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Investing in a home at Highland Green is much more than purchasing skillfully crafted bricks and mortar. It is a way to once again take ownership of your life and embrace all the beauty and possibilities within it...



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Building a Brighter Future at Highland Green

Bill Chamberlin and Nancy Harding built a home at Highland Green, moved in November of 2019 and this is how it all came about...

Bill and Nancy enjoyed summering off the coast of Maine, so they already knew that they wanted to retire here. They just weren't sure how they planned to go about choosing the perfect locale for them. They wondered if they should pick a town they liked and go from there. Then they began to learn about Highland Green and met some residents.

"Everyone at Highland Green has been new and therefore its residents tend to be welcoming of new arrivals, creating a very positive effect. Nancy and I joke that waving is considered a requirement here. If you pass someone in the community you can even tell if they are residents or visitors because the residents invariably wave," says Bill.

After learning how friendly everyone is at Highland Green, these former suburban Boston residents decided that instead of just choosing a brand new town where they would have to start over, they wanted a built-in sense of community...a place that would be easy to become part of because everyone is from somewhere else...a place like Highland Green.

The next step for Bill and Nancy was to choose a home. They decided to build on a home site that is handsomely encased by the scenic nature preserve on three sides. Then they looked at Highland Green houses that appealed to them, chose a plan and modified it to meet their



Nancy Harding and Bill Chamberlin

particular needs and wish lists. Once they completed the sales portion of the building process, they were introduced to Sandra Halverson, Highland Green's New Construction Design Coordinator. Sandra, who is extremely knowledgeable and experienced in home design, walked them through all of their choices for items including cabinetry, flooring, countertop and color options, as well as kitchen design and more. "**Highland Green makes the new home construction process considerably easier than it would have been somewhere else,**" said Bill.

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A Message from Highland Green CEO John Wasileski

We've been experiencing a whirlwind of activity at Highland Green lately, fueling exciting innovations. Demand for Highland Green homes has increased to the point where there are only two new construction sites in Phase 3 left, both of which are under contract. Phase 4 of new construction, which includes a heady combination of Quarry Cottages and Custom homes is moving along just as rapidly with six reservations already in place. Groundbreaking is planned for this fall with the intention of moving our new residents in as quickly as fall of 2022.

Highland Green has also introduced a new program to provide incoming residents with a seamless transition from their current houses into their new Highland Green homes and to help ensure that no opportunities for their financial gain are lost. The Highland Green "Rent While You Build" program allows interested parties to take advantage of the bullish real estate market to realize the highest dollar for their current home...a smart move in itself. They can then enjoy the added benefit of taking part in all that life has to offer at Highland Green while they watch, firsthand, their home being built and their dreams turning into reality.

Additionally, as always, Highland Green is a community where long-lasting friendships are formed and residents can live a healthy, rewarding lifestyle. Yet this is also a new age, built by those who



Highland Green Developer John Wasileski

make their own rules and should determine their own future as well. So we are also pleased to announce the launch of the assisted living component of Highland Green.

With this new program in place, Highland Green residents can make their own decisions about their future; and continue to enjoy Highland Green's unsurpassed surroundings and the engaging lifestyle they love, in the company of the good friends they've made here...all with the comfort of knowing they have a plan in place for the future.

I remain committed to continued advancements within our extraordinary community and wish you all a pleasurable and healthy fall season.

Introducing Assisted Living at Highland Green

The ultimate lifestyle now comes with peace of mind...

One of Maine's most desirable communities is adding a worry-free lifestyle to its long list of amenities. Highland Green is proud to consistently build on our unparalleled commitment and a proven track record; and our latest endeavor is full-service assisted living and memory care at Highland Green, together with Seacoast Management – whose reputation for excellence in healthcare spans decades, plans to break ground this fall.

Should a need arise; Highland Green residents will enjoy priority access, enabling them to maximize their independence

with personalized support. If you or someone you love needs a helping hand with daily activities or memory care, they'll receive customized assistance to provide as little or as much as you need... all in the same spectacular setting you have come to call home.

