



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## From the President's Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

During last week's regular meeting, the Voting Board approved a new Residential Rentals Policy designed to address home rentals as a whole, with an acute focus on short-term rentals, or STRs. This wasn't a sudden decision, or one that we took lightly—it took place after over a year's worth of research and discussion in response to a growing concern held by most board members and a vocal group of members about the threat that STRs and the proliferation of "home sharing" platforms like AirBnB and VRBO, among others, pose to Highland Lakes if left unchecked.

The Voting Board, the Club's legal counsel, and our general manager—both the current one as well as the previous one—thoroughly researched existing case law examples and monitored ongoing battles being waged to contain, control or ban STRs in other municipalities. Month after month we discussed the opportunities and challenges related to wide ranging policy proposals, and debated new ways to enforce our rules and enhance how we monitor rentals in the community. In addition, we sent members a survey to gauge their thoughts and feelings about the issue, and recently held a well attended community discussion dedicated to the STR topic to further understand member concerns from every angle. All of this hard work helped inform the new policy we crafted and approved last week. (We will be sharing very soon via the website and regular mail.)

There was nothing rushed or cavalier about how we arrived at the new policy, and I was frustrated at our meeting to hear a few members suggest that the Voting Board didn't do its homework or listen to members on this issue. I'd suggest that anyone who thinks we are lazy or disinterested should spend more time at board meetings listening, or talking with their trustee, and a lot less time spewing misinformation into an echo chamber.

Voting Board members attend meetings twice monthly at a minimum over the course of three-year terms, and whether you agree with the results of their hard work and voting record they deserve your respect rather than your disdain. They ran for the position and were elected to it, but they are not paid politicians and do not work for you. They commit their time and energy to the betterment of the community because they care enough about it to do so. They work through an endless stream of complex and mundane issues, laboring over tedious details, month after month, year after year, doing their best to keep the community moving forward. And they receive no compensation for it, or any benefit from it, other than knowing that they're contributing in some way to the greater good. If you think they should be doing your bidding because you showed up to yell at a meeting, you're wrong. And if you think you can do a better job, prove it—talk is cheap. Step up.

As with many issues that we face, the Voting Board has

been vocal in recognizing that this new rental policy is not perfect. We chose to pursue policy changes rather than By-Law changes because policies can be revised month after month if need be until we get them right, whereas By-Law changes can only be changed once a year, and with a vote by members at the annual meeting (which is held every August). Having the ability to iterate until we get it right is important, because this issue is nuanced.

If you're wondering why we can't simply eliminate rentals altogether, the fact is that rentals have been a way of life in Highland Lakes since our community was founded in 1936, and are essentially impossible to eliminate because rentals are baked into Highland Lakes' property covenants. Changing those property covenants would require unanimous consent from every member. Anyone who knows how to get 2,000 members to vote unanimously on any topic should give me a call immediately...

The key philosophy here is simple: No member of Highland Lakes wants to live next to a hotel. That's what this new policy is all about—it was designed and written to disincentivize members who see owning a home here as a lucrative business model without making it impossible for members who want to offset carrying costs of home ownership through intermittent renting. It will not appease everyone, and it will only work if we follow up on our enforcement of our rules and ensure that Vernon Township does the same. And even then it will probably need to be adjusted, but it's a strong move forward.

Some will say it's too much, others will say it's not enough, and looking back on it a few years from now I'm sure we'll see how we got it wrong and made it better. Right now, it's a good start. All the while this Voting Board and those that follow it will keep watching the issue and listening to the community, and we'll continue to do what we think is best... because that's what we were elected to do.



## Upcoming Events

- May 30 – Free Shrimp Band Outdoor Concert
- May 31 – Memorial Day Ceremony
- June 5 – Art on the Lawn
- June 5 – Fishing Derby
- June 13 – Swim Team Parent Meeting
- June 18 – School's Out Celebration
- June 27 – Lakeside Bistro – Spanish and Portuguese
- July 2 – Beach 2 Bonfire
- July 3 – Welcome Summer Breakfast

Save  
the  
Date



## 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 milliliter. All samples conformed to NJ State recreational bathing standards. Testing results are also reported by the lab to the Sussex County Department of Health.

