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Voting Board Adopts Septic Rule

VOTING BOARD TRUSTEES

At the April Voting Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to require that septic tanks be pumped every three years. Here's a brief history of how the Board arrived at that decision.

Nobody can doubt that the water quality in our lakes has been declining drastically in recent years. For two seasons Lake 4 was shut down entirely, and last year the Main Lake was shut down due to a Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB). Gradually at our monthly and annual meetings the community mandate became clear: Address the lake issues!

Under the leadership of past President Michael Gelfand, the Board undertook three studies which Princeton Hydro had been urging us to do for several years. While the Board waited for the results, the Ecology Committee conducted a broad assessment of factors that could contribute to Highland Lakes' weed and algae problems. They studied everything from global warming to the overabundance of carp in our lakes. We also had the benefit of presentations from Solitude and Princeton Hydro describing issues specific to our lakes.

In June 2022, the NJ Coalition of Lake Associations had a presentation by Dr. Stephen Souza of Clean Waters Consulting entitled "Septic Related to Phosphorus Loading." In his presentation, Dr. Souza encouraged people to "inspect and pump out septic tanks once every three years (as per the U.S. EPA and N.J. DEP) and "Annually inspect your leach field." Knowing there was a possibility that septic runoff might be a contributing factor to Highland Lakes problems, President Gelfand asked our attorney if the Board had the authority to implement septic system rules. Dolan & Dolan confirmed that the Board does have such authority under the Bylaws and should rely on scientific facts and recommendations of its lake management professionals as the basis for determining the regulations.

At the July 15, 2022, Voting Board meeting, the Club manager reported that the results of the Bathymetric, Hydrologic and Nutrient Load studies had been received. The findings were worse than we expected. The estimated percentage of septic impact on the Nitrogen and Phosphorus levels in each of our lakes was OVER 90% in Lakes 1, 3, 4 & 5. The percentage for Lake 2 was 87%. The

reports included the following recommendations:

- "modeling results overall show that loading from septic systems is the largest contributor of nutrients to all five of the main lakes and should be a priority in management efforts."
- "Septic management should be implemented to help minimize nutrient loading"
- "In general, the inspections and pump outs should be viewed as an insurance policy for the long-term proper operation of the septic system and not an imposition of the property rights of a homeowner."

So that the Voting Board could be completely confident in the findings, in October the reports were sent to a third-party consultant for independent peer review. Also, at that October meeting the Board began discussing ways to encourage residents to pump every three years. A \$50 dues credit was initiated as an incentive. That incentive is still available to members through September 2025.

While we waited for the peer review, the Board began implementation of other means to help resolve the lakes' decline. A stormwater assessment helped identify inlet stream locations that contribute the most sediment and nutrient volume. BioChar filtrations are being installed at those locations. A program to remove the enormous carp population was instituted and is currently underway. Weed harvesting is being done extensively at Lake 4. Hydroraking is being considered to remove submerged biomass, and drainage remediation efforts are underway to address road runoff. Our efforts are ongoing, diverse and extensive.

The independent peer review was received in February of this year. It concurred with Princeton Hydro's findings and, in fact went further. It states:

- "Nitrogen tends to be very mobile in soils of even normally functioning leach fields. It is plausible that some older leach fields still provide 95% removal of wastewater phosphorus, but across many properties, even that amount of nutrient reduction can still be problematic for surface waters. Nitrogen mobility in soils/groundwater is extremely problematic in nearly all scenarios."
- "Even if half of all homes are used only seasonally, septic loads would still be significant to the HLCC waterbodies."

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Upcoming Events

May 26 - Family Camp Out
May 27 - Comedy Night
May 28 - Breakfast
May 29 - Memorial Day Ceremony
June 9 - Kids' Choice Dance
June 10 - Open Mic Night
June 23 - Family Luau
June 24 - Free Shrimp Band



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12 PM * Adults \$7 Kids \$3.50

Memorial Day Ceremony

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AT THE Clubhouse

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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.

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.



