The Highland Lakes Newsette

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From the President's Desk

SUE ROSS, PRESIDENT

I've always found the months of March and April, but particularly March, to be somewhat hard to take. The snow has disappeared (for the most part), but the color of spring blossoms is nowhere in sight. Instead, what seems to be front and center on every road I travel at the Lake is gravel, bits of refuse that has been carelessly discarded and property that is crying for care.

As May comes into view, much of this thankfully disappears. One of the items in our Operating Fund budget each year is the road sweeping that is now underway. It is such a welcomed improvement to have roads cleared like that. This past weekend a good portion of the debris that littered the sides of roads was removed as well, thanks to the Ecology Committee's leadership and members in the community who joined together walking lake roads in search of discarded scraps, cans and bottles. As the weather warms, more and more people are out in their yards sprucing things up and laying the groundwork for the gardens to come.

In spite of the majority of members who work hard to keep their property in good shape, there are still more than a few properties that are neglected. Regrettably, it is not hard to find debris (broken chairs, toys, tools, building materials, etc.) that people have piled in side yards, and I've noticed a few homes that still have holiday ornaments, icicle lights and deflated plastic "inflatables" strewn about. In the dead of winter, ornamental lighting and cheery snowmen bouncing with the wind help to lighten one's spirit; now, they are only piles of dirty plastic that detract from the beauty of nature that is bursting forth around us. Please, take a moment this month to walk across the street from your home and look at your property from that vantage point. If there is room for improvement, please take the time and effort to do what you can. Properties are so close together and it's important to remember that your property impacts your neighbors and even those who are just passing by.

One of the items on the agenda for the Voting Board Workshop in May is property maintenance. We will be discussing what we can do to support and enforce existing Vernon Township ordinances related to property maintenance as well as how we can regulate membership behavior to spare our community the ramifications of excessive property neglect.





Thank you to Terry Latham for submitting this photo of the sunset on the main lake on Easter Monday.



Upcoming Events

May 11 – SANJL May 26 – Clubhouse Breakfast May 27 – Memorial Day Observance and Lunch

The Lakeland Swim Conference Highland Lakes Swim Team

Swim Team Summer Practice Schedule

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

2019 Swim Team Meet Schedule

July 3	Highland Lakes @ Green Pond	
July 10	Highland Lakes @ Mountain Lakes	
July 12	Canistear Cup @ Highland Lakes	
July 13	Odd Age Invitational @ Packanack Lake	
July 17	Highland Lakes @ Packanack Lake	
July 20	Individual Age Invitational @ Pequannock	
July 24	Pequannock @ Highland Lakes	
July 27	Highland Lakes "B" Invitational	
July 31	Lake Mohawk @ Highland Lakes	
August 1	Coaches Choice @ TBD	
August 3	Erskine "C" Invitational @ Erskine	
August 7	Fayson Lakes @ Highland Lakes	
August 10	"A" Championships @ Fayson Lakes	

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds - Monday, May 20 - 7 pm Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, May 15 – 7 pm Ecology Committee - Thursday, May 16 - 7 pm Fishing Committee – Thursday, May 16 – 8 pm Planning Committee - Tuesday, May 7 - 7:30 pm Roads Committee - Thursday, June 6 - 7 pm Voting Board Workshop - Wednesday, May 8 - 8 pm Voting Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 17 - 8 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club office prior to the meeting time.

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Memorial Day Weekend Beach Hours

KAITLIN NIX, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Pre-Season Beach Hours

Beach 1 and 3 and will be open from 10 am to 5:30 pm and Beaches 2 and 7 will be open 11:30 to 5:30 on Saturday, May 25, Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27

Note: Swim lesson registration forms will be available beginning Memorial Day weekend at the Clubhouse.

Boating Safety Course

Boating Safety Certification

The Club will be offering a Boating Safety Course taught by the Coast Guard in the Lake Room on Sunday, July 14, 2019. The course will run from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Anyone interested in taking this course must sign up in advance with the Club Office by July 1, 2019. Please bring \$50.00 CASH (exact change preferred) the day of for the cost of the course.

There will be a test at the end of the course that you must pass with an 80% or higher to gain certification. Upon passing the test you will receive a temporary certification and a permanent certification will be mailed to you.

