



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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How We Communicate With Our Membership

JACQUELYN GREEN, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Communication is formally defined as the transferring of information to produce a greater understanding and is considered one of the most important of life skills. The HLCC and CA values the exchange and sharing of information and ideas, with members. With the act of sharing, comes participation. Participation is what creates and binds our community. Keeping ourselves well informed and connected, especially through a global pandemic, has proved to be quite challenging. Having limited access to our Clubhouse and staff, has left a lot of us, feeling disconnected from our community. These challenges have brought about innovation and adaptation, the keys to survival. While Highland Lakes is revered for its nostalgia and nature, ironically, technology has become our friend, during these trying times, to aid in communication and connection. As a new member on the Communication Committee, tasked with outlining the various ways we communicate with our membership, I was impressed by the amount of information available and the ease at which it can be obtained. Let me share with you some helpful tips to stay informed, connected and involved.

Visit our official webpage <https://hlcc.org/>. Consider this, our virtual clubhouse, if you will. Pour yourself a cup of tea or coffee, and relax right here, for a moment. Bookmark and/or add this page to your Favorites

list. Once you have discovered this page, you will be returning, again and again. Everything you need to know is right here. Take your time and familiarize yourself with some of the tabs along the top. You will find drop down menus filled with links on membership info, activities, committees, events, sports, forms and online payments. Information on the history of our community is there for you to read, as well as a link to our beautiful booklet, "At the Lake - The Guide to Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association". This little gem should not be overlooked. It is as informative as it is beautiful. It is a one stop shop, feast for the eyes, as well as having answers to a plethora of FAQ's.

View the latest edition of our Newsette online here, or pick up a physical copy at the Lake Wanda Store, the Highland General Store, the Marketplace Deli or the US Post Office. The Newsette is published 18 times a year, and has traditionally been the main source of disseminating information on Club happenings, rules and news for our members. You can also view archived Newsettes here dating back to 1949! It's always great to see how far we've come.

Sign up for E-News by adding your email address to our list here. You will receive email blasts containing the latest information on Club happenings, important dates and reminders, as they become available.



A double rainbow appeared on April 15 over the Main Lake after a stormy day. Thank you to Kylie Ayala for sending this in.



The Club has an official FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM page. Give us a LIKE on FACEBOOK; we can be found at HighlandLakesNJ. Follow us on INSTAGRAM @hlccnj. Feel free to comment, share and stay connected. Please note, dare I say, not everything you read on the internet is true! These are the ONLY OFFICIAL pages of HLCC and CA. All other pages and groups are not run or approved by the Board. Buyer Beware!

If all else fails, the Club Office will continue to be staffed, Monday through Friday, from 9 am -4 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Club staff by phone, 973-764-4366 or email hlcc@warwick.net. Someone will be happy to help you.

Nothing has made us realize the importance of face-to-face contact, than this past year. Lack of human interaction impacts the way we communicate and view our surroundings. At this time, while it pales in comparison to a real world human connection, let's embrace the technology currently available that allows us to reach out and stay connected so that we may communicate as best we can with our community. Besides, behind every webpage, email, link, post or voicemail, is a human, trying to stay connected and communicate right back with you.

Upcoming Events

May 23 – Lakeside Bistro

May 30 – Free Shrimp Band Outdoor Concert on the Lawn

May 31 – Memorial Day Observance

Office Hours

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

The Club Office will be open to members starting Monday, May 3, 2021. Our normal business hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. The office will be open to members 10 am to 3 pm. We encourage members to conduct business as much as possible over the phone or through email, but if you need to come to the office it will be open. New members are welcome to come in during business hours to pick up and/or fill out new member forms. If you have any questions, please contact us at 973-764-4366 or email the Club Office at hlcc@warwick.net.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time

Clubhouse Committee – Tuesday, May 18 – 7 pm

Communications Committee – Saturday, May 8 - 10 am

Ecology Committee – Thursday, May 20 - 7 pm

Fishing Committee – Thursday, May 20 – 8 pm

Planning Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time

Roads Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time

Rules and By-Laws - No meeting scheduled at this time

Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, May 12 – 8 pm

Voting Board Meeting – Friday, May 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.