Photo courtesy of Chastity Cortijo

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, June 6 – 7 pm
Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Communications Committee – Saturday, June 10 - 10 am
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, June 28 – 8 pm
Fish Committee – Thursday, June 15 – 7 pm
Planning Committee - May 30 - 8 pm
Road Committee – Thursday, June 1 – 7 pm
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, June 7 - 7:30 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, June 16 – 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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Save The Date: Swim Team Events

Saturday	June 17, 9 am	Parents Meeting
Sunday	July 9, 6 pm	B Invitational Planning Meeting
Tuesday	July 11, 6 pm	Potluck Pep Rally
Friday	August 11, 6 pm	Pre-A Championship Pasta Dinner
Tuesday	August 15, 6 pm	Swim Team Awards Dinner
* TBA – Team Picture Day		

Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule

9 am - 10 am: ages 13+
10 am - 11 am: ages 9 - 12
11 am - 11:45 am: ages 8 and under
11:30 am - 12 pm: ages 6 and under

2023 Swim Team Meet Schedule

July 5	Pequannock @Highland Lakes
July 12	Packanack Lake @ Highland Lakes
July 15	Odd Age Invitational @ Packanack
July 19	Highland Lakes @Erskine Lakes
July 22	Individual Age Invitational @ Wayne Township
July 26	Highland Lakes @ Green Pond
July 29	Highland Lakes “B” Invitational
August 2	Wayne Township @ Highland Lakes
August 3	Coaches’ Choice @ Fayson Lakes
August 5	“C” Invitational Meet @ Erskine Lakes
August 9	Highland Lakes @ Fayson Lakes
August 12	“A” Championships @ Pequannock


*TBD Canistear Cup - Cliffwood Lake @ Highland Lakes

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.



June 2023

Highland Lakes Happenings



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Family Luau

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Friday, June 23

Hey Highland Lakes, do you know what time it is? It's time to kick off summer with a fun luau. Come on down to the Clubhouse for some fun on June 23 at 6:30 pm. There will be luau music, games, crafts, face painting and ice cream. It will be an epic time.

Hiking News

DINA D'ARGENIO, COORDINATOR

Our next hike is scheduled for Sunday, June 4. We are meeting at 10 am at the Cherry Ridge trailhead (Highland Lakes side). We will hike to Sitting Bear Rock and break for snacks before hiking out. This trail is an easy hike, not a lot of elevation but it is approximately 6 miles. Come join us. For more information contact hiking@hlcc.org.



Family Day Committee

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Volunteers Needed

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 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.

Clubhouse Breakfast

RAY ZIMMERMAN, PRESIDENT

Don't forget to come to the Clubhouse Breakfast Sunday, May 28 starting at 9 am until 11:30 am. Come down, reconnect with family and friends, and maybe even meet some new neighbors. Adults \$10 and kids \$6 for children ages 3-10, and children under 3 years are free. We welcome any new volunteers at our breakfasts. We can always use help with the set up and clean up. Just come on down.

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- “Regular 2-year septic system pumping and inspections will help identify failing systems.”

Cognizant of the Voting Board's fiduciary obligation to care for the Club's lakes and having completed the necessary due diligence, it became apparent that some meaningful effort to address septic issues needed to be implemented.

Highland Lakes was conceived as a summer community, so land plots were small. As the community developed into year-round living, wells were drilled and some septic improvements were made. Today most properties have a well and a septic system squeezed onto these tiny lots. After almost 100 years, the Club's experts have confirmed what we already know, which is that septic issues at Highland Lakes have reached critical proportions. The concern about septic runoff goes beyond the quality of our lakes. It may also be infiltrating our individual wells which we use for drinking and cooking. In the course of our discussions, we wrestled with questions:

- **What about residents with financial constraints?** To that end we're working to determine if the Goodwill Fund can be expanded in some way to help address that issue. Also, our attorney reports that “grants are available to seniors or people with disabilities or limited financial resources if the septic needs to be upgraded for their own use... These grants are available through the NJ Department of Consumer Affairs.”
- **What about people with newer systems?** Installers of those systems were contacted and they reported that those systems still have holding tanks and accordingly they should be pumped every 2-3 years.
- **What about those who live alone or only use their houses on weekends?** We referred back to the independent analysis mentioned above, “Even under those conditions, septic loads would still be significant to the HLCC waterbodies.”

