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Lake Appreciation Day

MIKE O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

This July is the 25th anniversary of Lakes Appreciation Month as designated by the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) of which HLCC is a member. To celebrate this, we are holding our first ever Lake Appreciation Day on Sunday July 9th. The Ecology Committee has planned a day of fun and learning for the entire family! For active people, we will have a kayaking tour, a windsurfing clinic, and a fishing derby. For the kids (even us big kids), we will have The NJ Snakeman, kids crafts and a special children's book reading. For the hungry, we will have a grab and go lunch for those that did not get enough hot dogs on Independence Day. And for the lake lovers, we will have ecology displays and demonstrations on how we can show our appreciation for our lakes every single day. It will be like Earth Day but in the summer when lake life is in full swing. And finally, at the end of the day, for the gardeners, we will have a tour of four gardens/yards close to the clubhouse. So, come and join in on the fun and learning.

Fun!

So, let's first focus on the fun! What could be more fun than getting out on the water, or at least near it, to enjoy the natural beauty of our lakes. Grab your kayak and paddle over to Beach 2 for a guided tour of the Main Lake. Learn about the Main Lake while

enjoying your water level view. Always wanted to try windsurfing but were afraid of how many times you would be sent overboard while learning? Well, you can try it out on land first with the windsurfing simulator. For the fisher people, we've got prizes for the skilled and free rods to use for the beginners. We will also have fun for the kids in the Clubhouse with a fish craft and lake mural painting. What better way to show our appreciation for the lakes than having fun on them.

Learning!

Now for the learning! We can show our love and appreciation for our lakes with some everyday habits that will help improve the quality of water in our lakes. The decisions we make in our homes, our yards and in our community can contribute to the health of the ecosystem that we call Highland Lakes. In our homes, we can create habits in our kitchens, our bathrooms and our laundry rooms that are kinder and gentler on our septic systems, so they function better keeping unwanted nutrients out of our yards and lakes. In our yards, we can divert the flow of water into our soil so that the water is cleaned and filtered before it gets back into our lakes. We can also use plantings to help absorb water and nutrients while beautifying our homes and community. And even when we are out and about in our private community, we can be mindful

of bringing home what we brought out to enjoy around our lakes. We are all stewards of our lakes and everyday actions can contribute to the health of our waterways for years to come.

Join Us!

We are looking forward to sharing this fun and educational day with your entire family. Join us on Sunday, July 9 and partake in the activities listed below. Come share your appreciation of our beautiful lake community with us!

Schedule:

9:30 - 10:30 Kayak Tour of Main Lake
11:00 - 4:00 Ecology Tables for Home, Yard and Community
11:00 - 4:00 Windsurfer Clinic with simulator
11:00 - 4:00 Fishing Derby with prizes
11:00 - 4:00 Kids Activities: fish craft and mural
11:30 Welcome on the porch
11:30 - 1:30 Simple lunch to go
1:00 - 2:00 Family Attraction: NJ Snake Man - all ages!
2:30 Kids Activity: special book reading with Brownie Troop
4:00 to 4:15 Rain Garden Tour
4:15 Resident Garden Tours - Lakeside Drive West/Alturas Road

Upcoming Events

July 2 - Red White and Blue Breakfast
July 3 - Sailing Clinic
July 10 - Sailing Rules Clinic
July 9 - Lake Appreciation Day
July 15 - Community Yard Sale
July 22 & 23 - Art Show
July 29 - Highland Lakes "B" Invitational
July 29 - 70s/80s Dance

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Save the Dates - Swim Team Events

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			

Beach Hours

The Summer season opens Saturday, July 1

Beach 1 – 9 am to 7 pm
Beach 2 – 10:30 am to 5 pm
Beach 3 – 10 am to 6 pm
Beach 7 – 10 am to 6 pm
Beaches 4, 5 and 6 – 11:30 am to 5 pm (openings will vary depending on availability of lifeguards)



Summer Swim Lessons Begin

Weekday lessons - Monday, July 3
Weekend lessons - Saturday, July 8

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, August 1 – 7 pm
Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Communications Committee – Saturday, July 8 – 10 am
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, July 26 – 8 pm
Fish Committee – Thursday, July 20 – 7 pm
Planning Committee - No meeting schedule at this time
Road Committee – Thursday, July 7 – 7 pm
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, July 12 – 7:30 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, July 21 – 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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Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule

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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

July 4 Holiday Office Schedule

The Club Office will be open the following days:

Saturday, July 1 - 10 am to 1 pm

Monday, July 3 - 10 am to 3 pm

Closed on Tuesday, July 4.