The Assisted Living residences will provide a nurturing, safe environment staffed by a capable, specially trained, compassionate staff, offers generous floorplans with private bathrooms and kitchenettes, as well as welcoming common areas including a secure, outdoor garden, sunroom, living room with fireplace, game room, library and salon.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

Jerry and Gretchen Davis – From Classmates at Bates to “Roomies” at Highland Green!

Jerry and Gretchen Davis were college sweethearts and married the year after they graduated from Bates College. Gretchen taught elementary school and Jerry's job, for what was the former paper company in Rumford, kept them moving around quite a bit. In fact, they moved eight different times before they made their move to Highland Green. Although they did establish a part-time home base when they bought their summer camp in Millinocket, where their kids grew up enjoying swimming and boating on the lake.

Then, when the Davises first retired 13 years ago, they moved to Chandler's Wharf largely because of their love for downtown Portland. However, they knew that at some point they would need to live someplace without the four flights of stairs in their townhouse. They also longed to live somewhere with a sense of community.

They found that and more at Highland Green. Jerry and Gretchen heard about Highland Green through Maine State Music Theatre, an organization with many participants who have long been champions of Highland Green. So they decided to sign up for a Highland Green Christmas Open House Red Cross benefit

as a way to tour some houses there and to get some home design ideas. They decided on building a Highland Green home with an office for each of them and a spacious sunroom that looks out over the woods of the Cathance River Nature Preserve, which is just outside their back door. "Highland Green has become our favorite place to live on a full-time basis," says Gretchen

"We've met more friends in the ten years we lived at Highland Green than in all of the previous places we lived. The people we've met here are just wonderful. They are thoughtful, giving and immediately step up to help each other," says Jerry.

Gretchen adds that Highland Green also offers all kinds of activities to keep you busy and help you get to know the residents. She enjoys serving on the Highland Green Activities Committee, as well as playing bridge.

They are both very devoted to the Rhodes Scholar program, which they have supported both financially and through travel all over the world for the past 25 years. In fact, they are already planning their next Rhodes Scholar trip post-COVID. This one will be to the Black Sea area. They were also part of a recent



Jerry and Gretchen Davis

effort to raise \$1.75 million to rebuild the library in Millinocket, some of which was generously donated (unsolicited) by Highland Green residents. Gretchen is a former Bates College trustee and class officer, so they are also currently working on creating a virtual spring Bates College reunion.

Jerry is also currently working on a genealogy project with his daughter and another Highland Green resident. He also enjoys golfing and birdwatching at Highland Green. Previously a board member for six years at the local library, he also runs a book club for men there.

Prior to COVID, the couple greeted new Highland Green residents and invited them over to help them become integrated. They are both anxious to get back to that, as well as enjoying Maine State Music Theatre performances and all that downtown Portland has to offer.

Rent to Build and Watch Your Dreams Come to Life!

The Highland Green marketing team is delighted to introduce a new program for prospective Highland Green home buyers. Our "Rent While You Build" program enables new Highland Green home buyers to sell their current homes without delay so that they can take advantage of the strong sellers' real estate market.

This seamless transition will also enable new residents to live in a well-appointed Highland Green rental property and become acclimated to the beauty and engaging lifestyle of Highland Green during the construction of their new home.

If you think you might be interested this program, there is even more exciting news to consider. Prime building sites available now that the plan for Phase 4 of Highland Green new construction is in place include the area between Jasper and Marble lanes, located on the 8th hole of the Highland Green Golf Club course, which is surrounded by beautiful open space; and Diamond Drive between The Quarry and the 5th hole, including basement sites.

These unclaimed building sites won't last, so don't miss out! If you are interested in learning more about Highland Green's Rent While You Build program and/or our home sites that are currently available, please feel free to contact the Highland Green marketing team at 866-854-1200 or 207-725-4549.



RENDERING: GAWRON TURGEON ARCHITECTS

Building a Brighter Future at Highland Green

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Bill and Nancy also love that, now that they live at Highland Green, all of their basic exterior maintenance is taken care of for them. "Giving away my snow blower before we moved to Highland Green was a great day!" Bill quipped.