Requirements:

• You must be a Club member in good standing or on guarding staff

• You must be 13 or older

What to Bring:

- Pen, pencil, highlighter
- •Drinks, snacks and lunch
- •Self-addressed stamped envelope (for permanent certification to be mailed to you)

Boat Responsibly

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Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

Extended Office Hours

The Club office will be open Saturday, May 25, Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27 for your convenience from 9 am to 4 pm for payment of dues and badge pickup over the Memorial Day weekend. Please make sure to bring copies of vehicle registrations 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 Saturday. The Activities Center staff will be in the Club Office on Saturdays and Sundays throughout June from 10 am to 3 pm for dues payments and badge pickup only.

If you are a new property owner, or a property owner registering your property as a rental and/or your tenants/lessees as Associate Members, only Club Office staff are able to assist you between the hours of 10 am and 1 pm on Saturdays.



Adult Ceramics Continues

NICOLE MARCH

Monday Nights

Please join us every Monday night at 7:30 pm for adult ceramics. There are different unpainted pieces every week that are available for purchase. The price includes the paint as well as the firing on select items that need to go into the kiln. Children over 10 years of age are welcome to come as long as they're accompanied by a parent; and remember as always, please wear your badge.





Memorial Weekend Breakfast

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Next breakfast will be Sunday May 26 from 9 am - 11:30 am. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-10 and under 3 years of age is free. Please come down and enjoy a delicious breakfast consisting of scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, home fries, biscuits and sausage gravy, bacon, sausage, fruit, crumb cake, coffee, tea and juice. If anyone would like to help, please know you are always welcome, so just come on down or call me. Don't forget to wear your badge!

Junior Volunteer Spotlight

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

There are many junior volunteers in HLCC who help with so many different activities. If you are between the ages of 6 and 18 and you give HLCC and CA 10 hours over the year you are invited to attend Junior Appreciation and receive dinner and a gift. Some areas where volunteers are needed include:

Being a Clubhouse helper at the summer activities Helping at the winter carnival

Easter Bunny Brunch Breakfasts

Any of the summer sports: tennis, soccer, softball,

basketball, sailing

Art show Family day

Yard sale

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The Clubhouse Committee will be spotlighting a junior volunteer in the Newsette to help provide more information on how to volunteer and what you can do. Ten hours is not a lot of time to give. The Committee will help to enlighten you with information about what is involved. These hours also count for service hours for school and church. Watch for our spotlight in the next Newsette.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to Melissa Harden and her helpers for hosting another amazing Easter Bunny Brunch.

Thanks to Frank for running the kitchen along with Lenny and Eric for preparing some delicious food.

Boat Retrieval Notice

TROY BOWERS, SECURITY MANAGER

Boats removed from racks, docks and Club properties by Highland Lakes Security are available for retrieval by their owners on Sunday, May 5 and Sunday, May 19. All owners claiming a boat must complete a Boat Retrieval Form, and pay the appropriate storage and removal fees, not later than the day before the date you plan to pick up your boat. For the amount of these fees please contact Troy Bowers, Security Manager at 973-764-4266.

Complete the form and bring it to the Club office or Security where payments will be accepted. Once completed, use this form to retrieve your boat at the maintenance yard located on Glen Wild Way off Cherry Ridge Road by Ballfield 2 on May 5, 2019, or May 19, 2019, between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm. If your boat has a 2018 boat sticker, please bring your 2019 membership card or owner's badge. Any questions, please call 973-764-4266.

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Boat Retrieval Form

Bring with you to the maintenance yard located by Ball Field 2 on Glen Wild Way off Cherry Ridge Road on May 5, 2019, or May 19, 2019, between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm.

Name :	
Address:	
City, State and Zip coo	de:
Member Number:	
Please identify your boat to note any dents or distinguis	o the best of your ability. Please shing marks on your boat.
Brand/Model No.:	
Color:	Length:
Distinguishing Marks:	

I hereby certify that the boat identified above is owned by me. I agree to hold Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association, its Officers, Trustees, Employees and Volunteers harmless from any claim that may arise resulting from the delivery to me of the boat described above.