The Activity Center will be open:

Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 from 10 am to 3 pm

Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 from 9 am to 3 pm

Please make sure to bring copies of proof of residency for additional badges and vehicle registrations in the event you need to make a change to your parking permit information.

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 will be able to assist you weekdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

Beach Water Testing Results

Below are the results of the most recent E. coli testing at the Club’s beaches and swim lanes performed by Garden State Laboratories, Inc. Weekly tests are required by the State of New Jersey, and results must not exceed 320 organisms per 100 milliliters. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	6/9	6/14	6/21
Beach 1	<1	5.1	<1
Beach 2	1	6.3	3.1
Beach 3	2	2	1
Beach 4	4.1	3.1	13.1
Beach 5	<1	3	3.1
Beach 6	<1	2	3
Beach 7	2	2	<1
Swim Lanes	<1	1	4.1

Summer Garbage Pickup

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

First pickup – Tuesday, July 3

The Club’s summer garbage pickup for ten weeks with Blue Diamond Disposal begins on Monday, July 3. Garbage pickup services continue on Mondays throughout the summer and end on Tuesday, September 5 (due to Labor Day holiday). The schedule is as follows: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7, 14, 21, 28. The last pickup will be Tuesday, September 5. Please remember – your garbage must be out by 6:30 am on collection day.

Household garbage removal services through the Club are limited to one toter (supplied by Waste Management or Blue Diamond to their year-round customers) or the equivalent of three, 32 gallon regular size household garbage cans. Only household refuse will be picked up – no bulky waste, tires, construction debris, etc. and recycling is not provided.

Customers of Blue Diamond or Waste Management will be receiving letters explaining the amount of the credit you are entitled to on your invoice if you have paid your dues and assessments in full before Club services begin on July 3. Please note that both haulers will continue to provide recycling services to you, for which you will be invoiced, during the Club’s ten week period of service by Blue Diamond.

Only members in good standing are entitled to credits on their invoice from their garbage hauler. Customers paying their Club balances after the commencement of services will receive a reduced, prorated credit on their invoices from Blue Diamond or Waste Management. On the day of garbage collection, if your house has been missed, please notify the Club office as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for pick up.



July 2023

Highland Lakes Happenings



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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.



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Artists Group Observations

DORI ZARR

What a terrific meeting! I had the pleasure of attending the Artists Group meeting on Tuesday, June 6, at 7 pm (every first Tuesday of the month). They had just under a dozen artists sharing something they were working on or had recently finished. Some used watercolor, acrylics and even oil. There were various sizes, shapes and colors. One lady, Nicole, has taught classes at our local library, The Daily Bean and privately. She introduced us to her sketch book and reasons for carrying it everywhere. Another artist, Marie, discussed the importance and weight of the paper you select for watercolor. Here I thought it was all about the brushes.

Laura brought an amazing sample of memorable ladies in the Old Testament. She explained the symbols she painted in the trees and then showed us samples she'd finished using her cell phone. We were all so interested in the stories behind her work. One artist, Marie, asked how we judge our work...is it realism or abstract? Carol gave us a quote, "When I finish a painting, it doesn't belong to me anymore." So, it seems the viewing and judging is up to us. The same lady brought in her tapestries and explained about her huge loom and why she took up this form of art and how her art could be used as wall hangings. We all contributed in some way, sharing where we purchased supplies, types of brushes, and paints coming in small, easy to carry containers. I would like to attend the meetings on occasion, so stay tuned for some additional reporting!