No proposal was a panacea, a perfect fit for every home and situation. In the end we turned again to the experts. The U.S. EPA, NJ DEP, Princeton Hydro (with 26 awards over the last ten years for excellence in water resource management,) etc. all recommend that septic systems should be pumped every 2 to 3 years. The Board concluded that that was the right decision to make and it needed to be implemented sooner rather than later.

The lakes are our biggest asset. They define our community and dictate our property values. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings where we continuously discuss our lake management progress and future challenges. We hope you will graciously join us in our efforts to preserve our beautiful lake community.

Sincerely,

The Highland Lakes Trustees



Lifeguard Class

KAITLYN NAGY, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Lifeguards Wanted

The following dates in July are the scheduled dates for the 2023 Blended Learning Lifeguarding Certification Class. This certification includes CPR, AED, Lifeguarding and Waterfront. Blended Learning includes online modules to be completed by the student prior to the start of the first class. Please note that the class costs \$100, \$50 due at sign up (this is nonrefundable) and the remaining \$50 due on the first day. Checks can be made out to HLCC marked attention Water Safety. All classes are mandatory and include a lunch break. Students are required to bring an exercise appropriate bathing suit, a notebook and something to write with every day of class. It is recommended that students bring 2 towels, a change of clothes, lunch and snacks, plenty of water and sunblock. Students will be provided with a CPR mask and a textbook. Classes will be held rain or shine, and will meet at the swim lanes at the start of every day unless told otherwise.

Please visit the Highland Lakes website under the “Swim Lessons” tab to sign up. You will be provided with the essential information for the online modules shortly after the signup deadline. The signup deadline is Friday, June 9.

PLEASE NOTE: You must be 16 years of age in order to be hired to work at a waterfront, however the course is open to anyone who will be 15 by the completion of the course.

Dates:

Thursday, July 6: 8 am – 1 pm (pretest at 8)

In Water Pretest: swim 300 yards continuously using front crawl or breaststroke, tread water for 2 minutes, swim 20 yards and dive to a depth of 7-10 feet to retrieve a 10 lb object then exit the water without ladder.

Friday, July 7: 8 am – 1 pm

Saturday, July 8: 8 am – 1 pm

Monday, July 10: 8 am – 1 pm

Tuesday, July 11: 8 am – 1 pm

Wednesday July 12: written tests at 9 am

Next Newsette: July 1, 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!



Sussex Rural
Electric Cooperative, Inc.

OFFICIAL
NOTICE

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!

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday		
Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location
9 am	Tennis (11-12 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9 am	Boys Softball Mosquito League (6-8 yrs)	Field 1	9 am	Tennis (7-8 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
9 am	Boys Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1				10 am	Tennis (5-6 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
10 am	Tennis (9-10 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	5 pm	Intermediate-advanced pickleball (16 +)				
5 pm	Youth Basketball (8-14 yrs)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	6 pm	Girls Softball Butterfly League (9-12 yrs)	Field 1	6 pm	Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)
6 pm	Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (canistear)	6 pm	Adult Men's Basketball (17 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	7 pm	Swim Team Scheduled Meets	Lanes
Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
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9 am	Girls Softball Farm team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	9 am	Youth Soccer (4-6 yrs), (7-9 yrs), (10-13 yrs)	Field 1	9 am	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
10 am	Women's Volleyball (18 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	10 am	Ladies Pickleball	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canistear)			
			10 am	Girls Softball Gem League (6-8 yrs)	Field 1	Sunday		
6 pm	Boys Softball Grasshopper League (9-11 yrs)	Field 1	6 pm	Boys Softball Little League (12-16 yrs)	Field 2	5:00 pm	Adult WOOD BAT Softball League (17 yrs+)	Field 2

Summer Athletics

PETE JABLONSKI, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Lifeguards Wanted

Fellow Highland Lakers, Summer '23 is HERE, unofficially. It is time to start thinking about the activities in which you would like to participate. The 2023 athletic season will start on Monday, June 26, and will conclude with our "All-Star" celebration in mid-August. The schedule will be the same as last year. Please see the schedule included below. The activities include tennis, soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, and pickleball.

