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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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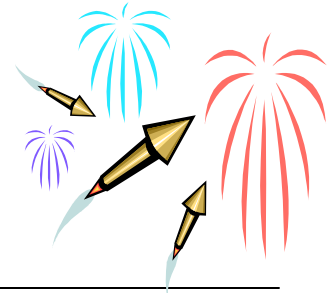
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Summer 2007



Hickory Hills 2007 Annual Boat Parade June 30, Saturday at Noon From Island Rd Beach



Safety Alert



Recently there was an incident on the lake that could have resulted in tragedy. Five young children attempted to swim across the lake to the islands with only a small inflatable raft. One of the children was only five years old, the others appeared to be under 10 years of age. When the children were overcome with exhaustion they began calling for help. Luckily a resident heard their pleas, jumped in his boat and rescued them.

Several unaccompanied young children have been observed swimming at the main beach, this cannot continue. Hickory Hills Landowners does not employ lifeguards, therefore, it is the responsibility of all parents to ensure the safety of their chil-

Annual Shareholders Meeting

September 15, 2007

The Hickory Hills Landowners Annual Shareholders Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley. 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. Payment qualifies an owner to attend or vote in the management of the lake. A meeting notice and shareholder packets will be 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 to our office.

Summer Reminder!

The summer has begun and the kids are out in droves having a ball. This is a reminder to all parents that the beaches of HHL do not have life guards and that the state and HHL *recommend* that children under the age of 14 not swim unless accompanied by an adult.

Parents who bring their own children to the beach should not have to be responsible for some one else's children too.

Bikes and dogs are not allowed on the beaches. We had several incidences of dogs roaming the beaches and frightening the beach goers and children. If you see a dog on the beach please get a description and let the office know where it lives. If you feel in danger please notify the Lunenburg police department at 978-582-4531. Thank you for your help in making this a safe and welcoming community.

Motor Stolen

This is something we hate to see happen...a resident on Cliffview Terrace reported that his 3.3. hp Mercury motor (serial # 06716581) was stolen from his boat sometime between Friday night June 22 and Sunday morning June 24.

A police report has been filed, if you know anything about this please call the office.



Swim Lessons

Unfortunately, due to minimum interest and escalating financial costs, Hickory Hills is not offering the children's swim program this year. We hope to offer them again in the future.

However, swimming lessons are available through the Town of Lunenburg. See information below for this summer's classes at the Town Beach at Whalom Lake.

Whalom Lake Swim Lessons

Beach Director : Genevieve Nass
Town Beach Telephone #: (978) 343-3090

Red Cross Swimming Classes: Begin July 9 thru July 20 and July 23 thru August 3 (two 2-week sessions).

Registration for swimming lessons; First session registration will be from June 16 thru July 6. Second ses-



sion registration will be from June 16 thru July 20, at the Town Beach.

To participate in the Swimming Lessons Program, a family pass must be purchased (cost \$40). Beach passes must be presented when registering for swimming lessons. Swimming lessons (in addition to cost of

pass): \$15/child or \$30/family

Additionally, through generous donations to the Bruce Richards memorial fund, private swim lessons are available for adults at a local health club. Currently we have one adult taking advantage of this program. Please contact the office if you are interested in participating.

Lake Security Team

This season we have a new Security Team. They are Calyn Jones, Andy Loescher and David Myers. They are patrolling the lake area by bike, car and boat during varied hours every day throughout the summer. Please be prepared to show your IDs and have boat stickers visible. 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.

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!

Bass Club Schedule

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

Split Tournament	July 21	6 am to 12 pm 2 pm to 8 pm
Billy Proctor III Mem. Regular Tournament	Aug 18 Sept 15	6 am to 5 pm 7 am to 4 pm
Lobster Bake/Awards	Oct 6	7 am to 3 pm

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





Preserve Our Lake *By Ken Takvorian*

Our lake enhances our daily lives. It provides many recreational activities. It enhances the value of our homes, provides aesthetic values and habitat for wildlife. However, our day-to-day activities near our lake can have detrimental effects.

