

The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Earth Day at the Lake **Brims with Activity**

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Earth Day at the Lake Brims with Activity

If you have been tuned into the conversation about our lakes' health, you know that there has been much debate about the cause of algae blooms and weed growth and the steps that need to be taken to remedy these issues. On Earth Day (Saturday, April 22) the Ecology Committee, Communications Committee and Clubhouse Committee will be joining forces and offering Highland Lakes members a chance to participate in a day that promises to be both informative and fun. We'll be focused on land issues that ultimately impact our waterways and will be providing constructive and specific tips that you'll be able to use in your own yard.

The day will begin as it has for over 20 years with our annual clean-up. This activity brings people of all ages together with one goal in mind...to beautify our roadways (and ultimately protect our lakes in the process) by picking up trash. It's as simple as that. For details on when and where to meet, see the article on that topic in this Newsette issue. Afterwards (at about 12 or 12:30), organizers are urging all pickers and even those in our community who were not able to participate in the morning clean-up, to come back to the Clubhouse for an afternoon that will start with lunch (thanks to Louise Staley, our Clubhouse Chairperson, and her band of helpers) and end with some presentations about lake living that will leave you with tangible tidbits of knowledge you'll be able to use as you garden this year.

Our first presentation, Landscaping Design Tips for Lakeside Communities - Protecting Water Quality while Benefitting Wildlife, will be brought to us by Lisa Chiariello from Rutgers New Jersey Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. Lisa will be talking with us about the flow of storm water, where it goes and what can be used to naturally slow it down. She will be

discussing (and showing!) landscape designs that are as beautiful as they are functional. Following this, we will have three exhibit tables set up where you'll be able to talk with accomplished gardeners from our community to learn about specific methods that they use when tending to their outdoor space.

Barbara Jaggi is going to focus on the why and how of composting. A seasoned composter, Barbara has been at this for over fifteen years and insists that composting affords gardeners the ability to create nutrient rich soil (eliminating any need for fertilizer) without attracting animals to the compost pile. Glenn Kamp will be providing tried and true methods that will enable you to cultivate a country yard. After visiting with Glenn, you'll have an increased understanding of what a country lawn is composed of, the plants you want and the ones you should avoid at all costs. You'll also learn what a lake-friendly driveway looks like and how it can easily be maintained. Jason Tribiano, a master gardener, will be sharing water run-off management techniques that he has introduced into his own yard with great success and talking about why this is so important to the future of our lakes. In addition to this, we'll be demonstrating what water run-off looks like and offering an activity kit for children that's been donated by Home Depot and is sure to bring a smile. (Please note: Kits are limited and will be shared on a first-come, first-served basis.)

This event is free and open to all Club members with an interest in educating themselves on how best to beautify yards without negatively impacting our lakes and wildlife. It's a wonderful way to celebrate Earth Day. Please register your intention to attend by emailing us at communications@hlcc.org so that we will be able to plan accordingly. See you there!

Upcoming Events

April 1 - Ghost Hunter Q&A

April 2 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 16 - Girl Scout Cookie Drive-Thru Sale

April 22 - HL Earth Day

April 28 - Teen Pool Tournament



Next Newsette: May 6, 2023

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club Office at hlcc@ warwick.net. Sorry - we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!





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Live From the Seckler Stage

JASON TRIBIANO, ORGANIZER

Open Mic Night is Back

We are seeking local talent. Do you entertain your family and friends with music? Share your talents with the community. The Seckler Stage is seeking local performers to showcase for select dates this coming year. There will be 2-3 artists per date. Original and/or cover songs welcome. Be prepared to play for at least 30 minutes. May 20 and June 10 are currently on the schedule. Please contact me at openmic@hlcc.org with any questions and interest.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds - Tuesday, April 4 - 7 pm Clubhouse Committee - No meeting scheduled at this time Communications Committee – Saturday, April 8 - 10 am Ecology Committee - Wednesday, April 26 - 8 pm Fish Committee – Thursday, April 20 – 7 pm Planning Committee - Monday, April 10 - 8 pm Road Committee - Thursday, April 6 - 7 pm Rules and By-Laws - No meeting scheduled at this time Voting Board Workshop - Wednesday, April 12 - 7:30 pm Voting Board Meeting - Thursday, April 20 - 8 pm (Note date change)

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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Just for Fun

National Days to Note

National Brunch Month

National Pet Month

April 18

April 27

National Jazz Month

April 1 April Fool's Day Walk To Work Day April 1

April 2 International Children's Book Day April 2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day April 2 World Autism Awareness Day

