## Welcome to Highland Lakes Condo Association!

This is a summary of important information about your new community.

Condominium Ownership provides many amenities as well as obligations. Highland Lakes is a self-managed "Co-Owner" Association. We are NOT a rental Community and as such, have a vested interest in the operations, improvements, and maintenance of the Association. Highland Lakes Condominium Association is Deed-restricted via our By-Laws and Master Deed. The By-Laws were developed to protect the interests, values, and ascetics of our community and the Co-Owners. It is mandatory that you abide by the procedures, policies and rules set forth in the By-laws, Master Deed, and directives of the Board of Directors in order to avoid mistakes that may be costly to you. Management and the Board are here to help you make owning a Condo in Highland Lakes a great experience; we are also here to make certain that all residents follow the rules and By-Laws, which help protect everyone's interests.

We cannot emphasize enough how important it is for you to read, understand and follow The By-Laws, Master Deed, Co-Owner Manual, and new Board Directives published in the Herald.

**Board of Directors:** The Master Deed, and By-Laws 1 and By-Laws 2, are the legal documents by which the Association is governed. Specifically, By-Laws 2 establishes a seven-member Board of Directors, all of whom must be co-owners, and gives the Board the responsibility and duties necessary to administer the affairs of the Association. Meetings are conducted nine (9) times per year on the third Monday of the month, but check the Herald for specific dates and times. You can personally address the Board at the "Co-Owner Forum" portion of the meeting.

<u>Management</u>: Highland Lakes Condominium Association is self-managed. This means instead of hiring a management company, the Board employs a staff to handle the day-to-day activities of the community.

<u>Census Form:</u> Highland Lakes requires all residents to ensure a current census form is on file at the clubhouse. This form is completed when you move in and should be updated when there is any change to your situation (i.e. phone number/email address changes, new vehicles, new pet information, etc). The co-owner is responsible for ensuring the census form is up-to-date.

<u>Co-Owner Manual:</u> This document contains important community information as well as rules and procedures. Please refer to it regarding any aspect of your new community.

<u>Alterations to your Unit</u>: The Co-Owner is responsible for major alterations. A Major Alterations packet should be obtained from the clubhouse that details necessary steps and approvals. You must submit the modification request form and receive approval from the Engineering Committee and Board *before* beginning your modification.

A request to make changes to your landscaping is handled in a similar manner. A Grounds Committee Request form can be obtained from the clubhouse and approval must be granted *before* beginning your changes.

**<u>Keys</u>**: It is highly recommended that a key to your unit be supplied to the clubhouse in case of emergency.

**Please note:** The Association has the irrevocable right of access to each unit during reasonable hours when access is necessary to maintain, repair, or replace the common elements or any portion of a unit that the association maintains, or if it is necessary, for an emergency to prevent damage to the common elements or another unit. The Association will not repair or pay for damage to a unit if a key is not supplied.

<u>Monthly Assessment:</u> Payment is due the first of the month and is considered delinquent after the 10th. Late charges will be applied.

**Robo-Call:** Highland Lakes utilizes an automated system that notifies residents of important information. The automated system broadcasts a message to your phone and/or email address.

<u>Parking</u>: All residents' vehicles should be registered at the clubhouse. Each unit has access to two numbered parking spaces with in the courts. One parking space is deeded and the other is an available space. If the unit has a garage, the garage is the deeded space. Co-owners with more than two vehicles must park the additional vehicles on the street (where permitted) or in the clubhouse parking lot.

<u>Patio</u>: Care and maintenance of the deck/patio/front porch is your responsibility. These areas must be kept clean and in good repair. Residents are responsible for correctly storing personal property as outlined in the Coowner manual.

<u>Pets</u>: Co-owners may have no more than two (2) pets. Animals other than house pets are not permitted. Dogs must be licensed by the Township of Northville and registered on the census form on file at the clubhouse. Dogs and cats *must* be on leashes when on common grounds. Owners are responsible for immediate clean-up and any damages caused by their animals.

**<u>Pool</u>**: Co-owners in good standing can enjoy the pool along with a 'limited' quantity of their guests. A Highland Lakes ID (updated annually) is required for access. Please refer to the published pool rules for specifics and the Herald for pool hours.

