

The Highland Lakes Newsette

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New Ecology Committee Chair Seeks Community Help to Fight Algae

BRENDA FLANAGAN, COMMUNICAATIONS COMMITTEE

"Keeping the lakes clean is a battle," Joe DeLorenzo says, and the new chair of Highland Lakes Ecology Committee intends to win that battle — although he admits, it won't be quick or easy. But he explains, it's one well worth fighting. That's why this real estate broker from Manhattan raised his hand when former committee chair Barbara Jaggi asked for volunteers.

"It's unlike any other lake community that we had seen," DeLorenzo says. He and his girlfriend, Izzy King, had scouted the market for a lake home within a two-hour radius of New York City, and found Highland Lakes. "We were just amazed at how natural and beautiful everything was," he recalls. They bought a home a year ago, on the Main Lake — in a southern cove.

And then the algae bloomed.

DeLorenzo notes this isn't a new challenge. He points to a Newsette article from 1982 — the year he was born — that talks about "problems with the lake...and how we need the community to buy in. That's the only way meaningful, long-term changes are going to happen. Forty years ago! So — what happened over the past 40 years?"

It's not just Highland Lakes. Algae blooms afflict lakes across the nation. Over the past few years, NJ's Dept. of Environmental Protection has recommended bans on public swimming and fishing in several lakes when HABs (harmful algae blooms) increased, citing risk to people's health. Summer 2019 saw HABs impact marinas, restaurants and residents around Lake Hopatcong. HABs closed Lake Four over the past couple of years, as well. DeLorenzo started studying, and he's spent hours researching the problem.

"This is a topic I really did a deep dive into. I'm not the expert at all — but as far as a novice goes, I know more than most. And this is a worldwide problem that's happening, that's tied to human interaction and climate change. We're not unique here." But he hopes to convince Highland Lakes residents — to join this campaign to save the lakes.

"Not to be all doom and gloom," he says. "There are things we can do! It's not too late! But it's not gonna be a quick fix. It's gonna take a lot of effort and time and people buying into it." And he's got an Action List he hopes the community can get behind. He explored a few items on that list:

RAIN GARDENS

People can plant rain gardens on a patch of ground, where they can deter water runoff into the lake. That water's packed with nutrients algae love to eat. Let's stop feeding the algae, DeLorenzo says. "Rain gardens are the most effective way to treat runoff, and they're also the cheapest and don't take a lot of time. A well-placed rain garden can filter 20,000 gallons of rainwater per year. It's a no-brainer!"

LAWN FERTILIZERS

DeLorenzo would like the Club to consider banning lawn fertilizers. He understands it's a controversial topic. But, again — fertilizer is algae food. "If it makes a plant grow on your lawn — it's gonna end up in the lake and make algae grow," he says.

CARE

Carp are bottom-feeding fish that stir up the muck — sending nutrients swirling up to feed algae. They can grow to be five feet long, weigh 80 pounds, and live 20 years, DeLorenzo says. It's likely we have many of them and for the sake of our lakes we need to control that population. **SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

Nutrients from waste water also feed algae, and DeLorenzo combed through records of the septic tanks for Highland Lakes almost 2,000 homes. He found 41 percent of them are over 25 years old. "Forty-one percent of our community have systems that most likely have nutrients going directly into the water table, and then directly into the lake," he observes. It's a tough problem to solve.

DeLorenzo's dream? To rally the community to restore Highland Lakes — so that generations can enjoy pristine water quality. He knows people here love their lakes with a passion.

"I love this place too. I wouldn't trade it for the world," DeLorenzo says with quiet intensity, "but we've reached a tipping point." he says. "The hope of the Ecology Committee is to turn our shared passion into a force for good and make some meaningful changes."



New Ecology Chair Joe DeLorenzo, girlfriend Izzie and dog, Annie.

From the President's Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

If you're a regular reader of my Newsette column it won't come as a surprise that I'm writing about ecology and watershed management issues again. This topic has been front and center for our Voting Board since last November, and it's likely to remain on our regular agenda for months and years to come.

Any member who shares our concerns about these issues has attended one, if not all, of the presentations from vendors over the past five months, as well as the one given a few weeks ago by Joe Delorenzo and his hardworking Ecology Committee. Each presentation has been informative, and has helped us all wrap our heads around the multi-faceted issues we face as a community. In this column, I'm going to share a forward-looking view of the likely path our community will travel over the rest of 2022—the decisions that have to be made, the actions that must be taken, and the results we hope to achieve.

