



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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From the President's Desk

SUE ROSS, PRESIDENT

If you have been keeping up with the news that is being shared in this Newsette and on our website, you are aware that our plans are to lower the Main Lake by three feet in September. Much of the discussion at the March Voting Board workshop revolved around this project and how we will be communicating the specifics with Club members, especially lakefront property owners on the Main Lake and the boating community who will be directly impacted by the project.

In two weeks or so lakefront owners will receive a Lake Drawdown Primer that will provide guidance about NJ Department of Environmental Protection regulations and the permitting process related to repairs to lakefront walls and other activities that, in some respects, are quite complicated. The primer will be accompanied by a letter that carefully and succinctly provides the facts that you need to know. Princeton Hydro, LLC has been retained to assist lakefront owners in determining whether a planned project requires NJDEP approval. It is anticipated that most projects will require only Club approvals.

1. The Main Lake Drawdown Project will begin on or about September 15, 2017.
2. Lakefront property owners on the Main Lake who normally remove their boats and docks from the lake should plan to do that no later than September 15. Any docks or boats left in after this date are at risk of being damaged and stuck in place until the following spring due to the low water level.
3. Other members who store their boats on Club docks must plan to remove their boats by Monday, September 4, 2017, as the Club must remove the docks for storage before the lake begins to be lowered. Boats remaining on Club docks after that date are subject to removal and storage in accordance with Club rules in effect at that time.
4. The full drawdown (that is 3 feet) is expected to be completed by September 30.
5. Before you do any work on your shoreline you must consult with the Club to make sure the work is permitted and to find out if you need special permits from the NJ DEP. The permitting process takes time so members are encouraged to get started on the process as soon as possible.
6. The Main Lake must be allowed to fill naturally beginning January 1, 2018, and is expected to return to its normal level by June 1, 2018.

In addition to receiving this written material, lakefront property owners and all Club members are encouraged to attend an informational meeting with Princeton Hydro (the Club's water quality experts) that will be scheduled within the next few months.



Upcoming Events

April 7 – Bunco
April 9 – Easter Bunny Brunch
April 15 – Lakeside Café
April 20 – Automotive Class
April 28 – Eclectic Evening of the Arts
April 29 – Ecology Clean-up Day
April 30 – Breakfast

Memorial Day Observance

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Wall of Honor Dedication

Memorial Day, May 29, 2017, at 11 am will be the annual ceremony observing this great day. All HL residents and their guests are invited to attend. We feature a wonderful program honoring those we hold in our hearts who have served our great nation in the military. Beautiful music, inspirational guest speakers and clergy all provide a memorable ceremony.

The Senior Club is sponsoring a lasting memorial display that will be dedicated on Memorial Day. We invite you to join us for the culmination of the ceremony in the Lake Room to witness



the unveiling of the HLCC and CA "WALL OF HONOR". If you are interested in getting information about registration for inclusion in the Wall of Honor, kindly contact Joyce Healy, 973-764-0306. Registration will be on going, i.e. there is no cut-off date.

A terrific All-American picnic lunch will be served for a nominal fee in the Lake Room following the ceremony.

We have had more and more HL residents and their families attending this memorable yearly event.

But, the dedication of this lasting memorial is a first time event! Don't miss it. GOD BLESS AMERICA!



Message to all
Returning Lifeguards

NICOLE GAGLIOSTRO, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Lifeguard data forms were recently mailed out. If for some reason you did not get your mailing or were recently certified and wish to apply for the 2017 season, you can request an application by calling the Highland Lakes Club Office - 973-764-4366 or by email to hlcc@warwick.net.

In addition to weekends at some beaches beginning Memorial Day weekend, preseason schedules will start Tuesday, June 20. Preseason work will be distributed evenly to those who are interested beginning with senior guards getting first choice. This does not mean that only senior guards will work preseason.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please leave your name and phone number with the Club office and I will return your call. Thank you.