	<u>5/20</u>
Beach 1	6.3
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	4.1
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	4.0
Beach 4 – Bushwick	5.1
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	1.0
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	<1
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	<1
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	<1

## Lifeguard Class

KAITLYN NIX, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

### Lifeguards Wanted

The following dates in July are the scheduled dates for the 2021 Blended Learning Lifeguarding Certification Class. Blended Learning includes online modules to be completed by the student. Please note that the class costs \$100 due at the start of the first in-person class on July 5. Checks can be made out to HLCC marked attention Water Safety. All classes are mandatory and any class exceeding 4 ½ hours will have a minimum ½ hour 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 email Kaitlyn Nix at [kaitlyn.j.nix@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlyn.j.nix@gmail.com) to sign up. The signup deadline is June 18.

Dates:

Monday, July 5: 9am – 3pm (pretest at 9)

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 10lb object then exit the water without ladder.

Wednesday, July 7: 9am – 3pm

Thursday, July 8: 9am – 3pm

Saturday, July 10: 9am – 12pm



## Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

### Extended Office Hours

The Club Office and the Activity Center Office will be open Saturday, May 29, Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31 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 copies of vehicle registrations to the Club Office in the event you wish to make a change to your parking permit information.

During weekends in June, regular Club office hours will be 10 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. The Activities Center Office will begin opening on Saturdays and Sundays starting June 26 from 10 am to 3 pm and weekdays 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 29, and every weekday from 10 am to 3 pm thereafter.*

## Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Clubhouse Committee – Tuesday, June 15 – 7pm  
Communications Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Ecology Committee – Thursday, June 17 – 7pm  
Fishing Committee – Thursday, June 17 – 8pm  
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, June 9 – 8pm  
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, June 18 – 8pm

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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## Pre-season Beach Hours

### Memorial Day Weekend

Beach 1 and Beach 3 will be open from 10am to 5:30pm on Saturday, May 29, Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31. Beach 2 and 7 will be open from 11:30am to 5:30pm on Saturday, May 29, Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31.

### Pre-season weekends

Beach 1 and Beach 3 will be open on the following weekends from 10am - 5:30pm: June 5-6, June 12-13, June 19-20 and June 26-27.

### Pre-season weekday openings

June 28 to July 2 Beach 1 and Beach 3 daily from 12pm to 6pm

Beach 2 and Beach 7 daily 12pm to 6pm

Beaches 4, 5 and 6 will open Saturday, July 3. Openings will vary depending on availability.

Note: Swim lesson registration forms are available online.



## Summer Garbage Pickup

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

### First pickup - Monday, July 5

The Club's summer garbage pickup for ten weeks with Blue Diamond Disposal begins on Monday, July 5. Garbage pickup services continue on Mondays throughout the summer and end on Tuesday, September 7 (due to Labor Day holiday). The schedule is as follows: July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. The last pickup will be Tuesday, September 7. 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 5. 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 for garbage removal services. In order to ensure that you are provided with garbage service through the Club's contract with Blue Diamond. 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.



June 2021

Highland Lakes Happenings



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Join Us For Red, White and Blue Fun

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

Saturday, May 29 at the Clubhouse

Kick off summer with some patriotic fun!  
11am - 12pm: Make your own Red, White & Blue Cup (all ages)  
12pm - 2pm: Tye Dye Red, White & Blue Shirts (bring your own)  
2pm - 3pm: Red White & Blue Water Balloon Toss (all ages)



Hello Highland Lakes

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lauren La Rocca. I have been blessed to have grown up in Highland Lakes during the summer for 37 years. I have worked for Highland Lakes Country Club since I was 15 years old, and it has been a great experience working here for over 20 years. I'm honored to now be the Clubhouse Director of summer activities for the Club. I hope you all will come out and enjoy the summer activities I have planned for you and your family. Please stay healthy and safe. Hope to see you all soon.

Welcome Summer Breakfast

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Saturday, July 3 – Seatings at 9am and 11am



The Clubhouse Committee will again sponsor a breakfast for all to enjoy. Please reserve a spot by calling the Club Office at 973-764-4366 in order to prepare and provide for social distancing. Tickets are \$7 for adults and children over 10, \$3 for children ages 3-10, and children under 3 years are free. Our chefs will prepare a delicious meal and the company will be the best - your neighbors! If you would like to help, please come down and volunteer or call me, 973-271-9782. It takes around 16 volunteers to make this breakfast run smoothly. Don't forget to wear your badge and mask.

