



# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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## Year in Review

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

As the year draws to a close we have much to be thankful for; one look at our surroundings will tell any nature lover that. Given our pristine mountaintop lakes, rustic surroundings and active community involvement at any given time, this place could be mistaken for paradise...at least until the snow starts falling with abundance.

The year was filled with solid community improvements. The clubhouse was completely re-roofed and the older wing insulated, saving a considerable amount on our heating bill last winter. The clubhouse parking lot was also vastly improved. To passersby this may have seemed like a mere repaving project but those who followed the progress closely know that prior to any work was being done a study of the underground soil conditions was conducted and some issues were able to be addressed before construction began; proper underground storage of stormwater was installed at the north end (park side) while our first rain garden was installed at the southern end on the clubhouse lawn to ensure that unfiltered storm runoff would not reach the Main Lake; underground conduit and wire were installed for all utilities (electric, telephone, cable, etc.) perimeter lighting was put in place enabling the removal of the telephone pole that once sat in the middle of the lot and the utility pole at the end of the clubhouse. Now all utilities are underground. A generator pad with all of the necessary support switches and connections was also installed which positions the Club to use an emergency generator in the future (should the board decide to purchase that) without having to tear up the parking lot to make it happen.

This year, important changes were made to the Club's rules and regulations as well, all of which were carefully considered by the board with the full community in mind. Regarding boats, the main propulsion motor (or motors) on electric powered boats may not exceed 10 horsepower, and boats may not be operated above 10 mph. The distance for swim floats and inflatables has been extended to 60 feet (it had been 50 for swim floats and our regulations did not address inflatables.) With special approval from the board, members may extend that distance to a maximum of 75 feet in an attempt to find deeper and/or safer water. (An important reminder, members who desire to place or replace a dock swim float, or inflatable on all lakes other than Lake 1 must apply in writing to the general manager at the Club office.) Parking on Club property was also addressed. Members cannot use Club property (such as freeways/beaches/boating areas) for permanent parking in lieu of creating parking spaces on their own property.

Highland Lakes is known for the many community activities and events that occur thanks to the community's dedicated volunteers. This year was no exception. The year began with a catered New Year's Eve party and will close with a tree lighting celebration. In between these bookends, members enjoyed the Winter Carnival, seven breakfasts at

the clubhouse, three professional concerts (Avalon, Azucar, Danny Backer), two craft fairs, Family Day with the lighted boat parade and fireworks, monthly Lakeside Café evenings, a luau pig roast dance, pumpkin carving with pot luck dinner, and an evening of gingerbread house decorating. Intertwined with all of these special events was the usual plethora of activities we've come to know and love.

We bid a fond farewell in October to the founders of the Lakeside Café, who created this wonderful open mic that talented community members and their audiences have enjoyed on a monthly basis. After 18 years, the founders have retired their efforts. Fortunately, as it turns out, this was not the last curtain call. We are pleased to announce that George Slater has agreed to keep this music venue going. We thank Ken Boschert (past chair of the Boat and Dock Committee), Bob Reffelt (past chair of the Ecology Committee) and Steve Hastie (past chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee) for their years of service to our community and welcome Tom Buchney, Mary Jo Jablonski, and Steve Amato who have taken up the torch. Likewise, thanks are in order to outgoing trustees Judy Norton, Jim Boss, and interim trustee Ed Cullari as we offer a hearty hello to Patty Thompson and Ray Zimmerman.



## From the President's Desk

BOB HUGHES, PRESIDENT

Topics at the November Voting Board meeting included adoption of motions revising parking regulations on Club property and revising regulations relating to placement of docks, swim floats, platforms, and inflatables. Motions were also adopted related to the purchases of a dishwasher, grill, and stove for the clubhouse kitchen, and the purchase of a "marshalling tent" for the swim team from funds raised by the Swim Team parents' organization. Don't forget the Christmas tree lighting on Sunday, Dec. 6. at 6:30 pm.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a healthy and happy 2016.

## Upcoming Events

December 4	Bunco
	Gingerbread House Decorating
December 6	Holiday Tree Lighting
December 20	Hiker's Lunch
December 31	New Year's Eve Gala
January 10	Clubhouse Breakfast
February 6	Winter Carnival
February 21	Spaghetti Dinner





# Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday on Friday, December 25 and Saturday, December 26, and will reopen on Monday, December 28, 2015. The office will also be closed on January 1, 2016, in observance of New Year's Day. The office will be open on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Happy Holidays!