Upcoming Meetings

Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, April 19 – 7 pm
Fishing – Thursday, April 13 – 8 pm
Planning – Tuesday, April 4 – 8 pm
Roads – Thursday, April 6 – 7 pm
Special Committee – April 11 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, April 12 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, April 21 – 8 pm

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

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Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed on April 14 in observance of Good Friday and Saturday, April 15 for the Easter Holiday. The Club office will reopen on Monday, April 17 at 9 am.

2017 Badges and Permits

Available for Pickup April 3
Starting April 3, 2017, members who have paid their dues and assessments in full may pick up their 2017 membership badges and permits at the Club Office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, and on Saturday, from 10 am to 1 pm.

Please pay particular attention to the emergency information section on your badge pick-up form. Having emergency contacts and telephone numbers on file at the Club Office makes it much easier to contact you in an emergency.

Parking permits are valid only for those vehicles listed in the records at the Club Office. If you have replaced any vehicles, please bring copies of the appropriate vehicle registrations.

Clubhouse and Beach Hut Summer Positions Available

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

If you are interested in working with the Club this summer consider obtaining an application. A limited number of positions may become available in the Clubhouse. Staff members assist volunteers in organizing Clubhouse activities, plan and conduct activities themselves, supervise movie nights and the pool room, and work when needed in the Activities Center.

The Beach Hut at Beach 1 may also have positions available. This job involves selling snacks and drinks throughout the day and early evening.

If you will be 16 by May 31, 2017, are a Highland Laker in good standing, and interested in working in the Clubhouse and/or Beach Hut, please stop by for an application or request one by email to hlcc@warwick.net.



April 2017

Highland Lakes Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Private Member Party
2 Private Member Party	3 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Playgroup 7:30 PM Adult Ceramics	4 7:00 PM -8:30 PM Tango Lessons 8:00 PM Planning Comm. Mtg.	5 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Playgroup 6:30 PM Scouts	6 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Road Comm. Mtg.	7 8:00 AM Exercise 7:00 PM Bunco	8 Private Member Party
9 11:30 AM -1:30 PM Easter Bunny Brunch 7:00 PM Scouts	10 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Playgroup 7:30 PM Adult Ceramics	11 7:00 PM Special Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM -8:30 PM Tango Lessons	12 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Playgroup 12:00 PM Sr. Club Luncheon 8:00 PM VB Workshop	13 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Fish Comm. Mtg.	14 Office Closed due to Good Friday Observance	15 8:00 PM Lakeside Cafe
16 Happy Easter	17 8:00 AM Exercise 7:30 PM Adult Ceramics	18 7:00 PM -8:30 PM Tango Lessons	19 8:00 AM Exercise 10:15 AM Scouts 7:00 PM Clubhouse Comm. Mtg.	20 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Automotive Class	21 8:00 AM Exercise 8:00 PM Voting Board Mtg.	22
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30 9:00 AM -11:30 AM Clubhouse Breakfast	Don't Forget Morning Exercise! (M-W-F @ 8 am)					

Adult Ceramics

ANGELA ABRAMS, KATHY STRUBE


Classes are still held every Monday night at 7:30 pm. Join us and start a new project for the Art Show or create a unique birthday, anniversary, or 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.

Clubhouse Breakfast

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Come down to the Clubhouse on April 30 for a delicious springtime breakfast. We'll be here from 9 to 11:30 am. Hope to see you there.



Easter Brunch 2017

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR, PLAYGROUP

This year's Easter Bunny celebration will be on Sunday, April 9 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please come on down and enjoy two hours of a pancake breakfast, along with a craft, games and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny! There will also be an egg hunt and of course you can try to find the special hidden golden eggs. Ticket prices are \$3 for children and \$6 for adults. Everyone is invited to attend to help make this a special and fun event.