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Ladies' Golf Outing

MEI LAMSON

Tuesday, August 8

The 54th Annual Highland Lakes Ladies' Golf Outing is coming up! All beginner and intermediate players are welcome. This is a fabulous day to meet new members, spend time with your friends and enjoy a lovely day together. We will play 9 holes at Great Gorge Golf Club in Vernon followed by a 4-course lunch at Milano's. Prizes, fun and presentation of The Foley Cup to the HLCC member with low gross score to follow. Sign up as an individual, a twosome or a foursome. We will match you with great partners.

Here are the details:

Tuesday, August 8, at Great Gorge, Vernon – 9 am Shotgun start, check in at 8:15 am.

Lunch immediately following at Milano's, Hamburg, NJ.

Cost is \$70 per person which includes golf, golf cart, 4-course lunch and all tips.

You can even BYOB for lunch!

To sign up bring a check or cash for \$70 to the HLCC Office or activities center. Envelope labeled Ladies' Golf Outing by July 7. Check payable to Mei Lamson. Include your name, cell phone number, email address, HLCC badge number, or indicate if you are a friend/family or guest of HL member (for the Foley Cup).

Looking forward to seeing everyone on August 8, a day full of fun! If you would like to Zelle/ Venmo payment and have questions: Mei_ling_teng@hotmail.com or cell (646)338-4668.

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.



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Make note that there will NOT be any athletics on July 4.



CHRISTIN ALBER, ART SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Members of all ages are invited to participate,

Come one and all and enjoy the wonderful creations of the talented artists in Highland Lakes. We hope to see you there and personally greet you on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23rd. With best regards, the Art Show Committee.



Master HVACR License# 19HC00204300

Summer Athletics

SUMMER 2023

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Time	Activity	Location
9:00 AM	Tennis (11-12 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Boys Softball Mosquito League (8-8 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Tennis (7-8 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	9:00 AM	Girls Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Youth Soccer	Field 1	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
9:00 AM	Boys Softball Farm Team (4-5 yrs)	Field 1	6:00 PM	Girls Softball Butterfly League (9-12 yrs)	Field 1	10:00 AM	Tennis (5-6 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	10:00 AM	Women's Volleyball 18 + yrs	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	10:00 AM	Pickleball	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canisdeer)	Sunday		
10:00 AM	Tennis (9-10 yrs)	Beach 1 Tennis Courts	6:00 PM	Adult Men's Basketball (17 yrs+)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts	6:00 PM	Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canisdeer)	6:00 PM	Boys Softball Grasshopper League (9-11 yrs)	Field 1	10:00 AM	Girls Softball Gem League (8-8 yrs)	Field 1	9:00 AM	Adult Team Tennis	Beach 1 Tennis Courts
5:00 PM	Youth Basketball (9-14 yrs)	Beach 1 Basketball Courts				7:00 PM	Swim Team Scheduled Meets	Lanes				5:00 PM	Boys Softball Little League (12-16 yrs)	Field 2	4:00 PM	Intermediate /Advanced Pickleball (16 yrs+)	Field 2 Tennis Courts (Canisdeer)
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Julia Crafton on the Seckler Stage

AMY CRAFTON

On June 10, Seckler Stage and the Open Mic series hosted Julia Crafton in concert to celebrate the release of her second album, Nothing. At just 17 years old, Julia has been a “Featured Artist” at the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Balcony Bar from Home Series in New York City, performed at various venues in New York, Massachusetts, and New Orleans and has had her songs played on radio stations all over the US including WFMT in Chicago, WMNF in Florida, and KMUZ in Oregon. Her latest recorded project features legendary musicians including drummer Bernard “Pretty” Purdie (Aretha Franklin, Steely Dan), guitarist Mitch Stein (Cyndi Lauper, Bill Evans), keyboard and pianist Dan Rieser (Norah Jones, Martha Wainwright, Marc Cohn), guitarist Walter Parks (Richie Havens, The Nudes), bass player Dave Richards (Indigo Girls, Dayna Kurtz), the ETHEL String Quartet (Joe Jackson, Todd Rundgren), guitarist Sam Schumann, drummer Morgan Parker (MJ The Musical), and pianist Ted Baker (Steely Dan, Art Garfunkel).

