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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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Summer 2008

Pig Roast is Aug 23rd

****No tickets at the door!****

Buy your tickets by August 1st

Tickets are now available for the 2nd Annual Pig Roast scheduled for August 23, 2008 at the Island Rd Beach. Tickets are \$20 each and will include salad, pork, corn on the cob, pasta salad, and baked beans and applesauce. Kids meal is \$2 and will include Hot Dog, chips and watermelon only.

Tickets are available through any of the Board of Directors or at the Office only until August 1st. Games will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the meal will be served at 4:00 p.m.

Don't miss out this year, last year was a great time. Lots of your neighbors came out to join in on the fun and good food. Cowboy Jim will be serving up the pig again this year, so be sure to get your tickets early so he can plan properly. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Annual Shareholders Meeting

September 20, 2008

The Hickory Hills Landowners 30th Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at the Apple Hill Farm in Leominster. The meeting is open to all shareholders in Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.



Anyone who would like to purchase a share can do so prior to the meeting by contacting the office. There is a one time cost of \$240 which must be paid prior to the meeting. A share qualifies an owner to attend and/or vote in the management of the lake.

A meeting notice and shareholder packets were sent out on July 15. If you plan to attend the dinner and/or meeting please complete and return the registration form in your July packets and if you are not attending please sign the proxy box on the registration form and return to our office.

Youth Program in Session...

This year we were very excited to be able to offer a Youth Program this summer and it's off to a great start. We were very fortunate to have Diane Nowd volunteer as Youth Director. Diane has had such a good response that we have had to stop accepting any new enrollments for the remaining of the summer program. Her teen assistants Nick and Sabrina have been excellent and very reliable, making for a very enjoyable morning for about 17 youths at the Island Rd. beach.



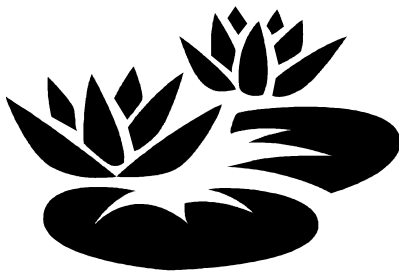
There are many activities planned and we are looking forward to more great weather! Thank you to Diane and her team!



Weed Harvester

The weed harvester has had some needed maintenance and repair work done to it, thanks to Jay Simeone. It was launched a couple weeks ago and has had limited operation so far this season. The operators will be out in full force within the next few weeks.

Those of you who have made a donation to the harvester are cleared first and then requests are done if there is time. If you would like to have your beach area harvested, please call or email the office at hickoryhills@net1plus.com to put your name on the list.



Lake Security Team

This season our Security Team consists of Calyn Jones, and Ryan Spain. They are patrolling the lake area by car and boat during varied hours every day throughout the summer. Please be prepared to show your IDs and have boat stickers visible. Security does not issue boat or car stickers. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have a safety or security concern, please call the office at 978-582-6365 and leave a message with your name, address and a phone number. If you have an emergency situation call the police directly.

Bass Club Schedule

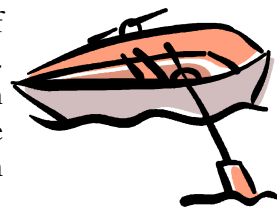
Remember, these fishing tournaments are for Hickory Hills Residents & invited guests.

Billy Proctor III Mem.	Aug 9	6:00 am to 5:00 pm
Regular Tournament	Sept 13	7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Lobster Bake/Awards	Oct 11	7:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please remember, that this is for fun. Help us keep it that way. Jim Leblanc

Boat Thefts at Hickory Hill Lake

There have been a number of recent boat thefts from our lake. One canoe and three aluminum boats, one with a motor, have been taken from yards and in one instance from the water. This is an unusually high number of thefts compared to past years. The canoe was recovered by police after it was sold to a *scrap yard*.



What can you do to protect your watercraft and steps to take if a theft occurs?

