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“We Feel Fortunate to Live Here.”

Juliet and Dexter Morrison

“We already knew we loved Maine and now we know we love it here at Highland Green too. Highland Green is the perfect place for us. Even though we live in our own house, we never feel isolated. We can't drive out of our driveway without people waving to us. The residents come from 32 different states and everyone is so pleasant. The people here go out of their way to help others. It's a very caring community, everyone is happy and welcoming and the transition was easy. Our furniture even fits perfectly!

“At first, I have to admit that we were a little nervous because we loved our house in Boothbay Harbor. We were boating people and we were socially active. We lived on the water with a boat dock and we kept our sailboat at the nearby yacht

club where we were members. We were worried about the downsizing and that we might miss things, but I have to say that my husband and I have absolutely no regrets.

“We traded our water view for a beautiful wooded view and we love the homes here. They are all lovely and well-kept. When the sun shines, illuminating our house in natural lighting, we look at each other and say - time and time again - how fortunate we are to live here. Our Highland Green home is six years young, it was very well-maintained and you can tell that the previous owners put a lot of thought into it.

“We are also very enthusiastic about the area. Highland Green is close to shops in either direction, convenient to doctors, just 30 minutes from the airport and there are such wonderful things available to us in town.”

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Juliet and Dexter enjoy Bowdoin College events, the Portland Symphony in the winter and they particularly love the Maine State Music Theatre in the summer. The Morrises also like socializing at Highland Green’s Pub. They feel that there is a happy balance between Highland Green residents and people who live outside the Highland Green community; and although they do enjoy delicious meals there from time to time, there are many incredible restaurants in town that they also like to visit.

The Morrises like the fact that they have access to scenic hiking trails and nature-based learning at Cathance River Nature Preserve and Ecology Center, and that they can continue to enjoy a good round of golf on the nine-hole course at Highland Green. They also take pleasure in rousing games of bridge and pickleball, they still enjoy sailing and Juliet likes to cook. Juliet was also a passionate gardener, so with plans to plant some pots this spring and possibly get back into biking with her husband, she sums things up this way...

“There is no question in our minds that we’ve done the right thing by moving to Highland Green. Change is normal for everyone. At this point in our lives, we felt we had to scale back to one house, so we chose to live at Highland Green full-time. Life is a series of chapters, and I’m certain that life at Highland Green will be a nice one for us. It’s a really good place, so good that we are trying to get our friends to move here!”

Our move to Highland Green was all-around a very nice experience for us. We instantly fit in with our neighbors and have made some really great friends.



Jean and Rich with their Highland Green neighbors on an excursion to Eagle Island.

Who wouldn’t want to live in an area “brimming with activities, shopping and scenic beaches,” as Highland Green Resident Jean Foy puts it? Mid-coast Maine is also home to many of the other things Jean Foy says she Rich Evans favor, including the college and all it has to offer, as well as the Maritime Museum and nearby Portland which provides an eclectic assortment of local, year-round entertainment they enjoy, such as the theater, concerts and a variety of restaurants they frequent.

Top it all off with a home that was tailored to meet their specific desires and the fact that “they gelled with their neighbors the minute they met them.” Those, according to Jean Foy and Rich Evans, are some of the principal reasons they made their move to Highland Green. “Highland Green was exactly what we were looking for,” says Jean.

Rich and Jean looked at quite a few of 55+ communities before making their decision to move to Highland Green. They say they chose Highland Green because it was exactly as the marketing team

described, **“There is just nothing else like it out there.”**

They like the fact that the Highland Green homes are well-kept and, although there are guidelines that ensure the community is maintained in the manner in which it was planned, you can still design your home to meet your own particular wants and needs. As Jean describes it, “The look and feel of this community is very nice, without being cookie-cutter; and you have your own yard where you can opt for a patio, a garden and landscape it the way you want.”

They also found that the interiors of the Highland Green homes were “amazingly different, in styles from contemporary to traditional and each of the owners enjoy the freedom to utilize the rooms for different purposes. **We liked that the varied floor plan choices enabled us to customize our home to the exact extent we wanted.**

“Our Highland Green home was our fourth new home build and the most complicated, but it went very smoothly.