Bunco is Back

MARIAN BENEDICTO



Come to the Lake Room and join in the fun for an easy game. Bunco is held the first Friday of each month at 6:30 pm. We will resume our Friday night Bunco on May 7 adhering to Covid restrictions.

Indoor gatherings currently limited to 25 people. You only need to know how to throw dice. Bring yourself, a mask, your badge and \$5. Please RSVP – We need 6 people to play. Marian B. & Kathie G. 973-764-7998.

How to Claim a Boat/Kayak Rack and Boat Dock Space

Racks:

There are approximately 13 freeways and 2 beaches on the Main Lake that have kayak/boat racks. They are available on a first come/first served basis. Please follow these rules to claim a rack:

1. Any rack with no sticker can be claimed to use for the current year. If, after July 4, a spot with a 2020 sticker is still open, it may be claimed to use for the current year.
2. Do not remove any stickers.
3. Do not chain boats or kayaks to a tree or leave them on the ground.

Docks:

Members who have an assigned dock space at Club Park, Comet Row, Beach 3 and Beach 4 will continue to have those spaces as long as the conditions of the assignment are met, otherwise the assignment will be forfeited. When a space is forfeited, it will be converted to an "OPEN" space, marked by the color tag that appears in this article containing the word "OPEN".

For OPEN spaces on these docks, the approach to getting a dock space is identical to the methods historically used by members – "first come/first served". ***Once the docks are in place, members may secure one of these OPEN spaces by placing their boat with 2021 boating permits (each side of the bow) and a third 2021 boating permit on the OPEN numbered tag. No space may be claimed without a 2021 boating permit and a boat.***

Dock spaces at Eckhart Sailing Center remain reserved for junior sailors and others participating in the Club's sailing fleets. OPEN dock spaces at Comet Row beginning with an 800 or 900 number are for pontoon boats only.

Yoga Resumes

ANITA JANKER

Gentle, Spiritual, Distressing Yoga

Members and their guests are welcome to come down with your mat to the Lake Room on Mondays at 5 pm and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm starting Monday May 3. Socially distant mat setup, indoor gatherings currently limited to 25 people. Don't forget to wear your mask and your badge. Beginners welcome.

Goodwill Fund News

NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIRPERSON,
GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Community Yard Sale Cancelled

Once again because of Covid-19 the Goodwill Community Yard Sale will not be held this year. It is our hope we will be able to come back next year bigger and better! As you know this annual event is the major fundraiser for the Goodwill Fund. Your support over the years has allowed us to continue helping neighbors and we are grateful. It is our hope that you will support our efforts over the next few months. Please visit the website to see other ways you can support this important worthwhile fund.

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

The Goodwill Fund is partnering with Pappas Garden Supply on Rt 94 in Vernon for a plant sale. A percentage of the sale's proceeds will benefit the Goodwill Fund. Pappas Garden Center is offering a presale on hanging baskets and Plant Pies (a plant pie is an assortment of plants which can be put in a pot) The sale is starting Saturday, May 1 for 2 weeks ending Friday, May 14. Members can take their pre-paid voucher and go down to Pappas Garden Center between the May 17 and May 31 to pick up their prepaid items. Please see flyer in this issue, check out the post on our website and our Facebook page.

Watercraft Angels Wanted

JENNIFER PELLET

The Goodwill Fundraising Committee is Looking for Donations for Our Upcoming Boat Auction.

Do you have a canoe gathering dust in your basement? A pile of kayak paddles with no purpose? A paddleboat that your grown kids no longer need? Free up space at home and make a difference in your community by donating canoes, kayaks, fishing boats and/or other watercrafts or boating accessories you no longer want or need to the Goodwill committee. We'll be auctioning off donations in May, with the proceeds going towards paying the dues of members experiencing financial hardship. Call or text Jennifer at 917-232-2365 for more information.

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Vernon Township Housing Market Report - March 2021

"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."

