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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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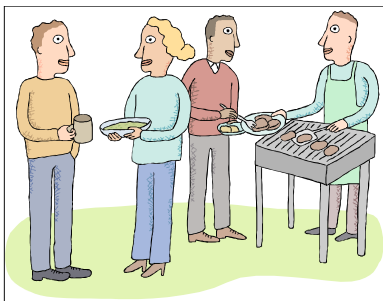
## Social Events at Hickory Hills

This summer, the LMG is putting together some great community events for Hickory Hills residents. We hope that everyone will come out and meet new neighbors, see old friends and enjoy these great events we have planned! Some are free and others will be to raise money in our effort to fight fanwort. We do not yet have dates for all of these events, but please keep checking your inbox for more information!

**Coffee Hour** – Our first was held on June 23 from 10 AM to noon at all three beaches. There were great crowds at all locations. It was such a success we are hoping to do this each month and are planning the next one in August. Keep your eyes peeled for more details!



**Aug 3rd Summer Poker Run and BBQ – SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS THURS, AUGUST 1st!!** This event will take place on **August 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at noon**. The cost is \$20 per player or \$5 per card, and all benefits will go to fight fanwort. Don't worry – it isn't a table card game and you don't even have to know how to play poker to participate!



Well then, what is it and how do I play? The playing cards are sealed in envelopes in a container at each location listed below. Participants will travel from site to site and pick up one card/envelope from each location. You may get there however you'd like: boat, swim, run, drive, bike, etc. At 6PM, all participants will meet at the Island Road Beach and open their envelopes. The person with the best poker hand wins the cash prize (50/50). Players who are not able to travel can also purchase cards for \$5 each at 6pm, and participants may purchase additional cards at this time as well.

Who can play? Any Hickory Hills resident or their guest.

**Card Locations (ALL ARE LAKEFRONT):** Check out our website for a location map too! **1)** Island Road Beach, **2)** The Malcomb's (149 Island Road), **3)** Mike Nault's (156 Brookview Terrace/The Lifeguard Chair) **4)** Brookview Beach, **5)** The Woodlands **6)** Blueberry Island/Little Lizard (fishing tournament island between The Woodlands & Horizon Island Rd) **7)** Lizard Island/The Big Island (right next to #6) **8)** Hemlock Beach, **9)** The Bertram's (a few doors down to the right lakeside from Margaretville) **10)** Andersons' Landing/Margaretville (344 Townsend Harbor Rd).

**TO REGISTER:** Contact Paula Bertram [paula.bertram@verizon.net](mailto:paula.bertram@verizon.net) with any questions AND to register for the event **BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 1st** so we can buy enough food!!

**All proceeds will go directly to fanwort fighting efforts!!**

**MORE FUN EVENTS ON NEXT PAGE!!**



## More fun events from The Lake Management Group!

### When you join the fun, you help us raise \$\$ for LMG & the Fight Against Fanwort!

- '10 Taste of Italy - **\$2,896.38**
- '11 Beach Party - **\$2,714.87**
- '10 Beach Party - **\$642.84**
- '12 Taste of China - **\$4,895.69**
- '10 Yard Sale — **\$1,110.46**
- '13 Taste of Mexico - **\$1,839.36**
- '11 Taste of New Orleans - **\$2,594.80**

### “Drive-In” Movie and Campfire at the Beach –

This isn't really a drive-in, just a drive- or walk-to event! We will have a great family movie playing on the big screen at the Island Road Beach, as well as s'mores and a campfire. Date to be determined.



**Kids Treasure Hunt** – This event is designed for children and parents working in teams in canoes, rowboats, kayaks, etc., and combines elements of both a scavenger and a treasure hunt. If you do not have a boat or access to one but would like to be a part of the fun, never fear – your neighbors are here! We will make sure that anyone who would like to participate has the means to do so.

Once the pirates reach their destinations, they dig for treasure. To receive clues to this final destination, participants have to follow a map & locate an object or perform a task at each stop.