<u>Satellite Dish</u>: Co-owners must submit and seek approval from the Engineering Committee and Board *prior* to installation. You can obtain a form from the office.

<u>Snow Removal Policy</u>: The snow removal policy is published in the Herald each winter season. You will need to have a good understanding of the procedure for snow removal.

Generally, maintenance staff will service all roadways first, the clubhouse parking lot will be cleared next. The court lots driving lanes will be cleared next. Finally, the parking spots will be cleared.

There will *not* be snow removal during the weekends or holidays unless there is a significant snowfall.

Residents are advised to keep a container of ice melter on hand to sprinkle on their sidewalks which is available free of charge at the clubhouse. Please bring your own container for transport to your unit.

<u>Highland Lakes Herald</u>: This monthly magazine is distributed to each resident and is considered the 'official' communication between the Association and Co-owners. It contains important information about the community, minutes from the Board meetings and Committees, as well as seasonal programs. A community calendar is on the back cover of every issue.

<u>Trash</u>: The Association employs a company to remove trash from the bins located in the courts. Yard waste, bulk trash, recycling trash and trash pick-up dates are listed on the back page calendar of the Herald. Please follow the guidelines as outlined in the Co-owner's manual.

<u>Web Site</u>: Highland Lakes maintains a website at <a href="https://www.hlca.us/">https://www.hlca.us/</a>. The website is updated with pertinent information and houses the By-Laws, Master Deed and Co-owner manual. Information about the Board of Directors and committees is also on the website.

If you are not sure about any of the rules of the Association, please contact the clubhouse office at 248-349-4006 for clarification.

## HLCA MASTER LIST OF ALTERATIONS REQUIRING APPROVAL BY HIGHLAND LAKES

This document declares all alterations to condominium units within the Highland Lakes Condominium Association that must, first, be approved by the Engineering Committee, Property Management, and the Board of Directors of Highland Lakes.

This alterations list is governed by the Highland Lakes by Laws and will be enforced by Management and the Board of Directors of Highland Lakes.

Penalties (see below) will be enforced for non-compliance with the approval process of the following items:

### WITHIN THE OWNERS UNIT: Limited Common Element

- Fireplace Installation or reconstruction
- Any venting or chimney changes, all must be approved.
- Basement floor/wall breakout for plumbing, venting or other
- Interior wall construction, removal, or any structural changes
- Installation of High Efficiency Furnaces (90% plus) and venting

### **OUTSIDE YOUR UNIT: Limited Common Element**

- Gas Grill and Gas Lamp Installation or removal
- Front Porches, Rear decks, and Rear patio construction
- Patio Awnings
- All windows
- Screen Doors, Entry Doors, and Door Walls (Patio Doors), Garage Doors
- Satellite Dish Installation or Alteration
- Ramps and Handrails

\*\*NOTE: Penalties for non-compliance modifications may include fines and removal of non-compliant items at the co-owners full cost.

# Trash Placement & Pick Up Policy

Resident use only: Please use plastic trash bags for trash and garbage! All compost/yard waste MUST be in paper bags!

Hazardous Waste Items That Will Not Be Picked Up:



Antifreeze



Toxic Waste



Gasoline



Oil



**Paint** Thinner



Dry Cell **Batteries** 



Led-Acid **Batteries** 

Also-any other material with labels that read warning, danger, poison, caution or hazardous



Latex paint can be dried and disposed in garbage bag.



Properly bagged and tied trash/garbage is the only object placed INSIDE of the rubbish bin.

Yard Waste/Apr.- Nov.

NOTE: Bag all leaves, grass and weeds.



lengths and tie in bundles.



**Paper Bags Only** 

Leave The Following Items **Outside The Rubbish Bin:** 







#### Old Furniture







Note: Federal law requires a certified technician to remove Freon from air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and refrigerators BEFORE DISPOSAL. All air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and refrigerators MUST be tagged with certificate of removal. NO EXCEPTIONS \*No consumer electronic equipment (e-waste)

#### **Construction Debris**



Cut lumber to 4 feet lengths. All nails MUST be removed.