# Playgroup In Full Swing

MELISSA HARDIN, PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR

## Highland Lakes 5 and Under Gang

Bring your little one down to the Clubhouse every Wednesday and Friday for some 5 and younger fun! Each week we will meet from 10 am - 12 pm. Schedule for Wednesdays at the Clubhouse:

- 10 - 10:30 am - Arrival and free play
- 10:30 - 11:15 am - Hands on activity (craft, baking, painting, etc.)
- 11:15 - 11:30 am - Snack time
- 11:30 - 12 noon Group activity

On Fridays we will meet at different local places outdoors and do activities. If it is raining we will meet at the Clubhouse. During the winter we may occasionally meet out and about at places to beat weather blues.

Please come to Playgroup to check out our outings. We look forward to seeing you!

Any questions call Melissa at 973-764-1433. Please note we do not meet when school is not in session.

# Upcoming Meetings

- Buildings and Grounds – Monday, December 21 – 7:30 pm
- Clubhouse – Wednesday, December 16 – 7 pm
- Ecology/CCHL – Thursday, December 10 – 7 pm
- Fishing – Thursday, December 10 – 8 pm
- Roads – Thursday, January 7 – 7 pm
- Planning – Tuesday, January 12 – 7:30 pm
- Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, December 9 – 8 pm
- Voting Board Meeting – Friday, December 18 – 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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# Upcoming Spaghetti Dinner

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Mark your calendars! Instead of a breakfast in February, we will be putting together a spaghetti dinner for you and your family on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016. The menu will consist of salad, bread, spaghetti and meatballs and dessert. Iced tea, lemonade, coffee and tea will be available. Tickets will be \$7.00 for adults and children 10 and over and \$4.00 for children under 10 years old. Tickets will be available at the door and we will be serving between 4:30 and 6:30 pm.

# Highland Lakes Artists Group

DENNIS DALELIO

In an effort to bring together the many artists of our community an informal meeting of artists has begun to meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month. All Highland Lakes members (ages 18 and up) who create are welcome to join us. The group welcomes creators from all of the arts: visual artists, writers, designers, musicians, dancers, etc. Our goal is to build up our creative community even more and to offer a chance for artists to share original creations with others for encouragement and critique. Our next meeting will be on December 22, 2015, from 6 – 8 pm in the Lake Room. For more information contact Dennis Dalelio at daleliod@yahoo.com

# Clubhouse Thank You

*Carol, Highland Lakes Clubhouse Committee,*  
*Your thoughtfulness and*  
*Kindness is truly appreciated!*  
*The food provided to the*  
*Union United Methodist Church*  
*will be used this coming Wednesday*  
*at the community dinner.*  
*Wishing you all many blessings*  
*as you are a blessing to others!*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Paula Walk*  
*(on behalf of the UUMC Food Pantry).*

# 2016 Winter Carnival

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Come one, come all to the 2nd Annual HLCC Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 6 from 11 am to 3 pm. There are many exciting activities planned for outside and inside, so come prepared for both.

Inside you can do some bowling, toss snowballs at Olaf, play with a few oversized games (such as Jenga and KerPlunk), get your face painted and design a tee shirt for the 2017 winter carnival to list a few. Outside you will be able to sleigh down the clubhouse lawn, make snow angels, and snowball target throw to name a few.

There will be a presentation on Birds of Prey, with some of these birds coming so you can get close to them and see them at 2 pm. Lunch will be available for a small fee. There will also be popcorn. By popular demand the Chili Cook-off is returning that will take place at 12 noon. We are looking for a few judges to help pick a winner. The qualifications include a hearty appetite and a love for chili! Last year's winner was Paula Walk. Last year's tee shirt design, by Rachel Donnelly, will be available for you to order. We will have order forms available at the clubhouse for you to pick up after the first of the year. At this time I am waiting for a final price. Hope to see a lot of new faces come out and enjoy the winter fun.

# HL Hiking Club

BOB TAFFER, CHRISTINE BILLACK

The Highland Lakes Hiking Club would like to extend an invitation to residents of all ages who enjoy hiking in the great outdoors to join us on one of our upcoming monthly hikes. We are an informal, friendly group who look forward to our moderate Sunday hikes along local trails, some of which offer spectacular, or at least picturesque, views.

Hikers will meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 10:30 am. We will either walk from the clubhouse or drive a short distance to the starting point of the hike. It is important that each hiker bring water and lunch and wear appropriate hiking shoes. Most hikes will last an average of 4 - 5 hours, which includes waiting, lunch break and/or driving time. Anyone capable of hiking at least 5 miles at a steady, moderate pace is welcome. Hikers may bring their well-behaved dogs, which must be on a leash whenever we walk on a roadway. In the case of inclement weather, including snow or ice on the ground, we will be unable to hike.

