



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## Upcoming Summer Activities

MEG WAHNON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



Summer! The school bell has rung which means the season of fun in the sun and activities in the great outdoors has begun. For some parents, the summer can be stressful simply because your children will be home 24/7. The good news is, you live in a beautiful lake community with lots of activities for kids of all ages. Don't let them become a tablet zombie, subscribe to our activities email blast, <http://eepurl.com/hbHRw> to stay in the loop. This summer we will be running multiple programs for each age bracket.

Some of the sports activities include Boys Farm T-Ball (ages 4-5), Girls Farm T-Ball (ages 4-5), Boys Mosquito Baseball (ages 6-8), Girls Gem Softball (ages 6-8), Boys Grasshopper League (ages 9-11), Girls Butterfly League (ages 9-11), Boys Little League (ages 12-16), Kids Tennis Lessons (ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12), Kids Soccer (ages 5-8, 9-13), Kids Basketball (ages 8-14), and Kids Pickleball (ages 13+). Do you have a child that wants to become more involved? Join our Teen Council (ages 12-18) or become a Junior Volunteer helping with the Athletics and Clubhouse activities and events. There will also be 2 events

that will require pre-registration, one being our "Kids Can Cook" at the Clubhouse; kids of all ages can join as long as accompanied by an adult. The second will also be a pre-registration for our kids. "Pool Tournament" which will be for children ages 10+. For your convenience, we have added the registration forms on our [website](#) as well as hard copies available in the clubhouse, be sure to check out the website for our calendar.

And it's not all about the kids! As we do every year, we have created a list of wonderful events that will be fun for everyone to enjoy. We have several events starting this week! Join us this Friday, July 2 for a Bonfire on Beach 2 at 7 pm. Snacks and drinks are welcome. Just be sure to clean up after yourselves so we can keep our beautiful beaches clean. On Saturday, July 3 we will be offering Breakfast with Ray from 8 am - 11:30 am. Friday Night Lights will be kicking off Friday, July 9 at 6:30 pm. Each week will present a different light diner. This year our Family Day will be held on Sunday, August 1 with August 8 as our rain date. The annual Women's Auxiliary Fashion show will take place this year on August 3. As for our Men's Golf Outing, we have that set for August 6, followed by the Ladies Golf Outing taking place on August 10. And for all the artist out there, our Annual Art Show will take place on the weekend of August 21-22.

We look forward to a wonderful summer in our beautiful Highland Lakes Community.

## From the President's Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

If I learned nothing else throughout the course of the pandemic it's not to take simple things—like a hug, a handshake, or a meal with a friend—for granted. And with that in mind that I'm happy to see so much activity in and around our community as June rolls over into July. When I hear toddlers squealing with laughter at the Beach 1 playground, see teens swimming in big groups off of the swim lane docks, and watch seniors doing embroidery work together on the Seckler Stage or trash talking over at the bocce courts at the Clubhouse Park lawn, I feel like things are finally back to the way they should be, or at the very least on the right path to getting there.

Traditional community gatherings like community breakfasts, Family Day, Goodwill Yard Sale and our Appreciation Dinners for juniors and adults are all back on the calendar, helping to restore traditional events the way they should be. Whether you're an old timer or new to the community, these types of events knit the fabric of our community—we all have our own family to-do list, with parties to throw/attend, vacations to take, things to get done—but these big events get us out of our own homes into a shared experience, and that's what helps us reconnect with old friends and create new ones.

Last weekend the Clubhouse Committee presented its second go-around of the Lakeside Bistro, and this one was as well received as the first one. Don't take my word for it—instead, read the comments on the Club's Facebook page, or ask someone who has signed up. Over the course of the weekend a small group of volunteer cooks prepared tons of great Spanish and Portuguese food for an appreciative, sold-out crowd of members, and a few things occurred to me throughout the weekend that I want to share:

First, Ray Zimmerman, who's not only the second vice president of our Voting Board but also a member of Vernon's Board of Education, volunteered to grill the chickens for one part of the meal. (He's also the "Ray" behind the Breakfast with Ray event this weekend.) Obviously Ray's no stranger to volunteering, but I appreciate that he took yet more time out to stand over a hot grill on a hot day to help get the massive meal over the finish line.

While he was flipping split chickens on the grill, Ray and I talked about the importance of utilizing the Clubhouse more as a community for these types of events. It's a long running theme in an ongoing conversation that he and I have been having with the rest of the Voting Board over the past 24 months. We know that whenever the Clubhouse is being used, the community is better for it. We're acutely focused on exploring new ways to enhance what goes on there and possibly expand the types of activities and events we can hold there so that it continues to attract use and supporting the evolving needs and wants of our community.