The HLCC community came together for a great night of music, food, drinks, and a surprise opening guest, Maren Stubenvoll (Crafton’s cousin visiting from Montana), who set the tone for the show with her smooth, folksy voice and acoustic guitar.

To begin the set, Crafton came on stage with guitarist Michael Carapella to sing an acoustic version of the title track of her album Nothing. The show ran over an hour and a half and included energy driven pop/rock songs such as “Thoughts from a Bubble” and “Perfect Plan” as well as thought-provoking ballads such as “Beautiful Girl” and

“Hiding Place,” bringing the crowd to a place of emotional rawness. The evening was powered by Crafton’s band, Emily Davies on bass, Morgan Parker on drums, and Michael Carapella (mentioned earlier) on guitar with Maren Stubenvoll joining on back-ground vocals. When asked what made her decide to perform a concert in Highland Lakes, Crafton responded, “I played a show in New York last night at The Bitter End in the West Village to celebrate the release of Nothing, it was wonderful, but I will always be a Highland Lake’s kid. This is home. I am grateful to so many people in this community for supporting me and my music over the years as well as my friends and teachers at Vernon High School. It’s a different type of love when the people you’re playing for have watched you grow up.”

Crafton, who is graduating VTHS this June, will be taking a gap year starting this fall to live in New Orleans and study the music and jazz culture down in the Big Easy. She did however, hint at another new project in the works, “All I can say is the reprise of Nothing (which is the last song on the album) is definitely just the beginning...” ‘An old soul’ as Bernard “Pretty” Purdie said while recording the project – perfectly sums up much of this record, as Crafton delves deeper into her strength as both a songwriter and a singer. It is a must-listen because it won’t be long before Crafton is a bonafide star, right here from Highland Lakes.

To purchase or download Crafton’s new album Nothing go to [JuliaCrafton.com](https://juliacrafton.com), Social Media: @JuliaCraftonMusic. Special thanks to Jason Tribiano for coordinating the evening.



Storm Clouds



Photo taken by Sarah Gaston Koberlein weekend of June 24-25, submitted courtesy of Mike Gaston

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Community Life

STU BLANK, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

When I picked up my badges on Memorial Day weekend, I saw families gathering and mingling around the Club grounds. I noticed a family getting ready to put their boat in the water for the first time as well as a half dozen empty trailers in the lot, presumably from community members who had done the same thing. I bumped into our Club President, Ray Zimmerman, in the office and saw a family picking up their badges and some day passes. I didn't give any of this much thought until I left the office, and noticed there were three generations of "Highland Lakers" who made the annual pilgrimage to the office on Memorial Day weekend to get their badges, and that's when my sense of community kicked in.

You see, I was not a Highland Laker growing up, but my wife was. She spent her summers at her grandparents' cabin, which they called Disisdaplaz with a sign noting that prominently displayed on the front porch. Their sense of community was through this cabin that they had for over 30 years, and my wife has fond memories forged with her grandparents. So, what is a community? A community is a group of people who share something in common, who are alike in some way, who feel some sense of belonging or interpersonal connection. In our case, it's our five lakes at the top of a mountain and our love for the area: "New Jersey's Highest Lake Community" as described in a newspaper ad from 1939. There are families whose grown children return and buy cabins in Highland Lakes; why you may ask? Because of the memories and the sense of community. We have swimming, sailing, tennis and pickleball, breakfasts and luncheons, civic events, the annual Yard Sale, Lake Appreciation Day, Family Day, Comedy Night, holiday dinners, etc. Whatever drew people to the lake originally, they quickly found a sense of community; neighbors helping neighbors, and neighbors gathering to see each other and sharing a sense of comfort at the lake.

The Memorial Day celebration that the Club held on May 29 truly put it into perspective. We recognized our neighbors who served in every conflict from World War II to the latest conflicts. An Honor Guard made up of community members recognized all the branches of the Military, and a roll call was held for every family member who served with pride and passion to allow us to live in freedom. This was followed by an excellent summer lunch hosted by the Senior's Club. It was a great way to kick off the summer season.