**Summer Carnival** – You know it, you love it... the summer carnival will take place at the end of the summer with games for everyone & prizes galore. Keep an eye on your inbox/mailbox for the date and great raffle opportunities!

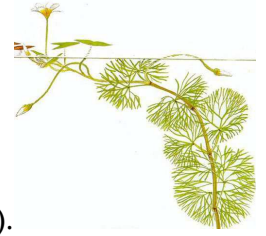
### Hickory Hills Lake Glass Bottom Boat

The boat seen below is the latest tool to help us find Fanwort in our lake. The boat was donated by Sean & Gayle O'Connell & the glass work was donated & completed by Monty Tech!!



### Fanwort Update

As most of you are all aware, Fanwort, an invasive weed, has been found in our lake. It's an aggressive weed which grows extremely quickly (up to 2" per day).



A patch of over 100 plants has been found off Island Rd (Mulpus Brook area), another large patch was found on the other side of Island Rd, many smaller patches by the Island Rd Beach, and the former Boat Ramp Cove is again infested despite all the hard work that went into eradicating it there.

In order to try and prevent additional spreading, which we **MUST** control, visual surveys are being done regularly by volunteers so we can identify any spread and take the necessary steps to mitigate it.

**We are aggressively recruiting for additional survey volunteers and Suction Harvester team volunteers.** If you'd like to help, please let us know.

Areas of suspected Fanwort are being marked. If you see one of these markers (noodle piece pictured below) in the lake, immediately leave the area and **DO NOT REMOVE THE MARKER!!**



Noodle Marker

Fanwort reproduces by fragmentation. Swimming or boating in an area with Fanwort could easily cause the plant to fragment & spread.

If you see fanwort **floating** on the top of the water, please pick it up. If you see it **growing**, immediately leave the area and **DO NOT TOUCH THE PLANT.**

Instead report the location by contacting Paula Bertram at (978) 582-9658 or [paula.bertram@verizon.net](mailto:paula.bertram@verizon.net), Fred Malcomb, 582-1284 or [fredmalcomb@comcast.net](mailto:fredmalcomb@comcast.net) or Betty MacDonald, 582-7474 or [DaveBettyMacDonald@comcast.net](mailto:DaveBettyMacDonald@comcast.net).

**Swimming, fishing and boating in ANY marked area is strictly prohibited.**

We are continuing to look for volunteer surveyors & Suction Harvester operators/divers. If you give a few hours or more to help, please contact Fred Malcomb at [fredmalcomb@comcast.net](mailto:fredmalcomb@comcast.net).



## Annual Shareholders Meeting

September 21, 2013

The Hickory Hills Landowners 35th Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley. The meeting is open to all shareholders in Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.



Any property owner interested in becoming a shareholder can do so by contacting the office. There is

a one time cost of \$240 to purchase a share. A share qualifies an owner to have a voice and vote in the management of the lake and 50% discount on Boat Stickers, ID Cards and Releases. Become a Shareholder and have your opinions heard!

Shareholders packets were sent July 15th. If you plan to attend the dinner and/or meeting, please complete the [registration form](#) and if you're not attending, please [sign the proxy box on the registration form](#) so **your vote will still be heard** and return this to the office.

## Final Notices for 2013 Annual Maintenance Fees

Your 2013 annual maintenance fees were due on May 1st. 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 most of our residents – Thank you! Final notices have been sent out.

Please send your payment to P.O. Box 298, Lunenburg, MA or feel free to use the black rectangular drop box to the left of the office door. Thank you!



### 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 and have some fun!

## Summer Youth Program!

We are very excited to be able to offer a Youth Program again this summer. It's being held 3 mornings per week at the Island Road Beach. If you're interested, please let us know ASAP



to be sure we save a spot for you! We are very fortunate to have Amanda Bingham as Youth Director. She's excited to have fun with the kids and we're looking forward to another great season for any child or grandchild of a HHL resident ages 5 - 12 who would like to participate.