I also thought about what a great job Louise Staley,

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## Upcoming Events

- July 2 – Beach 2 Bonfire
- July 3 – Welcome Summer Breakfast
- July 6 – Sailing Clinic
- July 9 – Friday Night Lights

Save  
the  
Date



## Summer Garbage Pick-Up Starts Tuesday, July 6



## Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Clubhouse Committee – Tuesday, July 20 – 5 pm  
Communications Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time  
Ecology Committee – Thursday, July 15 – 7pm  
Fishing Committee – Thursday, July 15 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, July 7 – 8pm  
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, July 16 – 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.

## 2021 Swim Team Schedule

### Practice Schedule

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

### Meet Schedule

July 7	Fayson Lakes @ Highland Lakes
July 14	Canistear Cup @ Highland Lakes
July 17	Pequannock Individual Age Invitational @ Pequannock
July 21	Wayne Township @ Highland Lakes
July 24	Highland Lakes “B” Invitational
July 28	Highland Lakes @ Pequannock
August 4	Highland Lakes @ Erskine Lake
August 5	Coaches’ Choice @ Fayson Lakes
August 7	Erskine “C” Invitational Meet
August 11	Highland Lakes @ Packanack
August 14	“A” Championships @ Pequannock

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## Petitions for Trustee Positions Available

### Filing Deadline - Monday, July 26

At this year’s Annual Meeting on August 15, 2021, elections will be held for full, three-year terms commencing October 1, 2021, for Trustee positions for Sections 2, 9, 10, 11 and Section 5 for the remaining 2 years of the 3-year term.

In order for a candidate’s name for Trustee to be on the ballot, the candidate must reside in the section, be a property owner and have been a member in good standing for the three years immediately preceding the election. The candidate is required to file a petition with the Elections Chairperson containing five signatures from members in good standing in the section electing a Trustee. Petitions will be available at the Club Office only, Monday through Friday, 10 am to 3 pm, and on Saturdays, 10 am to 1pm beginning July 5, 2021. The petition must be received at the Club Office at least twenty (20) days before the election, which means no later than 4 pm on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Once the petitions have been certified by the Elections Chairperson, Absentee Ballots will become available. The Absentee Ballot must be received at the Club Office, either by mail or in person, with your validated 2021 Membership Card enclosed in the provided envelope no later than Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 4 pm.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on August 15. Please make sure that you attend this meeting and that you have your 2021 Membership Card and badge with you.

## 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.

	6/8	6/16	6/23
Beach 1	51.80	6.20	15.80
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	12.20	101.70	6.30
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	30.50	5.20	6.30
Beach 4 – Bushwick	7.50	12.10	7.40
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	2.00	3.10	7.50
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	9.70	2.00	<1
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	<1	3.10	133.40*
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	6.30	10.90	3.10
*Retest week of 6/26			

## Holiday Office and Activity Center Hours

The office will be open on Saturday, July 3 from 10 am to 1 pm and closed on Sunday, July 4. The Activity Center is open on Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4 from 10 am to 3 pm.

From the President's Desk (continued from p1)

the Clubhouse Committee chairperson, has done pulling together the Lakeside Bistro. After two sold-out events, it’s clear that our community has quite an appetite for a wide variety of ethnic cuisines, and I’m excited to see her idea taking root. Unlike the first event, this most recent one included the option for members to take their food out onto the Clubhouse deck to enjoy their meals. What better place to sit and have a meal with family and friends, right? Kind of like a restaurant at a Clubhouse. Hmmm... Imagine that? The families that took advantage of it know what I’m talking about—I went outside to find out how they liked things, and they heaped praise not only for the great food but for the venue and the experience,. There’s obviously lots of opportunity there to take the idea a few steps further...

Lastly, I’d like to thank Lisa Entwistle, a past Voting Board chairperson, who helped out with food prep and cooking. She’s been a longtime volunteer in Club activities, whether it’s serving on the board for six years or on the swim team since forever, and she clearly understands the importance of volunteerism. In this instance, she stepped away from hanging out at home with her family on a Sunday to help us pull together the meals at the Clubhouse, and continually steps up when there’s a need for help or with innovative ideas and the will to bring them to life.

Past and present board members and committee members understand, to varying degrees, the importance of volunteering, and the difference that their commitment and contributions make. And when volunteers get together at the end of summer for Appreciation dinners they’re surrounded by others like them who get it. But we still need more help—it’s members like Ray, Louise, Lisa, and lots of others, both past and present, who give up their own time to make your time here better. I had a few members offer to help clean up, and everyone knows how thankless a chore that can feel like, but it’s hugely important, and comes at the right time, because it’s a community effort, and can’t always be the same people stepping up.

So when people talk to me about what makes Highland Lakes a special place, I remind them that it’s very easy to focus on the natural surroundings and lifestyle, but without volunteerism—both the act of it, and the respect for those who do it—it’d be just another place. If it goes dormant, this place will get sleepy, as well, so I encourage new members young or old(er) to step forward to explore a way that they can participate and make their mark on the community. It’s easy to focus on “me,” harder but more rewarding to think about “we.”

Trust me...there’s no better way to make a difference for yourself and your community, and you’re bound to make some new friends at the same time. Enjoy your summer.