We were very pleased with the entire process. Sandra Halverson, Highland Green's design coordinator, guided us through and kept everything on track and then Tim Follo, the Project Manager for Highland Green's exclusive builder, made the actual building experience very positive by helping along the entire way. We were also particularly pleased with the flexibility of choices and design," explained Rich.

Plus, they say that some of the best things of all are the friendships they have forged. Before they even moved to Highland Green, the sales force introduced Rich and Jean to their neighbors to be. The couple says they instantly developed a strong bond that they are thrilled to continue to share today.

"Our move to Highland Green was all-around a very nice experience for us," said Jean. "We instantly fit in with our neighbors and have made some really great friends. We even vacationed with them in France before we even moved in," added Rich.

They say that even though they tend to take part in smaller gatherings with their neighbors, it is nice to know that they have access to the larger community offerings at Highland Green; and even with all of their social endeavors, Rich says he found the time to start taking bridge lessons.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Embrace A Vet participants, with their service dogs (and executive director Tracy Shaw, seated), who have gotten a critical assist from volunteers who live at Highland Green.

Embrace-A-Vet...A Pet Project of Highland Green

Embrace-A-Vet offers help through service dogs to those isolated due to post traumatic stress, a group that is often also dealing with issues of depression. Embrace-A-Vet service dogs provide the comfort, hope and companionship this population needs to once again venture out and become part of the community.

Every year, due to this remarkable program, 20 dogs (10 that are already pets of those who have served and 10 dogs without homes that were hand selected) are evaluated, paired and trained – along with their owners – in a 20-week program for express purpose of enriching the lives of our veterans.

Wimberley Burton, JD, who served as a U.S. Naval Unrestricted Line Officer from 1981 through 1985, spent four years in the active reserves and eleven years in the inactive Naval Reserves, will now serve as the new Embrace-A-Vet board president beginning May 1st. Her interesting and diverse career also includes time spent as an Assistant District Attorney as well as in private practice. She earned a Post-Baccalaureate degree from the School of the Museum

of Fine Arts/Tufts University and she is currently a resident of Highland Green.

According to Ms. Burton, "Highland Green offers a wonderful sense of community and spirit and as lead Embrace-A-Vet sponsor, has played a principal role in helping this program to provide assistance to many Maine vets in need."

Very often, the good life characteristically includes doing good. It has always been an ambition of the visionaries at Highland Green and many of its residents to make a positive difference in lives, especially in the lives of those who have given the most. So it is no wonder helping those who have served through the Embrace-A-Vet program is a pet project of Highland Green.

Highland Green is also very active in Embrace-A-Vet's Annual Benefit Dinner, which has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 17th.

Here are a few additional volunteer opportunities that are popular with our Highland Green residents:

- Maine Maritime Museum
- Mid-coast Hunger Prevention Program
- Habitat for Humanity
- Cathance River Education Alliance

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CLUBS AND INTERESTS



CREA Corner

2020 Marks the 20th Anniversary of CREA

The bond between Cathance River Education Alliance (CREA) and Highland Green is a strong one, forged by a heady combination of Conservationist John Rensenbrink's passion for nature and dedication to this area merged with Highland Green Developer John Wasileski's devotion to ecology and vision for the Highland Green community. The result of that bond was the 230-acre Cathance River Nature Preserve and CREA.

Longstanding stewards of our environment, CREA Founders John Resenbrink and John Wasileski have been unwavering advocates for immersing



local youth into the world of nature. Highland Green is pleased to partner with CREA on nature-based learning for both children and adults and to announce this 20th anniversary milestone for CREA.



Maine State Music Theatre... Music to Our Ears

As the largest arts organization in the Mid-Coast region, Maine State Music Theatre (MSMT) is the biggest cultural draw for Highland Green residents.

According to MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark, "Highland Green is by far one of our theatre's strongest relationships - as an organization and as individuals that make up that organization." Highland Green is the highest level sponsor and its residents support, volunteer, a few serve as MSMT board members and quite a few more even travel with the theatre to Europe. Mr. Clark also shared that through the performances and lively discussions about the plays en masse over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, the relationship between the theatre and its Highland Green patrons is truly treasured.

