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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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Spring 2012

a TASTE OF CHINA

Food Provided By Tang Dynasty

Saturday, April 28

at the Leominster Elks

Raffle Dinner and Dancing Live Band Cash Bar

Menu includes:

- Boneless Spareribs
- Chicken Wings
- Crab Rangoon
- Egg Rolls
- Pork Fried Rice
- Vegetarian Lo Mein
- General Gau's Chicken
- Chicken with Broccoli
- Spicy Green Beans
- Egg Foo Yung

Dinner from 6:30-8pm

Live Music by The Rampage Trio • Dancing 8pm-11:30pm!

Adults—\$20; Children 12 and under—\$7.50

\$5 cover charge to come after 8 for music and dancing

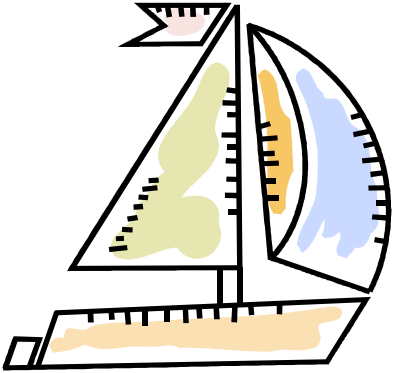
Proceeds to benefit the Lake Management efforts in the fight against fanwort.

Tickets are available at the office, or contact Betty MacDonald
at 978 582 7474 or davebettymacdonald@comcast.net

Limited Seating
Reserve Tickets
NOW!



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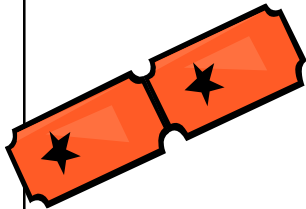
Hickory Hills 2012 Annual Boat Parade

June 30th, Saturday at Noon
From Island Road Beach



Raffle Items on Sale Now For the Taste of China!

The LMG Fundraising Committee is putting on another great event this season with the Taste of China and wants to let you know they're currently selling raffle tickets for many items including a 32" Vizio LCD 3D Internet Ready TV!



Tickets are available now from Betty MacDonald or from the office. To contact Betty, email her at davebet-tymacdonald@comcast.net or call her at 978-582-7474.

The cost is \$5.00 for 1 ticket or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. The drawing will be held at the event. The Fundraising Committee hopes everyone will attend, but you don't need to attend to win!

Fanwort Update

LMG members have been working hard on the fight to eradicate Fanwort from the Boat Cove. Last month a group of volunteers got together to



remove the Benthic Barriers from the bottom of the cove in preparation for the next big effort. The material gathered was dried and then removed completely

from Hickory Hills.

You'll notice this month at the cove, the use of machinery which is removing a layer of dirt from the cove and capturing the Fanwort. The goal is to remove the Fanwort entirely while continuing to run the drain pumps in order to keep the cove as dry as possible to identify possible new growth. **We REALLY need more VOLUNTEERS** to help locate and mark the potential spread of this weed along the lake's shoreline. If you can help, please contact the office to be added to the weed watching schedule this season. THANK YOU!!

Annual Town Meeting and Elections



Town Meeting will be held Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 9am at the High School Auditorium. The Annual Town Elections will be held Saturday, May 19 7am - 5 pm at T.C. Passios Elementary School. Be sure to get out and cast your vote on

all of the important issues.

LANDFILL OPEN FOR YARD DEBRIS

Lunenburg's Landfill off Young's Road (behind Tri-Town Drive-In) will be open this season on consecutive Saturdays from **April 14th to May 19th 8am - 4pm.**



The accepted materials are grass clippings, bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, brush-diameter not to exceed three inches and some shrubbery & plantings, all containers must be removed.

No household trash, garbage or rubbish of any kind can remain at the landfill.



Rock the Vote, Save the Dough!



Every resident of Hickory Hills Lake current on annual dues enjoys the beautiful lake, amazing social activities, our beautiful beaches, and magnificent hiking trails. You're probably thinking that makes you the luckiest person alive, but you might be missing out on the best part! **Are you a Shareholder?**



In the Autumn, the shareholders of the Hickory Hills Landowners Association meet to enjoy a fine dinner, good company, and active discussion on important issues surrounding our community. Then they vote. Town Hall Style. Down and Dirty. Speaking up to have voices heard on decisions crucial to the health and well-being of our lake. **Don't you wish you could do that? You can. Become a Shareholder!**



In the Spring, the shareholders of Hickory Hills Landowners Association purchase their Boat Stickers and ID Cards from the office just like the rest of us, but they purchase them at a 50% discount.

Don't you wish you could do that? You can. Become a Shareholder!



The cost to join is minimal, the benefits are numerous. For a one-time fee of \$240.00 you will receive forever with residency: access to the annual shareholder's meeting, reduced fees on Releases, Boat Stickers and IDs, and a really official shareholder's certificate for framing. You won't have to pass a secret initiation, wear a silly costume, or even learn a mysterious handshake. **Become a Shareholder!**



Why the push to increase the number of shareholders in our community? Good decisions become better when more people voice their opinion. Ask a neighbor. They'll agree.

Do the math. Becoming a shareholder pays for itself in just a few years. Call the office today to get the shareholder application. By submitting your request now, you'll immediately start saving 50% on Boat Stickers and ID cards!



