



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## From the President's Desk

RAY ZIMMERMAN, PRESIDENT

Happy Spring everyone. I'd like to report on what the Voting Board has been working on since October 2022.

Lake management has been our top priority. Both the previous and current Voting Boards have spent countless hours reviewing virtually every option available to protect and preserve the health of our lakes. No other topic has been researched or discussed more thoroughly.

Routine septic pumping has been cited repeatedly by our consultant, Princeton Hydro, and highly recommended by independent consultants and environmental regulators as an important step in reducing phosphorus in ground and surface waters. Earlier this month, the Board voted unanimously to enact a mandatory 3-year septic pumping requirement for all Highland Lakes households. The pumping mandate follows the approval in October of a limited, one-time \$50 account credit for septic pumping as an incentive to encourage responsible septic ownership. Proof of pumping is required, and the incentive program will end on September 30, 2025, or if the Township of Vernon enacts a septic pumping mandate.

The Princeton Hydro watershed modelling reports were sent to Applied Watershed Sciences, an independent third-party consultant. The consultant confirmed much of what was contained in the reports and suggested that the nutrient loads might be somewhat higher based on their own modelling and analysis. At the urging of management and with the full support of the Board, Vernon Township has applied for and received grant funding from the Highlands Council for the development of a township watershed management plan. All five of our community lakes will be included in phase one of the plan, scheduled to begin in the coming weeks.

Lake treatment and consulting contracts have been revised to include more thorough testing which is consistent across all lakes and schedule coordination between contractors will ensure that each lake will be inspected every week, with few exceptions. Specific locations and opportunities for manual weed removal are being identified to help reduce our dependence on chemical treatments. When chemical treatments are needed, alternative newer

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## Upcoming Events

May 6 - Eclectic Evening of the Arts  
May 20 - Open Mic Night  
May 26 - Family Camp Out  
May 27 - Comedy Night  
May 28 - Breakfast  
May 29 - Memorial Day Ceremony



## What a Day!

CLIMEEN WIKOFF, CHAIRPERSON,  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

This year the Ecology, Communications, and Clubhouse committees joined forces to offer Highland Lakes members a chance to participate in an expanded Earth Day celebration that was both informative and fun. In the morning, members took to their sections and participated in a community wide roadside cleanup spearheaded by Barbara Jaggi. We had a wonderful turnout with over 70 members showing up to help. Four intrepid members, including Club President, Ray Zimmerman, cleaned up fish in the eastern cove near Glen Road on the Main Lake. They bagged several hundred fish that were the result of the recent fish kill – a very smelly job!

At noon, members gathered at the Clubhouse in the Seckler Room for a lunch of taco bowls (complete with all the fixings) and roasted vegetables. Special thanks to Clubhouse Committee Chairperson, Louise Staley, who organized and executed this scrumptious meal from start to finish with the help of members Jana Randazzo and Christine Annunziata who assisted the night before with all of the chopping, cooking prep and set-up and Louise's daughter, Sofia and her friend Katya Sucher for serving on the day of the event. They fed close to one hundred members in an hour's time and made it all look effortless. After the event, Louise simply said with a smile, "We all had a good time. Thanks for the opportunity."

A presentation by Lisa Chiariello, from Rutgers Cooperative Extension, followed in the Lake Room. Her topic: Landscaping Design Tips for Lakeside Communities – Protecting Water Quality while Benefiting Wildlife was both informative and entertaining. Close to one-hundred Club members, young and old, listened

attentively as Lisa shared tips about how to design and create what she called, "a plant community". She discussed the importance of including only native plants and identified several ways to manage water-flow in your yard to eliminate destructive stormwater runoff, among other topics. You can find many other related resources on the Club's website. While this was underway, Communications Committee member, Karen Dolci, Clubhouse Director, Lauren LaRocca, and Teen Council member Kylee Hardin engaged our youngest Club members with Earth Day related arts and crafts.

Following this, the audience broke into small groups to learn more from our own Club members. Barbara Jaggi, Glenn Kamp, and Jason Tribiano answered questions about their gardening methods – Barbara on composting, Glenn on country yards, and Jason on water runoff management. Stuart Blank shared a model he created that demonstrated how rain gardens slow down the flow of water and allow nutrients to be absorbed. Jake Chromcik, a Boy Scout in Vernon Troop 912 who is working towards his Eagle Scout rank, presented his project to build birdhouses to be placed on Club property and Bob Reffelt gave tours of the Rain Garden that sits between the Clubhouse parking lot and the front lawn.