April 3 National Chocolate Mousse Day

April 7 World Health Day

April 10 Siblings Day in the USA

April 12 National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day

National Stop Snoring Week

April 22 International Mother Earth Day April 22 National Jelly Bean Day April 23 English Language Day

April 23 World Book Night April 24 National Bucket List Day April 25 World Penguin Day

Stop Food Waste Day April 28 Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day April 28 World Day For Safety & Health At Work

April 29 International Dance Day April 29 National Arbor Day







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Highland Lakes Happenings

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Earth Day in Highland Lakes

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

As a prelude to Earth Day, come one and all and bring your green thumbs for some planting in honor of Earth Day! Come down to the Clubhouse on Friday evening April 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm to start your gardens up and growing. Let's help save the planet by planting some flowers. Hopefully April showers will bring May flowers.



Mark Your Calendar for the Teen Pool Tournament

LAUREN LAROCCA

Form Your Team - Tournament is April 28 at 7 pm

Do you have your team ready? Teen Pool Tournament to be held on Friday, April 28. Whether you have a good eye for the pocket, are just starting to love the game or have never played before, all skill levels are invited to come join the fun.

Family Camp Out

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Friday, May 26

Calling all families who love to camp out! You will want to join the Clubhouse staff in an all-night campout on the Clubhouse lawn Friday May 26, 2023. It starts at 7 pm until 10 am the following day. If you do not wish to stay the night, but would like to participate in the activities, you can. There will be games, crafts, roasted marshmallows and some scary stories. The few requirements are that you must supply your own tent and sleeping bag and parents cannot drop off their children, they must stay throughout the night.





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Go Native! Transitioning Your Lawn

RANDY MOWRY, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Spring has just arrived on the calendar. But as Highland Lakers know, snow is still possible, and nights of below freezing are likely. Nonetheless the planting and yard care season will soon be upon us. We look forward to the color of flowers, the leafing out of trees and bushes, and in general the lushness of spring and summer. The question is what to plant and how to take care of our yards that will be beautiful, easier to care for, beneficial to our highlands ecosystem, and importantly protect our lakes.

There are ways to accomplish each of these goals. An approach that has been gaining popularity is reducing the size of the monoculture grass lawn. Grass lawns require a lot of watering, fertilizing, herbicide and pesticide use to achieve that "idealized" lawn. However, the applied chemicals eventually are washed into our lakes and contribute to the algae blooms and invasive underwater plant growth, such as invasive milfoil. And the expanse of lawn does not support a diversity of species.

Reducing the amount of grass lawn, replacing it with native plantings, adapted to the highlands ecosystem will bring benefits. Native plants require less water, fertilizers and pesticides; thus there are less nutrients and other chemicals washing into the lakes. You have less mowing and weed-whacking. Native plants attract beneficial pollinators, many that are beautiful, such as monarch butterflies, but also smaller butterflies, moths, bees, wasps and flies. These pollinators



Two Peck's Skippers nectaring on coneflower

in turn attract birds such as flycatchers (phoebe, eastern wood pewee), eastern bluebirds, and ruby-throated hummingbirds. Other birds such as Carolina and house wrens, gray catbirds, song sparrows and American robins are attracted to insects and worms found on the ground and in the soil. American goldfinches and other seedeaters will feed on the seed heads in the fall.

There are many native plant species to pick across plant types - trees, bushes, shrubs, flowering perennials, grasses, ground covers and ferns. Some may already exist on your property (goldenrod, blue and white wood asters). There are local sources for native plants, such as Anderson Farms on Rt. 23 in Wantage. There is a woman at the Wantage nursery who is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about native plants. Another source is Toadshade Wildflower Farm in Frenchtown; the owner Randi Eckel spoke in 2021 to a good-sized crowd of Highland Lakers. A couple of sources



Monarch butterfly nectaring on Joe Pye weed

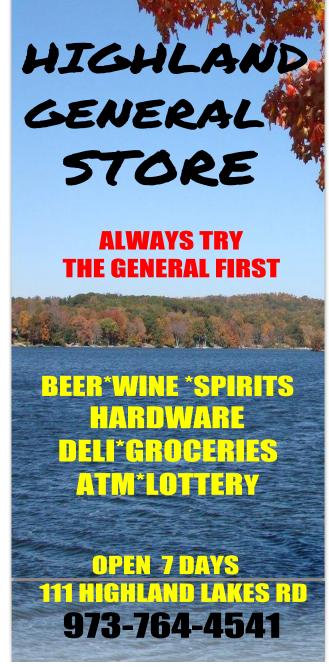
for planning your transition from lawn to a diverse, wildlife-friendly habitat include two books: Nature's Best Hope: A new approach to conservation that starts in your yard by Douglas Tallamy, and The Living Landscape: Designing for beauty and biodiversity in the home garden by Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy. There are many website sources; a couple of sites that are New Jersey focused are given below.

https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1140/ Not only does this site list native plants found in New Jersey, it also gives an overview of the process of including native plants in the residential landscape.