Volunteer help is always a phone call away and children over 11 are encouraged to help as well. There is always room for more helping hands to set up and clean up. If you have any questions or need further information, you can contact Melissa at 973-764-1433.

Argentine Salon Tango

BELINDA NORTON

Argentine Salon Tango classes are happening every Tuesday from 7 – 8:30 pm. All you need is the ability to learn. Show tango is what you see on TV with jumps & lifts. We dance Salon Tango, mostly a walk. Come over to the Clubhouse and give it a try. It's free! Call Belinda at 973-864- 2221.

Friday Night Bunco

MARIAN BENEFICTO AND KATHY GRIFONE

Bunco is Back! The first Friday of every month until further notice at 7 pm. Come out and try. There is no skill required and it is an easy game to learn. It is an evening of fun with friends. Bring \$5 and a snack to share. You need to RSVP—so we are sure we have at least 6 people. RSVP to mbened25@hotmail.com or 973-764-7998.

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Rules for Boat Storage on Club Docks and Racks

With the boating season rapidly approaching and new docks on order at ten locations including Indian Lake (East Highland Lake), Lake 1 (Upper Highland Lake), Lake 5 (Upper West Highland Lake), Comet Row and freeways on the Main Lake (Highland Lake), it is again time for members to review the Club's boat storage rules before placing their boats on Club property.

Extensive changes were adopted by the Voting Board in May 2014 that addressed the storage and use of Club lands, boat racks and docks for boat storage. These changes were necessitated by the use of boating facilities by members not in good standing, members who fail to remove their boats from docks and boat racks in the fall, members who leave boats tied up to trees, etc., and those who disregard the boat lottery system for assigned space.

With an investment of more than \$500,000 in new docks over the past three years, these rules also prohibit any modification, drilling, etc. and establish requirements for how boats are to be moored to the new docks.



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These Rules, in six parts, constitute the Club's Rules pertaining to the storage of boats, kayaks, windsurfers, etc. on Club lands, boat racks and docks.

A. HOLD HARMLESS: The member agrees to indemnify and hold the Club harmless from any injury, damage or loss resulting from the use and storage of the member's boat anywhere on Club property, including but not limited to lands, docks and boat racks. The member, by keeping their boat on Club lands, docks or boat racks, acknowledges that the Club shall not be responsible for any injury, damage or loss whatsoever resulting from the removal, transport and storage of the boat, and use of the Club's lands, docks and boat racks.

B. IMPROPER STORAGE: Improper storage is defined as storage on lands owned by the Club other than on docks and boat racks, storage anywhere on Club properties without a current membership permit, and storage in violation of Rule 24 (C.), (D.) and/or (E.) below. Boats improperly stored will be removed to storage immediately.

C. STORAGE ON DOCKS and RACKS AFTER OCTOBER 15: All boats must be removed from Club docks not later than October 15 of each year. In alternating years, all boats must be removed from boat racks by October 15, as determined by the Boat and Dock Committee and as published in the Newsette. Boats stored after October 15 in violation of this Rule will be removed to storage immediately.

D. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SPACE ON ASSIGNED DOCKS: Space on certain Club docks is restricted to assigned use only. These docks are located at Club Park, Comet Row, Eckhart Sailing Center, Beach 3, Beach 4, and such other, future locations as may be authorized by the Voting Board. Docks subject to this

assigned space requirement are marked with appropriate signs. Dock space assignments are managed by the Boat and Dock Committee upon receipt of applications from members in good standing and are assigned by the committee through the use of a lottery system and other methods. Boats not authorized by the committee on these docks will be removed to storage immediately.

E. DOCK MODIFICATIONS AND UNCOATED WIRE PROHIBITED: Members may not drill holes in any dock or fasten any device without the authorization of the Boat and Dock Committee. Only ropes, chain and plastic coated wire are authorized to attach a boat to a dock. Uncoated wire is specifically prohibited. Members are responsible for all damages caused by unauthorized drilling or fastening to the dock or excessive wear or chafing caused by the use of unauthorized attachment methods. Boats stored on docks in violation of this Rule will be removed to storage immediately.