Our lake is experiencing increasing levels of pollution by sediments, pathogens, and fertilizers that run off and promote algae and aquatic weeds. Weeds in turn can reduce oxygen levels, damage fish populations and also reduce the clarity of the water, which can affect swimming, boating and fishing. Other pollutants of concern are human bacteria, oils, grease and hazardous/toxic materials.

What causes water quality problems? Rainwater that falls on or in the Lunenburg watershed runs through the ground and enters the lake. These sources of water include storm water erosion and sediments from development sites where vegetation has been disturbed, use of fertilizers and pesticides on lawns, and septic system discharges. Our lake receives dog wastes, waste oils, lawn fertilizers/pesticides and anything else we dump in our yards.

We must control the invasion of our lake by in-

vasive aquatic plants. All boats/trailers need to be thoroughly cleaned before they are put into our lake. Invasive aquatic plants are easily spread by fragmentation and if left unchecked will quickly (less than 5 years) take over our lake. This can result in a thick mat of smelly decaying weeds and poor lake quality for boating and swimming. Do your part by looking for and pulling by the root the Purple Loosestrife, bagging it and letting it dry out before discarding. Join the Loosestrife Vigilantes!

A few tips:

- Consider using Eco-Lawn, www.savegree.biz, within 15 feet of the lake. It needs very little watering, no fertilizers and little or no cutting to look beautiful.
- Have our septic system inspected and pumped every two years so that it operates properly.
- Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorus or contain no phosphorus.
- Do not dispose of hazardous wastes in your household septic system.
- Minimize your use of water.

Only we can save our lake for our future generations.

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.

Special thanks to the Meier Family of Northfield Rd who went out on a rainy Saturday and filled load of trash bags and got the Brookview Beach cleaned!! The Island Rd Beach clean up continues with the help of John D'Agostino, Chris Albert, Charlie Kimball, Neal Sullivan and others. Thank you to all who were involved!

Weed Harvester

Thanks to Jay Simeone, the weed harvester has had some needed maintenance and repair work done to it. It will be launched soon and in operation for the season. We are looking for people to help with operating the machine this summer. If you are over eighteen years old, somewhat mechanically inclined, and enjoy spending time on the lake, call Jay Simeone @ 978-582-4953.

If you would like to have your beach area harvested, please call or email the office at hickory-hills@net1plus.com to put your name on the list.



Fireworks Trivia

This article provided by Keith Churchill

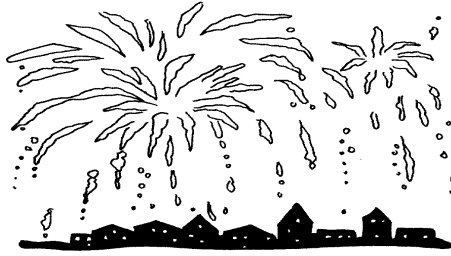
The Chinese invented gunpowder in the 13th century. Later ancient Chinese alchemists refined the formula to potassium nitrate, charcoal and sulfur to invent fireworks, which they used in ceremonies to scare away evil spirits. Separately the ingredients are not dangerous; it is when they are mixed together that they become explosive.

Marco Polo brought the fireworks formula from China back to the East in the 13th century. It was in the 14th century that fireworks were first used for pleasure. In the renaissance era the Catholic Church used fireworks to bring a touch of magic to many Saints Day celebrations.

Original colors of fireworks were so pale they were almost nonexistent until the 1830's when Italian alchemists changed the formula from potassium nitrate to potassium chlorate, a more energetic use of oxygen, which boosted the rate of oxygen from 1,700 degrees Celsius to 2,000 degrees Celsius and enhanced the colors. Adding different metal salts to the original gunpowder formula gives us the huge array of colors we see today. For instance, copper produces blue, strontium produces red, barium produces green, etc., and when no salts are added you get white.

In the Elizabethan period fireworks were used as high entertainment, mostly for the upper classes, where usually a dragon that emitted showers of sparks was used as the main entertainment. Fireworks today have become more democratic and are fashioned for everyone.

America's largest and oldest fireworks making company, Zambelli's, an Italian/American company, was located in New Castle, New Jersey



in 1893. Since static electricity or sparks produced by machinery could set off an explosion at any time fireworks are still made the old fashioned way there; by hand. Even buildings at Zambelli's were constructed with explosive precautions in mind. The walls are extra thick and the roof is weak. If an explosion does occur the blast will go upwards and not outwards.