The next site is a list of trees, bushes, and vines native to New Jersey.

https://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/ about/events/handouts/handouts/ Pat%20Sutton/Pat%20Sutton%27s%20 Native%20Tree-Shrub-Vine-LIST%20 -%20NJ%20Pinelands.pdf

Transitioning your lawn to native friendly does not have to be an all-atonce endeavor. Doing it over several seasons will keep your labor and cost within reasonable limits.

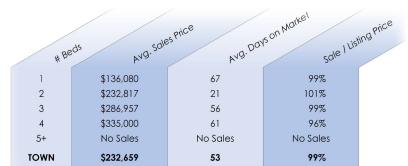






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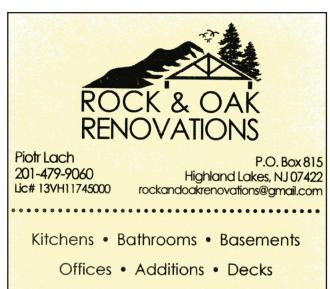


Happy Spring!

NANCY EISENBERG, GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

It's time to open the windows and clean out the closets! Please keep The Goodwill Yard Sale in mind. We take general housewares, small appliances, dishware, pictures, tools, toys, and small furniture. Mark your calendars:

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2023 Swim Team Sign Ups

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

Now that Spring has sprung, it won't be long before the sounds of weekday morning splashes from swimmers entering the lanes and the exuberance of the Wednesday night starting horn fill the air! Welcome to the 2023 Highland Lakes Swim Team season!

If you are new to the community or have not been involved before, we always welcome new swimmers. No prior competitive swimming experience is necessary. The Highland Lakes Swim Team has been a cornerstone of the Club's summer athletics program for over 70 years and continues to be a wonderful way for our kids to stay active during the summer and create lasting, lifelong friendships. For additional information and FAQs, please visit the Swim Team section of the Club website.

Families are expected to volunteer to help the Team put on meets and other team events. We need lots of help (e.g., officials, timers, announcers, national anthem singers, concession donations, concession salespeople) and all volunteer hours qualify as service to our community.

Practices will start the week of June 26, so be sure to get the kids signed up using the Swim Team Registration and Permission Slip which can be found online (see "Sports" section of the Club's website) or in-person at the Club office. Please note that you still must complete a current year form even if you were a swimmer last year.

Once signed up, please email hlccswimteam@gmail.com to be included on our Team distribution list and request access to our closed Facebook Group to be informed of the latest Team details, updates, and announcements.

The list of 2023 meet dates is still being finalized with our league, the Lakeland Swim Conference, but here are some key dates to save:

- June 10, 9 am: Parents Meeting Lake Room
- Week of June 26: morning practices start; specific date TBA
- July 9, 6 pm: B Invitational Planning Meeting Lake Room
 - July 29: Highland Lakes B Invitational

Please join us at the Parents Meeting on June 10 or reach out to the Team directly at hlccswimteam@gmail. com for more information.







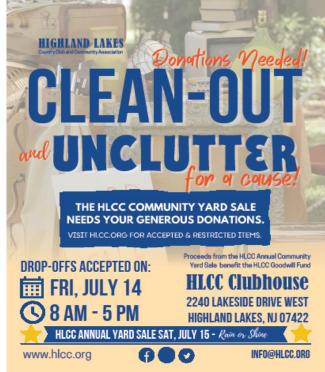


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Team Massimo Warriors Foundation 4th Annual Golf Outing

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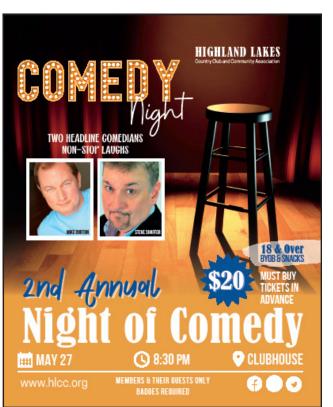
Thursday, May 25, 2023

Save the date and come join us at Farmstead Golf and Country Club – 1:30 shotgun start; \$135.00 a golfer; \$45.00 for dinner only.

