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Highland Green marries the serenity of coastal Maine with custom crafted luxury living within a welcoming, inspiring setting.

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A Reflection on 20 Years of People and Progress by Highland Green CEO John Wasileski

Time travels forward at a staggering pace. Astonishingly, nearly 20 years have passed since the first residents moved into Highland Green. Over the course of those years, the nature preserve was established, several phases of development have been successfully completed and a host of new homes styles have been thoughtfully crafted; but, at the end of the day, it is the wonderful people within it who have shaped a genuinely caring and welcoming community, and made Highland Green what it is today.

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Highland Green merely set the stage, providing a picturesque backdrop; while its residents filled the vital role of performers who brought this community to life. They should be lauded for their philanthropic endeavors and unsurpassed hospitality, both of which make so many people delighted to call Highland Green home.

The Quarry Cottage Expansion Phase is progressing nicely, with the construction of several homes in progress and even more sales in queue. As the real estate market establishes some semblance of equilibrium, our homes for resale inventory continues to increase as well, creating viable living options for those who need or want an immediate seamless transition into a Highland Green home. There has also been a remarkable amount of interest in our luxury apartment sales and rentals, as well as key assisted living and memory care services.

The village of Monhegan Island

Highland Green residents enjoying Monhegan Island

Art Jaunts

Highland Green offers something for everyone who enjoys an interest in culture and the arts. Take, for example, Art Jaunts; which began as an off chute of the Art Club at Highland Green. While the Art Club at Highland Green is more about sharing ideas and technique and involves everything from making holiday cards to more serious painting as well as informal critiques; Art Jaunts swings the doors of culture wide open with a focus on art history and visits to galleries, museums, working print shops and scenic vistas for painting and inspiration.

Art Jaunts has become a robust and exciting group, meeting the first and third Wednesday of every month and traveling to different locations once a month. Most recently, Victoria Wyeth, the granddaughter of Andrew Wyeth, spoke at Highland Green. "It was one of the best presentations I have ever seen," said Highland Green Resident Wimberly Burton. "That's why I moved here. The people and offerings are interesting. I looked at different communities and there was nothing that came close to Highland Green."

A group of Highland Green residents also recently took an excursion to Monhegan Island, an artist's colony untouched by development. However, Wimberly is most eager for an upcoming trip to Phillips Academy for an Arthur Wesley Dow presentation. Additionally, 25 Highland Green residents have already signed up to travel together via motor coach to Boston to experience the Museum of Fine Arts as well as the Isabella Stewart Gardiner Museum. Future Art Jaunts activities also include home art studio tours of Highland Green homes.

MEET THE NEIGHBORS

Jose Mas and Deirdre Strachan

Born in Spain and raised in Venezuela, Jose Mases' passion for all things international led him to every continent and over 40 countries, including Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific, for work, and at least 20 more countries simply to satisfy his unwavering curiosity. Jose came to the United States to study International Affairs at Columbia University. After earning his master's degree, Jose joined International Planned Parenthood in New York City and, later, a non-profit support program called Pathfinder International, which provides funding and assistance to ministries of health and non-profit health organizations in developing countries and is largely focused on family planning and the prevention of AIDS. It was there he met his future wife.

Deirdre Strachan, who possesses a Doctor in Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health, spent most of her working years dedicated to reproductive health in developing countries, including seven years in Nicaragua with a rural health program, as well as traveling the world while working for Pathfinder International and Management Sciences for Health in Boston.

Deirdre and Jose lived in Brazil for two years and then worked out of Boston. As the couple neared retirement, they explored their living options for quite a few years, finally settling on a home in Harpswell, Maine, which they purchased 24 years ago. However, given that their Harpswell home is fairly remote, they continued their quest to fulfill their mutual desire to live in a community within close proximity to restaurants, entertainment, and services – a critical portion of their initial home hunting exploration.

Through persistent searching throughout Massachusetts and Maine and upon the recommendation of several Highland Green friends, Jose and Deirdre finally found, visited, and fell in love with Highland Green. It had everything they were looking for and more.

Yet, what the Jose and Deirdre found most enjoyable were the residents of Highland Green. "It's a very friendly community; and, even through COVID, we managed to keep in touch with the people we were lucky enough to meet," says Deirdre. Jose finds the residents of Highland Green just as lovely because, as he said, "Highland Green is composed of interesting people, many of whom have international backgrounds." He also shared that Highland Green, with its superb landscaping and homes well-spaced in relationship to one another, is unlike conventional retirement communities.

Jose and Deirdre also love the nature trails and beautiful surroundings at Highland Green, as well as their Highland Green home. Jose and Deirdre first considered building, but, in 2017, instead decided on a Highland Green Available Now Home which is "filled with sunshine" and provides an open, spacious floorplan, a breakfast area with gorgeous wooded views, and a two-car garage. "Having lived in a home with stairs, we find living on one floor such a treat," said Deirdre. "That and the convenience of having someone else take care of the snow and grass wonderfully simplifies life."

Deirdre says they enjoy getting together with neighbors and that walking around Highland Green is extremely pleasant. "Highland Green gets an A+ for beauty!" She also says that she particularly appreciates that there are so many talented people at Highland Green, resulting in affinity groups in which everyone enjoys one another's company. She specifically recalls an interesting presentation on Cuba and, most recently, a "Highland Green Art Jaunt" during which Andrew Wyeth's granddaughter spoke. Jose & Deirdre also take part in the informal book and movie clubs, have enjoyed the pool with their grandkids and look forward to possibly improving their bridge skills someday soon.