Signature:
Dated:
Boat Delivered By:
CLIP HERE



Lifeguard Class

KAITLYN NIX, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Lifeguards Wanted

The following dates in July are the scheduled dates for the 2019 Lifeguarding Certification Class. Please note that the class costs \$100; a \$50 deposit is due by July 2 and the balance is due by July 9 (the start of the class). 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 ¹/₂ 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 sun block. 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 call the Clubhouse office to sign up 973-764-4366. Please e-mail Kaitlyn Nix at kaitlyn.j.nix@gmail. com with any questions.

Dates:

Tuesday, July 9: 11 am (pretest) 12 pm – 6 pm Wednesday, July 10: 12 pm – 6 pm Thursday, July 11: 8 am – 2 pm Friday, July 12: 8 am – 2 pm Saturday, July 13: 8 am – 2 pm

Help Wanted

Activity Center Staff

There may be an opening in the Club's Activity Center staff. If you are hired, the work schedule would include weekends in May and through the middle part of June, and beginning late June, daily through Labor Day. Duties include providing members with their badge packages, selling daily guest badges and snacks, and completing paperwork to enable members to use the limited supply of Club boats for short periods of time.

Applicants must be congenial, comfortable working with computers and telephones, and flexible with their schedule. Stop by the Club office for an application, or call Pat Krause, Office Manager, at 973-764-4366.

Help Wanted – Lifeguards, Lifeguard Instructors and Water Safety Instructors

KAITLYN NIX, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

The Club is anticipating openings in our Water Safety Department this summer. Consider applying to our staff for a lifeguard position. Competitive pay - experience lifeguarding at other locations taken into account. Our preseason begins Memorial Day weekend and consists of weekends in June. Starting in the last week of June, the regular season continues daily until Labor Day. You should expect to work both during the week and on weekends.

You must have Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid certifications -Waterfront is also necessary, but you can be certified for \$35 by HLCC if you don't have it. Contact the Club Office by email (hlcc@warwick.net) or telephone - 973-764-4366 for an application. Questions, please email kaitlyn.j.nix@gmail.com.



HLCC and CA Senior Club 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Saturday, June 8, 2019

6 – 10 pm \$25.00 per person Appetizers, Buffet Dinner, Dessert - BYOB (Catered by the Lamp Post) Live Music by Entertainer Henry Boote (You'll LOVE Him)! And Harmony in Motion



Both excellent to hear and dance to!

Come have a great time with fellow Lakers as we honor The Highland Lakes CC and CA Senior Club 50th

Anniversary.

Mark Your Calendar. Tickets available May 1, 2019 Open to all HLCC members

Call Joyce for tickets or more information 845-544-3749. Come toast the Senior Club on the 50th Anniversary.

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2019 Highland Lakes Club Apparel

SUE BURUCHIAN, ONLINE IMPRINTS

OnLine Imprints, LLC is the official company for your HL apparel. (Yes, we've changed our name, but all else is the same) - serving HL customized needs since 1997. Highland Lakes Club apparel will be stocked at the Activities Center starting Memorial Day Weekend. Stop in for your T shirts, onesies or order your special requests. Sizing Youth to 3XL. We thank you in advance for supporting the HL Apparel program which helps our members via the Goodwill Fund.

Custom orders always accepted. Call our cell at 973-271-0227 or best, email at onlineimprints@ptd.net

Bunco is Back

MARIAN BENEDICTO

Bunco is held the first Friday of each month at 7 pm. Come and join in the fun. Easy game – you only need to know how to throw dice. Bring yourself, \$5 and a snack to share. Please RSVP – We need 6 people to play. Marian B. & Kathie G. 973-764-7998.



HLCC and CA Senior Club Selling Cookbooks

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB



50th Anniversary Cookbooks The Senior Club of HLCC and CA

gathered recipes from years ago when many HL moms and grandmothers were active and vibrant in all kinds of activities. There are new great recipes from our hands too, and we are proud to offer these ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS at \$10.00 each to you. Definitely get one for yourself and get some as gifts for others, family and friends. Give me a call and I'll put some on the side for you. Joyce Healy, S/C President - 845-544-3749

Yoga Update

ANITA JANKER

Spring into spring with mind/body yoga. Come to the Clubhouse at 5 pm on Mondays and 5:30 pm on Wednesdays. Open to Highland Lakes members and their guests only. Please bring your badge and your yoga mat.