An Act protecting lakes and ponds from aquatic nuisances

The Massachusetts House and Senate have both engrossed a bill fining anyone who knowingly or intentionally places, or causes to be placed, an aquatic nuisance in or upon inland waters, or any vessel, boat transporter or any other equipment used in conjunction with such vessel or boat transporter, if the vessel, boat transporter or other equipment has growing thereon or attached thereto an aquatic nuisance, unless the vessel, boat transporter, truck-trailer transporter or other equipment used in connection therewith has been cleaned, decontaminated or treated to kill or remove the aquatic nuisance. Last week, the Senate accepted the House's amendment and the bill should be enacted shortly and sent to the Governor's desk for his signature.

The bill contains other important legislation regarding preventing aquatic nuisances. If you're interested in learning more, please contact the office.

Help Wanted: Youth Program Assistant

The Board of Directors would like to offer a part-time youth program again this summer. Each year we find this program to be a huge success and a welcomed event.



We are looking for an assistant for the 2012 season. The program would run approximately six weeks, 2-4 hours per day at least three days per week at the Island Road Beach offering sports, crafts and nature activities. If you are interested in being an assistant in this program please send a letter of interest including your experience to the HHL office email at hickoryhills@net1plus.com.



Annual Shareholder Meeting Reminder

The Hickory Hills Landowners Annual Shareholder meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012. In order to participate in the meeting and the management of Hickory Hills Landowners Inc. **you must be a shareholder by June 30, 2012.** 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.



Avon Fundraiser in memory of Wally

The "Walk for Wally" was started by Wally's friends and classmates. This year instead of a walk we'll be doing an Avon fundraiser. Last year's Avon fundraiser was a great success, and benefits a scholarship to be given in Wally's memory. Wally was a member of the class of 2001; this year is their 10th reunion. Best wishes to all. Last year was the final Walk for Wally. Thanks to all who have supported our efforts in the past.

To order from the Avon fundraiser, send me an email at patty.foskett@gmail.com, or go to <http://nbreen.avonrepresentative.com> (be sure to specify **4WALLY2012** so we'll get credit for the order). Please see Wally's Facebook page or email patty.foskett@gmail.com for more information. Direct donations are also accepted and appreciated.

We'd like to pass on some of Wally's love, strength, and perseverance to a graduating senior who has endured a hardship and still prevailed.

Thank you in advance for your kindness, effort, and support.

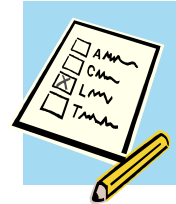
The family of Wally Foskett III

WELCOME

HHL, 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!

Names Deleted for Web Viewing

Board of Directors Nominations



The Nominating Committee is accepting names of people interested in serving on the Board of Directors during 2012-2013. Any shareholder who would like to be nominated must notify the Nominating Committee in writing through our office via email at hickoryhills@net1plus.com or by mail to P. O. Box 298 before May 16. It's helpful to include a short bio describing a bit about yourself and experience and why you'd like to be a member of the BOD. The names and biographical data on selected nominees will be mailed to shareholders in mid July.

House for Rent—\$975/mo + Utils

2 bedroom waterfront home for rent. Perfect for one or two people. Backyard, dock & beach.

If interested, please contact (978) 597-0197.



Suction Harvester to Help Fight Fanwort

As most everyone is aware we are fighting the Fanwort invasive weed infestation in the boat ramp cove near Island Road. We are concerned that the weed has spread outside the containment area. In an effort to combat and help eradicate the weed the Board of Directors has commissioned the LMG to investigate suction harvesting. Suction harvesting is like a scaled down version of aqua mining. If anyone has seen the underwater diver mining for gold on the show Bering Sea Gold this is precisely the equipment we are investigating. It's an over grown underwater vacuum. Ours of course will not be on the scale of theirs but the concept is the same.

The team has visited a lake in New Hampshire that built their own suction harvester and determined that we too can build one. A pontoon boat was donated by Ashburnham Marine (THANK YOU!!) and that will act as the platform for the unit. So when you're out on the lake this summer and you see a large water vacuum please stop by and say hello to the operator. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Volunteers divers or operators are welcome. Please contact the office if you're interested in volunteering or learning more. ~ Tom Bertram

Island Road Office is Open

The office on Island Road is now open Mondays and Thursdays from 9am - 11am. Feel free to come in to pay your bills, purchase bumper stickers, Hickory Hills t-shirts, sweatshirts, aerial lake photos or plaques or pick up your 2012 boat stickers or ID Cards.



2012 Annual Bills

The 2012 HHL annual maintenance fees statements were mailed on March 31st and are due by May 1st. We've included the 2012 Boat Launch Schedule with your invoice.



Please take a minute to read the cover letter enclosed; it will answer some of the more frequently asked questions. **Don't forget to update your email addresses and phone numbers.** We also ask you check to make sure we have all the details on your boats, who takes care of how they enter the lake and their serial numbers. Please make any changes on the form provided.

To obtain a car sticker 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 residents in good standing. This is one of the few ways we have to insure only residents are using our lake facilities. Even if you had a car sticker before we cannot issue stickers without first seeing a copy of your current vehicle 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!

Island Bass Fish & BBQ Club Events

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The above schedule is an adult fishing tournament 18+. For interest in a Kids fishing tournament, please contact Chris Albert @ 617-719-6435.



Spring & Summer Office Hours

May thru August

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Email is the best and fastest way to reach us. If necessary, appointments can be made for a more convenient time. Just call the office and ask.

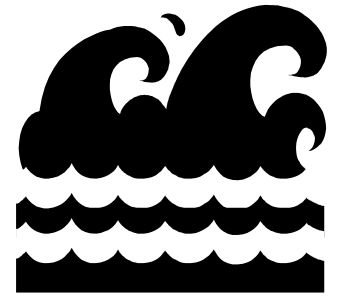
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