The most important part of any journey is the first step. Our first step is to award three fundamental studies—bathymetrics, hydrology, and nutrient loading—to a qualified vendor(s). We've spent months reviewing and discussing different vendors' proposals, and the Voting Board will make a decision to award those contracts in early March.

A bathymetric study will be performed immediately after the spring thaw. The data it provides will give us accurate surface-to-bottom measurements, as well as the thickness of sediment/organic material, across all of our lakes. We'll share this data with vendors to identify the potential locations for aeration and lake bottom remediation that may be recommended in the months and years to come.

Hydrology and nutrient load studies are expected to start within days of the contract being awarded. Most of the required work is done on computers using the latest available geographic information system mapping, aka GIS, and land use data. A hydrology study will identify locations where the volume and velocity of streams and other inflow may need to be addressed, where filtration needs to be

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Upcoming Events

March 5 – Dr. Seuss Day

March 19 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 20 – Sip and Paint

March 27 – Girl Scout Cookie Sale

April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt





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The office is open to members and the public. We will have the office staffed Monday through Saturday as follows: Monday - Friday — 9am - 4pm, open to members 10am - 3pm Saturday — 10am - 1pm

We encourage members to conduct business as much as possible over the phone or through email, but if there is a need to come to the office it will be open. New members are welcome to stop in during business hours to pick up and/or fill out new member forms.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at 973-764-4366 or by email at hlcc@warwick.net.

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considered, and where better containment is needed. The nutrient load study will identify sources that fuel algae and weed growth, as well as areas where accumulations of sediment are causing problems.

We have already awarded a contract for stormwater infrastructure mapping. Work should begin on March 15 and will take approximately four weeks to complete. It will record the locations of drainage issues on our roads, as well as those owned by the town and county, that impact our community. These problem spots will be prioritized and scheduled for eventual repairs. To make sure the Club is aware of issues in your section, please reach out to your trustee or contact the Club Office to share that information.

We also recently approved repairs to existing aeration equipment that wasn't functioning at full capacity. We're cautiously optimistic that these repairs will have a big impact overall, and are prepared to take action if we find the existing system needs to be reinforced or redesigned to be more effective.

Avid fisherman and lakefront owners have likely noticed an increasingly large and active carp population in our Main Lake the past few years. Carp are considered a threat to healthy lakes because their activity stirs up lake sediment, which can be a major contributor to the algae blooms and related issues. The board has discussed how to handle our carp problem with a widely recommended firm that specializes in measuring the size of carp populations and implementing a phased approach to control it. We expect to receive a detailed proposal from them in the next few days—proposals from other vendors may be requested and considered, but with spring weeks away we don't have the luxury of time to make a decision.

In March the Voting Board will discuss various applications that have been recommended by multiple vendors to help address nutrient loading in our lakes. One such recommendation is to apply aluminum sulfate, aka alum, starting earlier than we normally do, with greater frequency but in reduced amounts. Alum removes phosphates by dragging them down to the lake bottom to create a sediment barrier that prevents their release into the water column.

Other recommendations being strongly considered are the use of phoslock (which binds free reactive phosphorus) in all of our lakes, as well as a treatment called biochar, which essentially uses a charcoal-like material in a small, floating container to absorb nutrients and pollutants. We'll also weigh the pros and cons of weed harvesting programs at the end of the season.

Watershed Management Plan & Other Long-Term Considerations

The completion of three key studies I mentioned earlier will enable us to begin work on a long-term watershed management plan. We have reached out to Vernon as a potential partner—working with the town on this would enable us to potentially receive grant money that's available to municipalities for this purpose. Unfortunately, we have not received any meaningful response from the town, and if that continues to be the case, we'll be forced to proceed independently.

As part of our watershed management plan, we'll articulate how to prioritize and fix stormwater drainage issues that our infrastructure mapping project will identify. Receiving permits that are required to perform work to fix these problems takes more time than anyone would like (12-18 months is typical), and the projects will be very costly, but addressing them is expected to help reverse many of the problems we're experiencing in all of our water bodies.

Lake bottom remediation projects like hydroraking and/ or spot dredging are not viable options for the 2022 season, but studies we're doing and constant monitoring over the next six months will help us determine whether this disruptive and costly work should be planned for 2023.