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1	\$93,550	114	101%
2	\$176,503	54	100%
3	\$273,194	48	99%
4	\$410,400	68	98%
5+	No Sales	No Sales	No Sales
TOWN	\$251,734	60	99%

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Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
Highland Lakes Specialist

May 2021

Highland Lakes Happenings

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Free Shrimp Band

Social Distance Concert

RAY ZIMMERMAN AND RAY LOUGHREN



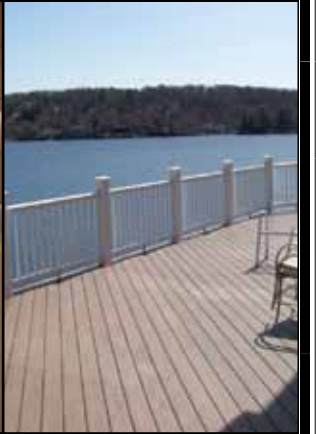

21 and Over,
On the Lawn

Sunday, May 30, 2021, at 7 pm the Free Shrimp Band will be playing on the Clubhouse lawn. This will be a free, bring your own-chairs, blankets, snack tables and booze event. No one under 21 will be allowed on lawn. Feel free to come by boat, drop anchor and enjoy the music. We also ask that you limit your party to groups of 6 or less to help in our quest for social distancing. Make sure to bring your mask!! (It's mandatory to have one with you in case you want to be a social butterfly).

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The Mighty Oak

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Excerpt Taken From The NY Times, April 4, 2021



Oaks supply more life forms than any other North American tree genus, providing food, protection or both for birds to bears, as well as countless insects and spiders, among the enormous diversity of species. The oak is the Northern Hemisphere's largest tree genus, made up mostly of trees that are very large and very long-lived, two factors among several that help explain the oak's power.

Oaks are not just another plant. Oak trees support 897 caterpillar species in the United States dwarfing the number supported by other native trees. Of the food eaten by insects, birds and other animals, 75% come from a few key genera and oak trees lead the list. Birds forage longer in oaks (which is often about caterpillars - high value food, especially during breeding season when they are prime baby food).

An oak tree can produce three million acorns in its lifetime - tons of protein, fat and carbohydrates - and a mature tree can drop 700,000 leaves every year. The

resulting litter is habitat for beneficial organisms, and the tree's canopy and root system are important in water infiltration, helping rain percolate instead of running off, and purifying it in the process. Oak trees also sequester carbon.

People have objections. Oaks are too big. They produce all those leathery leaves that don't decompose fast enough for our neatnik liking. And in those years when the acorn crop is particularly heavy - known as mast years - we can't walk anywhere near the trees without losing our footing. All this considered given the proper space an oak or two would add greatly to our environment. Keep in mind that we live in the forest and should consider preserving the natural habitat - not just mimic suburban landscapes.

Jays and Oaks

Jays and oaks evolved together about 60 million years ago in what is now southeast Asia. Jays grew so adapted to life alongside oaks that a small hook at the tip of their bill is designed to rip open an acorn husk. The bird's expanded esophagus can hold up to five acorns - each one buried in a different spot to be eaten later. Except some are forgotten and never eaten. And you know what comes next: mighty oaks from little acorns grow.

An ode to leaf litter

Because they contain concentrations of lignin and tannins, natural chemicals that retard breakdown, oak leaves decompose slower than most tree leaves. The diversity and abundance of the little creatures that reside in the leaf litter is astounding. What are all those arthropods doing? Some are overwintering, taking shelter until fairer



days. Which is why it is wise not to start your spring cleanup too early. Others are detritivores, nature's cleaning crew, without whom the system collapses. Many fungi too make a home in oak leaf litter. If left, litter disappears, so do the composers as well as the fungi and bacteria many eat, and the mycorrhizae that enable plant roots to absorb what they need.

Oak leaf litters other super powers as well - practical ones that speak to gardeners facing either of two fierce, fast spreading invasives: Japanese stilt grass does poorly in areas with a heavy layer, and oak litter also seems to deter spoil-eroding asian jumping worms.

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The Mighty, Mighty Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Howdy! Hello! Greetings! Woo-hoo & Yippie Ky-yay! We're back!!! What a joy it is to actually be typing a Newsette article for our wonderful HLCC Senior Club. Yikes, it's been far too long since I've been able to do this. Maybe you remember how I often include a brief message in our article. I found something that jumped out at me...