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 6:30pm. Friday night June 4 is our next game night, adhering to Covid restrictions. 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.

# Swim Meets Return to Highland Lakes

CRAIG BERNIER, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM

## Mark Your Calendars

I am happy to announce that we will see swim meets returning to the lake this summer! As with many things starting to come back to normal, the Highland Lakes Swim Team is no exception. While the exact league schedule is still being finalized, we have indeed confirmed that a competitive season will proceed. So neighbors, get ready to hear the familiar sounds of the starter horn and cheering fans on select Wednesday nights this summer.

Practices will start on June 30 so be sure to get the kids signed up; fillable forms are online at HLCC.org. Email back to [hlcc@warwick.net](mailto:hlcc@warwick.net) or drop off at the office in the mail slot. Once signed up please email [hlccswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:hlccswimteam@gmail.com) to request access to our closed Facebook site and to be informed of the latest announcements.

### Key Dates:

June 13: Parents Meeting 11am - Lake Room (and Facebook Live)

June 30: First Practice

July 7: First Dual Meet (location TBD)

TBD: Picture Day

July 31: Highland Lakes B Invitational

August 11: Final Dual Meet (Location TBD)

August 14: League Championship Meet

August 17: Awards Dinner @ HLCC Clubhouse

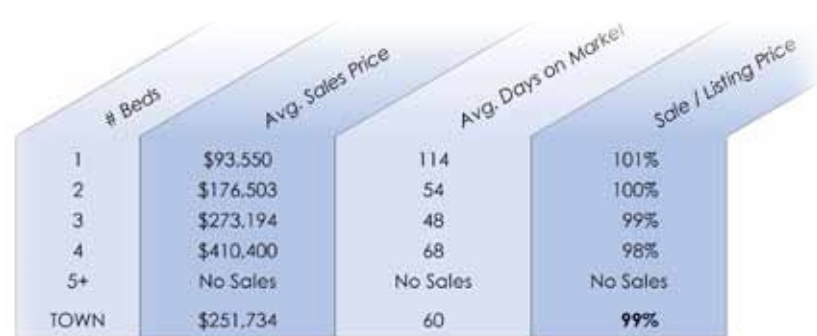
A note to new community members; we would like to extend this invite to you to please reach out and see what the team is all about by attending the parents meeting or visiting [hlcc.org](http://hlcc.org) (2021 updates in progress). Swimmers will practice each weekday at the direction of the coaching staff. Volunteers are the foundation of the team, which has been a major part of our community for many years. We welcome you to join us and encourage you to pitch in and help--we have a place for everyone. See you at the parents meeting or reach out to the team directly at [hlccswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:hlccswimteam@gmail.com) 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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THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## Bonfire on the Beach

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

### Friday, July 2 – 7 pm

We are kicking off the holiday weekend with a bonfire on Beach 2 (the Clubhouse beach for new members). Bring your own chair, snacks and sticks for s'mores, and of course your party mood! Anyone interested in bringing their guitars or other instruments to get some campfire songs going is strongly encouraged.

## School's Out

ROE HALL

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EVENTS COORDINATOR

### Ice Cream Social

Friday, June 18 marks the last day of school, hooray! We have a last day of school celebration planned. Come to the Clubhouse at 5 pm to join in on the fun. We'll have ice cream, lawn games, bubbles and more. You might even want to jump in the lake! All ages welcome. This event is for Highland Lakes members only, wear your badge and mask, social distancing guidelines are still in place.

## Announcing the HLCC Goodwill Fund Boat Auction

JENNIFER PELLET, COORDINATOR

### May 28 – Bids Close June 6

Looking to get out on the water without breaking the bank? This is your chance! The HLCC Goodwill Fund's Boat Auction will open for bidding on Memorial Day weekend. From canoes and rowboats to windsurfers and sailboats—we've got something for everyone, including:

- A Force 5 Sailboat
- Canoes
- A Hobie Cat Holder 14' package (boat, sail, boom, rudder and centerboard)
- Paddleboats
- Windsurfer packages (boards, sails and gear)

Best of all, your purchase price will go toward a good cause. Proceeds of this online auction of member-donated watercraft will go toward helping community members facing hardship. So come and find a boat or boat accessory that you can enjoy this summer and for many more to come.