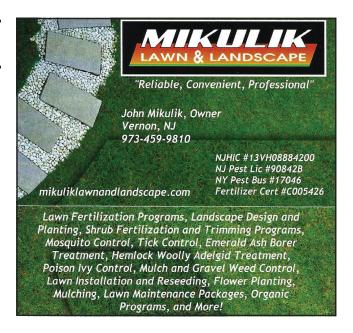
The Ecology Committee will help the Board in these areas and others. Specifically, they've been asked to explore potential initiatives, such as septic pumping and maintenance programs. They'll also pull together and present recommendations about the planting of rain gardens and other plant buffers on Club property, and will help individual members who are interested in doing the same on their own property.

If you've read this far, you likely understand the complexity and magnitude of what we're doing. There's a ton of work to be done, and it won't be easy, but the end goal is to revitalize the health of our lakes over the next few years, and to safeguard our lake ecology for generations to come. Nothing worth having comes easily, or cheaply, but judging from the turnout at our recent presentations I'm confident that our community is up for the challenge.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time Clubhouse Committee – Tuesday, March 15 – 7 pm Communications Committee – Saturday, April 9 – 10 am Ecology Committee – Wednesday, March 23 – 7 pm Fishing Committee – Thursday, March 17 – 8 pm Planning Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time Road Committee – Thursday, March 3 – 7:30 pm Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, March 9 – 7:30 pm Special Meeting Following the Workshop Voting Board Meeting – Friday, March 18 – 8 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.



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Highland Lakes Happenings



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Robotics Anyone?

MARTIN PIRRINGER

Kick Off Meeting - Friday, April 8 at 7 pm

My name is Martin Pirringer. I moved to Vernon in 1985 and now to Highland Lakes in 2021. I used to work in computers and before that in robotics and industrial automation. I am now retired for a few years. I have been involved with Vernon Viking robotics for about 12 years at the Vernon High School amongst other volunteering activities. I am also quite a bit into 3D printing. I consider engineering and robotics fun.

Robotics can be fun for all kinds of age groups, and I would like to gauge if there is a market so to speak in Highland Lakes for fellow enthusiasts of all ages to get together. In what form or manner is to be determined and that is what the April 8 meeting is for in the Seckler Room of the Clubhouse. So please come and let your desires be heard and let's do some "roboting" in Highland Lakes. Looking forward to meeting fellow robot fanatics.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

LOUISE STALEY AND RAY ZIMMERMAN

Saturday, March 19

We will be having a dinner on March 19, from 5 to 8 pm at the HLCC Clubhouse. Tickets will be available at the door, and are \$15 per adult and \$8 for children (4-10 years old).

The menu will consist of corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, hot dogs, soda bread and dessert. Ice tea, lemonade, coffee and water will be available. BYOB and ice. Save the date on your calendars and come on down to enjoy a delicious dinner.





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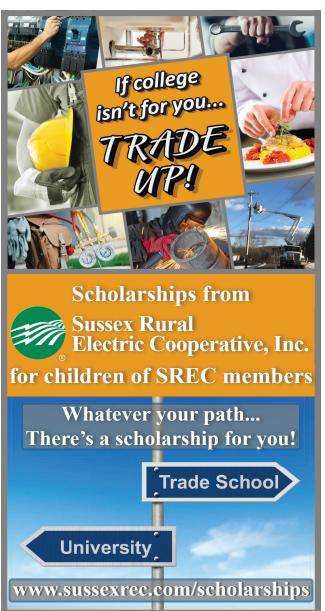
New Chess Club Starting

OZZIE TOBIN

Thursday, March 3

Hi, my name is Ozzie. I'm a high-school sophomore and I'm very excited to start the HLCC Chess Club. Everyone from young adults to senior citizens are invited to come down to the Clubhouse for a monthly meeting of the minds to play and explore the wonderful game of chess. Whether you are a novice or a seasoned player, I welcome all abilities to meet the challenge. Chess boards will be provided or you can bring your own. We will meet on the first Thursday of every month starting in March at 7:30 pm. You can contact me for more information at 845-545-7894 or ozzie.tobin@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you there and meeting fellow chess lovers.





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Benny's Bodega

CRAIG KALUCKI

Hi everyone, my name is Craig Kalucki, and I wanted to introduce myself as the general manager at a 501c3 non-profit, called Benny's Bodega, in Newton, NJ. I have a background in philosophy as well as a master's degree in social work, with attention on child welfare. I wanted to provide our community with a description about the Bodega, should our community members need to utilize our services or know of someone who does. We are extremely proud of what we have built, but more so want to spread the word for our lovely community here in Sussex County, that we are here to help, without bias, stereotype, or judgement.