So, get those hiking boots out of the closet and join us for our next hike.

Dec. 20 - Hiker's Luncheon - Annual Holiday Buffet Luncheon in the Lake Room at 12 noon. All hikers are welcome; each person is asked to bring something to eat and/or drink. Everyone attending the luncheon must call Christine Billack 973-764-1458, who is coordinating the food & drink menus.

Jan. 17 - Cherry Ridge Circular - Moderate 8 mile circular hike through Wawayanda State Park to Clinton Rd. and back.

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### Bridge Results

VIRGINIA MCNULTY

Thursday November 5

- 1 - Barbara Eckhart
- 2 - Dot Henninger
- 3 Joy Logan

Thursday, November 12

- 1 - Dot Cooper
  - 2 - Barbara Eckhart
  - 3 -Dot Henninger
- Bridge is played

at the clubhouse  
every Monday and  
Thursday at 1 pm. All  
are welcome.



### Next Clubhouse Breakfast is January 10, 2016

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Come down to the clubhouse for a tasty breakfast; spend some time with fellow members, and see gorgeous winter views. We will be there from 9 am to 11:30 am. Hope to see you there!

### Letters to Santa

THE NORTH POLE has sent an urgent notice that Santa is accepting letters at the HLCC Clubhouse. He wants to hear all the special holiday requests from the children of Highland Lakes! Please clearly PRINT your notes to Santa; his eyesight isn't what it used to be! So kids, get those letters in! He has sent specific instructions in order for letters to reach him and get back to you on time.

- All requests MUST have a self-addressed STAMPED envelope or they WILL NOT be processed.
  - Letters to Santa MUST be placed into the special delivery mailbox no later than December 15.
- “Santa is coming to town!” Ho! Ho! Ho!

### Adult Ceramics

ANGELA ABRAMS, KATHY STRUBE

Attention - Please Pick Up Your Finished Pieces

The pieces pictured have been left behind! Maybe they were forgotten because of our busy schedules, or maybe they were supposed to be gifts for this coming holiday season, but it would be a shame if they did not go home with their rightful owners. Come down to the Seckler Room of the clubhouse and claim these beauties.

Classes are still held every Monday night at 7:30\*. Join us and start a new project for the Art Show or create a unique birthday, anniversary, Mother's Day gift. Our instructor, Mary, supplies the brushes and paint. She also supplies a collection of bisque for purchase.

All adult members in good standing are welcome. All young people, ages 8 to 15, are also welcome if accompanied by an adult member. As with all Highland Lakes activities please wear your badge.

Questions, call Angela at 973-764-3498 or Kathy at 973-764-4210.  
(\*No classes will be held December 28).



### Holiday Tree Lighting

JAIME WHERRY

This year's tree lighting party will take place on Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 pm. Please bring the kids and join us as we kick off the holiday season. We have fun winter crafts, games and carols planned and of course a visit from Santa! Please bring cookies to share; they will pair wonderfully with the hot chocolate/cider station that will be offered for all to enjoy! We look forward to seeing you there!!

### HL Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Wreath Sale

There will be a Wreath Sale at the Highland Lakes Firehouse, 813 Canistear Road, on December 5, 2015, from 9 am to 1 pm, sponsored by the Highland Lakes Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Assorted sizes of wreaths will be available, in addition to grave covers and pillows, poinsettias, and roping. Advanced orders can be placed by calling Auxiliary President Irene Boeren at 973-764-7371 or contacting any Auxiliary member. Many items will also be available for sale on site that day. All proceeds benefit the Fire Department.



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# You are Invited to the New Year’s Eve Gala at the HLCC Clubhouse

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Stay close to home and enjoy great company, great music and delicious food catered by Eddie’s Roadhouse!

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and are available at the Club office. They can also be purchased from Joyce Healy, Russ Strube or Carol Hastie. Tickets will be available until Dec. 18. Seating is limited. No ticket sales at the door.

**Menu:**

Assorted Appetizers; featuring pulled beef sliders  
Poached pear salad with baby greens, candied walnuts and shaved parmesan  
Stuffed mustard crusted pork loin roulade  
Roasted vegetables and potatoes  
Bread pudding

*If you prefer a vegetarian dinner, make your preference known when you purchase your tickets.*

\*This is open to HLCC members and guests ages 21-121.  
\*\*Doors open at 7:30 pm and appetizers will be served at 8 pm. BYOB.