Where: [www.biddingowl.com/HLCCGoodwillFund](http://www.biddingowl.com/HLCCGoodwillFund)

When: May 28 @ noon – Jun 6 @ noon

How: Bid on the boat of your choice, winning bidders can arrange for payment and pickup when the bidding closes at noon on June 6.

## Sunset Yoga with Erik

ERIK KARLSEN

### First and Third Tuesday Nights on the Lawn Starting June 1

Erik Karlsen is an engineer by profession who finds his reset button through tapping into the many facets of the natural world. Appreciated for his everlasting inquiry and edge seeking frame of mind, he is a yoga enthusiast inspired by Baron Baptiste's methodology. His favorite asana is supine twist providing some extra love to the lower back. He is a proud uncle of two nieces and one nephew and has considered Vernon, NJ home for 30+ years. He has practiced various lineages of yoga from time to time and had never been serious about his practice until joining Ah-ha yoga, after which he quickly became an aspiring Yoga Teacher. Through his journey of practicing and teaching yoga he accesses physical and mental transformative growth while diving deep into self-inquiry and connecting with fellow yogis and yoga teacher trainees. Erik plans to utilize these newly acquired skills and create various forms of connection in many aspects of his community while focused on the unifying power of yoga. Message Erik on Instagram - @yogikarlsen or visit his teacher profile

at <https://www.ssyogis.com/erik-k>. If you would like to participate in one of his classes, please visit the Highland Lakes Clubhouse lawn on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month at 7pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

See you on the mat!



**Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

# 2021 ONLINE MEETING

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

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

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## CCHL is Back

BOB REFFELT

After a year of COVID restrictions and health concerns the Conservation Club of Highland Lakes (CCHL) has gotten back to work this spring with more volunteers. CCHL is a team of “hands-on” men and women who complete projects that improve the environmental quality of our Highland Lakes Club owned properties. We coordinate with the HL Ecology Committee and our HL Maintenance Staff to remove invasive plants, reduce erosion caused by storm water, encourage pollinator species, blaze and build hiking trails, install viewing benches, and many other interesting projects. During the past several weeks we removed weeds, spread mulch and river rock, improved the capture of parking lot runoff, and planted milk weed to host Monarch butterflies at the Club’s rain garden. We also cleared the hiking paths at Saw Mill Pond Trail near the dam of the main lake.

We typically schedule our work for two hours (10am to noon) on most Wednesdays and Saturdays. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, or just recommend projects for our future consideration, please contact me, Bob Reffelt at 973 764-6869.



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**FESTIVAL of the ARTS**

**On the Clubhouse Lawn.**

Pop Up Art Show.      Performances.      Music.

**JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>** *raindate June 6<sup>th</sup>*

**11:00am-2:00pm**  
(social distance rules in effect)

**We are going to have hands on activities - loom weaving, collage, and oil pastels for all ages to enjoy.**



Thanks to Rosemary Polhemus for this sunset at Beach 4

Food  
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Take Out  
Event Space



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View Full Menu Here



## Badge Checkers Wanted

URSULA FAHMY, CHAIRPERSON, BADGE CHECKING

Summer is knocking on our door, and we are in for a great beach season. Thanks to all new members who have signed up to badge check, and of course to all our veteran checkers and captains. We are always looking for just an hour or two amongst many to lighten the load. For more information on becoming a badge checker at one of our beaches or launches, please contact me at [ursula.fahmy@gmail.com](mailto:ursula.fahmy@gmail.com). If you're going to be at the beach anyway, why not do your part and volunteer. Thank you.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

MARYANN GUNNING AND DEBBIE ZIMMERMAN

We are excited to inform you of a new group that some Highland Lakes volunteers have started. The group is called Neighbors Helping Neighbors. If you are an HLCC Senior resident or a disabled person and could use help with some simple tasks, your neighbors would like to help you. Some possible chores that we can help with is changing a light bulb that is too high, picking up a prescription or groceries, looking up information on the computer, signing up for a COVID 19 vaccine or other appointment, going to the post office, moving heavy items, etc. If you are not sure if we can help you with what you need, call us or email us. If we cannot help you, maybe we can figure out who can. We are looking to help those members that do not already have assistance from family and neighbors.