It is hard to count the number of volunteers and staff who came together to make this day so successful. The Ecology Committee has years of experience running our community clean-up in celebration of Earth Day, and it shows. At an August Communications Committee meeting last year, Stu Blank (Voting Board Trustee for Section 7 and a member of the Committee) voiced his interest in creating an educational event that could be

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## Voting Board Roster

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## Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

### Extended Office Hours

The Club Office and the Activity Center Office will be open Saturday, May 27, Sunday, May 28 and Monday, May 29, for your convenience from 9 am to 3 pm for payment of dues and badge pickup over the Memorial Day weekend. Please make sure to bring the necessary paperwork if required for proof of residency and copies of vehicle registrations to the Club Office in the event you need to add/change badge and parking permit information.

During weekends in June, regular Club office hours will be Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm. The Activities Center Office will begin opening on Saturdays and Sundays starting June 3 from 10 am to 3 pm and weekdays starting June 26 from 9 am to 3 pm.

If you are a new property owner, require additional family badges, or a property owner registering your property as a rental and/or your tenants/lessees as Associate Members, the Club Office staff only will be able to assist you on Saturday, May 27, and every weekday from 10 am to 3 pm thereafter.

## About Changes in your Recorded Deed

In planning changes to your ownership of property that would be reflected in the recorded Deed, contacting the Club Office before you do so for guidance is advisable and will eliminate any misunderstandings.

The Club's By-Laws, in part, define Active Members as those who own property in Highland Lakes. When persons take title to property in Highland Lakes when they do not own other Highland Lakes property at that time, even when they join in the ownership of property with someone who currently owns property in Highland Lakes, they automatically become an active member and are required to pay the Initiation Fee. If you are considering adding anyone to your Deed, a wife, parent, child, friend, etc., please be aware of these By-Law requirements.

Sometimes members form a living or family trust as part of their estate planning. However, even this type of trust is a different, and therefore new, owner of property, and the payment of the Initiation Fee is required.

## New Club Staff Positions Filled

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

I'm pleased to announce that the Voting Board has approved two new staff positions which will enable us to improve the quality and delivery of services provided to our members.

Kevin Arahill has accepted the position of Assistant Maintenance Superintendent. Kevin brings more than 30 years of relevant experience to the job. He is a NJ licensed electrician, Certified Public Works Manager and Certified Recycling Professional. Prior to joining the Highland Lakes team, he was the Director of Public Works for the Township of Teaneck, New Jersey, where he was responsible for budgeting, planning, operations, and maintenance of all public buildings and grounds, roadways, parks, amenities, and capital project management. Kevin reports directly to Maintenance Superintendent Jim Zabrieski.

Patrick Eckhart has accepted the position of Recreation Manager, effective May15, 2023. If his name sounds familiar,

## Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, June 6 – 7 pm  
Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Communications Committee – Saturday, May 13 - 10 am  
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, May 24 – 8 pm  
Fish Committee – Thursday, May 18 – 7 pm  
Planning Committee - TBD  
Road Committee – Thursday, June 1 – 7 pm  
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, May 10 - 7:30 pm  
Voting Board Meeting – Thursday, May 19 – 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.

## Family Day

Mark your calendars for this year's Family Day on Sunday, August 6, with a rain date of Saturday, August 12.



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Family Day Committee

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Volunteers Needed

Memorial Day weekend, the kick off to the summer, is just around the corner. The summer weeks seem to fly by. Before we know it, Family Day will be here. Families and friends join together for a day filled with fun, games, crafts and so much more.

Volunteers are crucial to assist with the planning of Family Day. Without our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, Family Day would not be the great day it is for our community. I am asking for volunteers to please come forward and assist with Family Day. I would like to organize the volunteers into individual committees that would oversee specific aspects of Family Day.

Please contact me at [activitycenter@hlcc.org](mailto:activitycenter@hlcc.org) if you are able to join hands with the community and volunteer at Family Day. All are welcome and appreciated for your time, talents and efforts.

Thank you so very much. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family Day volunteer meeting on June 4, 2023, at 10 am.



