



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Communication: The Heart of the HLCC Community

TOM DOLLE, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We live in a vital community that is full of activities for all ages. We have a sound form of communal democratic governance, with many opportunities for member participation. We have rules that we need to abide by, an environment that needs to be respected, and neighbors that we need to peacefully coexist with. And we have a professional staff that manages the infrastructure that we, as homeowners with a vested interest, have a stake in. All of this requires a lot of communication.

As authorized by the HLCC Board of Directors, the purpose of the Communications Committee is to disperse pertinent Club information to each of you in whatever combination of modern methods you use to receive information. The challenges we face include distributing information in multiple forms of media, and grabbing your attention in an increasingly chaotic information pool.

For years, the Newsette was the only vehicle for Club information. Print information is familiar and visual, but the distribution and timeliness are limitations. We don't know how many of you read the Newsette each week, but the huge stacks of leftover issues in the Clubhouse give us a clue.

About 10 years ago, a website was developed, which greatly expanded the archive of information available to members and allowed timely notices to be presented immediately. As mobile technology has since changed the way we access internet-based media, we are now looking forward to a significant redesign of the website.

Both the Newsette and the HLCC website are active forms of communication—you need to actively pick up a paper or go to the website to get the content. Over the past few years, our committee has been exploring ways to grab

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From the President's Desk

SUE ROSS, PRESIDENT

October 1 marks the start of a new fiscal year for our private lake community. Every September the Voting Board grapples with the responsibility of creating a new Operating Budget, requiring the estimation of anticipated revenue and expenses for the coming fiscal year. The process begins with a review of a draft budget which our general manager presents to the Administration Committee earlier in September. Hours are spent in discussion over each line item and items are modified as needed. Once the committee is satisfied that we have a realistic budget that best reflects our vision for the community the budget is brought before the entire Voting Board where further discussion takes place. I'm happy to report that the Voting Board approved the FY 2018 Budget on September 22 and thanks to an increase in our dues-paying members (which translates into our source of revenue), we were able to keep the dues and assessments right where they were in 2017 - \$1,285.00 - without reducing services!

This was the last Voting Board meeting for two of our trustees who have served our community in this capacity for years. We bid farewell with deep gratitude for the many, many hours of personal time donated by Russ

Strube (Trustee for Section 1) and Roy Wherry (Trustee for Section 5). This month we will be welcoming Lou Iannucci (Section 1) and Jim Kensek (Section 5) to the table. Patty Thompson was victorious in the run-off election that took place this month. Congratulations to Patty who will be serving as the Trustee for Section 3 for a three-year term.

As you have seen (marveled, perhaps) if you have been anywhere near the Main Lake in the past few weeks, the lake drawdown is well underway. It began on September 15 and is expected to take three to four weeks to achieve the full release of lake water (3 feet) that will enable the Club and lakefront property owners to do some maintenance and repair work on their waterfront. Since mid-July forty three applications for shoreline work were received from lakefront property owners and reviewed by the Club's environmental consultant, Dr. Stephen Souza, Ph.D. of Princeton Hydro, LLC.

Summer, the busiest season in Highland Lakes, is officially behind us. As melancholy as that always makes me, one look out my window reminds me that fall is a beautiful season too... especially in our community. Enjoy the foliage and the fun activities that abound.



Upcoming Events

October 14 – Lakeside Café

October 15 – Touch-A-Truck at Beach 1

October 21 – Concert Series - Lisa Loeb

October 22 – Pumpkin Carving and Potluck Dinner

October 28 – Trunk or Treat and Haunted Trail at Beach 1

October 28 – Adult Halloween Dance



Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Monday, October 16 – 7:30 pm
Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, October 18 – 7 pm
Ecology Committee – Thursday, October 12 - 7 pm
Fishing Committee – Thursday, October 12 – 8 pm
Roads Committee – Thursday, November 2 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday October 11 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, October 20 – 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.

Results of Section 3
Trustee Special Election

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Balloting results from Sunday, September 17, 2017, in the runoff election for the three-year term for Section 3 Trustee were as follows:

Judith Norton 20 votes
Patricia Thompson 24 votes (ELECTED)

Thanks to all who participated.
Patrick McNulty,
Chairperson, Elections Committee

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Communication: The Heart
of the HLCC Community (cont'd)

TOM DOLLE, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

your attention in passive ways, allowing you to stumble upon our information as you follow your daily information stream.

Our first innovation was using email blasts—weekly emails that automatically appear in your mail once a week. To restrict this communication to members only, the club requires you to sign up through the office, and once enrolled you will passively receive them weekly (you can opt-out at any time). We are fortunate to have participation from other committees, and excellent graphic artists like Chris Kaas who create top-notch artwork to bring life and personality to club events. These emails have proven extremely effective in promoting events and activities—if you aren't signed up yet, you should be.

Another innovation, which has been controversial and a bit more difficult to manage, has been the club Facebook page. If you're active on Facebook or other social media, you know that it can be a free-for-all and hard to control since it depends on comments and is open to the public. It was important to the Board and management that the HLCC page not be open to conversations, negative comments and other communication that would require excessive management or present a bad impression of our community. The official HLCC Facebook page can only be found here—www.facebook.com/HighlandLakesNJ—and we restrict it to event notices, photos, and positive portrayals of our community. There are several other Facebook pages with Highland Lakes in the name that have other purposes and are not supported by the Club.