If you haven't signed up, please send in your registration form today. We only have a few more spots!

There are many activities planned and we are looking forward to more great fun for the kids of Hickory Hills. Thank you to Amanda and her team!!!



**Beach Clean-up Day** — It is VERY much appreciated that residents take an active role in keeping the lake property clean. Thanks to the dedicated residents who did a fabulous job bringing the beaches back into shape after the winter. We wouldn't be able to enjoy them as we do without these folks donating their valuable time and energy! Thank you to everyone involved!

**Thank You, Thank you, Thank you!**  
**A HUGE THANKS go to the following residents!**

**Phyllis Andella** for spreading, planting & donating the purchase of bark, plants & flowers by the roadside at the Island Road beach again this year!

**John Pesenti** for donating lunch to the hard working volunteers who helped clean up Island Road Beach.



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## A Taste of Mexico!

The Lake Management Group hosted another great event for our lake, A Taste of Mexico! It was held on April 20th at the Leominster Elks. Entertainment was provided by The South Street Band with great food provided by Ixtapa Cantina. There were many raffle items donated by lake residents as well as a 50/50 raffle and a \$100.00 cash prize!!!



This year at the Taste of Mexico, they raised close to \$2,000 with proceeds going to help with our Fight against Fanwort!!

Thanks to the many people who worked so hard to make this a very successful and fun event.

## Summer Office Hours

Mon., Wed. & Thurs.

9:00 – 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 and

forms in the drop box located to the upper left of the Office door. The best way to reach the office is by email at [hickoryhills@net1plus.com](mailto:hickoryhills@net1plus.com).

## Beach Hours

The beaches are open from dawn to dusk. Please make sure your vehicles have HHL stickers when parking at the beaches & are not in the parking lot after 8:00 p.m. except for volleyball nights on Thursday's.



## Security Team & Contact Number

This season we have a new Security Team. Please welcome **Randy Gagne** and **Matthew Charpentier**. They are patrolling the lake area and beaches by boat (security boat engine was recalled and at the shop for 2 weeks, but is back in business) during varied hours every day throughout the summer. Please be prepared to show your IDs and have boat stickers visible on all watercrafts, as well as free resident car stickers on your automobile parked at our lots. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you 1) have a boating safety concern, 2) are wondering if Security is free to inspect your boat outside inspection hours, 3) notice a non-resident at one of our 3 beaches, 4) see a floating dock lost, or 5) see a tree log drifting in the lake, please call our **NEW security phone number at (978) 868-6940**. **If you have an emergency situation call the police directly.**

## Our Boat Entry Protocol

In order to prevent further introduction of invasive species into Hickory Hills, we have formalized the way in which boats are put into the lake from the



Island Road boat launch. The BOD has been in contact with most everyone who doesn't use the ramp. It is expected that anyone putting a boat into the lake from private shorelines follow the states regulations and guidelines for invasive species control. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

HHL will continue to staff the boat launch to perform boat and trailer inspections prior to allowing boats to be placed into the lake from the boat ramp. Additionally, HHL is working with the local marine dealers, who put a considerable number of boats into the lake, to standardize their processes to minimize the exposure of Hickory Hills to invasive species that come from other area lakes.

Thank you for all your cooperation in this evolving process to maintain the purity and scenic beauty of our wonderful lake.

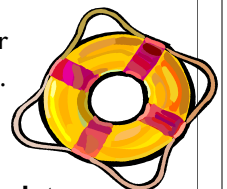
To learn more about the spread of invasive species & how to prevent it, please take a few minutes at this website and others: <http://www.protectyourwaters.net/>

## Registration of Boats and Motors

All watercrafts and motors must be registered through the office. Boat stickers are \$20.00 for non-shareholders and \$10.00 for shareholders.

Safe Boating Guides are available at the office!