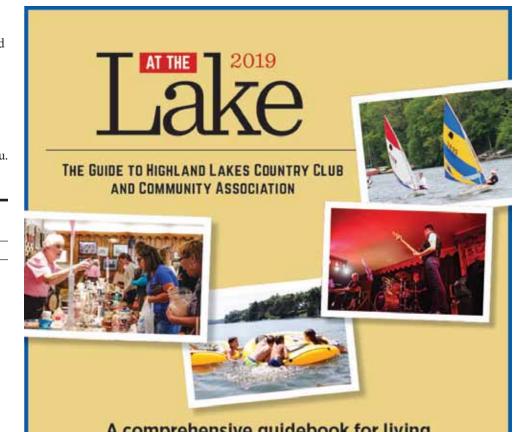


2019 Athletics Season News

PATRICK ECKHART, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Season Starts July 1

Summer '19 is right around the corner. It's time to start thinking about all the activities in which you would like to participate. The 2019 youth athletic season will start on Monday, July 1. As in the past, the registration book for all Club sponsored athletic teams will be at the Clubhouse Activities counter beginning Memorial Day weekend. The activities include tennis, tennis lessons (children and teens), soccer, softball, sailing, basketball, volleyball, bowling, and golf outings. In the next few weeks, I will begin the schedule making process, but this can only be done once I get a good sense of the participation this summer by our athletes and volunteers, SO PLEASE SIGN UP! If you or your child volunteered in any capacity last year and wish to continue, please note it on your child's registration form. The teamwork of our volunteers makes everything possible. Remember, there is no I in TEAM, so don't say I can't play, sign up and become part of an HLCC TEAM. I hope everyone is as excited as I am for another fun filled Highland Lakes summer. See you on the fields!



A comprehensive guidebook for living in Highland Lakes. Available in the Office May 1.

Voting Board Resolution – Tenant Registrations Required and Owner Penalties Established for Unregistered Tenants

May 1 Registration Deadline Passed

For members who rent or lease their property and who have failed to register their property as a rental and their tenants/lessees as Associate Members, please take notice that this lack of compliance are violations of Club policy as set forth in the Resolution below.

During May, invoices will be mailed to property owners with tenants/lessees who have failed to comply. The Club will be relying upon information maintained at the Club Office to generate invoices to owners who failed to register. The authorized penalty assessment is equal to the 2019 cabin dues of \$1,255.00 with late payment charges accruing beginning July 1, 2019.

If you receive an invoice and the property <u>is not</u> <u>rented</u>, please return the <u>Registration of Rental Property</u> <u>Form</u> which will accompany the Invoice and be sure to check the section indicating that the property is not a rental property, sign on page 2, and return to the Club Office not later than June 30, 2019.

As unregistered rental properties are discovered subsequent invoices will be mailed and the appropriate penalty assessment made.



82nd Annual Meeting of Members

Held for the purpose of electing directors, approving reports and transacting other such business as may come before the meeting.

Monday, June 3, 2019

High Point Regional High School 299 Pidgeon Hill Road, Sussex, NJ 07461

> Doors open at 5:30 PM, Refreshments at 6:00 PM Meeting Begins at 7:00 PM

Each member who registers will receive a \$10 bill credit.



JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

RESOLUTION of the Officers and Trustees of HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION February 15, 2019

WHEREAS, the Club's By-Laws, Article II - Purposes & Objectives, provide for the formulation of rules and regulations for the use of the common properties and further provide that the Club shall guard against discord, annoyance, disorder, interloping, disturbance and trespassing; and

WHEREAS, Article III-Membership, Section II (b) states Associate Members are those who are Tenants or Lessees of Active Members. The term of membership of this class shall be limited to the period of such tenancy, and only for the length of time such persons shall be residents of Highland Lakes. This membership shall also be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section VII; and

WHEREAS, Article III - Membership, Section VII, provides that Associate membership privileges shall not be granted to a tenant or lessee if landlord or lessor is delinquent in Club dues, assessments or initiation fees; and

WHEREAS, Article VI - Club Funds, Section I, provides that the annual assessments for residence and lots shall be established by the Voting Board and further Associate Members shall be assessed equally for each residence rented or leased on such basis as shall be determined by the Voting Board, from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII - Membership Cards and Badges, Section II, provides that Associate Members will not be issued a membership card but will be required to obtain badges for each member of the family at a nominal cost; and

