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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.

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Ice and Water Safety Program

The Lunenburg Fire Department held a safety program for the residents of Hickory Hills on February 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex. This program was very well attended by lake residents of all ages.

Captain Patrick Sullivan and Fire Chief Scott Glenn provided an excellent and worthwhile presentation. Captain Sullivan showed a brief video about hypothermia and what you should do if you fall through the ice. Captain Sullivan also showed the audience the various life vests that the department uses for ice rescue and the advantages and disadvantages of each. The Fire Department provided many informative handouts and offered tours to the attendees. Everyone present benefited from this worthwhile program.

One point that was stressed throughout the program was to call 911 the minute that you see someone in trouble, it could make the difference between life and death.

Reminder:

Annual Shareholders' Meeting

The Hickory Hills Landowners Annual Shareholders meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007 at the Bull Run Restaurant. In order to participate in the meeting and the management of Landowners you must be a shareholder by June 30, 2007. Any resident interested in purchasing a share can send a check for \$240.00 made out to Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc. Shareholders receive a 50% discount for ID cards, boat stickers and release fees. If you have questions regarding shares please call the office.

March Mixer— Lisa Normandin

annual March Mixer was held at the Eastwood Club on March 17, 2007. Ray Richards provided the entertainment for the evening and many residents were busy dancing up a storm. The raffle items were very plentiful this year, and Susan Oram did an excellent job as emcee (as usual). The top raffle item a self-inflatable life vest with a value of \$200.00 was provided from the Adult Learn to Swim program in memory of Bruce Richards. Dee Anderson was the lucky winner of this valuable vest.

The food was delicious and plentiful and a good time was had by all. I would like to thank Bill and Betsy Kennerson, Brian and Karen Sanderson, Phil and Andrea Moore, and Patrick and Patti McColl for all of their hard work to make this a fun night for our lake community. I would also like to thank the many fine vendors, businesses and residents that make contributions to our raffle. This year, money raised at the Mixer was given to our new building fund

Spring & Summer

Office Hours May — August

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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.

This beautiful Harlequin wood duck was captured on camera by resident Suzanne Dudley of Island Road.

2007 Annual Bills

The 2007 bills for our annual maintenance fees were mailed on April 1 and are due by May 1. Please be sure to update your email addresses and phone numbers. Check to make sure we have all the details on your watercraft and make any changes on the form provided. Please take a minute to read the letter enclosed; it will answer some of the frequently asked questions.

Please remember we cannot give parking stickers for cars without first seeing a copy of the vehicle registration. This is one of the few ways we have to insure residents only are using our lake. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Here's hoping we all have a safe and fun season!

Recreational Vehicles

We are a diverse, unique community that offers a variety of recreational activities. Some of those activities are quieter than others, and during the winter months the office received some complaints regarding snowmobiles and ATV's on the Lake. The Board and several residents have taken an active role in educating residents regarding the safe use of recreational vehicles. To prevent riding on the main beach, the area was roped off and appropriate signage was placed along the marked trail. Next year, it is the intent of the Board, with the assistance of some dedicated riders, to rope off the Hemlock beach as well. Signs were placed on all of the islands informing residents that vehicular traffic is prohibited. Next year, flexible signposts will also be placed on the Islands to reinforce this restriction.

Our thanks go to Jim LeBlanc and Jack Kutarnia who spent many hours patrolling the Lake during the winter, informing residents of the rules and addressing concerns. Thank you to Tom Bertram, Bill Narus, Pete Charpentier and several others who assisted with marking trails, roping off the beaches and placing signs. Next Winter, Jim LeBlanc and Tom Bertram have volunteered to make themselves available to residents to try to address concerns regarding snowmobiles and ATV's.

As a community we must all treat each other with respect. Through a special Winter Advisory bulletin the Board educated both riders and non-riders about winter use of the Lake. The Board looks forward to working cooperatively with all residents in the future to ensure that we all peacefully co-exist.