Moreover, we have been noticing social services for the working class, or A.L.I.C.E (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population here in Vernon, are few and far between. We wanted to let everyone know about Benny's Bodega, especially those who may need help, but are afraid to ask.

At Benny's Bodega, our Mission is simple...We are "People Helping People"- The Bodega operates with no government funding. Our doors stay open, and our shelves stocked from donations given by our supporters, 4 days per week.

Set up like a store, the Bodega offers hard working people who are struggling, a place to "shop" for basic needs items free-of-charge. Our target population is the A.L.I.C.E population, the people working hard but not making enough to get by, while simultaneously making too much to receive any government assistance. We offer great volunteering opportunities, a strong culture and core value environment, along with a board that has various professional backgrounds in the field of social work.

Our hours are designed to help those who are employed or who may have a different weekly schedule. Our "hand-up" philosophy removes the stigma attached to receiving free services and our name itself suggest one is purely "shopping" for their everyday household products, creating an experience that no other non-profit has.

Our brick-and-mortar location is located at 166 Spring Street in Newton, NJ. We are heavily involved on Facebook, @Bennys Bodega, and our website www.BennysBodega.com

We take the following donations to assist our community members, but please only donate during our hours of operation:

- Personal care items (personal hygiene, cleaning, diapers, dish soap, laundry soap, etc)
- Perishable and non-perishable food items (meats, fruits, veggies, eggs, milk, canned goods)
- New clothing/lightly used that are in season
- Pet food/supplies

For any questions, please feel free to contact Craig Kalucki @ 908-670-9473, or by e-mail, cpkalucki@gmail.com. Thank you.



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SANJL - Save the Dates

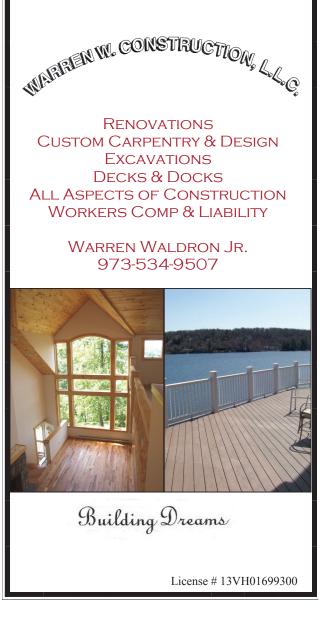
MARK BURUCHIAN, SAILING COORDINATOR

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the SANJL Championship Regatta series this year.

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- 1. Hunterdon SC May 7
- 2. Green Pond YC May 14
- 3. Swartzwood Lake Sept. 17
- 4. Highland Lakes Oct. 1





New - Dart Night

MARK BURUCHIAN

Wednesdays - 7 pm

Come one, come all. We are hosting a weekly "Dart Night" at the Highland Lakes Clubhouse. The Club has graciously purchased two dart boards and several sets of darts for everyone to use. This is a fun opportunity to mingle at the Club while enjoying a game of Cricket, 501/301, Around the World, Knockout and more. Depending on the makeup of the crowd, we may play any combination of singles, doubles, and/or mixed doubles. While not throwing darts, feel free to socialize, make new friends and enjoy a game of pool or ping pong.

We will be playing on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm in the Craft Room, although we may have to adjust our schedule occasionally depending upon other Club events.

If you have any questions or just want to learn more about Dart Night, feel free to contact me at markburuchian@ptd.net or 973.271.0213.



Communications Committee Update

SUE ROSS, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee met on February 19. We welcomed two new members, Brenda Flanagan and Chastity Cortigo, both of whom are relatively new members in our community and already amazingly active volunteers. Lynne Hollingsworth also joined our meeting. Lynne, Board Trustee from Section 10, will be serving as the Board Liaison to the committee, and is replacing Lee Eisenberg, Board Trustee from Section 7, who had this responsibility last year. This comes as two other valued and active committee members, Nicole March and Jacquelyn Green, had to step away due to other life commitments. (We hope this is but a temporary departure.) Sincere gratitude to Nicole, Jacquelyn and Lee for all of the time and effort they put into our committee's work.