WHEREAS, Article XV - Property Covenants, Section XII, provides that it is agreed that the member will not sell, rent, lease or permit to be occupied the said lands or the building now, upon or hereafter placed upon said premises except to an Active or Associate Member of the Club, and this rule is made expressly subject to the restriction that the same may not be used, occupied, rented or leased, except by such a Member of the Club; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Board, having considered and reviewed the Club's policies regarding Associate Members, has determined that properties which are currently rented by Members to tenants are not always in compliance with the Club's policy regarding the registration of Associate Members and the payment of an additional fee so that the Associate Members may enjoy full privileges; and

WHEREAS, the Voting Board finds that it is consistent with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and policies of the Club, and in the best interest of the Club, that the policy for registration of tenants as Associate Members be amended to address administrative issues associated with tenancies, and clarify the responsibilities of the Members and Associate Members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Officers and Trustees of Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association as follows:

1. Members who rent their premises at any time, regardless of the length of the term of the rental, are required to register their property as a rental with the Club office. Registration of the property must be done no later than the first day of the first occupancy by tenant(s).

- 2. Members who rent their premises are also required to register all tenants with the Club office upon each change of occupancy, and prior to each tenancy establish the tenants as Associate Members. For each tenancy, Members must pay the corresponding Associate Member dues. For Calendar Year 2019, Associate Member dues shall be \$300.00 for properties that rent for more than 3 months, up to annually, per tenancy; \$100.00 for properties that rent monthly or any part thereof, per tenancy; and \$50.00 for properties that rent weekly or less, per tenancy. Associate Member dues in subsequent years shall be established by the Voting Board in its annual adoption of the Dues and Assessments Schedule.
- 3. Failure to register properties and tenants in accordance with Club policy, or misrepresentation of the amount of rentals or rental durations, will subject the Members to a penalty assessment in an amount equal to the then current annual cabin dues for each violation, together with late payment charges if the penalty assessment is unpaid on the first day of the second month following the assessment of the penalty
- 4. Associate membership badges to be used by tenants may be purchased by registered tenants at the Club office or Activities Center only. For Calendar Year 2019, tenants who rent annually or monthly may purchase activities badges for household members only, for \$10.00 per badge. Tenants who rent weekly may purchase daily badges for \$1.00 per badge. Charges for badges in subsequent years shall be established by the Voting Board in its annual adoption of the Dues and Assessments Schedule. Associate members are eligible for garbage service, parking permits and boat permits, in accordance with Club policy. Associate members' children with activities badges are eligible to participate in "rostered" activities, such as swim team, softball, tennis, basketball, sailing, etc.
- Members who rent their premises are required to notify their tenants that the tenants are subject to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and all policies of the Club. In the event the tenants fail to comply with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and all policies of the Club, in addition to any action the Club may have against the tenants, the Member shall be responsible for the violation of the tenants, including the imposition of fines and assessments by the Club.
 This Resolution shall be in full force and effect as of

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2019 by the Voting Board at a Regular Meeting, at which a quorum was present.

Alex Suchare

May 1, 2019.



Bat Box Eagle Scout Project

JOSEPH WEINGRAM

Hello my name is Joseph Weingram, and I have lived in Highland Lakes my entire life. I have participated in softball, sailing, swim team, and I was a lifeguard here. What I am particularly grateful for is being able to meet at the Clubhouse for Cub scouts. I have many memories of fun meetings and the pinewood derby with Troop 404.

Several years later I am now ready to do my Eagle project in Highland Lakes. It has been noticed that there has been a decline in the bat population. This is because of white-nose syndrome AKA the "white nose fungus." I



LAWN MAINTENANCE, LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND PLANTING, PATIOS, WALLS, FERTILIZER/WEED CONTROL, TREE/SHRUB INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL, MOSQUITO AND TICK CONTROL, POISON IVY CONTROL, MULCH, SHRUB TRIMMING, CLEAN UPS, AND MORE!

John Mikulik, Owner 973-459-9810 Highland Lakes, NJ www.mikuliklawnandlandscape.com Pest Lic #90842B NJHIC #13VH08884200 would like to help the bats by making bat boxes. These will be homes for the bats made by me for my Eagle project.