Board of Directors Nominations

The Nominating Committee is accepting names of people interested in serving on the Board of Directors during 2007-2008. One year positions to be filled at the September 15th Annual Meeting are: President, Vice, President, Treasurer, and Clerk. Two-year positions to be filled are three Director positions.

Any shareholder who would like to be nominated must notify the Nominating Committee by written application through our office in person, email hickoryhills@netlplus.com or by mail to post office Box 298 before May 15. The names and biographical data on selected nominees will be mailed to shareholders in mid July.

Invasive Weed Advisory

Jim Leblanc

We are very lucky to live on a lake that does not presently have Eurasian Milfoil or any other invasive water plants. In fact, Hickory Hills is — remarkably — one of only four lakes in this state to be free of Eurasian Milfoil. The reason we don't have this invader is that few boats with trailers are being transported from lake to lake. You may have read in the news last year about the problems at Lake Shirley and Lake Whalom caused by Eurasian Milfoil and other bad species of weeds. To prevent these destructive weeds from entering our lake, we all have to take responsibility and carefully inspect the trailers that transport boats to our lake.

After talking with a few marine dealers, I will no longer let the marine dealers transport my boat into this lake. At the beginning and end of the season, it is common practice by such dealers to send the scissor boat trailer to Lake Shirley, Lake Whalom, and then send it here. Any weeds left on the trailer could drift off the trailer and consequently contaminate our lake. I know that a lot of us don't own trailers, which makes it difficult to put boats in or take them out of the lake as the seasons change. However, Gary Casey of Peninsula Drive does have a trailer and is willing to put in or take out your boat for a \$50 fee. His telephone number is 978-582-6224. I hope that you all consider this as a way to ensure minimal danger to our lake. I don't know if we can stop milfoil invasion, but hopefully we can delay it for many years.

Swimming Lessons

Hickory Hills Landowners is offering adult swimming lessons with funds donated in memory of Bruce Richards. The YMCA in Fitchburg offers semi-private lessons and Orchard Hills Athletic Club offers private lessons. If interested contact our clerk, Lisa Normandin.

*We are still trying to determine if we will provide a children's swim program this year. Please check our website after May 1st for an update.

Beach Clean Up Day

Our annual Beach Clean up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 19** starting at **9:00 a.m.**

Meet at any of the three beaches with your rakes. Anyone with a truck who can help take some yard waste to dump would be greatly appreciated. Come, meet some neighbors and make our lake property look its best for spring.

Our Condolences

Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc. expresses our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of...

Robert L. Keane of Brookview Terrace who died at the age of 92 after a brief illness. Mr. Keane accomplished a great deal while moving through life on crutches. He was diagnosed with polio at the age of 13, leaving him crippled. Despite setbacks, Mr. Keane managed to build his own home, fixing roof shingles by climbing the ladder with crutches. He became the first handicapped person to obtain a Massachusetts driver's license at the age of 19 by designing and building levers to drive his car. Bob earned the respect of his coworkers and employer during his 35 year career with Raytheon Corporation in Waltham. He will be missed by his neighbors.

Ernest T. Lagasse died at 87 on February 12th in New Brittan, Conn. Mr. Lagasse, his wife Jeannine (who died in 1998) and their family made their home on Island Road for over 30 years. was formerly employed at Simon Saw & Steel in Fitchburg as a technician.

Yard Waste Days for Lunenburg Residents

The Lunenburg Landfill off Youngs Road will be open for consecutive Saturdays:

April 28 through June 2

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Acceptable materials are grass clippings, bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, brush (with a diameter not to exceed 3 inches, unlimited length). All containers must be removed and taken by the resident, including bags, boxes, barrels, trashcans, tarps, flower pots.

No household garbage, trash, or rubbish of any kind will be accepted.

Access will be restricted to the disposal area. Commercial landscapers will not be allowed to dump.