Discussion was brisk and active at our Saturday meeting, most of it centering on upcoming work that we will be doing with the Ecology Committee to educate members. Within the next few months we hope to be sharing information through all of our communication channels (Newsette, website, social media and eblasts) that promotes an awareness of the impact that individual lifestyles and habits have on the health of our lakes. We'll also be spreading the word about all that is being done by our Board to assure that our lakes are healthy and thriving.

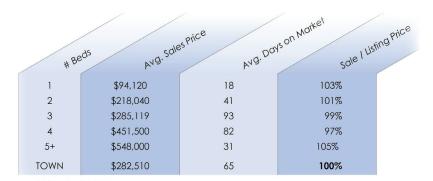
Our committee consists of writers, editors, graphic designers, photographers, web designers and social media gurus, many of whom are professionals and others who are simply interested in these activities and have honed their craft over the years. All Club members who are interested in such pursuits are welcome to join us. Upcoming meeting dates are posted below. We meet at 10 am in the Lake Room unless otherwise noted.

April 9 (Seckler Room) June 11 August 13 October 8 December 10

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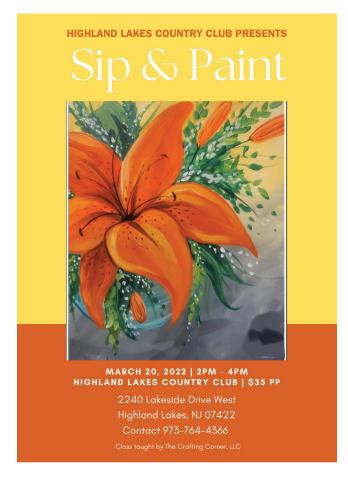
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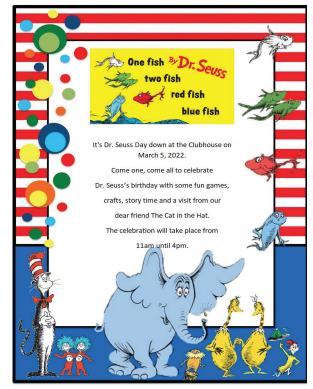
Congratulations to the HLCC Sign Auction Winners!

JENNIFER PELLET, GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The HLCC Sign Auction to benefit the Goodwill Fund was a huge hit. All of the original community signs were sold on Day One of what was intended to be a 10-day auction at the buy-it-now price of \$400.

While we regret that some members missed out on the bidding opportunity, the enthusiasm for the opportunity to support our community was heartening to see. The Goodwill Committee thanks all of our bidders and potential bidders for their support of a good cause.





No Parking on Roads During Snow and Ice Operations

Please be aware that Rule No. 16 of the Club's Rules and Regulations, adopted April 22, 1994, reads as follows:

Whenever snow has fallen or roads become covered with ice and the accumulation is such that it covers the roadway, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on any roadway or portion thereof. This parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the precipitation has ceased until the roads have been plowed and/or sanded sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

Any unattended vehicle in violation of this Rule will be deemed to be parked without the consent of the Club and may be summonsed and towed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6 and Vernon Township Ordinance 99-12.

Your cooperation is needed to make the winter as easy as possible on your neighbors and the Club. Thank you.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

JESSICA KLIMASH

Sunday, March 27



Girl Scout Troop 98071 is planning a drive-thru cookie booth sale in the Clubhouse parking lot from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday, March 27. The cookies range in price from \$5.00 to \$6.00 a box. Cash and Venmo will be accepted. Can't eat the cookies and still want to support the girls, please consider donating a few boxes to our local first responders. Thank you for

supporting our local Girl Scout troop.

Ecology Corner

JOE DELORENZO, CHAIRMAN, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Water Quality Report Debrief

The Ecology Committee has been busy researching water quality. Over these past few months, we did a deep dive into 10+ topics that were heavily researched by our volunteers. We put all of that information into a concise presentation and presented the report in February. It was a success and we had 120+ people in attendance. We strived to answer two big questions:

- 1. What is happening to our Lakes?
- 2. What can we do about it?

This report was primarily meant to give the Board an overview on water quality but also served as an educational piece for the broader community. Improving water quality is not something the Board can do on its own. There is no quick fix. We need the entire community's understanding and involvement to instill long-term, meaningful change.