As in the past, the registration book for activity and volunteer sign up for all Club sponsored athletics will be at the Clubhouse Activities Counter beginning Memorial Day weekend. Additionally, there are online registration forms on the new Club website. Please sign up as a volunteer or participant in the registration books OR by completing the registration forms on the Club's website if interested in getting involved. Each participant must complete a registration form and be up-to-date with Club dues to participate. This year I am encouraging everyone to complete the registration form online, but feel free to sign up in the Activity Center. There is something about flipping through the white binders at the Activity Center that screams Highland Lakes Summer.

I am looking forward to establishing both senior and junior volunteers to work alongside me this summer in any capacity. If you or your child volunteered over the past few years and wish to continue, please consider helping out again. If you are new to the community, welcome, and please consider joining the team! The teamwork and enthusiasm of our volunteers and athletes create lifelong memories. I hope everyone is as excited as I am for another fun filled Highland Lakes Summer. See you out there!

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Carp Electrofishing on the Main Lake

GLENN KAMP, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE AND MIKE O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE



Photos courtesy of Chastity Cortijo

You may have noticed some commotion in the shallow portions of some coves on the Main Lake. The fish thrashing on the surface of the water are carp engaging in their spawning ritual. The Fishing and Ecology Committees have been monitoring water temperatures and observing the lake for this event. We had been planning our first-ever carp population assessment and removal for months. An overabundance of carp can be detrimental to other fish species and the quality of water in our lake. Carp compete for some of the same resources that other fish need to thrive. In addition, carp are bottom feeders and stir up nutrients that have settled on the lake bottom, which can contribute to algae blooms.

Many carp were removed from the lake to assess their size and numbers. The removal operation took place on Thursday and Friday, May 18th and 19th. A crew from SUNY Cobleskill Fisheries and Wildlife Department arrived on Thursday with their electroshocking boat. The crew, along with volunteer Glenn Kamp, worked on the boat from Thursday afternoon until midnight and again on Friday morning. The boat entered many coves where the carp gather near the surface. As the boat moved into the cove the carp were shocked to temporarily stun them. Fishermen

with long nets quickly worked to bring them onto the boat before the shock wore off. The carp were then placed into a containment area containing clove (the spice) which humanely caused the carp to expire. When the containment area was full, the boat came ashore (if it was near Beach 3) or tubs of carp were ferried to the beach in the Club safety boat driven by volunteer Steve Luoni. Other volunteers were at the beach, many from the Fishing and Ecology Committees, who put the heavy, slippery fish into bags and placed them in a trailer. On Friday, the Space Farms Zoo truck arrived and took every single fish on the trailer, which will be used as food for the bears at the zoo.

The day and a half operation was very successful with a haul of over 1,000 pounds of carp removed from the lake. Approximately 97 fish were caught and the SUNY Fishery experts said that the average fish was 11 pounds with the largest being approximately double that weight. It was especially interesting to watch the boat and fishermen operate, as one of the biggest catches of the operation was at the shoreline of Beach 3 by the cattails.

We are thankful for the many volunteers who made this effort a success!



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Vernon Students Attending HOSA in Dallas, TX

AMY CRAFTON

Highland Lakes residents Avery Crafton and Sophie Van Den Broek - EMS members of the Vernon Ambulance Squad, rising seniors at Vernon Township High School and members of HOSA, "Future Health Professionals of America" (<https://hosa.org/what-is-hosa/>), have won the opportunity to travel to Dallas, Texas to compete in the 2023 HOSA International Leadership Conference. HOSA is a student and professional health care organization whose mission is to educate future health care providers and promote career opportunities within the industry.

Lead by VTSD teacher Mr. Matthew Bergh, team members Marissa Ajamian and Daniel Lovett placed 2nd within the Emergency Medical Technician competition (of all NJ teams) for speed and quality of care, and Avery Crafton and Sophie Van Den Broek placed 3rd (of all NJ teams) in the First Aid/CPR competition for speed and accuracy. Vernon to date, has never won a place in the HOSA - NJ State Competition but these awards qualify the teams to not only represent Vernon but the entire state of New Jersey at the June conference in Texas. All four students won positions at the conference but only Avery and Sophie will be making the trip as the event overlaps with the VTHS graduation. At the conference, Crafton and Van Den Broek will participate further in competitive events to test their healthcare knowledge and skills as well as attend classes and lectures. As of last week, Crafton also completed his course work and state testing to be fully certified as an NJ EMT.