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low-dose and low-impact compounds will be substituted when appropriate. For example, alum which is used to strip nutrients from the water, will be phased out in favor of products like Phoslock and biochar which have virtually zero negative impact on water chemistry. And finally, new aeration systems and technology are being reviewed and will be deployed where needed.

All of which shows that the Board clearly recognizes the need for an “all of the above” approach to managing our lakes and the surrounding watershed.

In addition to improving our lake management efforts, the Club has also made progress on several other projects and initiatives.

Kipcon Engineering has been chosen to prepare the Club's first 30-year reserve study and preventative maintenance schedule. A reserve study is part engineering and part financial analysis which determines funding and cash flow requirements to replace all major assets at or near the end of their useful life. Reserve studies are a long-term planning and budgeting tool and considered “best practice” in large scale private communities everywhere. They nearly eliminate the need for special assessments or deferred maintenance and provide members with assurance that Club assets and amenities are protected for decades to come.

Hundreds of damaged or dead ash trees have been removed from Club property and plans for additional removal will be implemented as the need arises.

The Shadow Lane Drainage Project is near completion, including new stormwater treatment technology which has a median removal efficiency of more 90% for total suspended solids and 75% for phosphorus. Members have shared positive comments on the professionalism and quality of the work by the contractor.

Plans and permits are in the works for replacement of the culvert pipe and restoration of the road surface near the Clubhouse entrance at 2240 Lakeside Drive West. Additional stormwater improvements are expected following completion of the watershed management plan and reserve study.

The ductwork and carpeting were professionally cleaned in the Clubhouse and the Lake Room and hallways received two fresh coats of paint and polyurethane on the windows and trim. New ceiling light fixtures and dimmers were also installed in the Lake Room.

At the April Voting Board meeting, the Board adopted rules addressing three recurring problems.

ATV/Off-road Vehicles - The language of the rule was strengthened and the penalty assessment for anyone caught riding an ATV or other off-road vehicle on our roads was raised from a Tier 3 (\$100) to a Tier 4 (\$500) offense and no warnings will be issued.

Tree Preservation - Members are not allowed to cut down any healthy tree larger than 4” in diameter (at a height of 4 feet) without prior Club approval, except as necessary to carry out building plans.

Exterior Lighting - A rule and penalty assessment was put in place regarding exterior lighting which shines onto lake and/or neighboring properties and is determined to be a nuisance or offensive to the neighborhood.

For complete details on these and all Club rules, please refer to the Club Rule & Regulations document, available in

the Documents section of the member's portal or by request at the Club office.



## Next Newsette: May 27, 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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## 3rd Annual Boat Auction Benefiting the Goodwill Fund

**NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIRPERSON,  
GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

The 3rd Annual Boat Auction will be conducted by the Goodwill Fund in June. If you have a boat (canoe, row, sailboat, paddle boat, wind surfer) and are not using it, we hope you will consider donating it for the auction so that others might enjoy. If interested, take a photo of your boat and send to Jennifer Pellet, [Jennifer.pellet@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.pellet@gmail.com).



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coupled with the clean-up event and fellow committee members all did their part to bring his vision to fruition. When it was suggested that we provide lunch, the members of the Clubhouse Committee came together and made it happen. Throughout the planning phase for this event Chastity Cortijo, our Communications Manager, created wonderful graphics that were used to promote the event and

educate the audience that day. We had a terrific turnout! There is magic in fellowship. As the afternoon came to a close, you could feel how happy and proud members were to be a part of this wonderful community.

There's more to come! Join us in July for our Lake Appreciation Day. There will be lots to learn and plenty of fun to be had.



Photos are courtesy of Sue Ross and Chastity Cortijo



# The New Website is Here

CHASTITY CORTIJO, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

The time has finally come to give the Club a fresh new look online! It took many months of drafting, editing, refining, reviewing, and more editing, but the new website is finally ready to launch – with the understanding that this is still a work in progress, and will continue to evolve over time. Most of the redesign dealt with reorganizing how information is displayed, putting member-privy information into TOPS, reimagining how members use the site, and recreating the necessary flow for that, all while highlighting the beauty our community has to offer through highlight pages and vanity images that will change with the seasons.

This was a wonderful journey that took hours upon hours between all of us in the office, volunteers, and the website design team. We hope you find the site as beautiful as we do, and if you come across any issues don't hesitate to send them over to [communications@hlcc.org](mailto:communications@hlcc.org).