I will make several bat boxes. They will be placed in several approved locations in Highland Lakes. I will be working with Jack McLaughlin, our General Manager, and Barbara Jaggi, the Ecology Committee Chairperson. I would like to thank them for their time, hard work, and for allowing me to present my project to the Ecology Committee and the Voting Board meetings.

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Vernon Boy Scout Troop 912

ANNA-MARIE DEURR

David Gallaugher Becomes Eagle Scout

Vernon Boy Scout Troop 912 proudly celebrates one of their own, David Gallaugher. Davey achieved scouting's highest rank of Eagle in December 2018. A formal Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held in his honor March 31, 2019. Great job Davey!



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Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Our Precious Trees

We live in this wonderful natural environment to be one with nature. Trees comprise our forest environment and should be preserved whenever possible. Assess the current health of your existing trees. Are there hollow cavities? Is bark missing exposing the heartwood to rot (eventually leading to cavities)? Have limbs come off providing entry points for decay? Do mature trees have new branches coming out of the sides of the trunk (called epicormic branching)? If so it is a sign of major stress. That tree will not be long for your yard. And all these conditions can become safety hazards when they impact the tree's structural integrity.

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

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

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

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

First choice should always be trees and shrubs native to this area.

Highland Lakes Native Trees and Shrubs:

Red Maple Sugar Maple Shagbark Hickory American Beech Eastern Red Cedar Tuliptree White Pine American Sycamore White Oak Chestnut Oak Eastern Hemlock River Birch Grey Birch Buttonbush

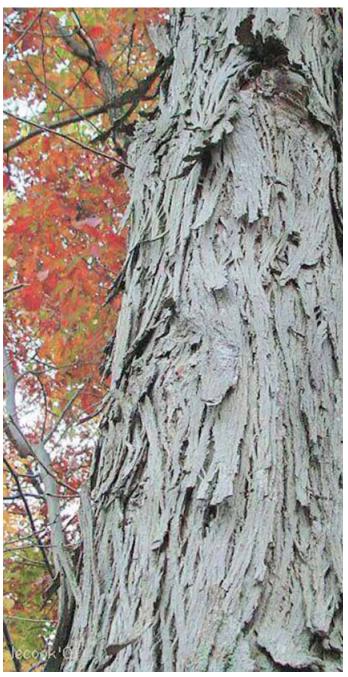


American Sycamore





Eastern Hemlock



American Beech

Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

"Everything is beautiful, in it's own way"...do you remember the song on the radio that began this way? Well, we've been having some beautiful days and nights since spring made it to Highland Lakes. It's so good to get outside and do a little of this or a little of that, or make some plans for a new garden. Maybe watch someone you hired that has talent to bring some beauty to your yard and work his magic. You can hear the birds chirping or even HL's "flying chickens" (crows) calling to one another when they've found some treasure on the ground. Throw open those windows and air out the winter from your house and cut some daffodils, tulips or forsythias to bring a pop of color to your kitchen. AAAH, SPRING!

Speaking of spring, the Mighty Seniors had their last offseason luncheon in April and it was well attended. Thanks ever so much to Bob Hughes who brought us Mr. Winter as a terrific guest speaker, how cool, a harbor master, very interesting. Good questions asked and each one answered. What a treat.

Our summer season meetings will begin on Tuesday evenings. The 2nd & 4th of each month from May through September: May 14 and May 28 at 7 pm, usually with a guest speaker and some delicious homemade coffee. Any HL member in good standing from the age of 50 may certainly join our Senior Club. We have all ages from 50 -90. What a wonderful group of friends.

So, I hope to see you on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm as I run a short business meeting w/plans for our ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVATION CELEBRATION / ALL-AMERICAN LUNCHEON on Monday, May 27 at 11 am.

If you need a ride, give me a call, I'd be glad to help. Love ya, Joyce H. PS: Look through the Newsette for important information about our 50th anniversary dinner/dance that's open to our whole community. Keep looking for info about our COOKBOOK sales. See you soon.



Is Your Smoke Detector a Nuisance?

NJ DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Were you ever tempted to take the batteries out of your smoke detector because it irritated you by going off when you were cooking? If so, you're not alone. About 50% of all people with smoke detectors report they occasionally experience these "nuisance" alarms.