F. REMOVAL TO STORAGE, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS: Boats, kayaks, windsurfers, etc. of members stored in violation of these Rules shall be removed to storage, and will be subject to a special assessment of \$100.00, and a daily storage charge of \$5.00, calculated from the date the boat was removed to storage up to November 15, when a special winter storage fee of \$250.00 will be imposed. After June 15, a disposal fee of \$250.00 will be imposed. Boats may not be retrieved between November 15 and April 15. Members whose boats are identifiable through the boating permit shall be provided notice by regular and certified mail that the boat has been removed to storage. The Club may, in its sole discretion, elect to acquire title to any boat that has been determined to be abandoned, in compliance with the "Abandoned Vessels Disposition Law," N.J.S.A. 12:7C-7 et seq. (Amended September 23, 2009).

The Vernon Township Woman's Club Assists Survivors of "Human Trafficking"

KAREN ROTHSTADT, VERNON TOWNSHIP WOMAN'S CLUB

The Vernon Township Woman's Club has launched a community-wide initiative that helps to provide economic freedom to rescued human trafficking survivors. The Woman's Club is partnering with "Free The Girls", a U.S. based non-profit organization working to provide job opportunities for survivors of human trafficking.

Second hand clothing is a profitable commodity in many third world countries and bras command top dollar as a luxury item. Free The Girls collects and distributes gently used and new bras and collaborates with other charities to equip the women with the tools and job opportunities for a SAFE living. The long-term goal of Free The Girls is to ensure that those surviving a horrifying life, can now live in economic freedom, restored health, education and a hopeful future.

The Woman's Club has launched a bra collection program for spring 2017 to assist these girls in need. The goal is to collect 500 gently used/new bras by May 31. Highland Lakes Country Club has graciously agreed to be a drop-off location. The purple and white box is

located in the Club office. It is amazing that a simple item of clothing can actually change the destiny of others in such a positive way.

Freethegirls.org is a wonderful informative website that offers information, stories, and ways that the public can truly make a difference in the life of someone else.

"SOMETHING SIMPLE CAN BE EXTRAORDINARY"



Ecology Corner

CLARK BEEBE

Want to Have a Better Garden This Year?

Whether you have a green thumb or can kill a potted plant in a week, here is a tip to improve growth rates and improve yields while making your garden more drought resistant. Surprisingly, the miracle soil additive is not a fertilizer. In fact, it is inert and is not used by the plants at all. The secret ingredient: charcoal.

Charcoal is made from wood. Wood is composed of cellulose and lignin both of which are carbohydrates. Charcoal is what is left when you heat wood under low oxygen conditions. That process drives off all the hydrogen and oxygen leaving just pure Carbon in the structure of the parent wood.(As a sidebar, it is only due to the invention of charcoal that humankind ever got out of the Stone Age. It burns at 3,000 degrees F which is the temperature required to smelt most metals.)

Charcoal does not decompose. It can stay in the soil unchanged for thousands of years. It is not attacked by microbes or other soil creatures. It does not compress or clump. It is inert; it does not combine with other soil elements. That said it has high anion/cation exchange which means it will absorb Chlorine, nitrogen and phosphorous without chemically binding to them. Those nutrients are then available for the plants to use. Charcoals' porous microscopic structure has an extremely large surface area making it the equivalent of a sponge so it holds water as well. By making water available to the plants between rainfalls it makes them more drought resistant.

When you add charcoal to soil the soil changes. It gets less dense. It increases the porosity, aeration and filtration. If you use a water purifier, chances are it contains charcoal because it acts as a great filter. It does the same in the soil. It catches and holds nutrients that would otherwise dissipate over time. It keeps them available for your plants when they need them including over winter.