# Lake Appreciation Day is Coming

SUE BURUCHIAN, EVENT CHAIRPERSON

Mark your calendars now for Lake Appreciation Day on July 9. This will be an event you don't want to miss!

We will have everything you want and need to know about ecology and how it affects your home, yard, lake and community. We'll be bringing in the "big guys" to make sure you are all "up to speed" with everything lake and water! This fun educational family event will even have some "special visitors" for young and old to enjoy! Like to windsurf? There will be a clinic. Like to fish? Well, we'll be doing some of that as well and some added surprises. Do YOU have something to share ecologically with our members and want to participate? Contact Sue now at or 973-271-0227 or [sue.buruchian@gmail.com](mailto:sue.buruchian@gmail.com), and save the date of 7/9/2023.

# The Eclectic Evening of the Arts is Happening This Weekend

DENNIS DALELIO, EVENT COORDINATOR

Please join us for our annual Eclectic Evening of the Arts on May 6, from 7 to 10 pm in the Lake Room. This free event, hosted by the Highland Lakes Artist Group, will continue its tradition of encouraging local creatives to create with an evening of live music, art, poetry, food, and drink. Come out to show your latest art pieces in our Pop-Up Art Show. Sing an original song in our Open Mic. Read one of your poems in the Poetry Reading portion of the evening. Come just to experience all of the creations and have a great time. Kids are encouraged to bring their art as well to be shown in our Kids' Corner. Email [daleliodart@gmail.com](mailto:daleliodart@gmail.com) for more details. Hope to see you there!

# Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

I'm often amused by unofficial holidays that appear on our calendars, or in the news, or other media. February has a Sticky Bun Day, a Sword Swallows Day, even a Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day. Nope, I'm not making this up. There's a day called Be Humble Day. Worldwide, humility is a virtue and certainly worth celebrating. Not always the case.

Humility was considered a weakness in the ancient world, which put honor far above. Bragging about one's achievements was expected, because people back then wanted to raise their status, not lower it. Being humble meant being inferior, like a servant to a master. But historians say all this changed. By the end of the first century, even secular writers were calling humility a virtue. What would the world be like if humility was still a weakness?

Do you know folks who are humble, kind and strong or those

who look for the tallest pedestal to place themselves? I think I can safely say most of our HL Volunteers can celebrate a day being humble.

First nighttime meeting is May 9 at 7 pm. Hope to see you in the Lake Room, refreshments served, new members ALWAYS encouraged and welcome! Second meeting of May is May 23 at 7 pm.

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 29, at 11 am. All American Lunch served following the outdoor ceremony. I'm looking for a few musicians or singers that day. Can you play or sing two or three patriotic songs? Please call me to get more info. Be well, my friends, be kind, be respectful to all. 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce H.



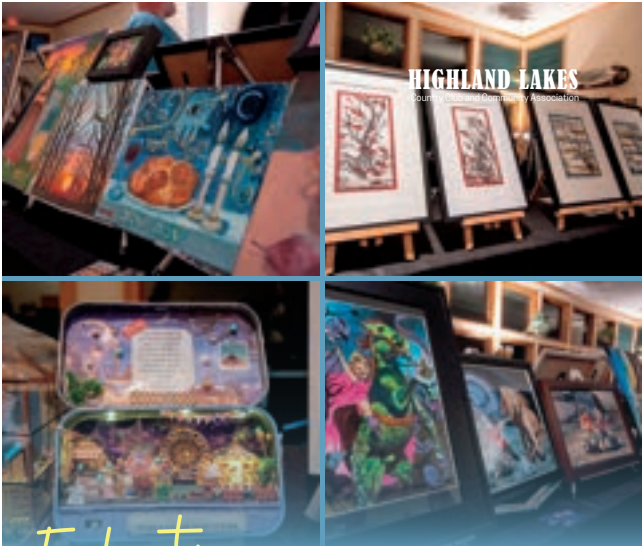


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## Register Your Rentals

Thinking about renting your home? Don't forget to register your tenants with the Club Office and pay the required fees. Long-term rentals are classified as a stay for ninety-one days or more. Members must own their home for at least two years before they can rent it on a short-term basis (limited to 180 days per year). Tenants can obtain daily guest wristbands at the Club Office. Rental Rules and forms can be found in the DOCUMENTS section of TOPS.