## Beach Hours

Regular season begins July 3

Beach 1 – 9 am -7 pm

Beach 2 10:30 am -5 pm

Beach 3 10 am – 6 pm

Beach 7 – 10 am -6 pm

Beach 4, 5, 6 - 11:30 am -5 pm These beaches will be open based on staff availability- see postings at beaches.





# Schedule for Week of July 5 - 9

LAUREN LAROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

## Theme: Summer Kick Off Week

Activities will be outside and inside if it rains

**Monday – July 5**  
10:00 am - 11:00 am: Paint a Sun Catcher (all ages)  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Watermelon Paper Fan (ages 4+)  
1:00 pm- 2:00 pm Olympic Lawn Games (ages 6+)  
2:00 pm- 3 pm: Summer Kick off Party Popper (all ages)  
3 pm - 4 pm: Make Your Own Sidewalk Paint (ages 3+)  
6 pm -8 pm: Kids Ceramics (all ages)  
12:30 pm-4:00 pm Pool Room Open (10+)

**Tuesday – July 6**  
10:00 am - 11:00 am: Flower Pot Making (ages6+)  
11:00 am - 12:00 am: Decorate Flip Flops (ages 4+)  
1:00 am - 2:00 pm: Clubhouse Mini Golf (all ages)  
2:00 - 3:00 pm: Make a Kite (ages 3+)  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Popsicle Tissue Paper (ages 6+)  
12:30 pm - 4 pm: Pool Room Open (10+)

**Wednesday - July 7**  
10:00 am - 12:00 am: Water Gun Tie Dye Shirts (ages 4+) Bring something white  
1:00 am - 2:00 pm: Summer Bingo (all ages) Win a prize  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Make a Beach Ball (all ages)  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Paper Plate Ice Cream  
5:30 pm- 7:30 pm: Ice Cream Social (all ages)  
12:30 pm - 4 pm: Pool Room Open (10+)

**Thursday – July 8**  
10:00 am - 11:00 am: Popsicle Stick Bird Feeder (ages 4+)  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Beaded Wind Chime (ages 6+)  
1:00 am - 2:00 pm: Sponge Water Balls (all ages)  
2:00 pm - 3:00: Straw Painting (ages 4+)  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Hot Air Balloon (ages 4+)  
12:30 pm - 4 pm: Pool Room Open (10+)

**Friday - July 9**  
10:00 am - 11:00 am: Summer Pencil Holder (ages 4+)  
Bring a medium size tin can  
11:00 am - 12:00 am: Q-Tip Daisy (ages 3+)  
1 pm - 4 pm: Kick Ball (7+) at ball field by beach 1  
12:30 pm - 4 pm: Pool Room Open (10+)



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## Highland Lakes Happenings



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## Friday Night Lights

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE,  
ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

### Teens 13 – 18 – 6:30 - 9 pm, Clubhouse

Our Friday Night Lights season is here again. Starting Friday, July 9, food and competition. Team competitions to include: cornhole, dodgeball, badminton, egg tosses, water balloons, ladderball. Burgers and wings will be served for dinner (menu may change at our discretion).  
Be ready to laugh and be hungry. This informal competition will be on Fridays throughout the summer. Tentative schedule:  
7/9 Teens  
7/16 Families  
7/23 Adults  
7/30 Tweens

## Welcome Summer Breakfast with Ray

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

### Updated – Restrictions Lifted - Saturday, July 3 – 8 am to 11:30 am

The Clubhouse Committee will again sponsor a breakfast for all to enjoy. Advance reservations are no longer required. Tickets are \$7 for adults and children over 10 and \$3 for children ages 3-10. Children under 3 years of age eat for 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.

## Teen Volunteers Needed

NANCY EISENBERG, CO-CHAIRPERSON, GOODWILL COMMITTEE

### Earn Hours for Appreciation

The Goodwill Fund Committee is looking for teens to help out with the upcoming Community Yard Sale on July 16 and 17. We would like you to help members needing assistance getting donated items out of their cars on Friday, July 16 and again on Saturday, July 17 to help people get items they've purchased to their cars. Hours are flexible, any time you can help from 8 am to 5 pm on Friday and 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday. Contact Mardee Ullmer at 732-996-7505.

# 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:

- July 7: First Dual Meet (location TBD)
- TBD: Picture Day
- July 24: 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.

**Bunco is on break for the summer and will return in September. Enjoy the summer; hope to see you when we resume.**

# Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

Do you have a hunger for fun? The 2021 Windsurfing Race Series is so close, I can almost taste it. So then, after experimenting with different ingredients, I came up with the following recipe:

“Shredded Fleet”

- 1 part water
- 1 part wind
- 1 part sunshine
- 2 parts fun

Blend until choppy and tacky. Preheat outside temperature to 75 degrees. Cook for roughly one hour or until internal stoked temperature reaches 1000 degrees. Pour onto a mountain lake and voila! Taste all the flavors in another fun-filled windsurfing season.