# Red Hat Society/ Highland Hatters

PAT WOOTTON

Our November gathering was held in the Lake Room. Eleven ladies joined for a tasty luncheon of homemade soup and its’ complements. Chef, Kathy Scialla, prepared and presented us with this delicious and welcoming meal that was perfect for a fall afternoon. We chatted about our upcoming year and came up with some valuable ideas. Some even visited the Seckler Room for the annual fall bazaar. It was relaxing and enjoyable for all. Thanks again to Kathy for her efforts. We even had a surprise visit from Donna Beebe, who is recovering nicely from surgery! Those in attendance were: Marti Allen, Irene Boeren, Doris Dolan, Mary Duthaler, Joy Logan, Virginia McNulty, Mary Romme, Kathy Scialla, Cathy Tansey, Joan Yankowski, and myself.

We generally meet every third Saturday, so why not join us? Contact any member, or myself, Queen Pat at 973-764-3749, for information.

# Voting Board Adopts Revised Parking Regulations

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

During its meetings in October and November, the Voting Board adopted major revisions to existing Club parking rules. These rules, applicable only when members park at Club properties, were developed to make clear that current parking permits are required at all times when vehicles are parked on Club properties, and that parking at Club properties carries restrictions.

Revisions to Rule 15 (see below) provide for non-peelable stickers to be affixed to a vehicle’s windows for violations. The revisions also reflect an initiative scheduled to take place in the spring of 2016 to provide permits that would hang from the rear view mirror as an alternative to the requirement to place the permit on the driver’s side of the vehicle at the rear.

Revisions to Rule 23 were needed to make clear that parking on Club properties is permissible when the Club’s facilities are being used. The changes were necessitated to prevent the use of Club properties as a substitute for parking at a member’s residence, and to ensure that sufficient parking was available at the Club’s facilities. The rule provides that the Club’s properties are available for additional parking, with prior permission from the Club, when a member has guests whose vehicles can not all be parked at a member’s residence. As in the past, the Club’s properties may not be used to park recreational vehicles, etc. at any time without the Club’s permission.

The complete text of revised Rule 15 follows: All licensed motor vehicles must be registered with the Club and display a current parking permit, (whether it be a sticker attached to the rear of the car on the driver’s side or a hanging permit affixed to the rear view mirror) while parked on Club properties. Club

properties include, but are not limited to, the Club’s beaches, parks, the clubhouse, athletic facilities, dams, playgrounds, freeways, boating areas, playing fields and courts and parking lots. (Complimentary guest parking permits are available with the purchase of guest badges at the Activities Center or at the beaches). Violators will be subject to attachment of non-peelable stickers to the rear driver’s side window.

The complete text of revised Rule 23 follows: Members may park their licensed motor vehicles with current Club parking permits on Club properties as defined in Rule No. 15 if the Club’s facilities are being used by the member, or with permission from the Club office. Parking in violation of this Rule shall be subject to a special assessment of \$50.00 for the first offense, and \$250.00 for each subsequent offense occurring within twelve months of the first offense. A third violation of this Rule within twelve months of the first offense constitutes parking without the consent of the Club, and the vehicle may be summonsed and towed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6.

Recreational vehicles, campers, etc. are not permitted to be parked on Club properties at any time unless special permission is first obtained from the Club Office. Parking along roadways during snow and ice removal operations is regulated elsewhere in these Rules and Regulations.

This Rule does not apply to unattended overnight parking caused by storm and related weather events. Unattended overflow parking needed by members for parties and gatherings at their residences is permitted, provided that permission is first obtained from the Club office.

# Voting Board Discusses Clubhouse Internet Access

MICHAEL GELFAND, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

At this past November’s Voting Board workshop, the board took up a discussion about whether it had interest in potentially providing wireless internet access (via a wifi network) at the clubhouse. The Club’s general manager, who had previously been requested to research the matter, went into great detail to explain to the board how internet access could potentially be provided. He also presented real-world examples that helped contextualize the technological, legal, budgetary and ethical issues that could make providing such service problematic for the Club.

After the general manager’s presentation, a lengthy discussion about the topic followed, at the end of which the board arrived at two determinations:

1) The Voting Board has rejected any further exploration into whether – or how – to provide open internet access for members.

2) The Voting Board requested the Club president to proactively solicit feedback from every committee chair to learn how our various committees, clubs and activities might look to leverage internet access at the clubhouse if it were made available to them.