- ◇ Secure and lock down whenever possible!!
- ◇ Notify your neighbors when you will be away and request they check your property. Summer and weekend residents should do the same and further attempt to remove “nobody home” appearance of their property.
- ◇ Use timed evening indoor and outdoor lights
- ◇ Record all watercraft serial numbers and registration numbers
- ◇ Notify the police as soon as possible when a loss is discovered
- ◇ Notify the Hickory Hills Office
- ◇ Be vigilant for unfamiliar trucks or persons on our roads or property

The security detail is aware of the situation and has been instructed to assist as needed.



Bump – Set – Spike!

Meet your neighbors for **Adult Volleyball** at the Island Rd Beach on Thursday evenings, during the summer starting at 6:30 pm. Have fun!



A 60th Anniversary Boat Ride

By Sue Godsmark & Pat Lastella

In early June the office received an unusual request from a woman in London, England for a boat ride around Hickory Hills Lake for former residents.

Robert and Mary Gallipeau were about to celebrate 60 years of marriage and their daughter Sue, who was arriving from London to celebrate with them wanted to give them a special surprise gift. After emailing some more we decided to grant her request and provide the boat ride for the surprise gift.

June 21st was a glorious day and Bob, Mary and Sue arrived for their Anniversary Boat Ride. They were all smiles and so excited and grateful for the opportunity of the boat ride around the lake. We headed out on a slow cruise around the lake and they couldn't get over how much the lake had changed in 34 years.

Sue's parents had bought a plot on Horizon Island in 1952 and later built a home on it. It was one of the first built on the island, before the old wooden bridge had been replaced. They spent each summer on the island and had many blissful years there. At that time, the island was occupied by only one other resident to the left of their lake house...although they could not remember the owner's name, they did recall she had a little black poodle! The property was sold in 1973 to accommodate a move to England for a job change for Bob.

During the two and a half hour cruise the stories were vast and varied and so enjoyable. We learned that Bob and Mary Gallipeau were married in Rochester, NY on August 21, 2008 and went on to have 5 children David, Steven, Susan, Mark and Erick. Bob is now 85 and Mary 81.

Over the years, they spent the summers at the lake house and enjoyed all the amenities of the lake, i.e. boats for each child, swimming in the clear water morning till night, fishing, and generally living in a very blessed time. The summers spent at Hickory Hills Lake were the happiest of all their memories. It was a won-



Mary and Bob Gallipeau on their 60th Anniversary Cruise

derful place to let their children run free and wear themselves out! Sue doesn't think they ever needed to take a bath during the summer as they were always in the water!

We even cruised by Sue's first boyfriend's house and the sail fish boat he used to take her out on when she was 12. Coincidentally, he appeared on the deck of his old house, now the owner of his parent's property. But despite my efforts to encourage her to, she did not want me to stop by or yell his name out...that was a lot of fun!

Sue even shared stories her parents did know of at the time and Mary and Bob were glad they didn't know! Like how Sue use to swim out to the big island from their beach by herself...quite a swim, but she was "a bit of a fish" then.

The current owner of their original lake home was gracious enough to have them tour their old lot and renovated house.

We had a wonderful time listening to the stories and making new friends. As grateful as they were to have someone take time to give them this much desired boat ride, it was our pleasure to share in such a special occasion and "gift." Happy Anniversary Mary and Bob!



Some of the Favorites from the 2008 Boat Parade - The boat parade was a big success this year! There were over 22 boats participating in the parade on the slightly overcast day. The Anderson's outdid themselves again with a Shark eating their boat...very clever! Along with other great themes like ; A Stagecoach, Slot Machines of Vegas, Pirates, a Patriotic Train and an awesome live band on "Rock the Boat." How cool is that?!





Are You Contributing to this Problem?



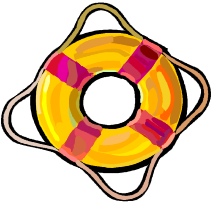
Our shoreline is being eroded...by US!

Residents need to understand that the "NO WAKE" signs are put out for two reasons...to reduce the shoreline erosion, and reduce damage to docks and boats.