- The action gets rocking on July 3. All races are on Saturdays throughout the summer and start at 3 pm. Any manufactured board and sail is acceptable. Maximum sail sizes are 7.5 for the Sport Class and 9.5 for the Open Class. Questions? Call me at (845) 893-2923.
- Satisfy your appetite for excitement as life begins again and a return to normalcy is on the horizon. See you on the line. Aloha.

# Pickleball Update

PEGGY WARNER



Summer Pickleball is in full swing at the courts on Glen Wild Way. We are welcoming our veteran players, and new players as well. It's an easy sport to learn, and the location is especially convenient for Highland Lakes members.

Come join us for a session of outdoor activity, fresh air, and fun. You may see old friends, and make new ones. We play at 6 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. There is a special ladies' session on Fridays at 10 am. Bring your sneakers, water, and your member badge. We'll provide paddles and balls. Questions? Call or text Kathi @ 973-303-2689, or Peggy @ 201-317-2654.

# Bonfire on the Beach

LOUISE STALEY, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

## Postponed until Saturday, July 10 – 7 pm

Due to the current weather forecast, we are postponing the bonfire until Saturday, July 10. Come to Beach 2 (the Clubhouse beach for new members). Bring your own chair, snacks and sticks for s'mores, (the Club will be supplying s'mores ingredients). Members can feel free to bring down hot dogs to roast too. We hope to see you all there with your party mood. Anyone interested in bringing their guitars or other instruments to get some campfire songs going, is strongly encouraged to do so.

# Aqua Aerobics is Back

PAULA SCHRINER

## Beach 1 – 9 am M, W, F

Aqua aerobics will begin at Beach 1 on Monday, July 5, and continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – 10 am through Labor Day. Please join us for the water fun. Bring your noodle, a towel, sunscreen and of course, your badge. No experience required. Any questions contact Gail Morton or Paula Schrinier. Hope to see you in the water!



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## Vernon Township Housing Market Report - May 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.”

# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$76,500	67	103%
2	\$181,444	67	99%
3	\$266,299	47	98%
4	\$355,986	51	97%
5+	\$300,000	8	100%
TOWN	\$206,265	58	99%

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# Eagle Scouts Evan Duerr and Yorgo Liaros Earn Top Rank

ANNA-MARIE DUERR

The Vernon Boy Scout Troop 912 proudly celebrates two of their own, Evan Duerr and Yorgo Liaros! Evan and Yorgo achieved scouting's highest rank of Eagle. A formal Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held in their honor June 13, 2021, at the Clubhouse. Great achievement Evan and Yorgo!



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# Ecology Corner

BOB REFFELT, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

## No Dumping! XXX Drains to Lake!



Have you ever seen a sign like this? Do you know that Highland Lakes has hundreds of storm drains? So what exactly is a storm drain and why do we have them mounted in our private roadways? If you ever lived in a city or densely populated suburb you may have referred to these structures along the curb as "the sewer". This seems to imply that whatever goes into them ends up being processed in some "sewer treatment" facility. Unfortunately that is not the case.

In Highland Lakes our storm drains capture road sediment and allow storm water to flow directly or indirectly into our lakes and streams. By capturing the rain they help remove heavier sediments and reduce erosion caused by fast moving runoff during rain storms. If they are blocked by leaves and debris, they no longer perform this function. Any less dense liquids and solids like oil and detergents that float on water and enter the drains will not be stopped from entering our water bodies.

So what should we be doing as cohabitants with our storm drains?

- Observe the storm drains near your home and when you walk.
- Clear leaves/debris yourself if practical or notify the Club office of a blockage or a non-functioning storm drain.
- Avoid using car washing detergents and never dump oils in the road.
- Avoid spreading fertilizers especially near the roadway.
- Do not put any contents of an aquarium into the drain.
- Do not put anything into a storm drain that you wouldn't want to have swimming or floating beside you.

Our HL Road Committee and maintenance staff coordinate the removal of sediment from our storm drains each year. Help them do their job.

# The Goodwill Fund

NANCY EISENBERG, CO-CHAIRPERSON, GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Goodwill Fund was started in 2005 to help people in our community who were facing financial hardships due to a catastrophic event or series of smaller events that have made life very difficult. In 2018 the Fund recipients were expanded to assist eligible Seniors. Every year members of the community have the opportunity to donate money to this Fund through private donations or through participation in a variety of fundraising activities, like the Community Yard Sale. The money raised in this way is dedicated to the Fund and can only be used to help members in good standing pay their mandatory annual Club dues and assessments or some portion of those fees. To apply for assistance, applications must be received by July 31, 2021.