We plan to do a rerun of the presentation, open to all members, on a monthly basis moving forward. It's something important that everyone should see, hear, and ask questions about. We hope you can spend an hour this upcoming Spring/Summer and join us in person. Please check the website for upcoming dates for when we will rerun the presentation and we hope to see you there.

Playgroup Needs a Volunteer

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EVENTS COORDINATOR

Our 5 and Under Gang needs a coordinator to facilitate the group meeting again. The usual schedule is two days a week from 10 am to 12 pm. The days for the meet up are based on your schedule and the calendar is based on the school calendar. If there is no school or a holiday, there is usually no Playgroup. The meetings would include playtime, story time, free time, snack, craft, etc., any combination-you set the schedule. You can plan outings at the park, beach, pumpkin picking, etc. Things that coincide with the appropriate holiday and/or season. A co-coordinator is also a good idea. Interested members please contact the Club Office at 973-764-4366.



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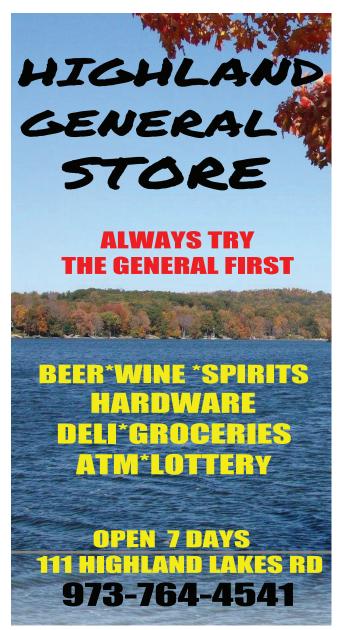
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HLCC Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hey there, my friends! Here's hoping all is well. Quick update on Senior Club activities:

We had a Valentine winter picnic lunch that was well attended. I kindly request that all S/C members & their guests are welcome always. Please, please sign up for activities prior to their date.

We have our St. Patty's Day luncheon planned for Wednesday, March 16 @ 12:00 in the Lake Room. Corned beef & cabbage with all the fixings, Shepherd's Pie and desserts. Yum! Again, you need to call me to sign up.

Much thanks to my dear friends who ran the kitchen, served, & cleaned up - what a blessing...our friends. Love you all. Joyce 845-544-3749.

Attention Members With Long-Term Rental

This is a reminder to register your tenants for 2022. Registrations are due either upon renewal of current lease or change in tenant. Any questions, please call the Club Office at 973-764-4366.

Annual Roadside Cleanup Day – Save the Date

JOE DELORENZO

Saturday, April 23

Every Saturday after Earth Day, the Ecology Committee organizes a roadside cleanup. This year it will fall on April 23 from 10 am – 12 pm. Meet us at the Clubhouse where we will provide all of the supplies (bags, vests), but please bring your own gloves. This year we will have a couple of contests and prizes for all of our volunteers. Email joedelo@gmail.com for more information or questions. Otherwise, we'll see you there in April.

Winter Pickleball

KATHI TAYLOR

Winter has given us just about every type of weather this year. We all waited patiently for the warmer temperatures to melt the snow cover on the courts. We had two courts playing on President's Day and it felt good to be back. We will be playing on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 pm so come on out. Also, even if you don't play with us, but are a pickleball player elsewhere, if you ever need equipment, clothes, protective eyewear, etc. please go online to Pickleball Central and see if they have what you need. Use the code CRPickleball and you will get a discount. Then the company matches the discount and puts it in our account. We recently got two equipment bags and a dozen-and-a-half balls for free from last year's account money. Questions? Call Kathi Taylor 973.303.2689 or Peggy Warner 973.764.5126.







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Winter Carnival Recap

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Snowflakes and sunshine! The weather was picture perfect for the Winter Carnival and so was the event. It was so wonderful to see so many members attend the carnival with their children and grandchildren. It was an afternoon filled with games, crafts and snacks. Laughter and squeals of joy radiated from the Clubhouse. I wish to thank everyone who volunteered and assisted in making the Winter Carnival such an amazing success, especially Chip Erhardt for donating his plants and potting soil to help make the garden craft successful. I would also like to thank Michelle Debrowolski and Aiden Aries for coming to help run the games along with some of the teen council members. A very special thank you to Melissa Harden for rescuing me with decorating, and my mom Joanne La Rocca for her help in making this a success. A good time was had by all.

















The Giannini Family getting their ice boats ready on the PHOTO COURTESY OF SUE BURUCHIAN

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