Our community relies heavily on volunteers who keep traditions alive. They make newcomers feel welcome, with something as simple as a new member gathering or a wave and a smile. Everyone has a story or a reason why they came to Highland Lakes. What's yours?

HL B Parent Meeting

SHERIF FAHMY

The Highland Lakes Swim Team's B Invitational will be here before you know it! Scheduled for July 29, it's our way to show the other Lakes in our conference how Highland Lakes is the best. To make it a successful event, we need all hands on deck. Please join us on July 9 at 6 pm in the Lake Room for our B Invitational planning meeting. We will discuss all aspects of the meet including:

- Entries
- Friday night set up

- Parking
 - Marshaling
 - Front and Back Gates
 - Program
 - Officiating
 - Timing
 - Concessions
 - Officials Luncheon
 - Runners
 - Medals Ribbons and Trophies
- Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!



Vernon Township Housing Market Report - May 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	\$150,500	9	102%
2	\$274,091	43	102%
3	\$320,688	48	100%
4	\$425,167	51	92%
5+	No Sales	No Sales	No Sales
TOWN	\$305,273	44	99%

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Family Day

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

Next Newsette: July 8, 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!

Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Howdy, my friends! Here are the upcoming events on the calendar:

Tuesday, July 11 at 12:00, off premises luncheon at Warwick Country Club.

Cost is \$31.00 per person. Call me for reservations.

Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm, meeting in Lake Room.

Dues: \$15 per person for the year. All welcome to join.

Something to tickle your funny one:

Over 5,000 years of eating bread and in less than a decade, everyone's allergic to gluten.

Two buddies: "Sweet outhouse man, but you're out of toilet paper."

"That's because it's my fishing shack!"

Being a little older I am lucky to have someone call and check on me. He is from India, I think, and he's very concerned about my car warranty.

Today's work-from-home tip: Blowing on the wine in your mug will help convince your zoom meeting that your tea is hot!

Kid: You're always making up rules & stuff.

Mom: Like what?

Kid: Like, if I don't clean my room a portal will open & take me to another dimension.

Mom: Well, that's what happened to your older brother.

Kid: What older brother?

Mom: Exactly!

Enjoy each day, have a smile and a kind word for others and do a good deed.

Love ya, Joyce H. 845-544-3749.

Summer Pickleball

KATHI TAYLOR

Welcome back to all our summer pickleball players. Many of you have joined us already, and we look forward to seeing more of you throughout the summer. Here are a few points of interest for all of our players:

Our Monday and Wednesday sessions remain the same at 6 pm. Our Friday sessions are now for all members both male and female at 10 am. It was decided to make Fridays co-ed since we were playing co-ed throughout the year anyway. As always, there will be the opportunity to play games with whomever you would like so everyone should find suitable games.

Please note: there may be times throughout the summer when our Friday morning sessions start at 9 am. We do this when we are in a heat wave and the earlier start time helps to avoid the intense heat of late morning. We have a Team Reach group for Highland Lakes that allows us to send out notices about this and other changes. You can join our Team Reach by stopping by the courts to see me and getting our code. I just need to see your 2023 Membership Badge so you can join our group on your phone app.

Hope to see you on the courts! As always, 16 years old and up are welcomed and you must have your 2023 badge with you. Thank you, Kathi Taylor – 973-303-2689.

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.

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Planning for Tree Succession Around Your Home

BARBARA JAGGI, ECOLOLY COMMITTEE

Most of us love the trees in our yards. They provide both summer shade and leaves to rake in the fall (except for the conifers). They seem to be permanent parts of the landscape. But most of our hemlocks are gone or being treated and all our ash will soon be gone. We all know the damage from hurricanes and ice storms but there are also more subtle changes to trees we need to recognize.