Charcoal for your garden should be small sized particles, like corn kernels or smaller. Adding five percent (by volume) to your garden can make a remarkable difference. The attached photos of peppers harvested from identical soils and growing conditions (in pots next to each other) show the results. The only difference, one pot had five percent charcoal added, the other did not.

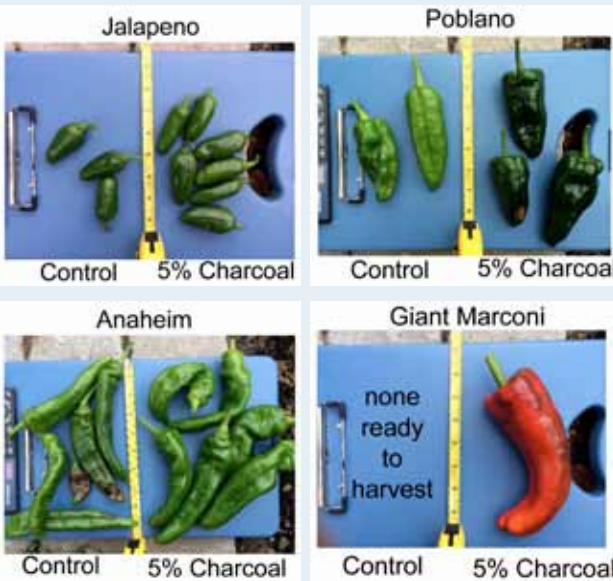
In another controlled experiment five percent of charcoal was added to pots of bean plants. The control with no charcoal produced one gram of dried beans. The pot with five percent charcoal produced 3.1 grams of beans. The same experiment was repeated the following year but they got more "normal" rainfall and produced less dramatic results. The control produced 2.2 grams of beans vs. 3.3 grams for the five percent soil. The main point I take from those results is that the charcoal did indeed hold the moisture so the result's about equal in dry vs. normal years.

Note however, that you should not add raw charcoal to your soil. It should be "loaded" with nutrients first. You can soak it in water with dissolved fertilizer to do so—instantly making the fertilizer time-release. If not, it can absorb all the nutrients already in the soil and produce a worse yield. The description "activated charcoal" refers to charcoal that has been treated with steam to increase porosity. It is not necessary for your garden.

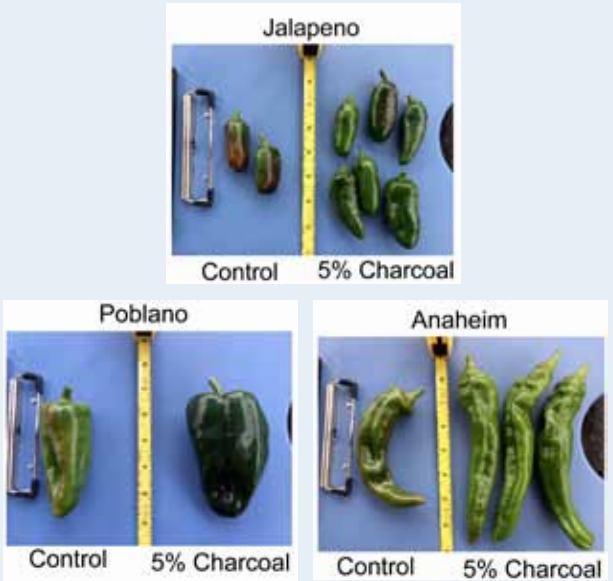
Do not just grind up charcoal briquettes. Briquettes have added ingredients that you do not want or need in your garden. Ground charcoal (referred to as biochar) is not cheap. So the suggestion is to do a test section this year. Remember, once added it will be there forever. If you like the results, increase the treated area next year. Google search "biochar for sale" to find sources.

This information is based upon a paper by and with the permission of Gary L. Gilmore, Woodland Stewardship Coordinator, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. All photos and research are his.