## No Mow May

CLIMEEN WIKOFF, CHAIRPERSON,  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Last year was the first time that I heard of No Mow May and when I mentioned it to my husband, he was pleased to participate in something that took no effort on his part and happily agreed to postpone mowing our lawn until June. No Mow May is a campaign that was started by Plantlife <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/>, a United Kingdom organization, in 2019 to help early season pollinators survive and thrive by allowing flowers that grow in lawns, like clover and violets, to blossom instead of being mowed down. You can also help native bees access such flowers throughout the growing season simply by raising your mowing height or mowing less often. Raising your mowing height also helps your grass to thrive.

More beneficial than not mowing, or mowing less frequently, would be to convert portions of lawn to perennial beds filled with native plants or wildflowers meadows or changing your lawn to include more flowering species.

More information about No Mow May can be found at Bee City USA <https://beecityusa.org/no-mow-may/>. Jersey-Friendly Yards <https://www.jerseyyards.org/> has information about landscaping for pollinators and other gardening techniques.



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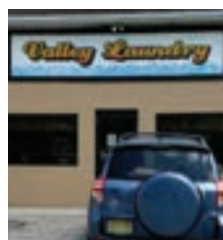
SUE BURUCHIAN, ONLINE IMPRINTS

Call this May to get your favorite classic HL T-shirt or sweatshirt while stock is ready and waiting for you! HL Little Girl Swimmer, HL Fisherman, HL Sailing and HL Burgee Flag are ready to print for you and your families. Start your summer season off styling the classic HLCC designs. Super sale of limited HL Swim Team (gold/navy sweatshirts) from last year \$20, available stock only. Call Sue Buruchian at 973-271-0227.

## Registration for Summer Sports and Activities

Revised Registration forms will be available online by Memorial Day Weekend. For those that don't have access to a computer, hard copies will be available at the Activity Center.

## Valley Laundry



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# 2023 ANNUAL MEETING EVENT

**Monday, June 5th**

**Online Business Meeting**

- Address from Board Chairman
- Financial Report
- Board Election Results
- Q&A with CEO
- Register for FREE Fair tickets!



**Monday, August 7th**


**Member Appreciation at the Fair**

- Find us at the BBQ Pavilion
- Receive \$10 bill credit
- Meet SREC staff and directors
- Win prizes!

**THANK YOU** for making 2022's  
event so amazing!  
**We hope to see you this year!**



**MARK BURUCHIAN, SANJL REPRESENTATIVE**



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*Donations Needed!*


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**THE HLCC COMMUNITY YARD SALE  
NEEDS YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.**

VISIT [HLCC.ORG](http://HLCC.ORG) FOR ACCEPTED & RESTRICTED ITEMS.



**DROP-OFFS ACCEPTED ON:**




 **FRI, JULY 14**

 **8 AM - 5 PM**

**HLCC Clubhouse**  
2240 LAKESIDE DRIVE WEST  
HIGHLAND LAKES, NJ 07422

Proceeds from the HLCC Annual Community  
Yard Sale benefit the HLCC Goodwill Fund

 **HLCC ANNUAL YARD SALE SAT, JULY 15 - *Rain or Shine*** 

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**\$10** ADMISSION AT THE DOOR

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT GOODWILL FUND

**NIGHT OF Music AND Dance**

**JUNE 24** **8 PM** **CLUBHOUSE**

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BADGES REQUIRED



# Swim Team News

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM

## HL Swim Team Parents

### Swim Team Parents Meeting and Practice Start Dates.

Please join the Swim Team Parent Board in the Lake Room on Saturday, June 17, at 9 am for our pre-season Parents Meeting. Note that this date has changed from the previously communicated date in the last Newsette.

We'll be going over all topics related to the 2023 HL Swim Team season including: practice and meet structure presented by our Coaches, meet schedule, volunteer expectations, introductions to each of our Parent Board Chairs, the B Invitational, and various other topics. This is a great forum for parents of new swimmers to come ask any questions and meet other parents on the team. Coffee, juice, and bagels will be served.

For any parents that are not able to attend in-person, we will be distributing a Zoom meeting link to facilitate virtual attendance. Please email hlccswimteam@gmail.com to be included on our Team distribution list and request access to our closed Facebook Group to receive the Zoom meeting link prior to the meeting.

