**TOWN ORDNANCES, SNOW REMOVAL, REPORT OUTAGES - 27 Jan 22**

**﻿**On Monday night the Highlands Planning Board completed a review of the draft proposal for amending town ordinances related to short term rentals. Their recommendations have now been sent to the Highlands Town Board for review.

This week our road crews have been using excavators and dump trucks to remove the mounds of snow in the downtown areas. This time-consuming process is a challenge but needs to be done.

Another area of improvement is in how residents can report power outages. In this storm we had no major outages that impacted the entire town.There are systems and services that the town can use to handle after hours service problems. It will cost the town money, but the improvements to the reporting system will outweigh the incurred additional costs. (Please see "IN THE NEWS" for my complete article on these subjects.)

**COVID TESTING**

Covid-19 testing and vaccination will be offered on the following schedule:

·      Covid-19 Testing at Village Green in Cashiers every Tuesday from 9-5. Walk-ins accepted, but you can schedule an appointment by calling (877) 562-4850 or going on line at [lhi.care/covidtesting](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lhi.care/covidtesting__;!!LgPfcEISpGU!rcaN_1LYvatbpst76RK_OcgJVrUEJl7UDjkaiFCBOS5dm_Ni534ao_jOd5FO8zfD%24" \t "_blank).

·      Covid-19 Testing at Highlands Community Building every Wednesday from 9-5. Walk-ins accepted, but you can schedule an appointment by calling (877) 562-4850 or going on line at [lhi.care/covidtesting](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https%3A/lhi.care/covidtesting__;!!LgPfcEISpGU!rcaN_1LYvatbpst76RK_OcgJVrUEJl7UDjkaiFCBOS5dm_Ni534ao_jOd5FO8zfD%24" \t "_blank).

·      Covid-19 Vaccination at Highlands Rec Center every Thursday from 9-5. They will limit vaccines offered to adult and pediatric Pfizer. No appointments necessary or accepted.

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