# Hello HL Sunfish Sailors

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

First of all, I hope this note finds you healthy and relieved that we are finally in some state of normalcy ready to enjoy another wonderful summer season at Highland Lakes. This past year has made me appreciate what we have here in our community more than ever. As we begin this season we hope for great wind and weather and lots of great sailing! A few things to note:

The 4th of July Regatta:

For 2021 we are off with a great schedule of races for our Sunday sunfish series. We begin with the July 4 regatta series. For those of you who may not have done this before (and a reminder for everyone else), the July 4 series is the kickoff to our season with its own award. It is composed of 4 races – the first two will be on Sunday July 4 starting at 2:30 pm. The second 2 races will be on Monday July 5 at 11 am. Please note that you should try to make as many of these as possible – even if you do not complete the July 4 regatta, the races you do count towards the regular season standings. This is especially important for some of you father son duos out there.

Boat availability:

For some of you who may use Club boats or know others who would like to, there are a few boats which will be available at Eckhart center as usual. Please get there early to rig up. Also, if any of you or other sailors want to buy a boat, Will has found a boat in very good condition with a new Intensity sail and all rigging that is at my house currently.

## Assistance Getting Boats Ready For Season

If any of you need assistance getting your boat ready for the season, please let me know – I can come by and assist or have someone younger and abler do so.

## Rules, Safety and Schedule:

The default on all of our regularly scheduled Sundays will be 2 races, beginning at 2:30 pm, unless, prior to the first race, the dock committee in conjunction with the fleet captain make a determination to sail 1 race (e.g., due to insufficient winds). The exceptions will be Family Day (if on a Sunday) when we will do 1 race only, and the usual no race day on the day of the HLCC Annual Meeting.

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# Eclectic Festival of the Arts Held

DENNIS DALELIO, COORDINATOR

The Eclectic Festival of the Arts, held on June 5 was truly an event that celebrated the talent of our community. Original music filled the air from the Open Mic and artist displays filled the Clubhouse lawn. The sun was shining as approximately 25 artists set up their work in the early morning hours before the event began. At 11 am the “doors” opened with the artists themselves taking in each other’s work while celebrating one of the first in-person exhibits they had the chance to participate in since before Covid hit the region. Art appreciators, neighbors, family, and friends began to arrive right away and throughout the event steadily streamed in to explore the displays and get to know the participating artists. The PA and microphone was ready to go for a 12 pm start. It all began with original poetry and then music. Special thanks to Laura Birdsong (and her band), Julia Crafton, a 15 year old singer songwriter who recently released her album “Woodstock Child,” and Brynen Sosa from the progressive rock band Mythology who entertained the crowd with their sophisticated songs through the rest of the fest. Thanks to all Highland Lakes Artist Group members, guest participants, and art lovers who came out to support the arts!



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Hello HL Sunfish Sailors (continued from p5)

- In case of high winds or storms, the race may be called by the captain earlier in the day. If we can use the hotline, we will, and I will send an email. It would be great if I could text everyone, so please provide me your cell phone numbers that can receive texts. Should conditions change while we are in the middle of a race (e.g., lightning) the race will be automatically be called and any sailors should immediately head for shore and shelter, as is normal safety practice.
  - Our race season will include one throw-out for every 4 races (assuming a minimum of 5 races). So, if we sail 16 races, there will be 4 throw-outs.
- As always, safety is our number one priority:**
- Sailing at Highland Lakes has always been at your own risk. So please remember that ALL RACERS SAIL AT THEIR OWN RISK.
  - To maximize safety and minimize the need for rescue, all sailors are highly encouraged to wear life vests, even if you are used to sailing without one. You should certainly have one in your boat even if you do not wear it.
  - To prevent turtling, and make it easier to right your boat, you may want to tie a jug (20 oz or milk jug – with a top on, or filled with foam like Great Stuff) to the top of your mast.
- If you are a prospective Sunfish sailor or have any questions, please reach out to me at (203) 918-1102. Thanks all. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 4th of July!

## Women’s Auxiliary

JENNIFER ZIEGLER, VICE PRESIDENT

Highland Lakes Women’s Auxiliary is looking forward to another wonderful summer. We are proud of being part of a long tradition of ladies who have so much fun and plan summer activities to enhance our community. Come join us every Tuesday morning at 10 am for our weekly meeting. Have some laughs, meet old friends and make new ones. Continental breakfast is served and babysitting is provided.

**Dates for Summer 2021:**

Meeting schedule: June 29, July 6, 13, 20 and 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Our first event is on July 6, A Wine & Cheese Party. Enjoy libations and laughter in the Lake Room, 7 pm. Guests welcome - BYOB. This event will feature a beautiful table with a wide selection of gourmet treats provided by the Women’s Auxiliary. Sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse Activity Center.

For those of you who are new to the community or are not aware of the activities run by Women’s Auxiliary, we have run casino bus trips, Broadway show bus trips, mid-summer fashion shows, a wine & cheese party, catered cover dish for members and guests. Also, we love to dust off our recipe book and hold a bake sale at the Goodwill Yard Sale. We cap the summer off with an end of the year Ladies Luncheon. With proceeds from some of the events we run, we are proud to be able to donate to our local fire and ambulance corps and community.



