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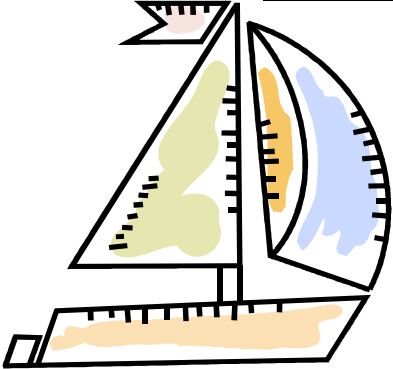
The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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## Hickory Hills 2010 Annual Boat Parade July 3rd, Saturday at Noon From Island Road Beach



### Help Wanted:

#### Youth Program Director

The Board of Directors would like to offer a part-time youth program again this summer. Each year we find this program to be a huge success and a welcomed event.



We are looking for a new Director for the 2010 season. The program would run approximately six weeks, 2-4 hours per day at least three days per week at the Island Road Beach offering sports, crafts and nature activities. If you are interested in directing this program please send a letter of interest including your experience to the HHL office email at [hickoryhills@net1plus.com](mailto:hickoryhills@net1plus.com).

### Beach Clean Up Day

Our annual Beach Clean up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 1st** starting at 9:00 a.m. This year this is a Rain or Shine event!



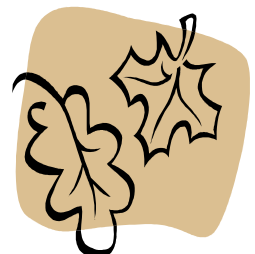
We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the HHL property. Meet your neighbors at any of the three beaches with your rakes. Anyone with a truck who can take some yard waste to the dump would be a greatly appreciated.

To help with the planning of this activity, please email the office if you plan to be there and if you will be bringing a truck.

### LANDFILL OPEN FOR YARD DEBRIS

Lunenburg's Landfill off Young's Road (behind Tri-Town Drive-In) will be open this season from **April 24th to May 29th**.

The accepted materials are grass clippings, bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, brush-diameter not to exceed three inches and some shrubbery & plantings, all containers must be removed.



### Annual Town Meeting and Elections



The Town Meeting will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The Annual Town Elections will be held Saturday, May 15 7am - 5 pm. Be sure to get out and cast your vote on Lunenburg's important issues.



## Why our Lake is the Way it is?

**The residents of Hickory Hills are some of the most fortunate lake dwellers on the East Coast! How so??...**

- We are one of the very few lakes in the State that is not fouled by invasive lake chocking plants.
- Our water as tested is of very high quality.
- We have three recreational beaches and a club house, maintained by the Hickory Hills Lake Corporation.
- Our lake has a super abundant population of large mouth bass and other game fish and reinforced by an active Bass Fishing group.
- We have a paid and trained Security Patrol to guard and protect our lake users and physical plant.
- We have a volunteer Board of Directors manages the lake business and constantly monitors, plans and implements programs that help to preserve the nature of our lake.
- Our dam monitoring and safety program is second to none.
- We have a group of volunteers in the Lake Management Committee working diligently investigating options on how we can continue to protect our water quality and the overall health of the lake.
- Our lake islands, privately owned, are available for use by residents.
- Extensively maintained nature and snow mobile trails.
- Various social events sponsored by the association, for both adults and children.
- Other local lakes have numerous pollution, speed hazards, dam issues and invasive aquatic plants that do not occur on Hickory Hills Lake.
- I could list **many more** examples, but these are enough to make the point!!

## **What have we all done to contribute to the special natural status of our lake?**

- We have kept the **length of boats, horse power, and speed** requirements low. This has greatly decreased the amount of gas and oil pollution and shore erosion to a minimum. We have only four larger pontoon boats on the lake, but they were **grandfathered in 1991**. No larger boats, over 18ft, or motors over 9.9 (detuned to

8hp) have been **approved since that time.**

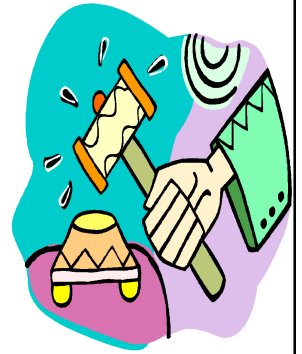
**- *Most importantly*,** our residents have done a super job of following the lake use rules as outlined in their annual contracts; a display of lake pride.