Once the black powder at the bottom of an aerial mortar is ignited it travels vertically, at about 300 mph, approximately 100 feet for each inch in diameter of the shell, for instance a six-inch shell would travel 600 feet before it exploded and could produce a display 600 feet across the night sky.

Boston's 4th of July celebration, the largest and oldest independence celebration in the United States, which now a days draws nearly a half a million spectators, incorporates modern day computer technology as well as pyrotechnics to set off the fireworks. Using computers to match the timing of the different types of explosions to the words of a song, such as "Great Balls of Fire" or the "1812 overture" creates a spectacular display.



The display, containing approximately three and a half ton of explosive devices and about 5,700 mortars that require individual firings takes a week just to set up, is set off from a barge in the Charles River and is accompanied by music for a grand effect. Although the 1812 overture was written to celebrate the defeat of Napoleon by Russia and has nothing to do with American independence it is the most commonly used music at most firework celebrations.



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 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 issue boat or parking stickers.

Final Notices for 2007 Annual Maintenance Fees

Your 2007 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 on June 1, Please send in your payment before this date 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 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 only.



Welcome New Residents

Hickory Hills Landowners, welcomes our new residents to our lake community. We hope you have met some of your neighbors and are enjoying a great summer. Welcome Robert and Stephanie Novacek on Island Rd.

And we welcome new HHL shareholders this year; Erik and Gail Dellasanta on Woodland Drive.



HHL Appreciates All Gift Donations!

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

Deborah Anderson	Michael Immerso
Erik and Meghan Arnold	Shannon & Jim Leblanc
Jane and Bill Blake	Dennis & Susan Lozier
Jon & Janice Brockelbank	Joe & Theresa Luca
Barbara Brown	Dave & Betty MacDonald
Helen Clapp	John & Judy Male
William Hahn	Michael and Betsy Masciarelli
Rita Masciarelli	Peter & Molly Popieniuck
Barbara & Michael Meier	Art & Sandy Ragusa
Timothy Richards	Tom and Pat Siciliano
Lorraine and Mark Stevens	Imre & Eleanor Toth
Evelyn Wyman	

We do still plan to build a **New Building** in the near future and we are grateful for donations from:

Erik and Meghan Arnold	Tom and Paula Bertram
Barbara Brown	John deBettencourt
Jane Doyle	Gloria Gerry
Mary Goodnow	Shannon and Jim Leblanc
Dennis and Susan Lozier	John and Judy Male
Michael and Betsy Masciarelli	John & Kim Morse
Gene Normandin	John Pesenti
Mike Nault & Bernadette Progin	Art & Sandra Ragusa
Harry & Helena Semerjian	Lorraine and Mark Stevens
Kent and Deb St.Vrain	

These residents have donated to the Harvester:

Paul and Dee Anderson	Ken Franklin
Erik and Meghan Arnold	Donna Richards
Phil Athorn	Regina McGovern
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Susan O'Sullivan	
Fran & Pat Murphy	
Dennis & Susan Lozier	
Larry & Jean Martin	
Dave & Betty MacDonald	





Speaking of Donations! Here is another way we are raising money:

Support the Island Road New Building Fund!

For a \$5 donation to the New Building Fund
We will send you one oval HHL bumper Sticker!



Stickers are available at the Island Road office.

Or send your contribution along with a Self Addressed STAMPED Business Envelope to:

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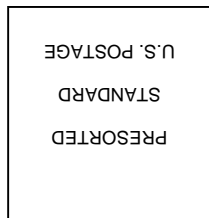
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For sale: 16' Starcraft aluminum boat set-up for fishing on Hickory Hills many features & extras. Call 582-9675 for details, \$2,500.00 firm.

For Sale: '94 Mazda Pick up B4000 LE V6 4.0 liter 4x4, extended cab, with A/C, sunroof, split front seat, factory bedliner, split rear window, new rear brakes. In good shape, one owner, 175k miles. Asking \$3,200, call 978-855-0155



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