Assess the current health of your existing trees. Are there hollow cavities? Is bark missing exposing the heartwood to rot (eventually leading to cavities)? Have limbs come off providing entry points for decay? Do mature trees have new branches coming out of the sides of the trunk (called epicormic branching)? If so, it is a sign of major stress. That tree will not be long for your yard. And all these conditions can become safety hazards when they impact the tree's structural integrity.

With any of these conditions, the wise approach is to plan for a replacement now. Maybe the existing tree will last another five, ten, even 20 years. Great! Plant a replacement now so that it will be ready when needed.

Check out the site for the new tree. Are there overhead wires or other competing tree limbs? What size and shape tree do you want? Leaf size and density affect flowers and lawns below. Do you want edible fruit or nuts? Do you want spring flowers, summer bloom, fall colors? Do you prefer smooth, shiny, rough or peeling bark?

How long will the tree live? How quickly will it grow? Some species require full sun; others are shade tolerant. Some need lots of water; others want well drained soils. Some like acid soils; others don't. Some trees make messes on lawns or have sharp burrs potentially harmful to children. The point is that you need to plan for tree succession and you need to do some homework before



deciding which species to plant.

And in NJ, all tree species need to be protected from deer browse. If you intend to plant a tree and do not intend to put a five-foot tall wire cage around it, don't bother planting it at all. And use a wire cage, not a tree tube.

When is the best time to plant a tree? As the old adage goes, the best time is 20 years ago but the second-best time is now. If you are planting a replacement tree for an existing tree that may last another 20 years, you essentially have the opportunity to plant a tree 20 years ago today!

Due to the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer and necessary removal due to construction, septic replacement, etc., we have lost and will be losing many of our old trees here in Highland Lakes. The native ash accounts for one third of all at the trees in our community. This is a good time to look into planting a tree native to our part of the country.

Consider planting a red maple (*Acer rubrum*), a medium-sized tree from 40 to 60 feet high at maturity with a rounded or irregular crown spreading to 40 feet. Young bark is smooth and gray, turning rough and darker with age.

Red maple transplants easily and grows very fast in moist soils, but it can also do well on dry sites.

Red maple is one of the best named of all trees. There is something red in all seasons - buds in winter, flowers in spring, leafstalks in summer, and brilliant foliage in autumn. This pageant of color, along with red maple's relatively fast growth and tolerance to a wide range of soils makes it a widely planted favorite.






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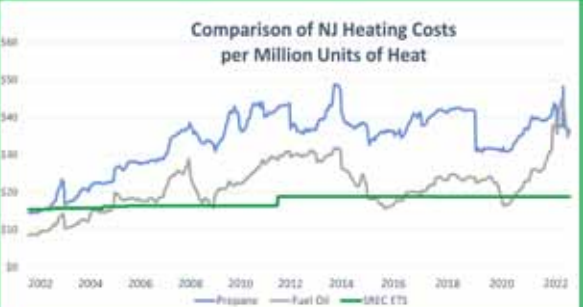
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Save the Date

RAY LOUGHREN

This year's outing will be held at Black Bear Golf Club. The date is August 4 at 1 pm. We will be playing a scramble format. The cost is \$115 per player. This includes the round of golf and dinner to follow at Black Bear. Please come join us for a great day. Contact Ray Loughren at 973-919-3270. Mike Sweeney at 201-290-0226.

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Lake Conditions Update

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

The mild winter resulted in very little ice-over and snow cover on our lakes. As a result, much more sun light has been available for underwater plants and algae to get an early start on spring growth. We have observed higher than normal early growth of curly leaf pondweed and filamentous algae in Highland Lakes and our lake consultants have confirmed similar conditions in many other NJ/NY/PA lakes. We expect that the impact of the mild winter will be mitigated to some degree because of more frequent inspections, expanded water quality testing and alternative treatment options which have been approved by the Voting Board in recent months.

