



Waves

The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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Safety — A Top Priority

Now that winter has arrived there have been recreational vehicles utilizing the Lake. The Board of Directors wishes to remind riders of some basic safety requirements. Recreational vehicle operators must be in full control of their vehicle at all times and operate in a safe and responsible manner. Riders should not encroach on skating rinks or private property. All recreational vehicles and riders are required by law to have the following

- Approved Helmet
- Adequate braking System
- Adequate muffler designed to reduce unusual or excessive noise and obnoxious fumes.
- Each recreation vehicle must be equipped with and display after sunset, one or more headlights, a red rear light and red rear reflector.

There have been several complaints regarding excessively loud machines on the lake. According to Chapter 90B Section 24, no snow vehicle

and no recreation vehicle shall be operated which makes an unusual or excessive noise or which emits obnoxious fumes.



Vehicles that are not equipped in accordance with the law **will** be reported to local authorities. Please be respectful of other resident's rights.

Blocking off skating areas with logs or placing obstacles on the ice that pose a danger to others is strictly prohibited. Please do not put your ice rink in the middle of a well-traveled area or in front of a trailhead. Respect is a two way street.

Recreational vehicles on the islands and beaches damages the tree roots and causes erosion. The Islands have been posted with no Snowmobile or ATV signs and the Island Road beach has been marked off. **Stay off the islands with ALL vehicles** and use care when crossing the beaches. Stay in marked trails! **All vehicles are strictly prohibited on the dam.** Violators **WILL** be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.



See flyer inside: Annual March Mixer date and times! HELP is needed!...please call Sue at 582-0445

Summer Youth Program

The Board of Directors would like to offer a part-time youth program this summer if there is sufficient interest. The program would be open to children in Hickory Hills and grand-children of residents. The program would run approximately six weeks, 2-4 hours per day at the main beach,

weather permitting. Sports, crafts and nature activities would be offered. In order to determine the level of interest we are asking that interested individuals call or email the office with the ages and number of children who would participate. [email hickoryhills@net1plus.com or phone 978-582-6365.



Show me the Money!

Once in a while residents ask... "Where does all the money go?" Only shareholders receive annual reports at the annual meeting. So we thought we would take this opportunity to provide you with a summary of the HHL operational expenses, and like your budgets at home, ours is always tight. Numbers have been rounded for easier reading.

The list below is the operational expenses that are supported by our minimal annual maintenance fee:

• Lake and Property	\$ 8,000
• Dam Maintenance	\$ 19,000
• Facilities, supplies & postage	\$ 11,000
• Office payroll	\$ 21,000
• Replaced photocopier	\$ 1,400
• Taxes	\$ 11,000
• Insurance, legal and accounting	\$ 12,000
• Security	\$ 5,500
• Community Events	\$ 4,000
• Harvester	\$ 2,000

TOTAL \$ 94,900

And for our maintenance fee we all have the opportunity to enjoy living in a pristine private lake community with..

- careful monitoring of water quality and vegetation
- Weed Harvester to clear swimming areas
- Hickory Woods, 47 acres of beautiful woods with marked trails for walking, x-country skiing and snowmobiling
- Website and newsletter to inform residents
- A carefully maintained and State compliant dam
- Various community events
- Maintenance of private HHL roads
- A very dedicated, unpaid Board of Directors who works diligently to maintain the lake and surrounding property for the benefit of all.



...and that's where the money goes.

Emergency Action Plan

Recently the Board of Directors with the assistance of Tighe and Bond Engineering completed an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Dam.

The EAP is a standard document, required by the state for all dams. The EAP, as defined in the plan itself "... establishes the guidelines and procedures to be followed when an emergency condition is identified that may cause or is causing failure of the dam. The general purpose... is to encourage thorough and consistent emergency action planning to help save lives and reduce property damage in areas that would be affected by dam failure or operation. This plan defines responsibilities and provides procedures designed to identify unusual and unlikely conditions which may endanger Hickory Hills Dam in time to take mitigative action and to notify the appropriate emergency management officials of possible, impending, or actual failure of the dam."

The plan has been sent to the State following approval by appropriate local authorities.

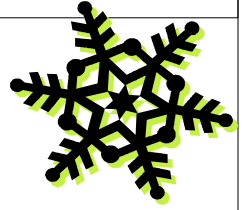
We want to acknowledge and thank Richard Clark and his family of Brookview Terrace for their generous donation to the lake in December.

Our Condolences — We express our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of **Carmen Rock-Page** of Townsend Harbor Road who passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve, at the Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton.