If you do not need help but have time or a talent to share with your neighbors, you can also contact us. Any hours you volunteer will count towards Highland Lakes' yearly Volunteer Appreciation hours. For more information, you can contact Maryann Gunning at 973-764-2054 /516-319-0729 (cell) or Deb Zimmerman 201-304-3285 or email at Maryanngunning@me.com and daz2158@msn.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Lakeside Bistro Update

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

### Sunday, June 27 – Featuring Spanish and Portuguese Cuisine

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for our May Lakeside Bistro. We know there was some confusion about the portion sizes—we'll make sure it's easier to understand moving forward. Next month's Lakeside Bistro will be held on Sunday, June 27, and will feature Spanish and Portuguese dishes. If weather permits we'll set up tables on the Clubhouse deck for your dining convenience. The pickup window will likely be adjusted slightly, as well. More info coming soon.



## Pickleball Update

KATHI TAYLOR

The spring Pickleball schedule continues through Memorial Day. We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2pm. Monday, May 31 marks the start of our summer schedule. We meet on Monday and Wednesday at 6pm. Ladies Pickleball meets on Fridays at 10am. Please remember that everyone who is at the courts MUST have their current membership badge or a daily guest badge and be accompanied by the member. We look forward to seeing everyone! Any questions please call or text Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689.



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## Highland Lakes Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Greetings & felicitations! Well, we're fully into Spring and I'm happy to say we've begun our "summer season" senior club meetings. Our evening meetings began May 11 with a guest speaker about a senior exercise program. We had 34 members in attendance which was a great start. Our 2nd meeting was on May 25 with an equally good turnout. We're planning for some cool activities and events coming up.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY will be held on Monday, May 31 at 11am outdoors on the lawn. This is a lovely, memorable event and all of our HL residents are invited. Harmony in Motion will perform. There will be an All-American Lunch following. Cost: \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids 5-10.

Come on down to our monthly meetings: the 2nd and 4th Tuesday night of the month at 7pm. There are always refreshments and a short business meeting and often a guest speaker. I'm working on getting our new club manager, Dave, to meet our Mighty Seniors. I'll have a report about our annual Memorial Day Ceremony in the next Newsette. Don't forget to mark your calendar for June's meetings on: Tuesday, June 8 and 22.

I enjoy sharing some neat passages I've read and here's a good one: When a group of kids were asked, "What is love?" they came up with some kind and hilarious answers: "Love means everybody has a family," said 5 year old Bobby. Seven year old Janey said, "When you tell a boy in your class that you like his shirt, and he starts to wear it a lot"! Another kid said, "When my grandma got arthur'itis, she couldn't bend over to paint her toenails anymore. So my grandpa does it for her all the time now, even when his hands got twisty with arthur'itis."

Grandpa's sweet example of sacrifice brings to mind the love that we're supposed to share with others....things we were taught when we were but children ourselves. So how can we show love? Keep your eyes and heart open to those around you, help someone with a project or need. Serve your own family, provide a meal for strangers or a neighbor. And here's a BIG one: keep someone in your thoughts & prayers you might not care for...makes your life sweeter.

Actually, all of these helpful hints I just listed are commonplace with our HL Mighty Seniors. Such a wonderful, caring group found right up here on top of the mountain. We welcome all newcomers to our group. If you need a ride to a meeting, give me a call. Love ya, Joyce 845-544-3749.

## 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.***

Please note correction: all boat dock spaces at Eckhart Sailing Center, except for those permanently assigned before February 15, 2019, are reserved for active Junior/Senior sailing fleet members and members with special needs. OPEN dock spaces at Comet Row beginning with an 800 or 900 number are for pontoon boats only.

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## Roadside Cleanup Report

CAROLE FORTENBACH, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

### Cleanup Day – April 24, 2021



A clear sunny day greeted the many volunteers who gave of their time to help clean up the roads in Highland Lakes. As usual a variety of items were collected - plastic bottles were everywhere. Aluminum cans were prolific and there were also paper cups, bags (both plastic and paper), tin cans, beer bottles, odd pieces of various materials, broken glass, pieces of metal, etc, etc. Ron and Mickie Levine actually pulled a chair out of the lake.

