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NEWSLETTER

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Your Vote Matters at Highlands

Highlands Cooperative Association members are being asked to vote on updated bylaws. These bylaws help explain how our community makes decisions, holds meetings, and votes.

What are bylaws and why do they matter?

Bylaws are the written rules for Highlands. They tell members how they can take part. They also explain member rights, Board duties, meetings, voting, and how fair choices are made.

Why are we voting again?

To adopt the updated bylaws, Highlands Cooperative requires a minimum of 51% of members (212) to submit a ballot.

In June, 112 ballots were submitted. We need an additional 100 ballots to reach the threshold required to count the votes, meaning at least 212 members must participate. If we do not receive enough ballots, the votes cannot be counted.

Why should I vote?

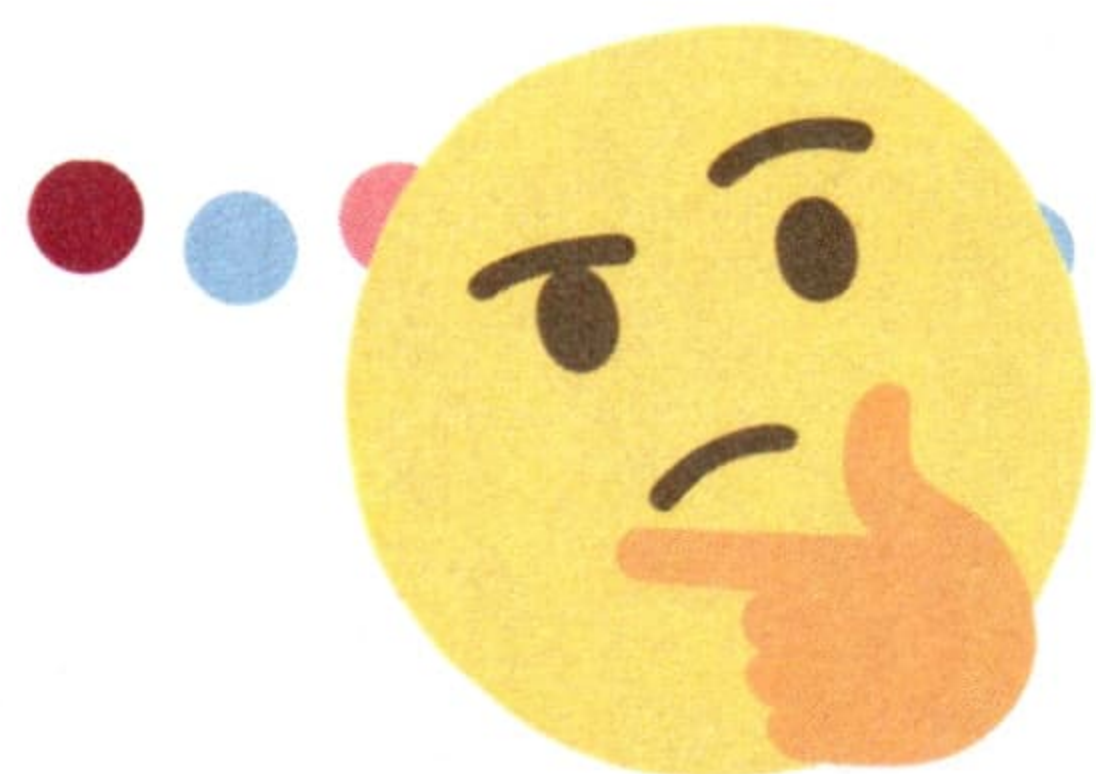
A "yes" vote helps support clear rules, fair choices, and a stronger community. Members who submit a ballot will be entered into a drawing to win a half-month's carrying charges, valued at up to \$320.

We need your participation. Please submit your ballot.

What's next?

- An information packet and ballot will be sent to you soon. Be sure to read all items, especially the included updated bylaws, dates for informational meetings, and voting

Thank you for taking time to learn about the updated bylaws. Your vote helps keep Highlands a place we can all be proud to call home.



Is it an Emergency?

The following are considered an after hours
Emergency Maintenance Call:

No heat

No hot water

Plugged toilet, sinks, drains

Electrical malfunction

Fire

Building damage

Gas leak *(Call Consumers Energy first, Emergency Maintenance next)*

No water

Broken or leaky water pipes

Flooding

Locked out

Broken primary windows

Natural disaster

Call 517-202-7820 For service

Celebrate National WATERMELON DAY - Monday, August 3rd
with some WATERMELON LEMONADE

4 cups watermelon - chopped & chilled

1 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice - chilled

1/2 cup sugar

6 cups cold water



Directions: In a Blender, add the chopped watermelon
and lemon juice. Blend until very smooth.

Pour into large pitcher and Add sugar and cold water.

Stir well. Serve over ice and ENJOY! (4 servings)

NO!

DRAINO, or other household drain cleaners, **SHOULD NOT BE USED**
in any sinks. They can ruin garbage disposals and damage pipes.

If you are having any drain issues -

Please call in a work order as soon as you notice there is a problem.

Grounds inspections are underway

Please take the time to inspect your front and back yard areas - including your patio and deck areas.

We have been finding toys in flowerbeds, empty flower pots, items being stored in the front flowerbeds, garbage and debris in the flowerbeds and grass area in front of the townhouse. Please remove items that are being stored in the backyard, patio, deck areas that are not considered outdoor items. i.e. indoor chairs, tables, coolers, etc.