Let's all work together to keep our lake the most special and pristine water recreational area in MA.

See you on the lake, Walt Parquet

## **Annual Shareholders' Meeting Reminder**

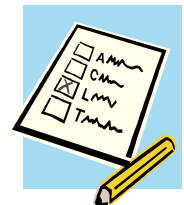
The Hickory Hills Landowners Annual Shareholders' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September , 2010. In order to participate in the meeting and the management of Hickory Hills Landowners Inc. you must be a shareholder by June 30, 2010. Any resident interested in purchasing a share can send a one time fee of \$240.00 (checks made out to Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.). Shareholders receive a 50% discount for IDs boat stickers and release fees. If you have questions regarding how to become a shareholder please email the office.



## **Board of Directors Nominations**

The Nominating Committee is accepting names of people interested in serving on the Board of Directors during 2010-2011. One year positions to be filled at the September 18th Annual Shareholder's Meeting are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Clerk. There are two-year positions to be filled as Director positions.

Any shareholder who would like to be nominated must notify the Nominating Committee by written application through our office via email at [hickory-hills@net1plus.com](mailto:hickory-hills@net1plus.com) or by mail to P. O. Box 298 before May 15. The names and biographical data on selected nominees will be mailed to shareholders in mid July.





### Island Bass Fishing and BBQ Club



Hello again from the Bass club. 2009 was a great year with Chris Albert making up for a slow start by coming from way behind to blow by defending champion John Leblanc! This is Chris's first taste of champagne on the island, Great job Chris. In case you don't know the bass club competes once a month on the smaller of the 2 main islands. After the fishing ends we fire up the bass club grill and cook all our favorites while listening to all the tales of the day. This club is the longest continuously running club in the lakes history and for good reason, it's a ball.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Jim Leblanc {582 7922} or Chris Albert {582 0156}. We have rules to protect the lake, the fish and the fun. Remember to practice catch and release on all Bass over 2 lbs, Approx. 15 inches. If you want to eat the smaller ones feel free we have plenty. In the latest test on our fish by the state showed only the larger bass to have a measured level of mercury because they have been feeding here the longest. This is the same in most healthy lakes in this state and is not a problem unless you are pregnant. Hope to see you all out on the lake this year, have a great summer, Jim Leblanc.

#### The Bass Fishing Club 2010 event dates are:

- April 17 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
- May 15 6:00 am to 4:00 pm
- June 5 6:00 am to 5:00 pm Buddy Brown Memorial
- July 10 6:00 to 12:00 p.m. Split Team Event  
2:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Aug 7 6:00 am to 5:00 pm B. Proctor III Memorial
- Sept 11 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Oct 2 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Lobster Bake & Awards

### Office Hours May thru August

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Please call the office before arriving to make sure someone is there. Email is the best and fastest way to reach the office. If necessary, appointments may be made for a more convenient time.

### Welcome New Neighbors!!

Hickory Hills Landowners, welcomes the following new residents. We hope you have met some of your neighbors and are looking forward to a great summer!

Peter and Lori Craig — 31 Valley Rd

Tania Fernandez — 61Cove Rd

Michael Alessandrone— 180 South Row Rd

Lisa Normandin and John Pesenti will be hosting a Welcome Meeting on April 29th. We will be sending invitations to new resident in the hopes they can join us for the evening. They will cover the history and development of HHL; accomplishments of the corporation; and shared information on how to live in harmony with a healthy lake.

### 2010 Annual Bills

The 2010 HHL annual maintenance fees statements were mailed on April 1st and are due by May 1st. Please take a minute to read the letter enclosed; it will answer



some of the more frequently asked questions. PLEASE update your email addresses and phone numbers. Check to make sure we have all the details on your boats, especially serial numbers and make any changes on the form provided.

To obtain a car sticker which enables you to park in the resident only beach lots please send a copy of your current vehicle registration. The stickers are free to resident in good standing. This is one of the few ways we have to insure only residents are using our lake facilities. Even if you had a car sticker before we cannot issue stickers without first seeing a copy of your current vehicle registration.

Landlords please ensure the office has current names and phone numbers for your tenants; please register any boats they may have; provide them with IDs; and give tenants a copy of the annual license you receive from the office. We appreciate all your help in keeping our records up to date.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Let's all have a safe and fun season!