But before you disable your smoke detector, remember this: two-thirds of all fire deaths occur in households that have no working smoke detectors, and disabling your smoke detector will leave your household without the life-saving early warning that smoke detectors provide.

The following are things that you can do to minimize the occurrence of "nuisance" alarms:

- Move your detector away from the path of cooking vapors. Quite often, moving a detector a short distance away from the cooking area is enough to reduce the occurrence of "nuisance" alarms.
- · Using an exhaust fan while you cook can prevent cooking vapors from reaching the alarm and setting if off.
- If your detector annoys you by "chirping" or "beeping" the batteries may be exhausted. Install new ones.
- There are three types of smoke detectors: ionization, photoelectric and a dual sensor device that combines both. The price of detectors, even the more expensive photoelectric ones, is relatively low.

According to the National Fire Protection Association:



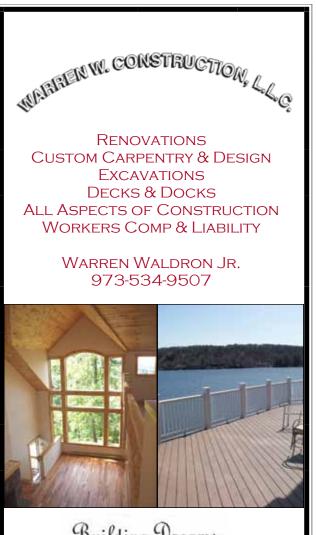


Ionization smoke alarms are generally more responsive to flaming fires. How they work: Ionization-type smoke alarms have a small amount of radioactive material between two electrically charged plates, which ionizes the air and causes current to flow between the plates. When smoke enters the chamber, it disrupts the flow of ions, thus reducing the flow of current and activating the alarm.

Photoelectric smoke alarms are generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long

period of smoldering (called "smoldering fires"). How they work: Photoelectric-type alarms aim a light source into a sensing chamber at an angle away from the sensor. Smoke enters the chamber, reflecting light onto the light sensor; triggering the alarm.

If the alarm on your smoke detector ever sounds when it shouldn't, don't place your family's safety in jeopardy by disarming the detector. The simple measures listed above should be sufficient to maintain your family's safety... WITHOUT experiencing annoying "nuisance" alarms.



Building Dreams

The Highland Lakes Newsette

Pickleball News

KATHI TAYLOR

Ladies Pickleball Meets Fridays at 9:30 am

With spring temperatures returning, pickleball is back for another actionpacked season. Come to the courts Monday, May 6 at 6 pm for our first night of play. All players are welcome every Monday and Wednesday night through the season. Ladies pickleball meets Fridays at 9:30 am. Memorial Day weekend will be the start of the Sunday morning, 9 am group. If you are looking for a great way to meet your neighbors while having fun and



getting exercise, come join us. We have equipment for newcomers and will teach you how to play this fast-growing sport. The courts are at the end of Glen Wild Way off Cherry Ridge Road. Wear sneakers and your badge and come have fun. Questions? Call Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689.

Pickleball Schedule:

Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm

Sunday mornings at 9 am

Friday mornings at 9:30 am (Ladies)





Getting Ready for Patriotic Holidays

Thanks to Meta Stavrand for submitting this photo as she gets ready for the patriotic holidays.



Volunteers are always welcome at any of our activities. You can just show up.



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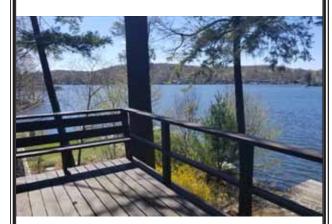
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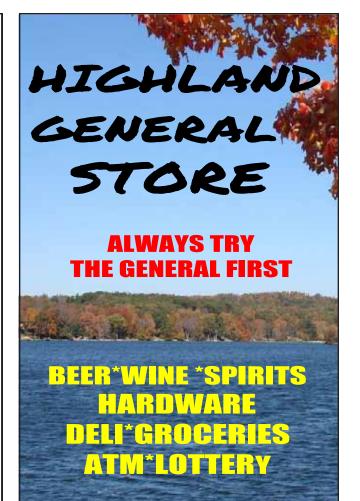




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Spirogyra and Mougeotia Patches – Upper West Highland Lake (Lake 5)

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Improvement Expected as Water Temperatures Rise

Lake 5 (Beach 7) and to a lesser extent Lake 3 (East Highland Lake / Indian Lake) have historically experienced the growth of Spirogyra, a green algae mat usually covering the bottom of lakes. This "cold water" algae benefits from sunlight passing through the water column due to increased water clarity during colder months. The conditions experienced this spring have been particularly severe with much of the lake surface covered with this algae which has combined with another algae - Mougeotia. A microscopic examination confirmed the presence of another algae -Mougeotia - present in the floating mats. How does this green algae at the lake bottom rise to the surface?