REMINDER: Please keep your flowerbeds and the area around your **CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING UNIT WEED FREE!**

—————> This is the Member's responsibility

**Open Fires are
NOT ALLOWED
on Highlands' Property**



This is a violation of the Fireplace policy and could be cause for eviction

Although we do not have an active neighborhood watch - we should still be aware and observe what's happening in our neighborhood.



Any incident that causes you to feel uncomfortable or concerned should be reported immediately to the Lansing Police Department.

LPD Non-Emergency number

(517) 483-4600

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 4th

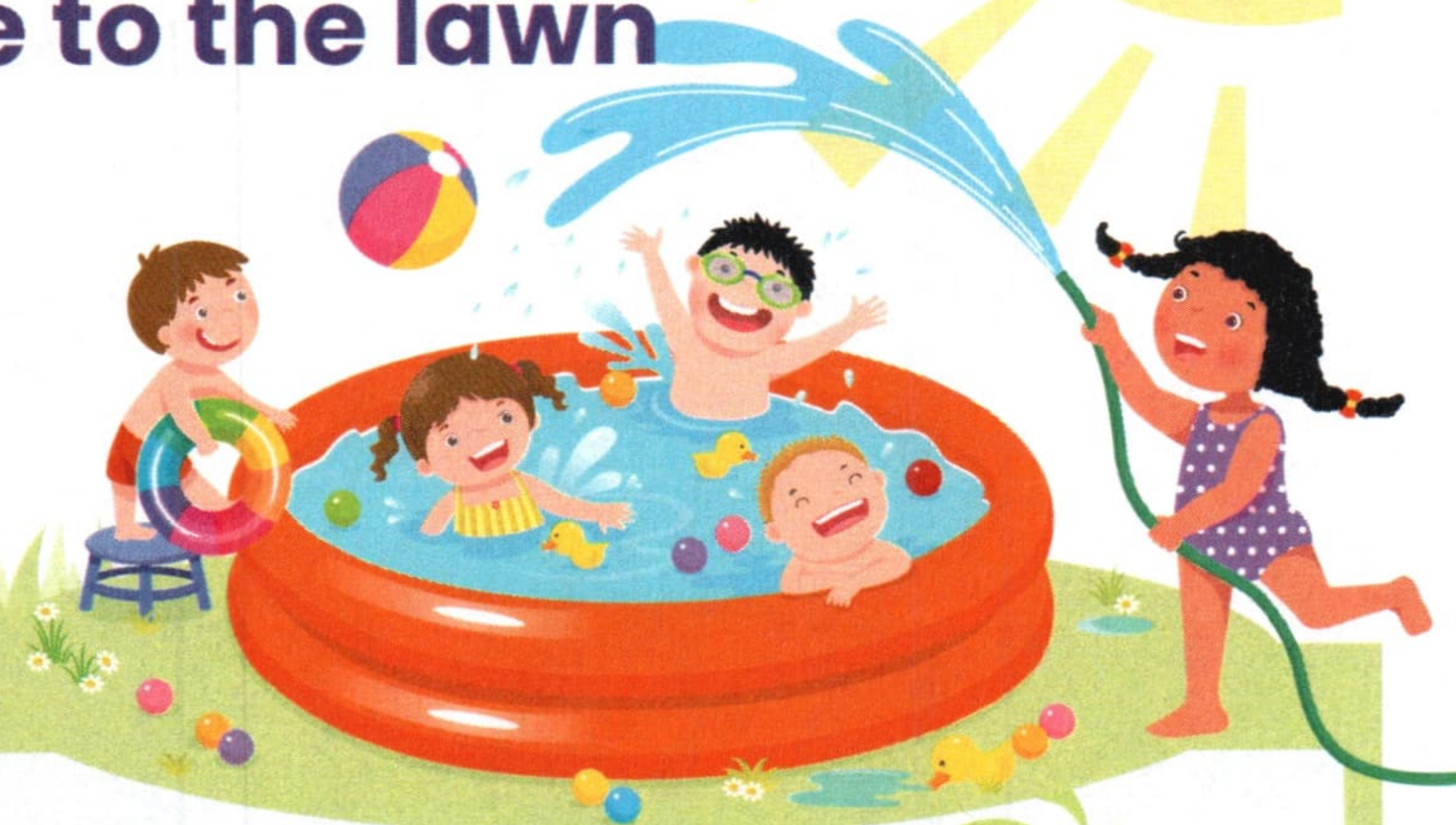
National Night Out is a tradition going back nearly 40 years designed to foster a sense of community between neighbors and law enforcement. This is a great opportunity to show support of your Highlands Cooperative neighborhood. Encourage your neighbors to meet with you out on your porches, patios, and parking lots.

Click on the link below to find events sponsored by the City of Lansing and the Lansing Police Department

<https://www.wlns.com/news/where-to-take-part-in-national-night-out/>

A reminder that Kiddie Pools CANNOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED & must be emptied and relocated DAILY!

This is to prevent damage to the lawn and more importantly - for safety purposes.



Income Review



Balfour Members: The 2026 Income reviews have been mailed out. You must complete the forms and return them to the office by August 15th. No Exceptions will be made for Members who do not turn in their paperwork by the deadline.