In addition to our standard testing of temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, clarity (secchi depth) and conductance, beginning this season our agreement with Princeton Hydro (PH) now includes more frequent comprehensive testing including two forms of nitrogen, multiple forms of phosphorus, total suspended solids, and planktonic surveys. This enhanced testing will be done consistently across all lakes and the lagoon. In addition, PH will be performing several nutrient reduction treatments in Lake 4. Because Lake 4 has experienced recurring HABs in recent years, PH will be applying three treatments of EutroSORB, a new product which has been shown to be environmentally safe and more effective in removing phosphorus from the water column. Also in Lake 4, they have installed buoys containing filtration "socks" or "sleeves" containing biochar, another chemically inert treatment found to be effective in removing phosphorus.

And finally, thanks to the efforts of the Ecology Committee and Trustee Bob Reffelt, a firm was hired to perform weed harvesting on Lake 4. Weed harvesting removes biomass (vegetation) rather than allowing it to die in place and contribute unwanted nutrients to the lake. Physical removal of weeds and algae on or near the surface and along shorelines can enhance the recreational use and appearance of our lakes as well as reduce phosphorus levels. It might be especially helpful to those members who often experience heavy accumulations of wind-blown algae in coves and along the shoreline.

The weed harvesting project was approved as a trial to assess its cost-effectiveness and practicality. Approximately 80 cubic yards of biomass was removed and is being converted to organic mulch at a local tree farm. There is no doubt that weed harvesting has several clear advantages over chemical treatments, but the process can be very time consuming, significantly more costly, and may temporarily impact aesthetics and recreational use. The Ecology Committee and management will continue to explore ways of conducting weed harvesting more efficiently with the possibility of implementing it on a wider scale next season.

Also new this season is an agreement with Lake Management Sciences (LMS) of Branchville, NJ. LMS is a highly respected, award-winning firm which has been serving public and private lake communities in NJ, NY, and PA for many years. LMS is well-qualified and equipped to perform all the services previously provided by Solitude Lake Management. The staff is knowledgeable and experienced in the latest products and research available for lake treatment and will be working closely with the Club and Princeton Hydro to maintain a more coordinated and effective approach to managing our lakes.

While we have no control over mild winters, excessive summer heat and sun or varying amounts of rainfall, all of which affect the health of our lakes, we have made some significant changes in those things which we can control - monitoring, testing, treatment, and prevention. The initial spring growth has now receded in response to treatment. Service reports detailing inspection and treatment of all lakes are available in the "Documents" section of the member's portal.

Please be assured that we will continue to explore every option available to protect and preserve the health and beauty of Highland Lakes.

For more information on how recent weather is impacting area lakes, click <https://princetonhydro.com/guest-blog-by-dr-fred-lubnow/>

for an article by noted aquatic and environmental expert, Dr. Fred Lubnow.



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Rotary Donates Motorized Wheelchair to Vernon Township

PETER WARREN, VERNON ROTARY

The Vernon Rotary Club is pleased to announce the donation of a Long-Range Motorized Wheelchair for Adults (Rubicon DX12) to be used on the Vernon Township trails located at the Bicycle Pump Track and Maple Grange for people with mobility issues.

The Vernon Rotary has always been committed to making a positive impact in our local community, and we felt that donating a wheelchair to be used on a town trail for persons with disabilities was a small but meaningful way to do just that.

It is a known fact that mobility limitations affect one-third of older adults in the USA. We understand that accessibility can be a significant barrier for persons with disabilities, and we hope this donation will help to break down some of those barriers and allow more people to enjoy the natural beauty of our town.

We are grateful to our Rotary District and our members who generously donated their time and resources to make this donation possible. As a community, we are stronger when we work together to support those in need, and we are proud to have made this contribution to our town. We hope that this donation will inspire others to think about how they can help to make our community a more inclusive and welcoming place for people of ALL abilities.

This wheelchair can be reserved through Mishelle Downtain by emailing Mishelle Downtain at mdowntain@vernontwp.com after filling out the reservation form and waiver found under the “Services” tab at the Vernon Township website www.vernontwp.com. Click here for a link to the waiver: <https://rb.gy/a3dj5>. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
The Vernon Rotary

Goodwill Fund Boat Auction Wrap Up

JOSHUA AND JACOB GELFAND

Thank you to all of those who donated and bought boats in the Third Annual HLCC Goodwill Fund Boat Auction, as well as to Nick Heinziger, who helped with the loading of boats after the sale. We had a great time meeting members as we photographed boats for the sale and helped match the donated boats up with their new owners afterward. The auction raised over \$1,000 in funds that will go toward helping community members experiencing financial hardship.





