot cocoa, and cookies. Plus, a s'mores wagon sponsored by Lowe's Foods.

Toys for Tots Toy Drive: Sponsored by Consuelo Souders & Company, Keller Williams Realty. The Toy Drive has become a Highland Creek tradition! Have your child's picture taken with members of the U.S.



Kids Holiday Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Sports Club (6616 Clarke Creek Parkway)
12pm to 1pm

Ages 5 to 10 years

Each child is asked to bring 30 homemade cookies (no peanut products, please). Every child will receive a tin to take home a variety of cookies. If registering siblings, please have each child bring a different type of cookie. We'll also enjoy fun games with prizes, if time allows. Registration opens November 20 at www.highlandcreek.com.

Teen Holiday Game Hour

Saturday, December 13, 2025

1:30pm to 2:30pm
Sports Club (6616 Clarke Creek Parkway)

Ages 11 to 15 years

Come in from the cold and join us for a fun hour of holiday games and treats! Teens will put their holiday knowledge and coordination to the test with festive, themed challenges. Prizes will be awarded to all! Registration opens November 20 at www.highlandcreek.com.

Teen Fitness Room Policy

The fitness room at the Sports Club is open to all Highland Creek residents 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 Highland Creek gym waiver.
3. No guests allowed. Gym access is for Highland Creek residents only.
4. 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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**EVENT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9:00AM.
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Guidelines for Clubhouse Rentals



- ✎ Clubhouse reservations are handled by staff at the Sports Club. Please call the Sports Club at 704-766-0045.
- ✎ You must be a Highland Creek resident and association dues must be current in order to reserve the facility.
- ✎ **The clubhouses cannot be used for any business, religious, charity or commercial purpose.**
- ✎ Prosperity Park - rental fee is \$200 with a damage/non-compliance deposit of \$1,000. A check for \$100 must be submitted with the contract to hold your reservation. The balance of \$1,100 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 \$300 with a damage/non-compliance deposit of \$1000. A check for \$100 must be submitted with the contract to hold your reservation. The balance of \$1200 must be paid by certified check or money order no later than 30 days before the event. Make check payable to HCCA.
- ✎ \$100 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.
- ✎ Lessee must provide a certificate of liability/event specific insurance for \$1,000,000. Must be received no later than 14 days before event. Must include a host liquor provision if serving alcohol.
- ✎ 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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July Adult Bingo

Thanks to everyone who came out to July's Adult Bingo. Even with the AC struggling, spirits were high and fun was had!

Huge thanks to our raffle and prize sponsors: Ace No. 3, Bad Daddy's Burger Bar, Cinergy Dine-in Cinemas, Clozativity of Charlotte, Harriet's Hamburgers, Hawthornes Pizza, the Highland Creek Taproom, and Texas Roadhouse!

Congrats to Jeremy Long & Elizabeth Myers for splitting the \$250 overall prize sponsored by Consuelo Souders & Co. – Keller Williams Realty and Brian Souders – Supreme Lending!



September Adult Bingo

Thank you to our Highland Creek neighbors who joined us for September Adult Bingo.

We were able to give out some wonderful raffles and prizes thanks to the following business sponsors: Abbott's Frozen Custard, Ace No. 3, Bad Daddy's Burger Bar, Bossy Beulah's Chicken Shack, Cinergy Dine-in Cinemas, Clozativity of Charlotte, Hawthorne's Pizza - Highland Creek, the Highland Creek Taproom, and Texas Roadhouse!

Congratulations to Bo Ward for winning the \$250 overall prize, sponsored by Consuelo Souders & Co. – Keller Williams Realty and Brian Souders – Supreme Lending!



Halloween SAFETY TIPS



Always **CHECK CANDY** before letting your child eat it. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.



Make sure your children's costumes are properly sized to **AVOID FALLS AND TRIPPING.**

Have children wear **REFLECTIVE MARKINGS** or carry a **FLASHLIGHT** so they can be seen.



Always **ACCOMPANY YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN** when they are trick or treating.

Use **NON-TOXIC MAKE-UP** on your child instead of a mask so vision is not limited.

Keep kids on a sidewalk or path and don't let them dash across the street or to the next house. Always walk together and cross at a street corner.



End of the Summer Pool Party

What a splash! Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate at the End of the Summer Pool Party. It was a wonderful day filled with sunshine, neighbors, and plenty of fun!

A huge thank you to our event sponsors who made this day possible:

- A.N.T. Comfort Solutions
- Anytime Fitness Prosperity Park
- Consuelo Souders, Keller Williams Realty
- Brian Souders, Supreme Lending
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We're also grateful to our door prize sponsors for their generous contributions:

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- Anytime Fitness Prosperity Park
- Bossy Beulah's Chicken Shack
- Harriet's Hamburgers
- Hawthorne's Pizza - Highland Creek
- Highland Creek Golf Course
- Lowes Foods
- Summit Coffee – Highland Creek
- Texas Roadhouse
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Thanks to all the residents who came out and made it such a fun and memorable event. We couldn't have asked for a better way to close out the summer season!



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\$45 FEB 15 - MAR 7



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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. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **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 drivers license with a Highland Creek address. 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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A Retiree's Guide for National Financial Security Month...submitted by Daniel Haller



If you're retired, it's easy to let your finances go on autopilot. Since October is National Retirement Security Month, it's a good time to revisit some areas that can impact your long-term financial security and help your money last a lifetime.

Consider these suggestions:

- **Manage your withdrawal rate.** You'll likely need to tap into your retirement accounts — your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But think carefully about how much income you withdraw every year. If you take out too much, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You have the option of withdrawing from these accounts at age 59½. Once you turn 72, you'll be required to take out at least a certain amount each year based on your age and account balance.