The Harvard Study of Adult Development is a decades-long project that has resulted in a greater understanding of the importance of healthy relationships. The research began with a group of 268 sophomores at Harvard Univ. back in the 1930s and later expanded to, among others, 456 Boston inner-city residents. Researchers have conducted interviews with the participants and studied their medical records every few years. They discovered that close relationships are the biggest factor in predicting happiness and health. It turns out that if we surround ourselves with the right people, we'll likely experience a deeper sense of joy. I would have to agree with these findings. Much of our contentment and joys come from living right here in beautiful Highland Lakes. I know that surrounding myself with the wonderful Senior Club friends there is a definite feeling of peace and a reason to smile.

There are quite a few new folks who have joined our community, and I want them to know about the HL Senior Club. We're a group of fun-loving, loyal, genuine friends who are members in good standing here at the Lake. If you're 50 years of age or older, you're eligible to come on down and join our gang. Dues for the year are \$10.00 per member. We begin "summer" meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings every month beginning May 11 & 25 this year. Masks will need to be worn and social distancing works just fine. We gather in the Lake Room at 7 pm with coffee and begin a brief business meeting afterwards. I've been generating some ideas for activities this year for us: Baseball game at Skylands Stadium; off premises luncheon perhaps at our favorite Warwick Country Club; picnics at the Lake, and any other ideas that come along.

Hooray, hooray, hooray! MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY will be held on Monday, May 31 at 11 am outdoors on the lawn. This is a lovely, memorable event and all of our HL residents are invited. There will be an All-American Lunch following. Cost: \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids 5-10. Call me for more info: Joyce Healy, President 845-544-3749.

So, come on back to our Mighty, Mighty Seniors. I can't wait to see you all. Love ya, Joyce

Photos Wanted

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EVENTS COORDINATOR

Build our Nixplay

Highland Lakers--Do you have some great pictures from around our beautiful Highland Lakes? Submit your pictures to hlcc@warwick.net. Be sure to include your name so we can give you proper photo credit. Thank you.

Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

By the time this edition of the Newsette is available the Ecology Committee will already have conducted our Annual Roadside Cleanup. A list of participants will be included in the next issue. However, a special thank you to members who carry trash bags when walking our roadways as a matter of routine. A special thanks to Louise Staley and Sarah O'Gureck. On one such walk this "dynamic duo" picked up two tall kitchen bags of trash in a one mile stretch of Lakeside Drive East. Apparently they continued on their mission and, in a couple of days filled four more bags walking Lakeside Drive East and Lakeside Drive West. Thank you ladies.

Several comprehensive articles have been published in recent issues of the Newsette (reference the 8/22/20 and 4/3/21) regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. This parasite will eventually infest all the American Ash Trees in our forest. We have several choices: treat healthy trees (must be done by a certified arborist), remove dead trees, or remove trees prophylactically. Infected trees become very brittle and are dangerous to climb so removal must be done by professionals.

All this being said, we could lose 10 - 20% of our trees due to this infestation and thought should be given to replacing them with trees native to New Jersey.

Top 8 Native Trees to Plant in New Jersey:

- Hazel Alder
- Silver Bell
- Sweet Birch
- Flowering Dogwood
- Black Spruce
- American Holly
- Red Oak

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Lakeside Bistro

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Monthly Cuisine Nights

Spring and summer weekends in Highland Lakes can be really busy, and after a long day of rushing around there are often times when you're too tired or unmotivated to cook dinner. Sure, Vernon has lots of options for pizza, sandwiches and fast food, but if you like the idea of spicing things up and in the mood for something different you'll be interested in learning more about the Lakeside Bistro.

In May, the Clubhouse Committee will launch the Lakeside Bistro, to be held monthly on Sundays from May to August, where you'll be able to pick up a tasty, wholesome, affordable meal celebrating different cuisines from around the world (some mainstream, some off the beaten path). Meals will be ordered in advance, and packed up family-style so that you can take them home or enjoy them with family and friends on the deck or lawn overlooking the Main Lake.