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## Summer Garbage Pickup

DAVE MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

### First pickup - Tuesday, July 6

The Club's summer garbage pickup for ten weeks with Blue Diamond Disposal begins on Tuesday, July 6, due to the observance of July 4 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 6, 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. 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.

## Sharing "Goodwill" in Highland Lakes

THE GOODWILL COMMITTEE

### Annual Goodwill Community Yard Sale

The Highland Lakes Community has a tradition of sharing "Good Will". Come join the efforts on July 16 & 17 at the Annual Goodwill Community Yard Sale and catch the spirit...no amount of time or effort is too great or small.

Friday July 16 is a day to receive items to be donated and made ready for the sale. We are in need of assistance all day with accepting donations, sorting, cleaning and arranging and pricing. Saturday July 17 is "the big day" and assistance is appreciated at all stations. Help is needed to assist with larger purchases as well as with clean-up. Spend an hour or the day! Volunteers should contact Mardee Ullmer at 732-996-7505 or [mardeeru@comcast.net](mailto:mardeeru@comcast.net).

The Goodwill Yard Sale is an event that was organized to raise money to support the Goodwill Fund. Established in 2005, this Fund is dedicated to helping people in our community who are facing financial hardships due to a catastrophic event or series of smaller events that have made life very difficult. No one can predict when this may happen. The Goodwill Fund is our community's way of lending compassionate, anonymous and temporary assistance to our neighbors by alleviating their need to pay their annual Club dues for one year. The member's dues are instead paid with money from the Fund when their Club obligations cannot be met. Over 100 families have been

helped through the years thanks to the funds raised through community efforts like the Community Yard Sale and Path to Goodwill. Members have also made individual donations by "giving a little extra" when they pay their own dues or making a donation in honor of a loved one.

Last year the Community Yard Sale was put on hold, as were many activities here in Highland Lakes, due to an abundance of caution related to the COVID virus. As we are moving out of the pandemic restrictions, the committee and HLCC administration are encouraged to bring the yard sale back again for 2021. We are still going to follow COVID safety guidelines including utilizing more space outside for our sale as well as eliminating some items such as books, (which previously took up significant space) and providing more room for shopping.

We hope to see you ALL on July 16 & 17 - Get your donations ready - spread the word. It's certainly time to come out once again and join your fellow lakers for fun & fellowship!!



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# Men’s Golf Outing

RAY LOUGHREN

Well it’s that time of year again. I hope everyone is well and ready for a great summer. This year the outing will be on August 6 at Black Bear Country Club, 1 pm shotgun scramble. The cost is \$110 which includes golf, dinner, prizes and a HL Golf Outing Commemorative Polo. Please include each player’s size when signing up. Any players without a requested size will receive an XL. Please contact Ray Loughren at 973-919-3270 or Mike Sweeney 973-764-7306. Thanks Ray.

# Nautical Notes

SUE BURUCHIAN

Congratulations to HLCC sailors who traveled to regattas representing Highland Lakes. Mark Buruchian with crew, Emmaline Stoddard sailed the Comet Masters at Shrewsbury Yacht Club in NJ this past month. They finished impressively in 4th. Will and Lyndsey Kresic both sailed in the Sunfish North Americans on Lake Norman, North Carolina for HLCC with good finishes in the large, impressive fleet. Well done by all - Sail on HL!

# The Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Welcome Summer! Howdy to all the members of the Senior Club and to all the potential future members. We made it through spring with some delightfully cool days and nights and most of the Senior Club (S/C) really enjoyed themselves at some of their favorite pastimes. Let’s see, some play tennis, some play volleyball, pickleball, bocce, bowling, bunco, gardening, yoga, fishing, target practice, kayaking, and a bunch of other activities. We have an active group made up of 50+ year olds who come to the Lake Room twice a month on Tuesday evening - the 2nd & 4th Tuesday evening to be exact at 7 pm. We enjoy each other’s company with coffee and...and getting caught up on the latest news. Then we have a short business meeting following. I try to get guest speakers on a meeting night and we also have an off-premises luncheon at the Warwick Country Club, a wine & cheese party, attending a Miner’s baseball game, a lovely dinner/dance with catering and live music. We’re planning our own version of “Antiques Roadshow” in August and of course we’ll sponsor the Lantern Walk in October. I’m working on trying to get some other activities to include since we missed out on so much last year. So, I’d love to see some new faces and you’re most welcome to come on down

on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday night of the month.  
Here’s a little something I’d like to share with you: needles, milk, mushrooms, elevators, births, bees---these are just a tiny bit of the countless phobias attributed to Mr. Adrian Monk. He plays the detective and title character on the TV show MONK. But when he and longtime friend rival, Harold Krenshaw, find themselves locked in a car trunk, Monk has a breakthrough that lets him cross off at least one fear from his list...claustrophobia. It’s while the both of them are panicking, that the epiphany comes, instantly stopping Monk’s frenzy. “I think we’ve been looking at this the wrong way,” he tells Harold. “This trunk, these walls...they’re not closing in on us...they’re protecting us, really. They’re keeping the bad stuff out...germs, snakes and harmonicas.” Eyes widening, Harold sees what he means and whispers in wonder, “this trunk is our friend.” So, if you’ve ever found yourself in a difficult place or a tight situation (hopefully not locked in a car trunk), you always have the chance to look at things very differently, very positively, and find your solution after you calm yourself. Again, hope to see you at a S/C meeting, and if you need a ride, give me a call. Love ya, Joyce H. 845-544-3749.



