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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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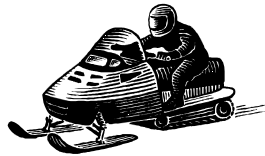
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## Recreational Vehicles

Once again we would like to remind snowmobilers and ATV riders to stay off the Islands and the dike and to stay in the newly marked trail on the main beach. Recreational vehicles on the islands and beaches damages the tree roots and causes erosion.



Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your machine quiet after 10:00 p.m. Noise carries on the lake!

When riding, stay away from open water and think of safety first. Riders need to respect land-owners and stay on marked trails! It is up to us as a community to police ourselves. Snowmobile and ATV riders need to operate their machines safely and with respect for the environment and their neighbors.

See The Snowmobile Code of Ethics below.

## Snowmobile Code of Ethics

*Published by the International Snowmobile Industry Association.*

1. I will be a good sports enthusiast. I recognize that people judge all snowmobilers by my actions. I will use my influence with other snowmobile owners to promote fair conduct.
2. I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute streams or lakes.
3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs or other natural features. I will go out only when there is sufficient snow so that I will not damage the Land.
4. I will respect people's property and rights.
5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
6. I will make myself and my vehicle available to

## Water and Ice Safety Night February 15 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lunenburg Fire Department is offering a "Water and Ice Safety Night" for all residents and their families. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Lunenburg Public Safety Building.

The program is intended for all ages and will provide valuable safety information whether you are an outdoor enthusiast or just an observer of winter activities. Fire Chief, Scott Glenny and his team will cover topics including water and ice safety; what to do in an emergency; non-water-entry rescue, and other ice-safety tips.

Please call the Lake Office if you plan to attend. You may send email with the names of those attending to [hickoryhills@netlplus.com](mailto:hickoryhills@netlplus.com) or leave a message at 978-582-6365.



**See flyer inside: March Annual Mixer dates and times!**

assist search and rescue parties.

7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, and snowshoers, ice anglers or other winter sports enthusiasts. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.
8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public land.
9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.
10. I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobiles. I will not snowmobile where prohibited.
11. I will not drink and drive.



## The Covino Family — 50 Years on Hickory Hills Lake

The year was 1956, and the Covino's first trip out to Lunenburg was a casual weekend drive to see the lake and help a friend clear some land on Hemlock Drive. The young couple's next trip to the lake was to make a deposit on a cottage. "You're crazy!" Ralph Covino's father roared in Italian. But after some time sitting by the lake, the elder Covino decided it was "a nice-a place." The Covino cottage has been that and much more for 50 years.

Over coffee and Italian cookies, Helen Covino told her guests that when she, Ralph, and the children first came to the lake, all the roads were dirt with ruts, a wooden bridge spanned a piece of the causeway to Horizon Island, there were lots and lots of kids, and the friendships and fun residents shared made it "a real community."

Helen and the children would stay all summer —without a car, because Ralph worked in Medford and came out only for the weekends. Fortunately, home delivery was an option back then, and Cushman's delivered baked goods, and Hood's delivered milk right to the door. The kids played outdoors all day long with neighbors and friends, swimming and boating. On Friday nights, a neighbor made pizza for anyone "just dropping by." Often Ralph would set up a hi fi record player at the Island Road Beach so the kids could dance and have fun under the stars.



*On the deck of her Island Road home, Helen Covino points out to a visitor where the bridge on Horizon Island Road once was.*

Ralph passed away several years ago, but Helen continues to come to the lake each summer. She treasures the beautiful view from her large deck, and seems to have tamed the ducks who fearlessly march into her yard to graze. For Helen, the lake is more than just a beautiful place. She reminds us, "It's a community. It doesn't belong to anybody; it belongs to all of us."

### Send Us Your Story

Our lake community has stories of lake life and the lake environment. Please share one of your stories about our special way of life. Send email to the office at [hickory-hills@netlplus.com](mailto:hickory-hills@netlplus.com) or call 978-582-6365.

**Found** — A 14-foot Alcroft Sailfish was dumped off in my front yard. If anybody knows who owns this boat, contact Arland (978) 582 4524.

## Adult Learn to Swim Program



Hickory Hills Landowners is proud to provide an Adult Swim Program free of charge for adult HHL residents interested in learning how to swim. Through the generous donations of Bruce Richard's family and friends to the "HHL Adult Swim Program," we are planning an adult swim program at a local facility. Vari-

ous times and locations are available. In order to find a convenient time, we need to know how many residents are interested.

If you would like to learn how to swim, please send an email to the program coordinator, Lisa Normandin, at [lnormandin1@comcast.net](mailto:lnormandin1@comcast.net) or to the office. All inquiries will remain confidential. Whether is it a New Year's resolution, or a promise you have made to yourself and others...it's time to learn to swim!