If you are driving your boat in the middle of the lake, your boat wake will dissipate before it reaches the shoreline. If you are near the shoreline or in ANY cove on our lake your wake will NOT dissipate before it reaches the shoreline and will cause damage.

You must use "HEADWAY SPEED ONLY" in all coves and near the shoreline. To be clear...headway speed means a speed at which your boat leaves "NO WAKE,"

Please obey the NO WAKE areas marked in the coves around the lake. Complaints roll into the office regarding the wake left by boats that speed in and out of the coves. No Wake or Headway Speed Only applies to ALL COVES and signs need to be respected.



Registration of Boats and Motors

All boats and motors must be registered through the office. Boat stickers are \$20.00 for non-shareholders and \$10.00 for shareholders. Boating Guides are available and may be picked up in the office. If your boat is in the water (even in front of your house), it needs a boat sticker.

Security Patrol does not issue boat or parking stickers.

Final Notices for 2008 Annual Maintenance Fees

Your 2008 annual maintenance fees were due on May 1. We are using the same program as in the past, which will automatically assess interest on any bills that are more than 30 days past due. We have received payment from 90% of our residents – Thank you! Final notices were sent out. Please send in your payment to P.O. Box 298, Lunenburg, MA 01462. Thank you.



Summer Office Hours

Mon., Wed. & Thurs.

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Please call the office before arriving to make sure someone is there, 978-582-6365. If necessary, appointments may be made for a more convenient time. Remember you can always leave payments in the drop box or reach the office by email.



Beach Hours

The beaches are open from dawn to dusk. Please make sure your vehicles are not in the parking lot after 8:00 p.m. Exception: The parking lot is open for volleyball on Thursday nights.

Beach Clean-up Day

It is very much appreciated that residents take an active role in keeping the lake property clean. Thanks to all the residents of Hemlock and Brookview Beaches who have helped clean up their neighboring beaches.



The official Island Rd Beach clean up occurred on May 10th with the help of Bryan, Karen, Riley, Nina and Shea Sanderson, along with Jeremy Ferreri and Betsy and Brendon Kenerson. And much thanks to Charlie and Sharon Kimball, who took all the piles of leave to the yard dump! Also thanks to John D'Agostino and Chris Albert for spreading the two truck loads of sand that Dave Normandin was able to get donated from Keating. Thank you to all who were involved! And thanks to John D. for putting the trash barrels out for pick up again this year.



HHL Appreciates All Gift Donations!

The following residents have donated to the **Capital Asset Reserve Fund**;

Deborah Anderson	John D'Agostino
Erik and Meghan Arnold	Shannon & Jim Leblanc
Chris & Tammy Albert	Dennis & Susan Lozier
Mario & Phyllis Andella	Richard & Kate Kissel
Barbara Brown	Dave & Betty MacDonald
Helen Clapp	John & Judy Male
James & Julie Bertram	Michael and Betsy Masciarelli
Rita Masciarelli	George Hudson
Pamela Caissey	Howard & Louise Hudson
Timothy Richards	Kent & Deborah St. Vrain
Imre & Eleanor Toth	Lorraine and Mark Stevens
Evelyn Wyman	Mildred MacDonald
Donna Richards	Ken Franklin
James & Susan Stockard	Katherine Herrick
Jack & Frances Kutarnia	Pat & Frances Murphy
Charles & Dru Nason	Rich & Ronney Ann Nadile
Kenneth Takvorian	Robert & Stephanie Novacek
Roy & Barbara Hansell	Richard & Cynthia Schicho
Harry & Helena Semerjian	
Mike Nault & Bernadette Progin	

These residents have donated to the **Harvester**:

Paul and Dee Anderson	Ken Franklin
Erik and Meghan Arnold	Barbara Brown
Phil Athorn	Regina McGovern
Jeanette & John Biery	Mary Ellen Bertolini
Hank Hancock	Charlie & Sharon Kimball
Harry & Jane Clark	Shirley & John Donovan
John & Judy Male	Karen Philbin
Mark & Diane Erickson	David & Elana Feinberg
Roy & Barbara Hansell	Deb LeFreniere
Tom & Janet James	Carol Rimpas
Evelyn Smith-Peterson	Richard & Kate Kissel
Kent & Deb St. Vrain	Walt & Peg Parquet
Stanley & Valerie Spotkill	Kim & Dan Thomas
James & Susan Stockard	Ed & Pam Swain
Susan O'Sullivan	Dennis & Susan Lozier
Dave & Betty MacDonald	Michael & Betsy Masciarelli
William & Roberta Beharrel	John & Deb Sawyer
James Shearer & Tracy Griffin	Peg Gorman
Harvey and Doris Larrabee	Joe Brown
Mike Nault & Bernadette Progin	
Michael Immerso & Elizabeth Campbell	

Speaking of Donations!

For a \$5 donation we will send you one oval HHL Bumper

Sticker- they are available at the Island Road office.

Or send your contribution along with a

Self Addressed STAMPED Business Envelope to:

Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.

P.O. Box 298

Lunenburg, MA 01462





Your Lake and You

There are many things you can do right in your home and yard to protect your lake. By keeping things out of your lake you can actually prevent problems. Some of the most important things you can do are:

Improve Lawn Care Practices- Less lawn care means more lake protection. If we love our lake, we need to change our idea about what looks good. That short, weed free lawn that many of us admire can actually hurt our lake because it:

- *takes more chemicals to keep it green*
- *does not provide good habitat for wildlife*

Less Chemicals: Excess fertilizers and pesticides can go into the nearest lake, river or well. The resulting algae blooms and floating, dead fish remind us that using less chemicals is better. If you must use fertilizer, try to use phosphorus-free fertilizers, slow-release nitrogen, and leave a buffer area near your lake where no chemicals are used.

Less Waste: Grass clippings are high in nutrients so you want to keep them out of your lake. Bag grass clippings and fall leaves and add them to a compost bin or use a mulching mower on both. Composting is a clean, efficient way to allow these wastes, along with food scraps, to naturally decompose into wonderful rich soil that can be used in your garden.

"A lake is the landscapes' most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye looking in to which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature." - Henry David Thoreau in *Walden* -

Maintain your septic System- Conscientious maintenance of your septic system in one of the most critical steps you can take to protect your lake. A septic system is a two-step process to treat human waste. The wastes flow into a tank where the solids settle out. The liquids



then flow into a drain field or another type of system where they are decomposed by soil microbes. These wastes are very high in nutrients. With properly sized, located,

and maintained systems, septic tanks can effectively prevent nutrients from entering your lake.

Daily actions can be taken to help your septic system work less:

- *avoid using a garbage disposal; compost food waste instead*
- *avoid chemical products for your septic that boast less frequent tank pumping. (these products can add excess nutrients to the lake by liquefying more of the sludge)*
- *many of the steps you take to protect your lake - such as conserving water- also help keep your septic system operating efficiently and for a long period of time.*

Managing Your Shoreline- If properly managed, your shoreline can be a efficient natural buffer system between the lake and the surrounding landscape. In fact, shorelines are the most important tool you have to protect your lake. Some specifics steps you can take are to:

- *leave an unmowed buffer strip along the lake at least 20 feet wide*
- *set your lawn mower to leave the grass 2 to 3 inches long*
- *plant steep banks with native vegetation that binds the soil and traps water*
- *terrace steep banks when possible to further slow water and sediments*
- *Control shoreline erosion*
- *don't tamper with existing wetlands*

(the pervious excerpts were taken from a booklet published by the North American Lake Management Society 1999 Your Lake & You)

For Sale: Jon boat 13.5 ft long with 6hp Mercury motor...call Gerry at 617-547-7335

Yard Sale: The cull de sac at the end of Hemlock Drive is planning a neighborhood yard sale for August 9th from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.



One of our first residents, **Mary Smedley Patton**, 96 of Windmill Manor, Coralville, Iowa died on July 15th. Mary married James Patton in New Haven, CT and moved to Lunenburg in 1953 where they became one of the first permanent residents of Hickory Hills Lake. Both were active in the United Parish Church and loved the lake, and the small town atmosphere of Lunenburg.