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2023 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

MARK BURUCHIAN, HL SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2023 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All local fleet races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center Dock located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road. All fleets include 2 races except for the Ladies Sunfish Fleet. The safety boat should arrive approx. 15 minutes prior to the start of each race.

Flying Junior (FJ) Races – Sundays at 11:00 am

James Sullivan: 201-741-4235

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / August 6, 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm

Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102

Note: July 4th Regatta – 2 races July 2nd at 2:30 pm; 2 races July 4th at 11:00 am

July 2, 4, 9, 16 23, 30 / August 6, 13, 27 / Sept. 3

Jr. Singles Sunfish Races – Wednesdays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

July 6, 13, 20, 27 / August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11:00 am

Krissy Amato: 512-206-6717; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165

July 7, 14, 21, 28 / August 4, 11, 18, 25 / Sept. 1

Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:00 am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm

Rick Thompson 801-737-3005 and Chip Ehrhardt 973-222-6755

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm

Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26

All Boat Regatta – Sept. 2

Sailors’ Picnic – Sept. 3

(safety boat lifeguards are welcome to attend)

SANJL Championship Sunfish Regatta – Sept. 30th

Mark Buruchian: 973-271-0213

Registration – 8:30 am / Skipper’s Meeting – 10:00 am / 4 races starting at 10:30

Questions? Call Mark at 973.271.0213 or hlccsailing@gmail.com



Sailing Events

MARK BURUCHIAN, SAILING COORDINATOR

July - September

Monday, July 3 – Sailing Clinic (Club Lawn) 11 - 1pm
Thursday, July 10 – Rules Clinic (Clubhouse) 7 - 9 pm
Sunday, July 30 – Sailor’s Social (Beach 2) 5 - 8 pm
Saturday, Sept. 2 – All Boat Regatta (Lake Room) 8 am Registration
Sunday, Sept. 3 – Awards Picnic (Lake Room) 4 pm
Saturday, Sept. 30 – SANJL Regatta (Lake Room) 8:30 am Registration



Learn to Sail

SUE AND MARK BURUCHIAN, SAILING COORDINATOR

Basics of Sailing Clinic

Hello Sunfish sailing enthusiasts! We understand some of you have questions on “how to sail?”. We are offering a 2-hour clinic on Tuesday, July 3, from 11 am to 1 pm to help you understand the “Basics of Sailing”. This will be held on the Club lawn. We will cover all equipment of your boat and how to sail it. This is not a racing clinic, but rather the “all you need to know” to get out there in your Sunfish and take advantage of our beautiful lake. Sailing is a life lesson. Take advantage. Adults and children, please come with your life jacket, towel, water bottle, light snack and sunscreen. Junior sailors recommended to attend. Have a question about your equipment? We’ll do our best to answer it. Be prepared to get wet to learn how to right a boat after a capsize. All HL members and ages welcome. Any questions, please call 973-271-0227.

Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

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Racing gets started on Saturday, July 1. All races are on Saturdays throughout the summer and start at 3 pm. Any manufactured board and sail is acceptable. Maximum sail sizes are 9.5 square meters for the Championship Division and 7.5 square meters for the Challenger Division. The Challenger Division is specifically designed for beginner and novice racers with the emphasis on learning how to race. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices are mandatory for those 18 years of age and under and recommended for everyone else.

Learn how to windsurf at the Lake Appreciation Day event on Sunday, July 9, starting at 11 am on the Clubhouse lawn. The Windsurfing Fleet will be conducting beginner lessons for all that are interested in learning an exciting and exhilarating new sport. Members and their guests are welcome. Badges are required. Other required items include a Coast Guard approved life jacket or other Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. Water shoes are recommended.

So, come on out and make learning to windsurf a “breeze.” Bring the whole family. Aloha.