- **Estimate health care costs.** When you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan, both of which will require premium payments. You'll probably also incur a variety of other unreimbursed expenses for doctor visit copays or deductibles, prescription drugs and vision, hearing and dental care. Additionally, about 70% of adults ages 65 and older will need some form of long-term support, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. This may include a paid home health aide (average cost of \$77,792 per year), an assisted living residence (average cost of \$70,500 per year) or nursing home care (private room average cost of \$127,750 per year). (Cost estimates are from Genworth 2024 Cost of Care Survey.) Over the course of your retirement, these can add up, so be realistic when budgeting for health care expenses in retirement.

- **Consider when to take Social Security.** You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks at age 62, but your payments will generally be larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age of 66 or 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) If you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may well be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.

- **Avoid investing too conservatively.** Once you're retired, you might think you should take as few chances with your investments as possible — after all, you have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your

working years. Nonetheless, it's important to consider keeping a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you stay ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.

- **Keep your generosity in check.** If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do what you can to assist them. However, the hard truth is that they have more time than you to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford — but try not to go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family as well.

Retirement is ideally an enjoyable time in your life, especially if you feel financially stable. So, take time to check in periodically to keep that stability on track.

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We hope you are finding the crisp, cool fall weather fresh and energizing. Welcome to the residents who have moved into Highland Creek over the summer.

2025 Association Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Community Association was held on September 16, 2025. Due to the deadline for this issue of the Highland Creek News, the names of the three newly elected Board Members and village Voting Members were not available. The 2024-2025 Board of Directors will be announced on the Highland Creek website, www.highlandcreek.com, in early October. A complete list of all Village Voting Members and Alternates will be published in the December issue of this newsletter.

Streetlight Repairs

Streetlights are maintained by Duke Energy. If you notice a light that is out or damaged, report the nearest street address to 1-800-POWERON (800-769-3766) or visit duke-energy.com.

Fall Restoration Highland Creek
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taken great pride in the standard of lawn care exhibited by the majority of its residents. Thank you to those residents who have treated the weeds in your lawn and are planning to re-seed and fertilize this fall. Please note that owners are expected to maintain their yards at minimal and realistic standards. These minimal expectations are:

- Cut the grass on a regular schedule to maintain a maximum height of 5".
- Pull or kill the weeds.
- Trim the grass, weeds and groundcover off the sidewalk and driveway.
- Mow to eliminate grass seed head growth (sprouting).
- Mow the grass between the sidewalk and street.

It is important for you to take diligent steps in the fall to restore the health and attractiveness of your lawn. Talk with your landscape maintenance company, gather information on the process for turf restoration or talk with a professional at a garden center for guidance. Helpful information concerning lawn care maintenance/renovation can also be found on the HOA website by clicking on the "HOA Info" tab and then "Landscaping". **The Covenants Committee strongly urges**

you to aerate and seed/sod your lawn in the fall in order to experience healthy turf restoration.

Holiday Decorations

It may seem early for this topic, but holiday decorations were in the stores before Labor Day. The governing documents state that, **"Holiday decorations are acceptable but must not be in place more than 30 days prior to an event and must be removed 15 days after an event."** Please be aware of this restriction and plan your holiday decorating within this guideline. Also, do not dispose of your holiday wreaths and/or trees by dumping them in neighborhood creeks. The dead trees block the creeks, resulting in standing water that becomes stagnant and causes damage to property along the creeks. You may place your holiday trees street side and the City of Charlotte/Concord will dispose of them properly at no extra charge to you.

Quick Tips & Reminders

- **Modifications:** Prior approval is required for exterior changes (fences, painting, roofs, solar panels, etc.).
- **Sidewalks:** Maintained by

the City of Charlotte or Concord. Report issues by calling 311 or 704-920-5555.

- Signs: One "For Sale" or "For Lease" sign is allowed. "For Rent" signs are not permitted.
- Safety: Lock vehicles, close garage doors, and store tools and ladders inside.
- Pets: Always clean up after your dog.
- Speed Limit: Please observe the 35mph limit on Highland Creek Parkway.
- Amenities: **Always carry your Highland Creek photo ID when using community facilities.**

Need Help or Have a Question? The Highland Creek website is a great resource for residents to find answers to common questions, review community guidelines, access forms, and stay informed about upcoming events and announcements. We encourage all residents to visit the site regularly to stay connected and informed.

If you are unable to find the answer to your question on the Highland Creek website, Hawthorne Management Company is here to assist you. Hawthorne can be contacted via the below methods:

- Sending a message from your Hawthorne homeowner portal
- o Portal can be accessed via web browser or Hawthorne app. See QR code below to download the app.
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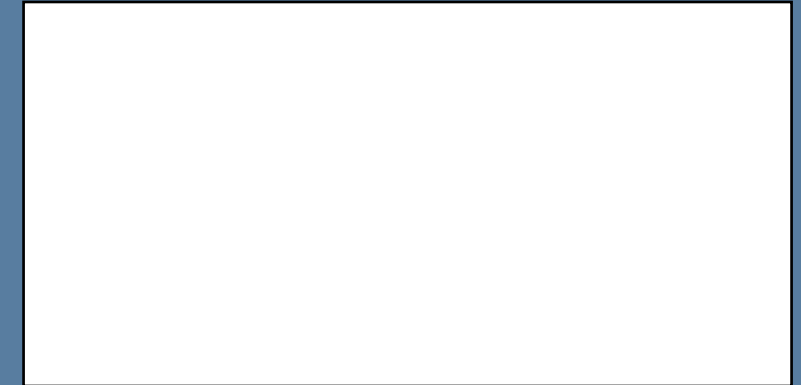
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