Charcoal Garden Experiment 2014
Peppers Harvested on July 28, 2014



Charcoal Garden Experiment 2014
Peppers Harvested on July 19, 2014



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The Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Spring has sprung, the snow’s still here, I wonder when it will disappear?

Sheesh! or Oh, my gosh...enough already. Greetings on this very chilly spring day from your S/C president who thoroughly enjoyed last evening’s performance of SHREK at VTHS. Kudos to the entire cast and crew, musicians one and all. A very special “ATTA GIRL” to Sadie Smaldino who was the young Fiona in the play. What a terrific “set of pipes” she has. I’m so proud of her. Sadie usually sits with me at our monthly clubhouse breakfasts and we chat or she helps by running little errands for me. Again Sadie, bravo.

Also, I certainly want to congratulate VTHS on another spectacular performance and what a lovely gesture to invite Vernon’s senior citizenry for a free performance and an exceptional buffet dinner. It’s so wonderful and gratifying being recognized as seniors, and we truly appreciate all your efforts. We love supporting the kids. There were 45 HL residents, I counted in attendance last evening and probably more.

I recently got my hands on a nifty paperback called “American Trivia Quiz Book”. Just how much did I know about our great nation? There are many different categories presented, and I read through them all--cover to cover. I guess it’s a “teacher thing”, but it’s enjoyable discovering

bits and bobs of info about presidents, the colonies, first ladies, geography, heroes and so much more. Let me share some of the “funny stuff” with you that was included at the end of each category. Get ready for some chuckles and groaners:

1. Which American president is the least guilty? (Abraham Lincoln. He’s—in—a--cent).
2. What did Franklin’s political opponents say to him whenever they got angry with him? (Go fly a kite).
3. How did King Ferdinand & Queen Isabella pay for Columbus’ voyages? (With their Discover card).
4. How do we know that Columbus’ ships got the best gas mileage in history? (They got 3,000 miles per galleon).
5. What was the favorite dog in colonial times? (The Yankee poodle).
6. If James Madison were alive today, what would he be famous for? (Old age).
7. Why do Americans like to wear short-sleeved shirts? (It reminds them of their right to bare arms).
8. (My favorite). Having bad teeth, what did our 1st president wear in his mouth? (The George Washington bridge)
9. Who was Alexander Graham Bellofsky? (The first telephone Pole).
10. How can we tell that the Statue of Liberty loves America? (She carries a torch

- for us).
11. What was the Pilgrim’s favorite kind of music? (Plymouth Rock).
12. What did the colonists call the barnyard fowl they trained to capture British spies? (Chicken-catch-a tory).
13. What do you call a bunch of cattle gathered in a space satellite? (The herd shot ‘round the world).
14. Which one of Washington’s officers had the best sense of humor? (Laughayette).
- OK, then. I hope you had a few chuckles. But seriously now, our St. Pat’s Day luncheon was enjoyed by 35 members and we had another terrific guest speaker...

Sheriff Michael Strada. Very cool. Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, April 12 at 12 noon in the Lake Room. I’m working on getting another guest speaker for you. It’s such a joy for me to see so many of our members coming out and enjoying themselves at our luncheons. If you have any suggestions that certainly could add to our lively bunch, please don’t hesitate to tell me...(thanks, Eddie D.)

If you have any questions about the S/C or the Wall of Honor (yes, our committee is diligently working on it and our plans are coming along nicely), again, give me a holler. Love ya, Joyce, 973-764-0306.

Highland Hatters

PAT WOOTTON

On Saturday, March 18, twelve Highland Hatters arrived at the Lamp Post for our annual St. Patrick’s Day luncheon. All were bedecked in red, purple, and green, of course. We enjoyed traditional Irish fare and chatted endlessly. We even sang some Irish melodies and played a guessing game. Many thanks to Irene for planning and carrying out our get-together. Of course, we missed our Irish lass, Theresa!! Despite the onset of some

testy weather, we managed to finish our celebration. Those attending were Donna Beebe, Marian Benedicto, Irene Boeren, Joyce Healy, Claire Ireland, Janet Kaley, Joy Logan, Kathy Scialla, Cathy Tansey, Paula Walk, Joan Yankowski, and myself.