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# School’s Out Recap

ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

Friday, June 18 marked the end of the school year for 2021 and the unofficial start of summer here at Highland Lakes. Families came by the carload to the Clubhouse to enjoy lawn games, face painting, temporary tattoos, running through bubbles and having a water balloon toss. The highlight of the evening was ice cream sundaes and Italian ice, of course! Thanks to our Clubhouse Director, Lauren LaRocca and her staff for a job well done, especially picking up the broken water balloon pieces from the lawn and walkway.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROE HALL

# First Fishing Derby of the Season Held

MICHAEL EWASKO, CHAIRMAN, FISH COMMITTEE

## June 5 Was Free Fishing Day

On Saturday June 5, the HLCC Fish Committee took advantage of the State of New Jersey “Free Fishing Day” to host the first fishing event of the post-pandemic season. A small but anxious group of anglers assembled at the Clubhouse swim lanes just before 5 pm to test their skills at catching fish with the hopes of maybe winning a trophy. As in past years, the fish were also anxious and willing to cooperate and almost immediately fish were being hooked, hauled in, recorded and released. Dozens of catches including sunfish, yellow perch and even crappie were caught and safely returned to the lake.

With only a short break for hot dogs and soda, the angling action lasted till almost dark and at 8:30 pm trophies were awarded to outstanding catches of merit. Now if you are wondering why you have been missing out on all the fun of a fishing derby, stay tuned to the Club website or Newsette for info on our next event scheduled for Family Day later this summer. If you would like to help the committee out with upcoming events please consider attending a monthly meeting of the Fish Committee on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Lake Room. All are welcome.



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Figure 3



Figure 4



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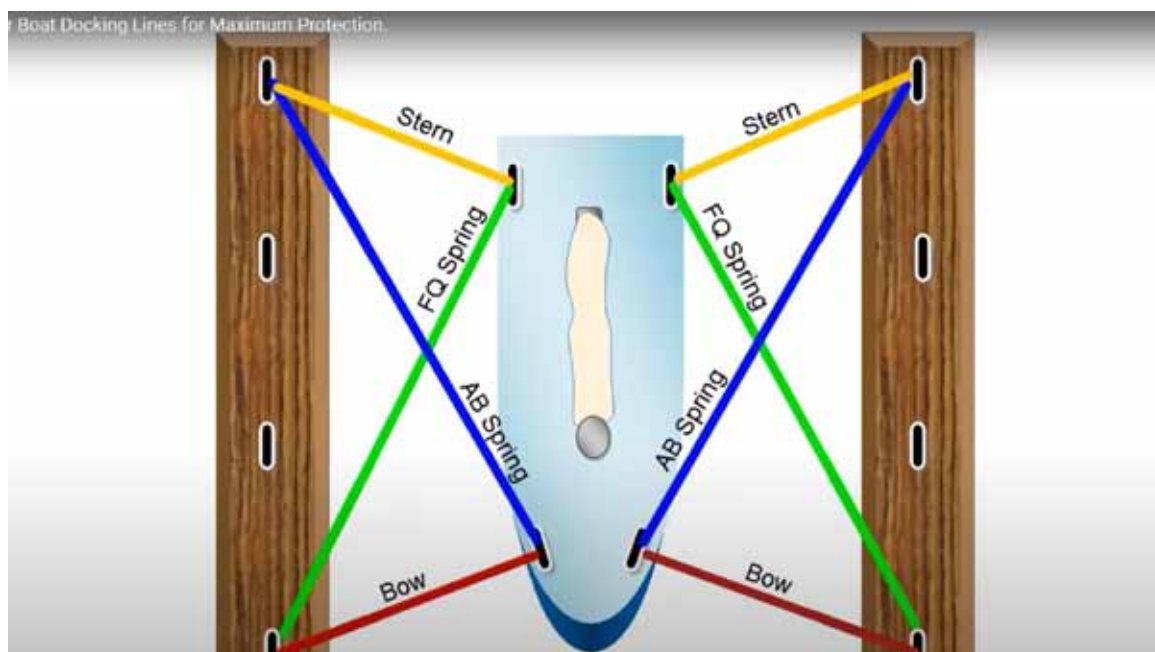