Several bags of dog poop were left on beach three and along the roadside. First of all dogs are not permitted on the beaches and secondly when cleaning up after your dog it is expected that you dispose of the bags in your trash and not leave it for someone else to remove. The good news is that folks are picking up after their pets and it is very rare to see excrement on the roadways. Keep up the good work.

Following is a list of those who participated, there may have been others who did not sign in - thank you all for participating. (Apologies in advance for any name misspellings)

Carole Fortunbach	Ann Stueber	Mary Bozenmayer	Alison Rohde
Sophia Anderson	Cathy Kenny	Isabel King	Louise Staley
Stuart Blank	Tom LoSasso	Bob Reffelt	Laura Mulcahy
Craig Kalucki	Rich Spoerl	Sam Studley	Joe McAdams
Karen Vogel	Melissa Cole	Dana Shani	Sarah O’Gureck
Ben Loibl	Randy Mowry	Ozzie Tobin	Tom Mulcahy
Nicole Kalucki	Cathy Spoerl	Carolyn Acker	Ela McAdams
Al Coldon	Sarah Corcoran	David Shani	Cub Scout Pack #183
Ana Loibl	Carol Cheve	Kristi Anderson	Nils Nilsen
Judy Fortenbach	Paula Walk	Bill Giannini	Nils’ Aunt Ruthie
Robert Ulmer	Radik Kizhrerman	Micki Levine	Bob Taffer
Chris Kaas	Bob Hand	Ian Rice	Laurie Studley
Drew Moschella	Joseph DeLorenzo	Elizabeth Giannini	
Mardee Reed Ulmer	Lisa Hollmer	Ron Levine	

## Team Tennis

KNOX STRUBE

This is the time of spring that we are all looking for: The beginning of Team Tennis. Since we’ve all been inside throughout the winter, let’s knock the dust off our racquets and get outside to get some exercise! We welcome players of all levels. This all starts on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Then we continue playing every Saturday, weather permitting, until Labor Day and beyond until it gets too cold. So, drag out your sneakers and bring your badge and water on each Saturday from 9 – 11am. We look forward to seeing all of our old friends and can’t wait to see the new ones that come to play this year. See you on the tennis courts at Beach 1.





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## 2021 HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

LOU IANNUCCI, SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2021 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road.

### **\*\*Important Dates: All Boat Regatta - Sept. 4; Sailors' Picnic Sept. 5**

Sunfish Races – All races Sundays at 2:30pm

Mladen Kresic: 973-764-0452

Note: 4th of July Regatta – July 4 & 5

July 4, 5, 11, 18, 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Krissy Amato 512-206-6717 and Dominick Beninati 917-566-3136

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

Ladies Sunfish Races – Thursdays at 11am

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227

July 8, 15, 22, 29 / August 5, 12, 19, 26 / Sept. 2

Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11am

Krissy Amato 512-206-6717 and Dominick Beninati 917-566-3136

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

Force 5 Sailing Races – Saturdays at 10am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092

July 3 (2 races), 10, 17, 24, 31 / August 7, 14, 21, 28

Flying Junior Fleet Sailing Races – Sundays at 11am Arrive by 10:45am

Mike Gillooley: 973-764-4185

July 4 (2 races) 11, 18, 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / Sept. 5

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3pm

Kevin Gaston: 973-764-7332

July 3 (2 races), 10, 17, 24, 31 / August 7, 14, 21, 28

Questions? Call Lou at 973-764-7042 or hlccsailing@gmail.com



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## HLCC Women's Bowling League

PAT WOOTON, COORDINATOR

### Pin Street, Warwick, NY

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# Spring Egg Hunt Recap

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR

April 10, 2021

We had a wonderful turnout for our Spring Egg Hunt. Thank you for all who came and to the volunteers. The little ones loved finding a wealth of eggs, crafting and playing games at our event. We had sunny weather and a beautiful lake view. It was a great time for all.





Chris Dinger sent in this photo of one of the locals crossing East Lakeshore towards Indian Lake.



