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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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Spring 2009



Hickory Hills 2009 Annual Boat Parade July 4th, Saturday at Noon From Island Road Beach



Help Wanted: Youth Program Director

Last year's summer youth program was a huge success, therefore, the Board of Directors would like to continue offering a part-time youth program this summer.

We are looking for a new Director for the 2009 season. Last year's Director, Diane is unable to run the program this year but is willing to pass on her materials, help and knowledge. The program would run approximately six weeks, 2-4 hours per day 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.



Beach Clean Up Day

Our annual Beach Clean up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9th** starting at 9:00 a.m. A scheduled rain date is set for May 16th.

We will all have had our fill of cleaning up after the winter storms by this time so help is appreciated. 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 STORM DEBRIS

Lunenburg Landfill off Young's Road (behind Tri-Town Drive-In, all the way to the rear and through the gate) remains open dawn to dusk 7 days a week for yard waste. No bags or containers can remain at the landfill. Burning permits are available from the Fire Dept.



Annual Town Meeting and Elections

The Town Meeting will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The Annual Town Elections will be held Saturday, May 16. Be sure to get out and cast your vote on Lunenburg's important issues.



Board of Directors Nominations



The Nominating Committee is accepting names of people interested in serving on the Board of Directors during 2009-2010. One year positions to be filled at the September 19th 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 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.

If you would like to become a shareholder of Hickory Hills Landowners there is a one time fee of \$240, which gives you a vote and a voice in the management of the Corporation. Please contact the office.

2009 Annual Bills



The 2009 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 and make any changes on the form provided.

To obtain a car stickers 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 residents only are using our lake facilities. Even if you had a car sticker before we cannot issue stickers without first seeing a copy of your 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!

Annual Shareholders' Meeting Reminder



The Hickory Hills Landowners Annual Shareholders' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009. In order to participate in the meeting and the management of Hickory Hills Landowners Inc. you must be a shareholder by June 30, 2009. 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.

Kayak Class Offered — April 18th

Have you ever been interest in building a traditional sea kayak? Join local boat builder Andrew J. Malcomb at his shop on Saturday April 18th at 11am. He will introduce you to the skin-on-frame Greenland Sea Kayak, which is a custom designed and built vessel thousands of years in the making. He builds these boats to order and runs individualized classes. Come see a small piece of the Arctic on Hickory Hills Lake! Please call 978-582-1284 for more information.

Children Swim Lessons

Unfortunately, Hickory Hills Landowners will not be offering a Swim Program for children this year. The town of Lunenburg offers swim lessons for residents at the Lunenburg Town Beach at Whalom Lake. If you are interested in these lessons, please check the local paper for information or contact the Town Clerk directly at 978-582-4131.



Spring & Summer 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.



Healthy Living – Healthy Lake

As part of the newly formed Lake Management Group of Hickory Hills we were offered our first education field trip. On Saturday, January 23, 2009, we joined a small group of Hickory Hill residents who were fortunate enough to attend a Lake and Pond Management Conference held at Worcester State College, sponsored by the Massachusetts Congress of Lake and Pond Associations (MACOLAP). This day of workshops proved to be well worth the personal sacrifice of a precious Saturday. Not only did we acquire a wealth of information, but we returned home to our lakeside properties motivated to doing more to protect the lake that we love so much.

Because of the availability of The WAVES, we decided to utilize the Hickory Hills newsletter to share information that could be useful in making us all better neighbors in regards to the health of our lake.

In addition to sharing information through the newsletter, we also hope to encourage a renewed sense of concern and commitment to preserving the natural resources in our lake neighborhood.

We hope that you will take the time to read the information provided and to give serious consideration to some of the suggestions that are included. We also encourage your input and involvement. Please feel free to contact us at kerrysullivan163@comcast.net or davebettymacdonald@comcast.net

Our first suggestion is about how we can make a small change in the way we wash our dishes and dramatically improve the quality of our lake water.

Interestingly enough, the current available dishwashing liquid and laundry detergents no longer contain phosphates.

Clean Dishes and A Clean Lake

Dirty soapy water from your dishwasher flows into your septic system, and can leach into the nearest waterway, bringing with it lots of phosphorus. Phosphorus is a nutrient and causes excessive aquatic plant growth.

You can help improve water quality by using no phosphorus dishwasher detergent. Read labels and make sure phosphorus is not a listed ingredient. The most common brands of dishwasher detergent contain phosphorus, with the amounts varying considerably by brand and by type, with the lesser amounts in gels and liquids, and greater amount in tablets/pacs. The following chart shows percentage of phosphate by brand and type.