**Please contact the office to get your boat or car stickers to park in one of our lots.**





## Safety & Wake Buoy's on Hickory Hills Lake

While the Hazard Red buoys represented in the map below are self explanatory (apologies to our black & white hard copy subscribers), the No Wake buoys deserve a few minutes of our time. First, the generic MA State rules and regulations *"The following speed restrictions address operating your boat near a swimming area: It is prohibited to operate within 150 feet of a shoreline that is used as a swimming area. It is prohibited to operate within 75 feet of a float or marker designating a swimming area. It is prohibited to operate your boat at greater than headway speed when operating 150 ft to 300 ft from a shoreline used as a swimming area. For the purpose of these regulations, headway speed is defined as the minimum speed a vessel may be operated to maintain steerage way, not to exceed 6 mph."*

Since the ENTIRE shore of HHL is essentially a swim area... at no time should a boat be operated at greater than headway speed within 150 feet of the shore (that is 1/2 of a football field!), ANY SHORE.

Thus, the No Wake locations have been chosen to simply remind boaters of their responsibility in those HIGH TRAFFIC coves for which it is not possible to maintain the required 150 ft distance from shore to motor above 6 mph. As you enter any cove with a No Wake buoy, you must maintain headway speed the ENTIRE time that you are "inside" of the buoy. You may only go to full throttle AFTER passing the buoy in the other direction (e.g. out of the cove), while maintaining 300 ft distance from shore.

**Headway Speed** is the slowest speed at which the motorboat can be operated and maintain steerage, but not to exceed 6 mph.

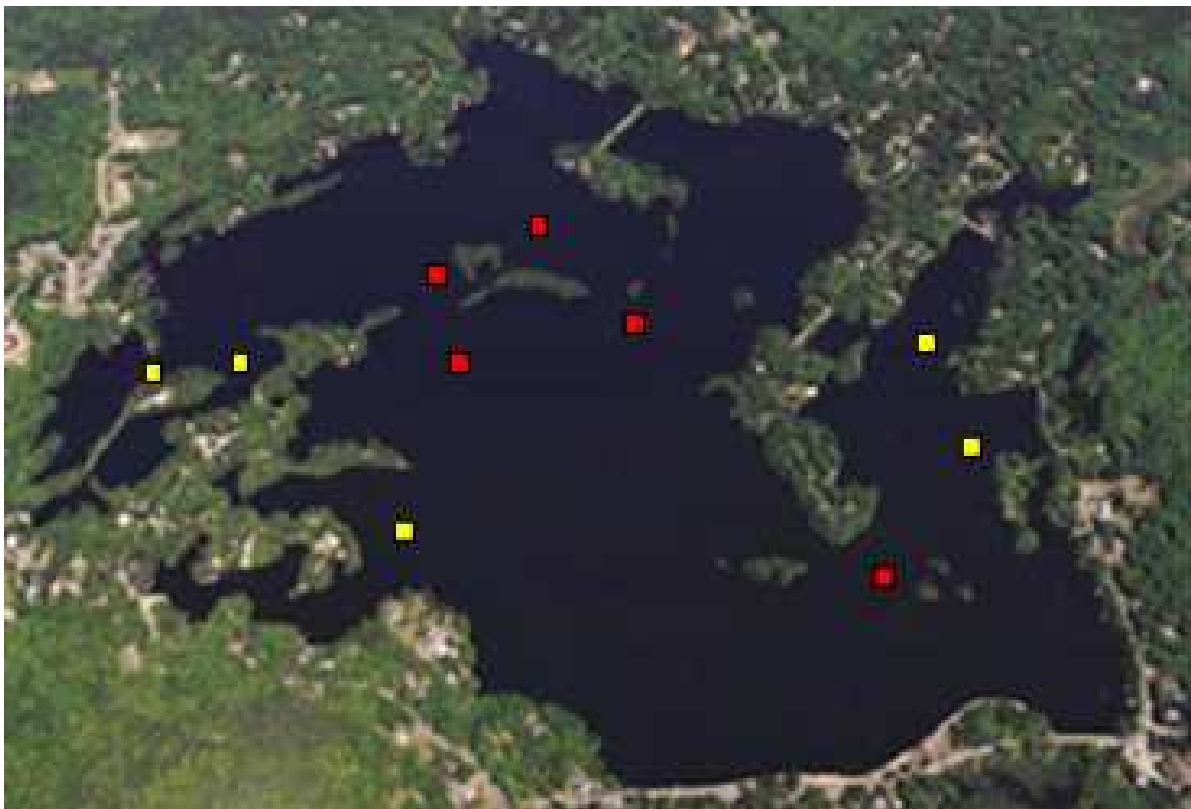
**No Wake** means operating a boat at headway speed as defined above, which means that no "white water" can be seen trailing the boat.