# Special Kudos

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

- Kerry Chromcik for jumping in on Family Day and letting us borrow her grill.
- Steve and Jim for cleaning our ovens!
- Joyce for putting together a pumpkin carving night and pot luck dinner!
- Lisa and her committee to provide a safe and fun Halloween with the Trunk-or-Treat and Haunted Beach!
- Roe and her committee who put together an awesome Adult Halloween Dance!
- Joyce for her work on the Craft Fair. Jim, Jack and Janet for running the kitchen, and Joyce, Janet, Russ, Kathy and Michael for setting up the day before!
- The Clubhouse Committee for all of their time and hard work to offer a variety of activities and events for HLCC!
- The volunteers at our breakfasts - as usual, these breakfasts were delicious!

# Lakeside Café Open Mic

December 19, 2015 @ 8 pm  
January 16, 2016 @ 8 pm  
Artists please sign in by 7 pm





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### Next Newsette: February 6, 2016

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday  
before the week of publication. Under no circumstances will  
submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week  
of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the  
club office at [hlcc@warwick.net](mailto:hlcc@warwick.net). Sorry – we can only print  
photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi.  
Thanks!



## Winter Newsette

LYLE TIMPSON

Another summer is coming to an end, meaning many seasonal members will be heading back to their primary residences or to warmer climes for the winter, but that doesn't mean your connection to Highland Lakes needs to be interrupted. If you like having an actual hard copy of the Newsette on hand to keep you up to speed with news, events and future plans in our community, you can continue receiving the Newsette in the mail wherever you are during the colder months.

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## Planning Committee Notes November 2015

LYN KAPLAN, CHAIRPERSON, PLANNING COMMITTEE

A follow-up on the Forestry Stewardship Program had to be tabled because the reporting member could not be present. A discussion of items brought to the Voting Board ensued. First, it was determined that doing a "pre-agenda" (prior to each meeting) was not practical or necessary since, in addition to time constraints and a need for fluidity, these notes always give an indication of ongoing issues which will stay on the agenda till completed. In relation to other items previously mentioned to the Board, more information will be sought on the state program to purchase vacant land as well as an updated computer system for the Club office.

The final topic of discussion was the updating of the Community Plan. Some input has been received and work on this will continue.

The next meeting date for this committee will be January 5, 2016.

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## HLCC Senior Club...The Progressive S/C

JOYCE HEALY, SENIOR CLUB PRESIDENT

Greetings and felicitations to all of you! By the time you're reading this, you probably have enjoyed a wonderfully prepared Thanksgiving feast with your loved ones and have worked your way through those marvelous leftovers !!! I think most folks really anticipate that glorious feast and relive the parts they enjoy most...stuffing? homemade, of course. Cranberry/ orange relish? Crisped turkey skin? Smooth & luscious buttery mashed potatoes?. Yummy, gooey yams? Pumpkin pie? and 42 other desserts ??? Oh, my gosh, we are soooo blessed by those talented cooks in our families and even those who prepare marvelous feasts at our favorite restaurant! So, we have a month to walk off our culinary 'sins' and get ourselves back in shape for more exquisite holiday feasting!

Quick update...Our November Senior Club lunch hosted 29 friends. Our holiday party/buffet luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 12 noon at the clubhouse. If you missed the November lunch, please give me a call and tell

me what you'd like to bring for the Dec. buffet luncheon... appetizer, entree, salad or veggies, desserts. I have a running list already and I can suggest some ideas for you. There will also be a Secret Santa (a type of grab-bag).we put extra names to be picked by the S/C members & the cost of a funny gift or useful gift (whatever your fancy) is a maximum of \$5.00. Please bring the Secret Santa gift wrapped on 12/16. We'll have some games & prizes, too. Naturally, we'll continue our mid-month lunches in January (Jan. 13) & February (Feb. 17) at 12 noon.

I'm so very happy to let all of you know that the HL Senior Club is progressing 110%, gaining new members each month. Yes, you can join even if it's not our summer schedule - \$10.00 for the year is our membership fee. We're thrilled to have you come on down and join us for mid-month lunches at the clubhouse, some catching up on news, some support when & where needed, some funny jokes, some games of dominoes or cards and we love to share our

talents and volunteer to work in our HL community in many aspects. So, what are you waiting for? Call me for more info, if necessary, call me for a ride if needed, call me to up-date us on one of our members....I'm here for you.

'Twas some weeks before Christmas and all through "S/C", Members were bustling about - no frenzy - not 'we'. Prepping our greetings by cards or e-mail, Shopping for gifts bought perhaps at a sale! Cleaning and decorating and baking to do, Making and checking our lists Santa's cue. We don't worry or fret, we know things get done, Our holiday plans are always A Number 1!!! May your families enjoy these so special of days, Remember good health and dear friends in a glass that we raise. To all Highland Lakes we send wishes so true for a Beautiful holiday from "S/C" to you! Abundant blessings to all of you, Love, Joyce H.



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