Figure 6

## Properly Securing Pontoon Boats to Club Dock Spaces

SHERIF FAHMY, BOAT DOCK COMMITTEE

A very happy summer to all HL members from your Boat Dock Committee! As part of our ongoing monitoring and inspection of all of the Club's boat docks and dock spaces, there is a recurring issue regarding the improper securing of pontoon boats to dock spaces/slips at all EZ Dock system locations (e.g., Clubhouse Park, Comet Row). With pontoon boats being a highly popular and fast growing craft type, we wanted to bring everyone's attention to this issue. When parking pontoon boats with the bow facing in towards the dock, if not secured properly, the front (pointy) and sides of the pontoons can do some significant damage to the plastic material that the EZ dock system is made of. We have already observed some scuffs, chips, shavings, and even holes in several dock spaces due to pontoon boat owners not properly securing their boats (Figure 1). The EZ dock components are expensive to repair and even more expensive to replace, so this is a serious concern. To avoid any future damage, please consider the following when docking and securing your pontoon boat:

### Don't:

- Use bungee ropes with slack, or that have not been fully extended, to secure your boat (Figure 2). When not set to their furthest extended limits, these ropes are ineffective at preventing movement of the boat as water wake causes the bungee rope to flex. This results in the boat coming into contact with the dock causing damage.
- Leave slack in any rope/line that is securing your boat to the dock (Figure 3).
- Secure the boat only on the sides. This will allow the boat to move frontwards and backwards in the slip causing dock damage.
- Secure only the front of the boat. This will allow the boat to shift from side-to-side causing dock damage.

### Do:

- Attach bumpers/fenders to the fronts and sides of your boat in a manner that guards the boat's pontoons and deck from coming into contact with the dock. While the bumpers/fenders on the sides of the pontoons can be hung in a vertical fashion (Figure 4), this method is not effective for bumpers hung on the front of the pontoons (Figure 2). Those bumpers/fenders hung from the front of the pontoon should be hung horizontally at a height that prevents the pointy/sharp part of the pontoon or the front of the boat deck from coming in contact with the dock (Figure 5).
- With your boat centered in the slip, tie bow lines (Figure 6 - Red Lines) and stern lines (Figure 6 - Yellow Lines) to each side of the dock slip to prevent side-to-side movement of your boat in the slip.
- Attach a taught line from the boat bow to a dock cleat near the boat stern (Figure 6 - Blue Lines). This is called the After Bow (AB) Spring Line. The AB Spring Line helps prevent the boat from shifting forward which is the primary cause of the pointy/sharp part of the pontoons coming into contact with the dock causing damage. This should be done on both the starboard and port sides of the boat.
- Attach a taught line from the boat stern to a dock cleat near the boat bow (Figure 6 - Green Lines). This is called the Forward Quarter (FQ) Spring Line. The FQ Spring Line is meant to prevent any aft movement, provide additional stability when the boat is in the boat slip, and aide in boat dock contact prevention. Again this should be done on both sides of the boat.

If your pontoon boat is found not to be in compliance with the above recommendations, your boat may be damaging the dock and you will be held responsible for any damages caused. If you notice a pontoon boat not secured properly, please notify Highland Lakes Security immediately. Please be mindful as you are securing your pontoon boat after a fun day on the water so that our docks always stay in great condition and can be enjoyed for many more summers to come. See link below for a video that discusses the concepts mentioned above. <https://youtu.be/JpxLoeAlSuA>



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## Ladies Sunfish Fleet

SUE BURUCHIAN, LADIES FLEET CAPTAIN

Ahoy HL ladies! Come join us - beginner or not to sail with us on Thursdays 11 am start. New to sailing? We can help. Come join this easy fun fleet and get away from life each week for a little fun on the water in a Sunfish! If new, please contact me in advance (Sue Buruchian at [buruchianfamily@ptd.net](mailto:buruchianfamily@ptd.net)) to get you "set up".

## 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.

**\*\*Tentative 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

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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](mailto:hlccsailing@gmail.com)

## Basic Sailing Clinic

SUE BURUCHIAN

### Learn to Sail



Hello Sunfish sailing enthusiasts! We understand some of you have questions on "how to sail". We are offering a 3-hour clinic on Tuesday, July 6, from 11 am to 2 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. Please come with your life jacket, towel, water bottle, light snack and sunscreen. Junior sailors recommended to attend.

Be prepared to get wet to learn how to right a boat after capsize. Wind/boat permitting we will get you on a boat for a short sail with some of our talented junior sailors.

All HL members and ages welcome. Any questions, please call 973- 271-0227.

## Women's Bowling League

PAT WOOTON AND LYN KAPLAN, COORDINATORS

HLCC Women's Bowling is back! Come on out to PinStreet@Warwick, Rt. 94, in Warwick, NY every Wednesday morning, beginning July 7 at 9:30 am sharp. Be prepared for lots of laughs as there is no real talent required. The league runs for eight weeks (ending 8/25) at a cost of \$84, payable on the first day of bowling. Trophies and prize money will be awarded on the final day. Please join the fun; the more the merrier. Just arrive on the morning of the 7th with your sense of humor and bowling expertise. Feel free to call Lyn Kaplan, 973-764-3202 if you have questions. Looking forward to seeing "former" faces, along with "new"!

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