Rent While You Build Options at Highland Green

Has your current home sold quickly? Would you like to experience life at Highland Green before you even move in, while you watch the construction of your new Highland Green home and your dreams come to life? Simply take advantage of the Highland Green Rent While You Build Program! Our team of helpful, knowledgeable marketing professionals can help new construction buyers smoothly transition from their current living situation with convenient rental options. For more information, including home rental availability and specifications, visit highlandgreenlifestyle.com.

1 Kingfisher Drive at Highland Green

NEW, EXPANDED HIGHLAND GREEN MODEL HOME:
Descriptive "Tour"

A new model home, located in the exact setting where the new Highland Green homes are being built, will be available for tours beginning in August.

Upon entering the new Highland Green model home on Jasper Drive, visitors will immediately notice the open, airy nature of this spacious two-bedroom, two-bath floorplan and the scenic views framed by its six, six-foot high Anderson windows and a great room, which is flooded by natural light and adorned with a gas fireplace.

It's a home where traditional and modern interior styles are expertly melded with warmth and richness only hardwood floors can provide and the contemporary appeal of standard granite countertops and stainless appliances in the kitchen.

This particular Highland Green model also offers a bump-out which takes this house from 1,600 to 1,800 feet...a particularly popular feature with anyone who may be downsizing from a home of 2,500 feet or larger. This lovely expansion allows ample space for a dining room table. The dining area leads to pocket French doors which provide entree into a four-season sunroom. Upon exiting the sunroom, you are met with a sun-filled patio, which can be upgraded from cement to pavers.

Along with breathtaking views of Highland Green's Scottish-inspired golf course, the outdoor space accompanying this home can be personalized with a fire pit and gardens. You will also discover the scenic Cathance River Nature Preserve, tennis courts, a pool, a fitness center and Highland Green's Duck Pub restaurant all very conveniently nearby.

Quarry cottages, which also include an attached garage, laundry room and storage, offer five customizable floorplans with options such as a solar energy upgrade, a two-car garage, a bed/bath loft addition, as well as walkout basements on select sites. For an in-person tour, simply contact the Highland Green marketing team at 207-725-4549.

OPEN HOUSE
Summer Celebration

Join Us for Our Community Wide Open House
Saturday, August 27th from 10 AM to 5 PM

This event will be held in a beautiful setting outdoors under a canopy.

Enjoy music, lunch, tours and a meet and greet with residents.

Guests may also take part in a guided hike or a round of golf!

Ecology Center at Highland Green

Environmental Learning in Action

CREA Corner

Cathance River Education Alliance (CREA) continues to astound, excite and enlighten through the wonders of nature...

Just held in June was a virtual caterpillar lab with photos, video and educational presentations; a guided nature tour showcasing the rare beauty of late spring throughout Cathance River Nature Preserve, including its sphagnum moss wetland ecosystem; a bluebird house building workshop for children; and a geology walk through the preserve led by Bowdoin College Professor of Earth and Oceanographic Science Dr. Rachel Beane.

Summer takes flight on Saturday, July 30th, when visitors are invited to learn about dragonflies and damselflies through the instruction and guided tour of Retired Professor David Reed. Then, join a guided exploration to "Make Friends with Forest Stumps" Sunday, August 7th, where participants will uncover the nutrients they provide, the microcosms of nature they house and their entire connection to the ecosystem. Finally, learn about the varied species of ferns gracing the majestic landscape of the Cathance River Nature Preserve, through the instruction of Maine Master Naturalist Jeff Pengel.

Plus, CREA Camp inspires squeals of delight and shapes remarkable memories all season long via nature exploration and interactive programming.

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

Featuring 3 Chickadee Drive

Follow us on the path that leads to a one-of-a-kind "Available Now Home" at Highland Green...one with the serenity born only of the raw, bold beauty of Maine. You're sure to hear the siren song of the adjacent nature preserve through the crisp morning air and feel the genuine, welcoming warmth of its nearby neighbors.

All of Highland Green's "Available Now Homes" are meticulously maintained, offering the perfect seamless transition for those whose needs are immediate.

This particular open-concept home offers 1,462 square feet of charming elegance just steps away from the Cathance River Preserve, where nature provides a stunning backdrop for refreshing hikes and birdwatching; and its spacious two-bedroom, two bath floorplan incorporates a generous dining area flanked by four, six-foot-tall Anderson windows showcasing sweeping views of the surrounding mature trees and beautifully executed landscaping.

The living room features a granite surround, gas fireplace and its kitchen offers plenty of cabinets, counter space and updated appliances. The primary bedroom includes an ensuite bathroom and walk-in closet. There is also bonus living space toward the rear of the residence, which would make a lovely office, sunroom or artist studio. Additional 3 Chickadee amenities include an attached garage, ample storage, a private backyard and new flooring throughout most of the home.

Feel free to call the Highland Green Marketing Team at 1-866-854-1200 or 207-725-4549 if you would like more information.

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 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.

Custom Homes at HG are a paradise of your own design.

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 three 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.

Assisted Living and Memory Care will be a new addition to the Highland Green campus, providing seamless access to a valuable extension of support services.

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

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Highland Green...An Unrivaled 55+ Community

- Welcoming, active, resident-driven and maintenance-free
- Custom crafted homes and luxurious apartment-style living
- Nestled within a 635-acre oasis encompassing a 230-acre nature preserve
- Surrounded by cultural opportunities in nearby towns and the raw, majestic beauty of Maine's coastline

For more information, call 1-866-854-1200 or 207-725-4549, visit highlandgreenlifestyle.com or like us on Facebook.