Specifics about each month's meal (the type of cuisine, the specific appetizers, entrees and desserts included, the pricing, the ordering process, etc.) are being planned now and will be shared on the Club's website and official Facebook page ASAP.

2021 ONLINE MEETING
Bringing the meeting to you!

⚡ UPDATES & FINANCIALS
🗳 ELECTION RESULTS
🎉 PRIZE DRAWINGS

Our 2021 Online Meeting will be pre-recorded and presented on Monday, June 7th

Register by May 26th at sussexrec.com/annual-meeting to enroll in our prize drawing, including the grand prize of a year's worth of free electricity!*

*find full terms of prize drawing at our Annual Meeting webpage

Spring 2021 Flower Sale

--Fundraiser for HLCC Goodwill Fund--

Happy Spring! It's time to beautify your home and garden with some flowering hanging baskets and Plant Pies! At pickup you will have the selection of anything on site that corresponds to the voucher purchased. We will have sun loving and shade loving varieties available for each option.



Please place orders in an envelope along with cash or check
made payable to "HLCC"(in memo area mark GW) and drop or mail to Clubhouse.

Due by Friday May 14, 2021

Available for pick up
May 17 thru May 30 during the hours Monday – Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-4, Sunday 10-2
at local nursery *Pappa's Garden Supply*: 56 Route 94, Vernon (McAfee Section – Across from PNC Bank)
Phone Number: 973-827-1885, Contact Person(s): Alyssa or Janet

-----Cut below portion and send in envelope to the Clubhouse with money due by 4/30/21

Please write the quantity in spaces below.

10" Drop N Grow Assortment \$25.00 each x _____ = _____
10" Hanging Baskets: \$27.00 each x _____ = _____
12" Hanging Baskets: \$32.00 each x _____ = _____
16" Coco Hanging Basket: \$48.00 each x _____ = _____

Enclosed Total for Above: _____

Purchaser's Name: _____

Please provide phone number and email for contact below:

Vouchers will be matched for size basket purchased, varieties of flowers available throughout the season change each week along with our inventory

Note: Pictures above are to show some examples of flowers available; colors and variety will vary

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for the Latest
Highland Lakes News**

For the most current news on Highland Lakes Events, activities and items of interest, visit the Club's website: www.hlcc.org. Here you will find current calendar of events, the most recent edition of the HL Newsette, as well as archived editions, board and committee news, informative articles, photos and so much more.
Go to the website to join the Club's email list, too. Once your membership is verified, you will receive our e-blast and all emergency notifications.

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Thanks to Brian Kloza for submitting this picture of the newest member of Highland Lakes.

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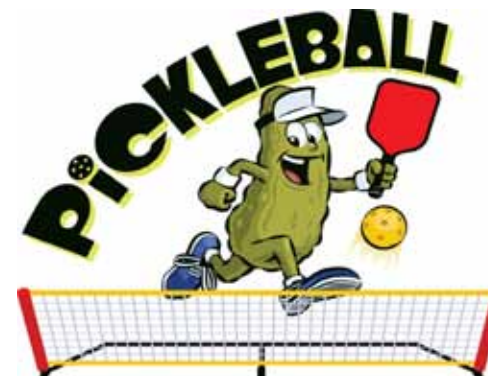
Pickleball Update

KATHI TAYLOR

Pickle ball has begun their spring time schedule. We are meeting at the courts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 pm, weather permitting. Our summer schedule starts on Memorial Day. During the summer we meet on Monday and Wednesday at 6 pm. Ladies pickle ball is played on Fridays at 10 am.

We are still required to follow the Governor's Covid guidelines which means all players must have their own paddle. Please remember that all paddles used in Highland Lakes must be selected from the Sun City Grand Green Zone paddle list that can be found at this website: <http://pball.grandpickleball.org/paddlerule.pdf>. These paddles were tested by Acoustics Group, Inc. and found to be the quietest paddles on the market.

All players, whether playing with the Highland Lakes group or on your own MUST wear their current membership badge. If you choose to play with a guest who is not a member they MUST have a day guest badge. No players are allowed on the court without a badge. Any questions, call or text Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689.



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