We usually meet every third Saturday. Contact me (973-764-3749) if you are interested in joining. It’s just for fun. Only requirement is the wearing of the red and purple and a “certain” age.

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Road Sweeping Planned for Late April

JACK MCLAUGHLIN, GENERAL MANAGER

Avoid Daytime Street Parking Until Your Road Has Been Swept

A recommendation has been delivered to the Voting Board for the award of this year's road sweeping contract. Due to an unavoidable delay, the contract will not be awarded until mid-April. If approved by the Board sweeping will be underway by April 24 or by May 1 at the latest. Please check the Club's website - www.hlcc.org - for an update when sweeping will begin. Until your road has been swept, please DO NOT PARK during the daytime in the roadway. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Pickleball Paddle Requirements

All paddles used on the pickle ball courts must be selected from the Sun City Grand "Green Zone" paddle list that can be found at this website: <http://pball.grandpickleball.org/paddlerule.pdf>. These paddles were tested by Acoustics Group, Inc. and found to be the quietest paddles on the market. The only paddles approved in addition to those on this list are the "Venom" by Pickleball Specialties (<http://www.pickleballspecialties.com/>) and the "Vortex".

The Club provided "quiet pickleball pads" for paddles purchased by members prior to January 1, 2014. If your paddle does not comply with the Club's paddle regulations, please contact the Club office for more information.

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Get Rid of Bulky Waste Items in April

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Saturday, April 22, 2017

The Clean Communities program will be hosting a bulky waste clean-up day on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the DPW facility located on Riggs Way in Vernon Township from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is for Vernon Township residents only.

Bulky items that will be accepted include the following:

- tires
- furniture
- mattresses
- carpets
- appliances (stoves, washers/dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, televisions)

Residents are allowed four tires per household which must be removed from rims. No truck tires will be accepted.

No construction debris or hazardous waste type items will be accepted.

Brush will also be accepted at this time free of charge, however, it must be separated from bulky waste items. Leaves will not be accepted. DPW employees will be available to assist residents.

The cost is \$20.00 per residential vehicle load. Tickets may be purchased using cash or check and are available at the DPW office as well as during the day of the event. Please bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill for verification.

For any questions or further information, please contact the Vernon Township Department of Public Works at 973.764.3021.

Roadside Clean-Up Day - April 29

CAROLE FORTENBACH

It's that time of year when the Ecology Committee needs you to help us out for 2 hours on Saturday, April 29 from 10 am until noon. We need to clean up all the debris that has collected on the roadsides this past fall and winter -- cans, bottles, paper, etc. We often find some VERY unusual debris.

We will supply the bags and would like you to look around your area for places that need cleaning. We will have a map that you can view and let us know where you wish to

work, or we can suggest an area. The process is simple. You fill the garbage bag, close it and leave it in place. The Vernon Road Department will collect it within a day or two and that is why we need to know where you will be working.

Please wear sturdy shoes, bring gloves, and we will be waiting for you on the porch at the Clubhouse with the materials you will need. See you Saturday, April 29 at 10 am. Questions ? 973-764-4659.

Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK, JIM KENNEDY

Our next hike is scheduled for: April 23 - Appalachian Trail iron mines walk - weather cooperating. If not, we will change to a shorter hike. This is a moderate walk, about 4 miles. We will stop at about six old iron mine sites along the way. All hikes are on Sundays, meeting at the clubhouse at 10:30 am. We hope to see you soon. Well-behaved dogs are welcome, and so are first time hikers. Questions, call Christine Billack and Jim Kennedy (973-764-1458; email christinebillack@yahoo.com).

Next Newsette: May 6, 2017

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. 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. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!



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