Additionally, Highland Green looks forward to next year's season and is planning an amazing event for VIP Highland Green prospects which will include meeting at our pub, transportation to an early preview and meet and greet prior to the theatrical performance. After the show, attendees will also be invited to enjoy a drink with the show's architects and performers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Highland Green Lifestyle - a fun and informative afternoon where you can mingle with residents and learn about their interests and lifestyle

Some of the clubs and volunteer groups on-hand may include:

- **Crafty Ladies** – handcrafts for beginners, professionals and all those in-between
- **Art Club** – offering informal, social art sessions in various modalities
- **Book Club** – a lively discussion group covering popular reads
- **Travel Club** – Learn about places to go and things to see locally and around the world.
- **Woodworkers** – a favorite pastime of quite a few residents
- **Hiking Club** – birding and nature walks led by the Cathance River Education Alliance
- **Social Bocce, Pickleball, Tennis & Golf** – Learn a new skill or participate in tournament play.
- **Fly Tying** – educational demonstrations
- **Green Steps** – an environmental volunteer group
- **Astronomy Club** - otherworldly sites and information
- **Maine State Music Theatre** – extremely entertaining
- **Boating Club** – for seafarers and those who would like to be

The Enclave Informational Presentation & Panel Discussion

Join us to learn more about The Enclave's beautiful and energy-efficient open concept apartment design and all of the Highland Green lifestyle amenities that are included. Also hear from experts in downsizing, wellness and interior design.

Quarry Cottages at Highland Green Informational Meeting & Site Walk

The project manager, sales team and design team will walk you through the floor plan options and design details available at The Quarry Cottages. After the Q&A, we will walk the home sites and finish the afternoon with a reception and meet and greet.

"Available Now" Homes Open House

A self-guided tour of ten magnificent Highland Green "Available Now" homes. After the tour, there will be a reception with a Q&A and a chance to meet Highland Green residents.

Have a Field Day at Highland Green

Remember your High School Field Day? Join us this summer to participate in a modern twist of this fond memory. Visit the Ecology Center and join a group hike on the Cathance River Nature Preserve, play a game of bocce and receive instruction to sharpen your skills, or hit the links at Highland Green Golf Club. Other activities and lessons include tennis, pickleball and an introduction to bridge.

Fall Foliage Hike at Highland Green

Please join us for an annual favorite – our glorious fall foliage hike and celebration of the pristine 230-acre Cathance River Nature Preserve. Interpretive guided hikes of varying lengths will be led by volunteers from the Cathance River Education Alliance.

Highland Green Holiday Show of Homes

Enjoy holiday treats, followed by a tour of four Highland Green newly constructed homes and one "Available Now" home. Then, add a little more joy to your holiday with live music and a reception at the Community Center.



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

BLUE HERON

Exceptional Value in a Private Neighborhood

The natural light pours through abundant, east facing windows in this spacious and recently upgraded 2,000-SF residence at Highland Green. Sited in a private, quiet, mature neighborhood, this exquisite, two-bedroom, two-bathroom residence includes a natural gas fireplace in the front living area, a large kitchen with center island and pantry, a den/office with pocket doors, and a light-filled sunroom with access to your composite deck with sun awning. The backyard is private and provides room for additional gardens or a patio-area and there is a natural gas hookup for your grill. Inside, there are two large bedrooms with new carpeting and new maple hardwood floors to provide a bright, airy feel. The laundry area includes a service sink, closet and access to your two-car garage and walk-up attic.



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 2022, you need to set your sights on a 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.



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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.

PRECAUTIONS IN PRECARIOUS TIMES

Although we make it our mission to surround our residents in beauty and provide countless opportunities for engaging activities, the health and safety of our residents is always a priority. Consequently, due to these trying times, we have put some precautions into place.

Currently:

- Our Community Center and Pub are closed.
- Our offices remain open to essential personnel, but we are closed to travelers.
- We have a safety station in place at our entrance, where hand sanitation is required and the temperature is taken of every visitor before they are allowed to enter.
- Resident-run activities are postponed at this time.
- Our events will be rescheduled for future dates.





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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.



If you would like more information about award-winning Highland Green call **1-866-854-1200 / 207-725-4549**, visit highlandgreenlifestyle.com or like us on Facebook.