**Right of Way** — **Canoes, kayaks, and sailboats ALWAYS have the right of way on the lake.** Motorboats must maintain a distance to prevent the wash from motors splashing or causing excessive rocking of other boats.

These rules governing speed limits and right of way are state law.

The Official Massachusetts Boater Safety Handbook is now also in eBook. Get it on your Apple device, Nook version or in a PDF for desktop viewing here: <http://www.boat-ed.com/massachusetts/handbook>

## Hickory Hills Lake Buoy Locations



- Yellow Block represents No Wake Buoy location buoy
- Red Block represents Underwater Hazard location buoy



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## HHL Appreciates All Gift Donations!

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

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The following residents have donated to the  
**Harvester Fund**

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**General Fund**

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**Invasive Weed Fund**

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Hickory Hills very own Phyllis & Mario Andella, longtime residents of our fair lake, are spreading their wings to become Lunenburg's latest TV Super Stars with the launch of their new show "**La Tabella**" airing on Lunenburg Public Access Channel 9 !!

**La Tabella**, "the table", highlights the Andella's making simple, economical, traditional Italian meals that anyone can cook and everyone can enjoy. They also will be taking the show on the road in future episodes, to speak with some of our favorite local merchants about how they transform their freshest ingredients into delicious meals. **La Tabella** airs Saturday's & Sunday's at 9am & 8pm, Monday's & Friday's at 4pm and Wednesday's at 9pm on Channel 9.

Tune in to watch one of the loveliest couples on the lake.  
You won't want to miss them!



# Classifieds

## Paddle Boat for Sale

\$90.00 or BO

If interested, call 978-582-4582



## LOST KAYAK PADDLE!

One of our residents lost a Kayak Paddle a few weeks ago. If it washed up to your shoreline, please contact 978-582-0447 or email to

[hickoryhills@net1plus.com](mailto:hickoryhills@net1plus.com)

**THANK YOU!!**

## Sailboat for Sale

12' AMF Puffer, Sloop RIG (2 Sails), fiberglass with aluminum mast; currently stored at Hickory Hills Lake, Lunenburg, MA.

\$750 O/B/R/O.

If interested, contact Richard Clark @ 860-649-8520 or Nancy Sampson (cell) 203-241-5149.

Pictured below is not actual photo of the boat.



## Boat for Sale

\$999.00

2002 Mirror-craft 14' heavy-duty aluminum boat

2002 Johnson 8 HP included

If interested, call 978-582-7750



## Lake House for Sale

Adorable country cabin for sale, fully renovated, Energy Efficient New Roof, Windows, Siding, Instant Hot Water Heater. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, Open Kitchen/Living Room — all new. Beautiful yard on quiet street just 2.5 blocks from the beach. Presby Septic Installed less than 7 years ago. Turn Key & Ready for someone to come enjoy lake community living! Price Reduced \$154,000 — [Cindy cschicho@gmail.com](mailto:Cindy.cschicho@gmail.com) or call 315 391-4439.





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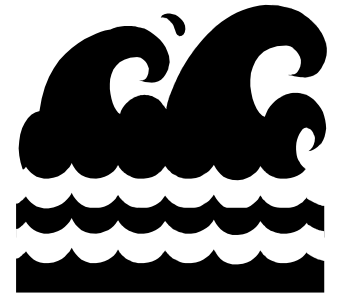
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