In Bill's former life, he worked at the Noble and Greenough School outside of Boston, spending the first portion of his 40-year career as a teacher and a coach, running the dormitory and performing administrative tasks; and the latter portion as business manager and assistant director of the school. Nancy spent 30 plus years in animal welfare development and fundraising, a large portion of which was with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and then later as a consultant for various organizations.

Nancy is an avid golfer and looks forward to resuming her golf game at Highland Green's course. Bill is learning to play and anxious to join her. They love to hike and are thrilled that they now live in an area where "there are so many beautiful places to get lost for a day" and that "you never drive anywhere around here without seeing the water."

Speaking of water, Nancy and Bill have a boat which they keep in a slip about 15 miles from Highland Green, so it is fun for them to scoot over and enjoy some time on the water. They are looking forward to discovering MidCoast Maine waterways and mention that, with over 3,500 islands, you could explore the Maine waterways your entire life and never see them all! They are also hopeful that Ruffles, their labradoodle puppy, will be joining them on their aquatic adventures.

As for the surrounding area, they love that Portland is so accessible and that there is so much to do there and in Brunswick; and they fully plan to avail themselves of the theater, concerts and restaurants as things begin to open up once again.

Bill and Nancy find the residents of Highland Green to be an active, fun group of people as well. "Highland Green is full of interesting people who have done and continue to do interesting things," said Bill. Nancy adds, "We always say we haven't met anyone at Highland Green that we wouldn't enjoy having a meal with!"

Bill said that they also count themselves lucky because if they had chosen to live somewhere else during the lockdown, they would have been a lot more isolated. Nancy sums things up by saying, "**Highland Green offers countless opportunities for everything and everyone; and we've met lots of people and made lots of good friends.**"

Jim and Lynn Horn Just Built Their Second Home at Highland Green

Jim and Lynn Horn lived in Albany, New York when their daughter pursued her career as a veterinarian at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. That's when they became more familiar with this area and fell in love with MidCoast Maine. Jim is a recently retired nephrologist and Lynn was previously a registered nurse in the ICU and NICU, specializing in babies and providing lactation counseling (which, as you will see as you read on, may come in handy!). Two years ago, they retired to North Carolina and decided to build their Highland Green home so that they could enjoy this area as well and spend more time with their daughter and her family.

They chose their particular home site largely because it offered a walkout basement. Jim says that he compliments the Highland Green builders for their innovative planning and alignment of the house which overlooks the Cathance River Woods. He also gives a special credit to Highland Green New Construction Design Coordinator Sandra Halverson, who was essential in the process of designing the interior of their home. Lynn worked closely with her and said, "It



Jim & Lynn Horn with their family at Highland Green

was an absolutely wonderful experience. Sandra was extremely helpful, kept our project on task and kept us apprised every step of the way," said Lynn. Their home offers a spacious, open floor plan with a screened-in porch and sunroom and a back deck overlooking the Cathance Preserve; and the Horns couldn't be happier with the end result.

Jim said they are also very pleased with the welcoming nature of Highland Green. "Our neighbors are genuine, friendly and helpful and we have enjoyed meeting so many true friends." Lynn adds that she felt an immediate connection to the people in Highland Green. To shed a little light on the warm welcome they received at Highland Green, she tells a story about their "amazing and generous neighbors going above and beyond." On their very first day in Highland Green, there was a knock at their door and they were handed a warm quiche, fresh out of the oven. Not an hour later, another knock at their door produced a bag of fresh coffee beans from a local company and a lovely candle. There was also a delicious blueberry cake delivery; and another neighbor, who said

she was sure they must be missing the spring flowers in North Carolina, presented Lynn with a beautiful bouquet of daffodils.

The Horns are an active couple and Lynn says that she loves that so many of the residents at Highland Green are just as active, "You can live a healthier life when you're active, and Highland Green affords us the opportunity to stay healthier."