Contractors are prohibited from disposing construction debris at Highland Lakes.

Thank you for keeping your community clean!

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**Mondays** 

Anytime

Never

(April - November)

bags.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL\*\*\* (incl. OLD MEDICATION)

computers, etc.)

**RECYCLING - LARGE CARDBOARD BOXES** 

# TRASH COLLECTION AND PICKUP SCHEDULE

From outside of wooden trash carts

parking lot

time

enclosures (visible to yard waste haulers)

**DUMPSTER - CLUBHOUSE** 

**NO DISPOSAL AT HLCA** 

Deposit In RECYCLE DUMPSTER at Clubhouse

NOT permitted for disposal on premises at any

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
GENERAL TRASH	(including dog droppings)	INSIDE
Anytime	Put <b>general trash</b> (incl. planter pots) into <b>heavy duty large</b> plastic trash bags Put <b>dog droppings</b> into <b>plastic bags</b> tied shut	Drop the <b>trash bags</b> and <b>dog droppings</b> in tied shut plastic bags into the <b>trash carts</b> inside the <b>wooden trash carts enclosure</b>
Mondays and Thursdays	Pick up by trash hauling company	From wooden trash carts enclosures
Prior to dis	posal, keep large bulk items, constru YOUR PATIO until the day be	-
	YOUR PATIO until the day b	efore pickup
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LARGE BULK ITEN  2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	YOUR PATIO until the day be MS* AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**  Put out large bulk items and resident's	OUTSIDE Outside of wooden trash carts enclosures
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Pick up of yard waste in outdoor paper trash

Flatten Cardboard boxes – before deposit only

Hazardous material and electronic waste (TV,

<sup>\*</sup>For specific information and clarifications, see TRASH COLLECTION POLICIES & PROCEDURES document.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Construction debris, generated by contractor, must be hauled away by contractor.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Please contact the Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator for more information at (734) 326-3936. See https://www.twp.northville.mi.us/services/solid-waste-collection/household-hazardous-waste-collection-hhw

# Highland Lakes Condominium Association, Inc. Association and Co-Owner Responsibilities

One of the most frequently asked question is what the Association's responsibilities are and what is Co-Owner responsibility?

This is a list of the most commonly asked questions. Any upgrade or betterment to the unit is the Co-Owner's responsibility. Examples include the following: new carpet, wallpaper, new paint, finished basement, new appliances, etc. This would also include any item not on the original building specifications (items added by owners). Please call the office to request a work order for any Association maintenance responsibilities.

# Association Maintenance Responsibilities:

Asphalt (roads and parking areas)

Association provided mailboxes

Association provided front porch light

fixtures

Basement leaks – exclusions

Chimney caps

Clubhouse and tennis courts

Concrete walks and curbs

Court lights

Electrical to the point at which it enters

the circuit breaker box

Exterior siding

Extermination

Fence and fence gate

First step to front porch and threshold

Lawn

Maintenance on all common ground

Power washing

Plumbing to the point at which it breaks

off from the main line running through

each building

Roofs

Shrubs and trees on common ground

Shutters

Street signs and posts

Sump pumps

Supporting structure of building

Swimming pool and beach area

### <u>Co-Owner Maintenance</u> <u>Responsibilities:</u>

Air conditioning

**Appliances** 

Back patio

Back stoop and steps

Doors including garage doors

Doorbells

Electrical wiring and fixtures

Fireplace and hardware

Floors and floor coverings

Flower beds

Front porch slab and bricks

Furnace

Hot water tank

Interior decorating

Interior plumbing lines/fixtures

Outdoor water spigot

Patio landscaping

Railings/ramps

Storm doors

Wall coverings

Windows – interior/exterior and seals

Special Note: The current owner of the unit assumes full responsibility for any modification to the unit from the "as built" condition. Should these cause an issue into adjoining units, the owner of the unit where the modification was made would be responsible to repair to "as built" condition for their unit and the effected adjoining units.

<sup>\*\*</sup>This is a general reference list – specifics can be found in the Master Deed, Bylaws and Board resolutions.