Spirogyra and Mougeotia are green algae which perform photosynthesis, converting energy from sunlight into energy used to live. These green algae produce oxygen during photosynthesis and it is this oxygen, trapped as bubbles in these bottom mats, which eventually is sufficient enough to break off and float portions of the mat from the lake bottom to the surface.

The Club has received consistent guidance from both Princeton Hydro, LLC and Solitude Lake Management to leave these floating mats untreated, as Spirogyra/Mougeotia mats are host to a diverse population of invertebrates and other organisms quite beneficial to the overall health of lakes. Another benefit is that these mats consume nutrients in the water column denying these nutrients to the more troublesome green and blue-green algae which appear as water temperatures rise. During the week of April 22nd Lake 5 was inspected by a Solitude representative who affirmed the Club's initial diagnosis and reiterated that the best approach is to leave this beneficial algae alone for the time being.

As water temperatures rise (of course, temperatures have been below average this past week) and nutrients in the water column are consumed and thereby diminished, past experiences indicate and the expectation is that the surface mats of Spirogyra/Mougeotia will dissipate. Treatments will take place during the week of May 12 if these mats remain. The bottom line is that patience is needed as nature does its job, and we appreciate everyone's understanding.

SANJL Regatta – May 11

SUE BURUCHIAN

Hello sailors! Dust off those masts, mark your lay lines and get ready to sail. HLCC is hosting the first of the SANJL Championship Series on May 11. Sunfish sailors of all ages welcome. Wear appropriate cold weather sailing gear as obviously waters will be cold.

SANJL 2019 Schedule

May 11, 2019 - Highland Lakes - Day 1 May 18, 2019 - Spruce Run (HSC) - Day 2 Sept 14, 2019 - Swartzwood Lake - Day 3 Sept 28, 2019 - Green Pond (GPYC) – Day 4

Race schedule is as follows:

8 - 9 am - Registration
10 am - Skippers Meeting
10:30 am - Start of first race.
No more than 4 races each day.
No starts after 4:00

Coffee and donuts provided at registration. Questions? Mark Buruchian – 973-271-0227

Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK AND JAMES KENNEDY

Our next hike will be on Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 am. We will leave from the Clubhouse parking lot. The hike will be along the A.T. from Longhouse Dr. to the end of Iron Mt. Road. We will pass by the historic Welling, Greenwood, and Wawayanda Mines.

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Bring water, lunch, and some good hiking shoes. You may also bring well behaved dogs if they are on a leash. Hope to see you there. If we can't hike due

to inclement weather, we will try and hike the following Sunday. Please call 973- 764-1458 or email christinebillack@yahoo.com for more details.



A fly in the process of being tied

Fishing Corner

NICOLE MARCH, FISHING COMMITTEE

Spring Has Arrived – and So Has Fly Tying

Highland Lakes is a great place to live, especially for those of us who love to fish, as we have beautiful lakes around every corner. Walleye, bass, perch, and musky are just some of the species targeted and as you can tell from the ice fishing in winter; there's more than one way to catch fish in Highland Lakes. With that being said, why not try your hand at fly fishing?! The Highland Lakes Fishing Committee is excited to announce that we are in the process of setting up fly fishing and fly tying lessons at the clubhouse. What is fly tying and how does it work? Think of it as arts-and-crafts for fishing. Using natural as well as synthetic materials, you will create artificial flies for fly fishing. Not only is it an excellent creative outlet, it's also a fun way to learn something new so don't be afraid if you've never done it before. Classes will be for adults as well as children but space will be limited, so be sure to keep an eye on the Newsette for more information.

Have an interest in our class, a question or want to send us a photo of your latest catch in Highland Lakes? Send us an email at HLCCfishing@gmail.com



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