As members of both the Glenwood Pochuck Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Vernon Township Ambulance Squad, Crafton and Van Den Broek have dedicated countless hours to serving our community. Since this is the first time Vernon High School's HOSA team has qualified for Nationals, the group did not budget for this type or level of competition. Therefore, the students are in need of community financial support to get them to Dallas. They will not be able to attend without our help.

Community members interested in supporting the students or learning more about HOSA can visit their GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/send-us-to-hosa-nationals>) and consider making a donation. After the conference, Crafton and Van Den Broek will bring the skills and knowledge gained back to Vernon and

Glenwood Ambulance Squads to further serve. Vernon HOSA gratefully appreciates any community support and all donations of any amount are humbly accepted.

If able or preferred to support via a Venmo donation, that is also possible. Interested community members can call (201) 310-7225 for more information and follow the students' progress via Instagram at @Vernon-HOSA.



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Bocce News

JOE PIERINI, COORDINATOR

Weekly bocce has started on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 pm, weather permitting. Please join us as we have a lot of fun. Skill not required; miracle shots are common. For information call 212-535-3270. Come try it out.

Aqua Aerobics News

BY PAULA SCHRINER

We are planning to do aqua aerobics again this summer, M-W-F from 9-10 am at Beach 1. We will start Monday, 7/3, probably through Labor Day 9/4. Please join us for the water fun. Bring your noodle, a towel, sunscreen and of course, your badge. No experience required. Any questions contact Gail Morton or Paula Schrinier. Hope to see you in the water!

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BARBARA JAGGI

The Roadside Cleanup on Earth Day was a huge success with over 70 members participating. A special thank you goes out to the Kluck family. Carrie Kluck and her children Jackson, Olivia, and Sebastian showed up at the registration table saying they wanted to clean up the dead fish on the right-of-way next to their home. They proceeded to do the cleanup and bagged the fish.



The Kluck Family, photo courtesy of Barbara Jaggi

Watercrafts Wanted

JOSHUA AND JACOB GELFAND

The Goodwill Fundraising Committee is looking for donations for our upcoming auction. Do you have a canoe, windsurfer or sailboat you no longer use? Free up some storage space and help out your neighbors-in-need by donating your unwanted watercraft to the HLCC Goodwill Committee's Annual Boat Auction.

We'll be auctioning donated watercrafts in June, with the proceeds going towards the Goodwill Fund. Email hlcboatauction@gmail.com or text 917-232-2365 for information on how to contribute to your community with a boat donation.



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Pickleball Summer Hours

KATHI TAYLOR

We will be playing pickleball at the Glen Wild Way courts during these scheduled hours throughout the summer, weather-permitting: Mondays and Wednesdays 6 pm and Fridays 10 am.

All Highland Lakes members and their guests ages 16 and older are welcome. Membership badges and guest wristbands are required. If you are new to pickleball, give it a try. We have equipment that newcomers can borrow. Hope to see you on the courts! Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689



Photo courtesy of Kathie Taylor



HLCC Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

Hello, friends & neighbors. Greetings from your HL Senior Club, (SC). We've begun our evening meetings for the spring into summer season. Please come join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at 7 pm in the Lake Room. Share some wonderful refreshments, share time getting caught up on SC news, share some great camaraderie. If you're 50 yrs +, you may join. Annual dues are \$15.00. Lots of terrific activities and events are planned from now until we sing Auld Lang Syne!

The SC hosts HL's annual Memorial Day ceremony along with our All-American Lunch.

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Aquatic Weed Harvesting on Lake 4

BOB REFFELT, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE AND MIKE O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Aquatic plant cutting and harvesting using specialized boats is a sustainable and effective method for controlling and managing the growth of aquatic plants in water bodies such as our lakes. Harvesting with boats is a natural and safe way to remove unwanted aquatic plants.

One of the key benefits of aquatic plant cutting and harvesting is that it promotes healthy aquatic ecosystems by reducing the density of aquatic vegetation. This can improve water quality and enhance recreational opportunities such as swimming, fishing, boating, while supporting the growth of desirable native plants and wildlife. By cutting the plant, a portion of it remains under the surface where it can continue to supply necessary oxygen to the water and absorb nutrients which can contribute to algae blooms.