Don't forget to get the kids signed up using the Swim Team Registration which can be found online (see: hlcc.org/swimteam on the Club website) or, if you don't have access to a computer, 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.

### Coaches Update on Practice Start Dates:

Similar to past years, swimmers will phase into practice over a few dates during the week of June 26. The following are the planned practice start dates:

Tuesday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 28 – pre-season practices for returning swimmers ONLY (9, 10, and 11 am practices)

Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30 – practices for both new swimmers and returning swimmers (9, 10, and 11 am practices)

Monday, July 3 – first 6&U practice (11:30 am)

# Just for Fun

## May National Days to Note

- Zombie Awareness Month 2023
- National Teen Self Esteem Month 2023
- National Walking Month 2023
- National Smile Month 2023
- May 2- Children's Book Week 2023
- May 3 - National Teacher Day in the USA 2023
- May 4 - Bird Day 2023
- May 7 - National Doughnut Week
- May 8 - World Red Cross Day / Red Crescent Day 2023
- May 9 - Mental Health Awareness Week 2023
- May 11 - Eat What You Want Day 2023
- May 12 - International Nurses Day 2023
- May 13 - World Cocktail Day 2023
- May 16 - Walk To School Week 2023
- May 23 - World Turtle Day 2023
- May 23 - National Taffy Day 2023
- May 23 - Go paddling Week 2023
- May 25 - National Wine Day 2023
- May 27 - National Fish & Chip Day 2023
- May 28 - National Children's Gardening Week 2023
- May 29 - National Biscuit Day 2023
- May 30 - National Memorial Day in the USA 2023

# Septic Pumping Discounts

We have been advised that the following companies are offering discounts on septic pumping:

- Septic Experts
- M&B Septic
- Zuidema
- Earthcare

# Men's Golf Outing

Friday, August 4 at 1 pm. More details to follow

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## Vernon Township Housing Market Report - February 2023

"Having grown up in Highland Lakes, I understand the value in this thriving, active community. Contact me today to discuss a no-cost comparative market analysis for your property."

# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$136,080	67	99%
2	\$232,817	21	101%
3	\$286,957	56	99%
4	\$335,000	61	96%
5+	No Sales	No Sales	No Sales
TOWN	\$232,659	53	99%

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Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt on April 2 draws huge crowd of kids. Photos courtesy of Chastity Cortijo and Roe Hall

Don't Strain Your Drain!

Use water efficiently and stagger use of water-based appliances (such as a washing machine) to avoid a back up of your septic system into your house. Learn more at [www.epa.gov/septic](http://www.epa.gov/septic)

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**COMEDY**  
*Night*

TWO HEADLINE COMEDIANS  
NON-STOP LAUGHS

**18 & Over**  
BYOB & SNACKS

**\$20**  
MUST BUY  
TICKETS IN  
ADVANCE

**2nd Annual  
Night of Comedy**

MAY 27 8:30 PM CLUBHOUSE

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RAGGED REQUIRED



# Classified Ads

**BOATS/TRAILERS:** Old unwanted boats and trailers taken away for free. Also, can move boats from home to dock and shore for reasonable rates. Call Al for details. 973-271-4282 7/1/23

**JP ELECTRIC:** Free estimates, insured and bonded. Serving HLCC since 1986 license and permit. #8521. Brian Boeren 973-670-4175 11/23

**MOUNTAIN CHIMNEY SWEEP:** Since 1977. We clean, repair, reline and inspect chimneys. Also repair heatilators, replace dampers, chimney caps and repointing. Fully insured, call 973-764-3125. 11/23

**CLEANING SERVICE:** Accomplish Clean! - Cleaning closets to cabins, specializing in Airbnb turn-overs; organizing linen closets to kitchen cabinets; home offices; kids rooms; concierge. Contact RoseMary P. (973) 349-4142 - earthspringwellness@gmail.com 5/27/23

**PIANO TUNING, CLEANING, REGULATION AND REPAIR:** Crafton Piano Works (201) 310-7225 AmyCrafton@me.com, free estimates. 20% discount for referrals. Graduate Degree from The Juilliard School 5/6/23

**CHIMNEY MAN - GEORGE EDMONDSON MASONRY:** Stone chimney builders, repairs, cracks, walls, stairs, block floors, deck excavation, etc. Waterproofing and sealer. Thirty-two years in business in Highland Lakes. Fully insured. Call 973-764-1359. 5/25/24



## Jr. Photographers

CHASTITY CORTIJO, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

The Summer Season will soon be here and once again I'd love to have our Highlands Lakes youth submit photos of our community to feature all Summer long!