Jim says that that the activities in the area are expansive, ranging from one end of the spectrum to the other; and that they look forward to being within striking range of Portland and plan to avail themselves of the adult learning options at Bowdoin College.

According to Lynn, the Horns fell in love with the Brunswick/Topsham area and its neighboring towns. They adore the beautiful coastline and beaches, hiking, the outdoors and the fact that there is so much to do in the surrounding communities. She also said she has always felt that first impressions are the best impressions and that, right from the start, **they were both very impressed by the lovely homes and beautiful sidewalks intricately woven into the rocky, wooded environment of the Highland Green community as well.**

The Horns are anxious to use the pool and explore the entire area. Lynn jokes that she also doesn't mind shopping at L.L. Bean. Additionally, she says that the Highland Green pickleball courts are gorgeous and that the couple has enjoyed some fun competitions. They look forward to more of those games as well as meeting more Highland Green residents and volunteering. "If there is some way that we can help out this community, we look forward to doing that."

Lynn and Jim had planned to spend the summers helping her daughter and son-in-law with their new baby, but she says she can see herself spending more time than that at Highland Green. "It's a very nice place to have to spend extra time!"

Highland Green Proudly Supports Cultural Opportunities throughout the Area

Maine State Music Theatre

"The generous support of Highland Green has enabled Maine State Music Theatre (MSMT) to remain viable and vital this past year and for many years past. We cherish our relationship with Highland Green and its residents, and are humbled and grateful for the value they place on our art. We also look forward to welcoming back our Highland Green volunteers. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your passion and commitment, and for continually standing by us." – MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark

Maine State Music Theatre is the largest arts organization in the Mid-Coast region and the biggest cultural draw for Highland Green residents and residents of the surrounding area. Highland Green is absolutely delighted that a June re-opening is planned. It is with great anticipation and elation that we enter this new theatre season!

DaPonte String Quartet

Whether within its own community or the community at large, Highland Green has also become an avid supporter of virtual connections during the pandemic. That unparalleled enthusiasm for the arts has expanded its reach to the online concerts of DaPonte String Quartet.

"We are fortunate that Highland Green shares our passion for shining light into the world with beautiful music. Highland Green has enabled DaPonte String Quartet to substantially expand its reach and virtual programming, so it is with full hearts that we provide our most sincere thanks to Highland Green." – DaPonte String Quartet Executive Director Dr. Lisa Westkaemper

Opera Maine

For over 25 years, Opera Maine in Portland - the state's only professional opera company – has been presenting inspiring performances of the world's most popular operas. Highland Green is a proud supporter of Opera Maine, which also offers community collaboration and educational opportunities for young talent.

"Opera Maine is so grateful that Highland Green appreciates our fervor to create, inspire and achieve artist excellence through opera. Thank you for your continued, unwavering support." – Opera Maine Director Dona D. Vaughn

Maine Maritime Museum

Let us not forget that our lovely rocky coast is simply saturated in the rich culture that only an intriguing history can provide. Maine Maritime Museum delivers Maine's captivating maritime history with an unbridled zeal, and Highland Green wholly supports those efforts.

"The Maine Maritime Museum continues to thrive after a year full of unprecedented challenges, largely due to the generous support of our contributors, and most certainly Highland Green." – Maine Maritime Museum Manager of Business Partnerships Harley Bartles

Phase 4 of Highland Green construction is underway. Please feel free to call Highland Green's professional marketing team at 207-725-4549 to learn more.

LIVING OPTIONS AT HIGHLAND GREEN

If you can't wait to indulge in the innovative, vibrant lifestyle at Highland Green, consider our move-in ready homes that are available now...

**AVAILABLE NOW
AT HIGHLAND GREEN**



Located on a quiet street in the heart of Highland Green and a short stroll to the 230-acre nature preserve, 3 Veery is a 2,100+ SF residence offering three bedrooms or two bedrooms and a den, two bathrooms including on-suite primary, an eat-in kitchen and private outdoor living area surrounded by woodlands and nature.