Automatic Dishwasher

| <u>Detergent</u> | <u>% Phosphorus</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Citrus Magic Liquid | 0 |
| Seventh Generation | 0 |
| Sun & Earth Conc. Pacs | 0 |
| Trader Joe's Powder | 0 |
| Palmolive Gel | 3.3 |
| Electrasol Gel/Pwd/Pacs | 3.7-8.7 |
| Sunlight Gel/Pwd/Pacs | 4.3-8.6 |
| Hannaford Gel/Pwd | 4.0-5.3 |
| Cascade Gel/Comp/Pacs | 4.5-8.0 |



Betty took some time out of her day to investigate the local grocery stores to help us all find the best dishwasher products that have no phosphates.

Wal-Mart:

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| Palmolive Eco+ Gel | 75 oz | \$2.73 |
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Market Basket:

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| Palmolive Eco+ Gel | 75 oz | \$3.99 |
| Planet Powder | 75 oz | \$4.99 |

Hannaford (Twin City only):

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| Palmolive Eco+ Gel | 75 oz | \$4.49 |
| Planet Powder | 75 oz | \$5.29 |
| Seventh Generation Pwd | 45 oz | \$4.79 |
| Ecover tabs | 25 for | \$7.12 |
| Wave Gel | 40 oz | \$5.77 |

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| Palmolive Eco+ Gel | 75 oz | \$4.79 |
| Seventh Generation Pwd | 45 oz | \$4.29 |
| Sun & Earth Conc. Pacs | 20 for | \$5.99 |

Coming next: "Caring for Your Landscape"

Alert: If you want to know more right now about how to grow a low maintenance, lush green lawn, that requires little water and cutting and uses no chemical fertilizer contact us for more information.

Here's to a Healthy Lake!...your neighbors,
Kerry Sullivan and Betty MacDonald

****Please cut this out and save for future reference****



Island Bass Fishing and BBQ Club

Hello again from our Island Bass and BBQ Club. Last year we had a great time with lots of big fish caught. Chris Albert made a big push at the last couple of events but could not catch 4 time champion John Leblanc. Please continue to practice catch and release on all the large bass, as there are not enough of them and they are really fun to catch!

Anyone interested in fishing with us please contact Jim Leblanc at 582-7922. We have rules to protect our lake, our fish, and our fun! Hope to see you all out on the lake fishing this year or at least while I'm out fishing. Hope you all have a great summer, your friend Jim Leblanc.

The Bass Fishing Club 2008 event dates are:

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| April 18 | 7:00 am to 3:00 pm | |
| May 16 | 6:00 am to 4:00 pm | |
| June 13 | 6:00 am to 5:00 pm | Buddy Brown Memorial |
| July 11 | 6:00 to 12:00 p.m. | Split Team Event |
| | 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. | |
| Aug 8 | 6:00 am to 5:00 pm | B. Proctor III Memorial |
| Sept 12 | 7:00 am to 4:00 pm | |
| Oct 3 | 7:00 am to 3:00 pm | Lobster Bake Awards |

Is the Lake Getting Bigger?

Nope, the lake isn't getting bigger. But the shoreline around the lake and the islands is falling away, that is, it's eroding. In fact, old timers on the lake note that we've lost a small island to erosion; Dot Island has disappeared.

How could this happen? Waves caused by winds, motorboats, and storms break along the shore and wash soil into the water. Once soil drops away, it doesn't build back up. Fluctuations in the water levels can also contribute to erosion by alternately covering and exposing roots, putting stress on trees and plants on the shore. And compacted soils make pathways for water runoff, further eroding surfaces.

No one method works to solve all types of erosion. However, we can take action to slow the process in a several ways that contribute to the health of our lake and that don't require permitting.

- Slow to "no-wake" speed when motoring near the shore and island
- Plant native vegetation and trees along your shore to stabilize soils
- Walk "gently" on the islands and help prevent soil compaction

Simple steps can help maintain our beautiful lake!