I am in search of Junior Volunteer Photographers. The qualifications are simple:

A general interest in photography and how to compose an image, and an eagerness to get out there and explore. No fancy equipment is needed. Using your cell phone camera is encouraged. DSLR users are welcomed as well.

Assignments are light and fun and include goals like "photograph something yellow, capture your friends having fun at the lake, take a picture of an insect in your yard."

If your child would like to participate in this season's junior photography challenges email me at [chastity@hlcc.org](mailto:chastity@hlcc.org) with their name and age.



Jr. Photographers: Joshua 16 yrs old

## Road Sweeping Planned for May

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Road sweeping is scheduled to begin during the week of May 8, weather permitting. Please check the Club's website, [www.hlcc.org](http://www.hlcc.org), for an update when sweeping will begin.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE ROADWAY during the daytime, until your road has been swept. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

**WE ARE HIRING!**

**winter4kids**  
national winter activity center  
**SUMMER CAMP**

**DISCOUNTED RATE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHLAND LAKES**

OUTDOOR GAMES, HIKING, BIKING, ARTS & CRAFTS, HYDROPONIC GARDENING & CULINARY, ORIENTEERING, EXPLORATION, ROBOTICS, ARCHERY, BIATHLON  
8 WEEKS TO CHOOSE FROM: JULY 3-AUGUST 25  
MON - FRI 9AM - 4PM, HEALTHY MEALS INCLUDED  
TO REGISTER, VISIT [WWW.WINTER4KIDS.ORG](http://WWW.WINTER4KIDS.ORG) AND USE CODE HLCC2023  
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**TALENT WANTED!**

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**Open Mic Night**

**MAY 20** **7 PM** **SECKLER ROOM**

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**Team Massimo Warriors  
Foundation 4th Annual  
Golf Outing**

CAROL HASTIE

**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.



**Register for TOPS**

**Pay Dues Online!**

View your HLCC account online, at any time, from any device with internet access!

A desktop monitor, a tablet, and a smartphone, all displaying the Highland Lakes Country Club website interface.

**Email [tops@hlcc.org](mailto:tops@hlcc.org) to request an invitation**  
Be sure to include your membership number and Highland Lakes address.

**Make Payments - Update Account Information - Download Documents & More!**

**Protecting the Main Lake Through Carp Removal**

MIKE O'NEILL



As we enter the warmer months of the year, many of us look forward to enjoying the beauty of our lakes. Unfortunately, the presence of carp, a non-native fish, in our lakes has had a detrimental impact on the quality of our water, contributing to issues such as algae blooms.

In recent years, we have seen an increase in the population of carp in the Main Lake, which has contributed to a rise in nutrient levels in the water and a decrease in oxygen. Carp eat aquatic plants which can reduce beneficial oxygen levels in the lake. Carp are also known for disturbing the lake bottom and stirring up sediment, which releases nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen back into the water column. These excess nutrients can then feed the growth of algae, leading to unsightly and even hazardous blooms that can negatively impact the health of our lake.

To help overcome these challenges, we are planning to remove a portion of the carp population from our lake. By doing so, we can reduce the amount of nutrients in the water and prevent the growth of algae blooms. Removing carp from the lake will also benefit other species of fish that call our lake home, as carp are known to compete with other fish for resources.

While the process of removing carp from the lake may seem daunting, there are many effective methods available. These include using nets, traps and electroshocking to catch carp, as well as introducing natural predators such as pike or musky to control the carp population. The benefits of these efforts will not only improve the water quality of our lake, but also provide a healthier and more diverse ecosystem for all species of fish and wildlife.

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**A DAY OF  
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- Ecology Displays & Demos
- Bain Garden Tour
- Septic Education
- Fishing Derby & Giveaways
- Windsurfer Fleet Clinic
- Kids Activities

Special Attractions!

**Lake  
Appreciation Day**

RSVP: [ecology@hlcc.org](mailto:ecology@hlcc.org)

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The logo for Highland Lakes Country Club, featuring a golf ball and the text "HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB 1936".