As you enter the home, you walk into a bright, airy great room and adjoining living and dining areas. Beyond the great room is the kitchen with adjacent breakfast



nook, and an additional gathering room featuring a natural gas fireplace as well as windows that look onto the deck, backyard and bountiful green space. Entry to the backyard deck off the breakfast nook, providing easy access for outdoor entertaining or relaxation.

The ample primary bedroom has a large bath with both a walk-in shower and separate soaking tub. The walk-in closet is broad and includes an organizational system.

In addition to the guestroom and common bath, this home has a large front bedroom which could be used as a private den, office or study.

There is a utility area, with mud-room like space that has both extra closets and laundry facilities at the entry from the garage. There is an added storage room above the garage, accessible by in-garage staircase.

Each HG Home has existing equity in Highland Green's strong community finances: Common Reserves, Co-Op Reserves, and Reserve Investments. Community Budget, Financials, and Reserve Study review Available upon request.

All HG Homes enjoy underground utilities: Public Water and Sewer, Natural Gas, Electric, Centrally Monitored Smoke and Low Temperature Detection.

THE ENCLAVE AT HIGHLAND GREEN

The Enclave is an entirely new concept in apartment-style retirement living - at the corner of luxury and open design. Offering contemporary luxury, energy-efficiency and maintenance-free living, The Enclave is also seamlessly integrated into the incredible lifestyle at Highland Green. Residents of The Enclave enjoy the benefit of supportive services including transportation, wellness program, interior and exterior maintenance, dining services, and housekeeping, among others.



QUARRY COTTAGES AT HIGHLAND GREEN

Cottages at the Quarry are distinctive, exquisitely built cottage homes with quality craftsmanship and stunning finishes, yet priced to scale. Our two customizable floor plans can be upgraded with features such as granite countertops, stainless appliances and hardwood floors as well as two-car garages and solar energy. Of course, each quarry home is also designed and constructed with the same painstaking care and attention to detail as all of our Highland Green residences, regardless of size, style or price range.



Put Your Move in Motion. Call 1-866-854-1200 today to plan your future.

CUSTOM HOMES AT HIGHLAND GREEN

Custom Homes at Highland Green are a blank canvas ripe for filling with color, warmth, light and life... all to create a paradise of your own design. While they last, select lots are now available for custom building on elevated home sites abutting the picturesque Cathance River Preserve here at Highland Green. But don't delay. To make your move before 2023 you need to set your sights on a home site now. Having designed and built more than 200 homes from the ground up, we have a deep inventory of existing plans that you can either replicate or modify.



CREA Corner

Cathance River Education Alliance (CREA) is consistently deepening ecological awareness and cultivating connections...naturally; and, as always, CREA remains committed to the environment and nurturing ecological education. Since 2007, CREA has supported teachers in outdoor learning with nature-based lessons for elementary school children. Additionally, an extensive nature library, volunteers providing excellent hike suggestions and handy trail maps, and even snowshoes for loan during the winter months and are all available during Sunday open house hours within the CREA Ecology Center.

Here's an update on the latest CREA adventures. September was time to take a hike...in a good way. Hikers joined James McCarthy - whose photos have appeared in the Cleveland Museum of Art as well as solo and group exhibitions in Maine - for a nature photography walk; and Maine Master Naturalist Alan Seaman led a hike showcasing fascinating and underappreciated spore producing organisms. It also seems that the CREA bee house building, pollinator garden planting and bumble bee watch created quite a buzz this summer!

Looking toward the future, nature writer and videographer Aislinn Sarnack will host a guided tour along the banks of the Cathance River in October. Aislinn is the author of three hiking guide books and an outdoor recreation columnist for Bangor Daily News and Bangor Metro Magazine.



Ecology Center at Highland Green



Environmental Learning in Action



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Live life to its fullest at Highland Green.



Highland Green is nestled within hundreds of pristine acres and offers a splendid balance of convenient access to culturally rich, urban Portland and the bold, natural beauty unique to Maine. It is an extraordinary 55+ community possessing an unrivaled welcoming spirit, stimulating interaction and remarkably enchanting residences.



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