In early May, Lake 4 was observed to have an unusually large number of weeds breaking the surface of the water. Soon after, it was decided to utilize harvesting to reduce the weed growth and a vendor was contracted. The vendor brought their equipment to the beach on Lake 4 and got to work. A specialized boat equipped with cutting blades and a skimmer, called a Weedoo, was used to cut sections of the curly pondweed up to 5 feet in depth and then come back with the skimmer to gather up the cuttings. Then the Weedoo brought the cuttings to a tritoon (a triple pontoon boat) where the weeds could begin to dry out. When full, the tritoon was ferried to shore and unloaded into a trailer with an excavator. When the trailer was full, it was driven to the tree farm on Barrett Road for compost. That is a lot of equipment to get the job done!

Many of the residents around Lake 4 were very happy to see their lake get a much-needed weeding. This is our first attempt in recent years to harvest aquatic plants as we look for innovative ways to care for our lakes. Future

plans are being developed by Club administration and will be brought to the Voting Board for funding more weed harvesting on our lakes.

Aquatic plant cutting and harvesting using specialized boats is a safe, effective, and environmentally friendly way to manage aquatic vegetation in our lakes. By utilizing this method, we can maintain healthy and vibrant aquatic ecosystems for generations to come.



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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 with their name and age.

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Women's Auxiliary

JENNIFER ZIEGLER, PRESIDENT

Highland Lakes Women's Auxiliary is looking forward to another wonderful summer. We are proud of being part of a long tradition of ladies who have so much fun and plan summer activities to enhance our community. We are working on a few summer trips, Casino/racetrack Trip, Broadway Show Bus Trip, and a Luncheon/Boat Trip up the Hudson River. Not to mention our August 1 Fundraiser, an event that enables us to raise money and give back to the Fire and Ambulance Squad and the Clubhouse.

Come join us every Tuesday morning at 10 am for our weekly meeting. Have some laughs, meet old friends

and make new ones! Continental breakfast is served and babysitting is provided.

Women's Auxiliary Schedule Summer of 2023:

Meetings: 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29

Wine & Cheese Party: 7/11

Goodwill Yard Sale/Bake Sale: 7/15

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Women's Auxiliary Fundraiser: 8/1

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Swim Team Update

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

Happy summer everyone! Signups are open for the upcoming Swim Team season! The preferred method for signing up is the online registration form <https://hlcc.org/swimteam/>

Please complete a registration form for each child who will be swimming. Alternatively, you can sign-up in person at the Clubhouse if you don't have access to a computer. You must complete a registration form even if you were on the team last summer.

To find out more about the HL Swim Team, please join the Swim Team Parent Board in the Lake Room on Saturday, June 17, at 9 am for our pre-season Parents Meeting. Coffee, juice, and bagels will be served.

2023 Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule

- 9 – 10 am: ages 13+
 - 10 – 11 am: ages 9-12
 - 11 – 11:45 am: ages 8 and under (8&U)
 - 11:30 am – noon: ages 6 and under (6&U)
- Practices will begin on the following days and continue Monday - Friday through early-August:
- June 27-28 – non-6&U, returning swimmers only
 - June 29-30 – non-6&U, new and returning swimmers
 - July 3 – all ages



Women's Bowling Starting

PAT WOOTTON

HLCC Women's Bowling will commence on July 5 at Pin Street in Warwick, NY. We meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 sharp. The league runs for eight weeks; \$89 is payable on the first day of bowling. Be prepared for lots of laughter, as no real talent is required. Awards are presented

on the final day (8/23) at a luncheon nearby. Please join the fun; the more the merrier. Feel free to call us with questions. Looking forward to seeing new faces among the old! Any questions, Judi Sunda - 973-764-3749 or Pat Wootton - 973-903-4153.

Ladies Sunfish 2023

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

Hello ladies of Highland Lakes! Our Ladies Sunfish Fleet will be running nine races during the sailing season starting on July 6. We sail one race on Thursdays, with a start time of 11 am sharp off the Eckhart Sailing Center dock.

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