March Mixer

The March Mixer held on March 28, 2009 at the Eastwood Club was a terrific success. All who attended enjoyed delicious appetizers and great music. The DJ, Jim Bean, kept everyone dancing all night. Thank you Lisa & Dave Normandin, Bob & Donna Saiia and Paula Bertram for all of your hard work! Many people donated their time by making wonderful dishes to share, thank you to Sharon Boucher, the Alberts, Deb Narus, the Ramsdens and everyone else who contributed!. A number of local businesses and residents donated various items making the Chinese auction/raffle a great success. Thank you to those who donated:

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| American Harley-Davidson | Dave & Lisa Normandin | Sentinel & Enterprise |
| Arabis | Orchard Hill, Tim Richards | Viola's Fitchburg Tire Service |
| Arrow Septic & Drain Service | Padula Brothers | |
| Baker Cadillac Oldsmobile Inc. | Proctor Landscape & Masonry | |
| Brian DelMasso Builders | Romano's Meat Market | |
| Elena's Gourmet Grocery | Bob & Donna Saiia | |
| Bull Run Restaurant | Peg Gorman | |
| Cabel Salon | Tri City Marine | |
| Centre Pizza | The Village Dental | |
| Lancaster Golf Center | Village Barber | |
| Powell Stone & Gravel | P. Lastella & S. Andrews | |
| S. Penniman Sewer Services | Peter & Susan Doherty | |





"We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one"
- Jacques Cousteau

WELCOME

Hickory Hills Landowners, welcomes the following new residents who have recently moved to

our lake community. We hope you have met your neighbors and are looking forward to a great summer season. Welcome!

Ed and Eileen O'Brien— 80 Woodland Dr

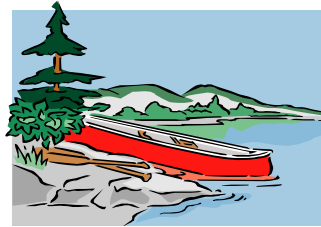
Paul and Carol Hunt— 29 Valley Rd

Ed and Joan Guerard— 14 Hilltop Lane

Lisa Normandin and John Pesenti hosted a Welcome Meeting on February 18th. We had 7 new residents turn out to meet some folks and ask questions. They covered the history and development of HHL; accomplishments of the corporation; and shared information on how to live in harmony with a healthy lake.

Farewell Hickory Hills I Will Miss You...

*He lived his dream
for a while.
You'll always be so
special to me,
because you made
him smile.*

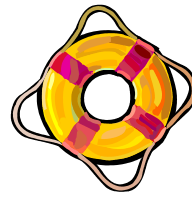


*His spirit will always be with you, in sun
and snow and rain.
It's sad that something so beautiful,
now causes me so much pain.*

*God Bless you all, and be safe,
for in my heart I know,
that even though this is so hard...
It's time for me to go...*

*Where we love is home.
Home that our feet may leave,
But not our hearts...*

- Written by Donna Richards in memory of her Captain, Bruce and their dream home on Hilltop Lane.



Boating Basics Course

"Boat Massachusetts" is offered to the public at no charge. The primary purpose of the course is to foster safe boat operation through increased awareness of required safety equipment, safe boating practices and legal responsibilities.

Youth 12 to 15 who successfully complete the course, will be issued a Safety Certificate allowing them to operate a boat without adult supervision, as required by state law. All graduates will be issued a course completion diploma and a Safety Certificate. Taking the class as a family is encouraged and has proven to be highly rewarding.

A class will begin on April 7th at the Townsend Rod and Gun Club at 6:30 pm. To register or to find other course schedules go to the Mass Environmental Police website at www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/courselist.htm or call 508-759-0002.

Our Condolences...

We express our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of ...

Mary Goodnow, 94 of Hemlock Drive passed away Thursday April 2. Mary was a wonderful woman who was loved by many and will be missed. She always gave great support to Hickory Hills projects and loved living on the lake.

Renee Joanne Poirier, 22 of South Row Rd, who died tragically in a car accident, Sunday, February 15, while in Mississippi. Renee loved caring for the elderly and was loved by all who knew her.

Hazel Bursey, 73 of Pine Acres Road. Hazel passed away on Thursday, February 19, in her home surrounded by her family.

CLASSIFIEDS

Land For Sale: Large 2.75 acre wooded corner lot on beautiful Hickory Hills Lake. Approved 3 bedroom septic design, water view and lake rights, \$119,900. Please contact Linda Marble or view at www.LinMarble.com

Car For Sale: '00 Lexus RX300 in great condition w/ 175K miles, green/beige, 1 owner, non smoker, well maintained, loaded, \$8495 call 582-7588.



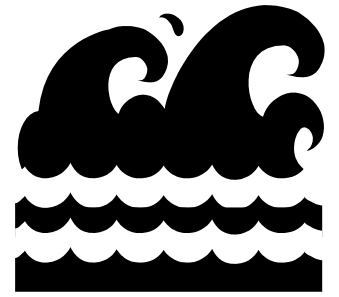
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