## 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 weather permitting. This will be a free, bring your own-chairs, blankets, snack tables and booze event. No one under 21 will be allowed. 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. If the event is moved indoors due to weather, we will be required to follow any mask and social distancing requirements which are in effect at the time.

## Bocce Is In Season

JOE PIERINI, COORDINATOR

Bocce has started since the weather has been nice. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm, or Friday if both Tuesday and Thursday are rained out. At the court near the playground not far from the the Clubhouse. All levels welcome; miraculous shots not uncommon. Please wear your badge. Fresh air is our friend: last season we know of no player who caught the virus due to playing bocce.



## NJ Free Fishing Day Derby

MIKE EWASKO, CHAIRPERSON, FISHING COMMITTEE

### Saturday, June 5

The Fishing Committee is proud once again to host a Free Fishing Day Derby on Saturday, June 5 from 5 pm to 8:30 pm. Highland Lakes adults and children welcome. Come to the Clubhouse swim lanes to participate. For more information contact Mike Ewasko at [mewasko@warwick.net](mailto:mewasko@warwick.net). Don't forget to wear your badge.



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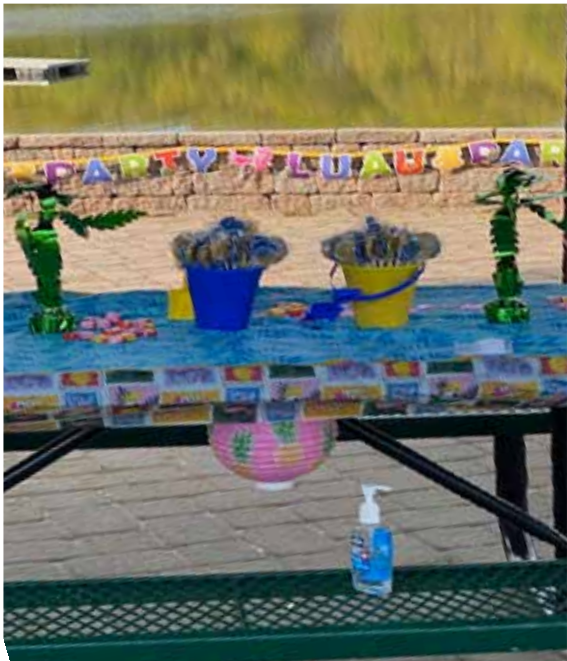
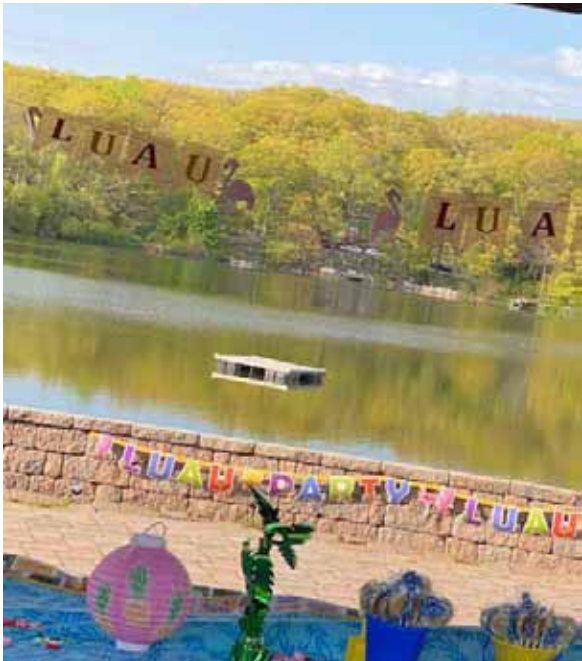


# VTHS Seniors Celebrate

JENNIFER ALFIERI

## Sunset Luau on Beach 1 – May 15

The parents of graduating seniors of Vernon Township High School wanted to make 2021 memorable for the graduates. We came up with the idea to have a beach party, and with the permission of the Highland Lakes Voting Board, our wish was granted. The kids all had a great time playing games including beach volleyball and Kan Jam and just hanging out together enjoying one of the last get-togethers as Seniors. It was so great that Highland Lakes was able to approve this. All of the kids were extremely grateful and appreciative to the parents for putting this together and volunteering and for Highland Lakes Clubhouse staff who were involved. Thank you!



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