Get your golf clubs cleaned up and get your foursome together for an afternoon and evening of fun and games. Registration is at 12 noon with lunch, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, dinner, prizes and a basket raffle included. Don't have a foursome? That's all right, we will put you in a great group. Don't play golf? That's all right, too – come to the dinner. Proceeds help medical costs for Massimo's next surgery, which will be in April.

Massimo was born premature at 23 weeks and developed some medical problems. One leg is shorter than the other and he needs to have bone lengthening surgery every two years. The best place and one of the only places to do this is in Florida. He has to stay there for three months after surgery so his leg can be checked by the doctors. We will also help Thomas, another local resident who has leukemia. He is 6 years old and has been having extensive chemotherapy, steroid shots, radiation and whatever else is needed. Both of these boys have tremendous costs for their medical care and medication. The goal of Team Massimo Warriors Foundation is to help local children with special medical needs. So many people have helped over the years in so many ways that this is a way for the Foundation to pay it forward. In the past they have supported Sam's NICU at Morristown Medical Center, The Quantum House in West Palm Beach, Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, and other local families in need.

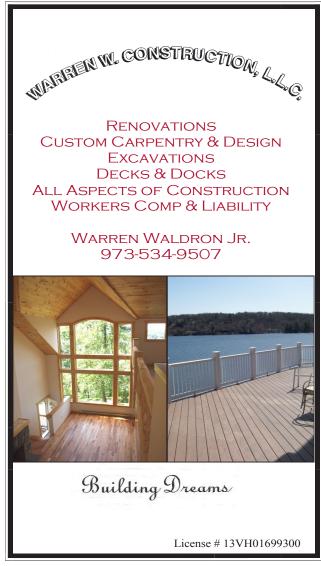
Call me if you want to register for golf or the dinner or would like to donate anything to help. Thank you, Carol Hastie – 973-764-6521.





Help Us Out

We want to know! How do you enjoy the water most? The Club needs your help evaluating the need for additional dock and/or rack space. Members can complete this survey which will give us insight into the types of watercraft you own, the quantity, and where you'd prefer to dock on the main lake. We understand some members own more than one watercraft and all members enjoy the water in different ways, but we ask that you complete the survey with your preferred dock space(s) type in mind. Go to: https://bit.ly/BoatDockSurveyHLCC. Thank you.



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Dr. Seuss Day

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Dr. Seuss's birthday was a fabulous day on March 4, 2023. All the children that attended had a ball because there was so much to do. We had so many readers and the Cat in The Hat even made an appearance. The children also enjoyed the games and crafts that we had. Each child got a souvenir from the celebration. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff that helped make Dr. Seuss's birthday a success.

HL Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Spring is just around the corner and we're all looking forward to it. Our Senior Club (S/C) has learned to be very flexible and postponing our St. Pat's Day luncheon was necessary, ya think? - 8 inches of that white stuff put a temporary hold on our mid-monthly luncheon. Moving the date to March 28 brought out the crowd to enjoy one another's company. Thanks ever so much to all the loyal volunteers that make these luncheons a success.

It looks like Tuesday, April 11 at 12 noon will be our "Welcome Spring" luncheon in the Lake Room. Hope you signed up to join us.

I enjoy reading quick little articles with some meaning to them. Here's one written by John Blase about encouragement: John calls it the "lean to green" miracle. It happens every Spring. Coming out of the winter months, the lawn in the yard is brown, so much so, a passer -by would think it's dead. Every year around the end of May, John turns on the sprinklers.not a huge amount of water, but simply small, consistent sprinkling. In about 2 weeks, what was dry and brown builds up to something lush and green.

The green grass reminds us how vital encouragement is. Without it, our lives can resemble something almost lifeless. But it's amazing what consistent encouragement can do to our hearts, minds, and souls. Urge others to keep up the good work by encouraging one another (family, friends, co-workers) with proactive, positive ways. You and I have the same opportunity to encourage—to help one another bloom and grow.

Interested in coming to a S/C activity? Do so! We'd love to have you. Evening meetings begin the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of May at 7 pm. DO NOT FORGOT OUR WONDERFUL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY. Ouestions? Call me 845-544-3749.

Love ya, Joyce H.

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner

ROE HALL, EVENT COORDINATOR

An Evening of Karaoke and Fun

About 70 Highland Lakers and their guests came out to celebrate with a traditional corned beef dinner and a production of O'Murphy's Irish Wake performed by KKC Theatrical Productions. Audience members participated in classic Irish tunes, jokes, and even a little bit of dance. Thank you to Cathy Kenny for help with decorating and the volunteers who helped prepare and serve the dinner and also clean up, Janice Fajardo, Marcia Letizia, Louise Staley, Ray Zimmerman, Priscilla Foglia and Lisa Entwistle.