She was well known by many for her loyalty, kind-hearted spirit and giving nature. Carmen loved the sun and the beach and enjoyed entertaining her friends and family. Working with the public in the food and beverage industry she earned legendary status at the renowned Bull Run Restaurant. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Edmond G. Page and her four children, step-children and grandchildren.



Winter Rules — Use of Hickory Hills Lake Area



To ensure a safe and enjoyable use of the Hickory Hills Lake area, we remind you of the following rules established by the state, town, and/or Hickory Hills Landowners:

1. Use of Hickory Hills Landowners' facilities, lake beaches, and islands is limited to licensed residents with current IDs and their guests.
2. Keep your ID with you while you use Landowners' facilities.
3. Guests must be accompanied by their host who has an ID while using Landowners' facilities.
4. Property owners who rent their homes are responsible for obtaining IDs for their renters.
5. Renters are not eligible to use Landowners' facilities unless they have identification.
6. No resident who is delinquent paying annual charges can be the guest of a resident who has paid annual charges.
7. Property owners are personally responsible for the behavior of their family members and guests while the latter are using Landowners' facilities.
8. Ice fishing is limited to residents with current IDs and their guests. A Massachusetts State Fishing License also is required.
9. Ice fishing is permitted from dawn to dusk only. no ice drills are to be operated before 6:00 a.m.
10. Ice fishing shall be done in compliance with all the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts including those

laws and regulations concerning the number of fishing holes to be drilled each day and the size and number of fish to be taken.

11. No open fires are permitted on the lake or on the land. (The town also prohibits open fires.) All fires must be contained (grill, hibachi, etc.). All materials brought on Landowners' facilities must be removed.
12. Vehicles may not be parked on public roads during snow-storms because they will obstruct snow plowing (a town ordinance). For fire purposes, all roads shall be kept clear during any type of weather.
13. Islands, except those privately owned and posted, may be used daylight hours only (one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset).
14. No trespassing on the spillway.
15. If a dog falls through the ice, do not attempt a rescue. The Lunenburg Rescue Squad has a flotation suit and can arrive within a few minutes to make a safe rescue.
16. No glass bottles or glass of any kind are permitted on Landowners' facilities.
17. Use of snowmobiles and recreation vehicles on Landowners facilities is limited to residents with current IDs and their guests. Snowmobiles and recreation vehicles also must be registered with the State of Massachusetts. Operating a snowmobile or recreation vehicle shall be done in compliance with all the laws and regulation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.





Overview of Massachusetts's Recreation Vehicle Laws

The following activities are prohibited in accordance with Massachusetts's recreation vehicle laws. For the complete law refer to Massachusetts General Law, [Chapter 90B](#) (Sections 20-35) and 323 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 3.00

Operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Operating on public ways or upon the right-of-way limits of a controlled access highway.

Failure to come to a complete stop when crossing a public way (must yield to motor vehicle traffic). No person under 16½ years of age shall operate across a public way.

Operating so as to endanger any person or property.

Operating at an unreasonable, improper, and unsafe speed for existing conditions.

Operating on land of another without permission of the owner. (Permission may be given to an individual or group).

Operating within 150 feet of an occupied residence without permission of the owner unless operating on the property of another for which permission has been granted.

Operating in a manner so as to harass or chase wildlife or domestic animals.

Operating on a wetland such as a bog, marsh, or swamp so as to destroy or damage the wetland, if such area has been designated and posted as a protected wetland area.

Operating in Wildlife Management Areas. Visit <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/323cmr30.pdf> to view the full MA law.



Classifieds

Land for sale: Large wooded corner lot on beautiful Hickory Hills Lake, 2.7 acres. Approved 3 bedroom septic design, water view and lake rights, \$120,000.

Contact Hickory Hills Office at 978-582-6465 or hickoryhillslake@netlplus.com

HHL Office Hours

During the winter we will hold office hours by appointment only during the Monday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. time slot.

We will resume regular office hours again beginning in April. Please email the office at hickoryhills@netlplus.com or leave a message at the 978-582-6365

HHL GOALS for FY07-08

The BOD wanted to share the aggressive goals they have defined for this fiscal year and with everyone's help we hope to reach them.

1. Completion and approval of Emergency Action Plan
2. Complete a three to five year Financial Plan
3. Work to create a peaceful coexistence for residents and recreational vehicle users.
4. Complete the sale of the Beachview/Wildwood Rd property
5. Increase the number of volunteers and community involvement
6. Increase the number of community events
7. Continue to educate residents about invasive aquatic plants and how to control their spread