Hickory Hills



# Annual Mixer



**March 17, 2007**



at

**The Eastwood Club, Fitchburg, MA**

**7:00 p.m. to closing**

**Tickets \$12.00 per person,  
available at the office or at the door**

*Appetizers \* Music \* Dancing \*  
Raffle Items*





## Winter Rules — Use of Hickory Hills Lake Area



To ensure a safe and enjoyable use of the Hickory Hills Lake area, we remind you of the following rules established by the state, town, and/or Hickory Hills Landowners:

1. Use of Hickory Hills Landowners' facilities, lake beaches, and islands is limited to licensed residents with current IDs and their guests.
2. Keep your ID with you while you use Landowners' facilities.
3. Guests must be accompanied by their host who has an ID while using Landowners' facilities.
4. Property owners who rent their homes are responsible for obtaining IDs for their renters.
5. Renters are not eligible to use Landowners' facilities unless they have identification.
6. No resident who is delinquent paying annual charges can be the guest of a resident who has paid annual charges.
7. Property owners are personally responsible for the behavior of their family members and guests while the latter are using Landowners' facilities.
8. Ice fishing is limited to residents with current IDs and their guests. A Massachusetts State Fishing License also is required.
9. Ice fishing is permitted from dawn to dusk only. no ice drills are to be operated before 6:00 a.m.
10. Ice fishing shall be done in compliance with all the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts including those laws and regulations concerning the number of fishing holes to be drilled each day and the size and number of fish to be taken.
11. No open fires are permitted on the lake or on the land. (The town also prohibits open fires.) All fires must be contained (grill, hibachi, etc.). All materials brought on Landowners' facilities must be removed.
12. Vehicles may not be parked on public roads during snow-storms because they will obstruct snow plowing (a town ordinance). For fire purposes, all roads shall be kept clear during any type of weather.
13. Islands, except those privately owned and posted, may be used daylight hours only (one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset).
14. No trespassing on the spillway.
15. If a dog falls through the ice, do not attempt a rescue. The Lunenburg Rescue Squad has a flotation suit and can arrive within a few minutes to make a safe rescue.
16. No glass bottles or glass of any kind are permitted on Landowners' facilities.
17. Use of snowmobiles and recreation vehicles on Landowners facilities is limited to residents with current IDs and their guests. Snowmobiles and recreation vehicles also must be registered with the State of Massachusetts. Operating a snowmobile or recreation vehicle shall be done in compliance with all the laws and regulation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.





**Shareholders—What do I need to do when selling a Home on Hickory Hills Lake?**

For residents thinking about putting their homes on the market, we provide this reminder that residents must obtain a release from Hickory Hills, and that Hickory Hills Landowners must be given a “First Right of Refusal.” This release protects the lake as private property. Current home owner’s are responsible for obtaining the release in order to provide clear title for the transfer of their property to a new owner.

To obtain a release:

1. Pay any unpaid annual HHL maintenance fees.
2. Send/fax a copy of the Purchase & Sale agreement signed by both parties to HHL.
3. Send a check for \$80 (non-shareholders) or \$40 (shareholders) to Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc., Box 298, Lunenburg, MA 01462, for administration costs.
4. Provide the following information to Hickory Hills Landowners (consult your realtor): Closing Date; Bank Name for new mortgage; Closing Attorney for the bank – name, address, phone, fax; Attorney creating the new deed – name, address, phone, fax.

**How do I transfer my stock when I sell?**

If you currently own a share of HHL stock and are selling your home, you may either sell your share directly to the new owners or back to HHL., as follows:

1. The seller has an original stock certificate with their name and a number on it.
2. The buyer pays the seller the original cost for the stock. This can happen privately with a check between seller and buyer or in the settlement costs.
3. On the back side of the stock certificate there is a place for the seller to transfer the stock certificate over to the buyer by inserting the buyer(s) name. The seller(s) signs and dates the right bottom corner of the certificate.
4. The buyer then **MUST** send the signed certificate to HHL to obtain a new certificate with their name(s) on it.

**EXCEPTION: WOODLANDS - Mandatory Stock Transfer:**

Owners of property at the Woodlands Condominiums are required by a provision in their deed to transfer the share of Hickory Hills stock to any new owner.

**Our Condolences** — We express our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of ...

**Mary Agnes (Allen) Whalen** of Hemlock Drive died on August 30, 2006. Mary became fluent in several languages and a traveler from her time spent in Europe during her husband’s military career. She sang with the Choir Belles, an international women’s barbershop group, and with the Choir City Pipers of Gardner. An avid golfer and painter, Mary won several prizes for her oil paintings at local exhibitions and played golf until age 89.

**Robert A. Poirier** of Wildwood Rd. After a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease Robert died on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at age 69. Mr. Poirier was an electrical contractor who owned and operated local electrical contracting companies. He was also an avid fisherman and gardener.

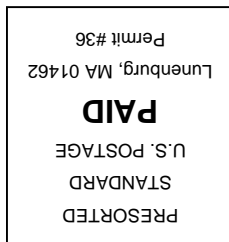
**William R. Proctor Sr.** died November 27, 2006. Although William Proctor was not a resident of Hickory Hills many residents knew him fondly. As the founder of William R. Proctor Inc. of Lunenburg, he did a good deal of work around the Hickory Hills lake

properties, including the construction of the dam spillway and plowing our roads for many years. Bill was very involved in the Lunenburg community, an avid sportsman and protector of the environment.

**Family Fun Day a Success!**

The Second Annual Family Fun Day was held on October 14, 2006 at the Island Road Beach. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the event was well attended by over one hundred lake residents and their families. The fun included many children’s crafts, face painting, games and a moonwalk. We would like to thank everyone who made the day a success. Special thanks go to Susan & Dave Oram for organizing the event and to all workers: Tom & Paula Bertram, Bill & Betsy Kenerson, Pat & Patty McColl, Phil & Andrea Moore and Bryan & Karen Sander-son. Thanks to John and Tammy D’Agostino for their donation of a crock of hot chili, and to Troy Cutter for making possible the great entertainment by the band Cross Haven. Thanks also to all the young adults who assisted the little ones with their games and prizes.

TO:



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