Yet with all these forms of communication, there is still much more to improve upon. As was pointed out at the annual meeting, we aren't effectively reaching new members with information they need to know about living in a lake community. Having come through a disastrous period of foreclosures with many homes still distressed, we need to promote our community to potential homeowners outside the community. And we need to better utilize the communication vehicles we already have—less than half the membership gets the email blasts, and Newsette readership is unknown but assumed to be low.

Our committee has great ideas to keep communication progressing. Most of us have some experience in communications or social media, but we are working at capacity and can always use more help. If you, or anyone you know, has some experience or interest in any of these communication tools, we'd love to have you join us.

I strongly believe that good communication is essential to a healthy community. But, as members of this community, we each have a responsibility to at least pay attention.

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Winter Newsette

Another summer is coming to an end, meaning many seasonal members will be heading back to their primary residences or to warmer climates 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.

The Newsette can be mailed to you from October 2017 through May 2018 (there's no issue in January). The postage is a mere \$3.43 for 7 issues (\$.49 per issue) and can be paid in cash or check. Please make all checks payable to Highland Lakes CC. If you have multiple winter addresses (e.g. you don't leave for Florida until December), be sure to include both addresses along with any other specific instructions. Don't miss this opportunity to have the news of Highland Lakes delivered to your door. Any questions call 973-764-4366.



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OCTOBER

HIGHLAND LAKES HAPPENINGS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Clubhouse Breakfast	2 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 5:00 PM Yoga 7:30 PM Ceramics	3 7:00 PM Sr. Club Mtg. 7:00 PM Tango	4 8:00 AM Exercise 10:00 AM Playgroup 6:45 PM Scout Mtg.	5 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Road Comm. Mtg.	6 8:00 AM Exercise 7:00 PM Bunco	7
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Adult Ceramics

KATHY STRUBE

Adult ceramics continues every Monday night at 7:30 pm. The holidays are right around the corner. Hope to see you there.

Clubhouse Breakfast

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Come down to the Clubhouse on November 12 for a delicious fall inspired breakfast. We'll be here from 9 to 11:30 am. Hope to see you there.

Tango Lessons

BELINDA NORTON

Tango continues on Tuesday nights at 7 pm, but there will be no Tango on October 24 and 31 and November 7. We will resume on November 14. Come to the Clubhouse for a lesson in something new.

Holiday Craft Fair/Bazaar

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Calling all crafters and vendors. The Clubhouse Committee is proud to announce our Holiday Craft Fair/Bazaar:

Date: Saturday, November 4
Time: 10 am to 3 pm
Place: Our beautiful Clubhouse
Cost: table reservations are \$25 each - non-refundable

We are raising money for the HLCC and CA Goodwill Fund. There will be light lunch fare available at a nominal fee. All crafters and vendors will receive a free breakfast roll/bagel and beverage.

Come shop indoors for holiday gifts of handmade items in jewelry, wood workings, furniture, florals, candles, crocheted items, vintage goods and so much more. Please call: Joyce Healy at 845-544-3749 for more information and to get a contract. Reserve your table space now, they're going fast.

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MULCH

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Annual Pumpkin Carving Night

Sunday October 22 at 6 pm.
Cost: Free

All ages invited. Bring your own pumpkin and learn how to carve a wonderful new design on your jack-o-lantern. All tools provided. Bring a hot or cold dish or a dessert to share and enjoy supper with your Highland Lakes neighbors. There will be lots of fun and helping hands to get you started.

Wait until you see the gorgeous display with the finished jack-o-lanterns. Need more info: call 845-544-3749. Hosted by your Clubhouse Committee for the greatest lake community around. See you there.



Bunco

Friday, October 6 at 7 pm

Come and join in the fun. Easy game - only throw dice. Bring \$5 and a snack to share and yourself. RSVP - Need 6 people to play. Marian B. & Kathie G. 973-764-7998.

Pickleball Strategy

DORI ZARR

Another dozen players came out for fun and camaraderie. A terrific way to exercise or get in some steps if you use a fit/bit or just count. Try it...it beats climbing steps or even walking the dog as a calorie burning sport.

Strategy...when at the net, be patient. Keep hitting the ball soft back into the no volley zone until your opponents make the mistake of hitting the ball too high. We meet Monday and Wednesday nights at 6pm and Sunday at 9am. We have equipment, we need you to come meet/greet and play. Dori Zarr 201-602-8339.



Boat Removal Notice From Racks

Boat racks will be inspected this fall. The program requires the removal of all boats stored on boat and kayak racks on the eastern side of Highland Lakes by October 15, 2017. Once the racks and areas are clear, necessary maintenance and landscaping can be performed late in the fall and in the early spring.

Requiring removal every other year helps to eliminate the excuse members have that there is "no rack space and storing my boat on the ground is the only choice I have."

Please contact Highland Lakes Security at 973-764-4266 if you anticipate any difficulty in the removal of your boat.

All boat rack locations listed below on the east side of the Main Lake as well as one location each on Indian Lake and Lake 4 (east of Canistear Road) are affected by this notice.

- Canistear Road boat launch on Indian Lake
- Beach 5 on Lake 4, dam on Cherry Ridge Road
- Beach 3 at Lookover Lane - Lakeside Drive East
- Beach 4 - Lakeside Drive East
- Freeway at Shadow Lane and Lakeside Drive East
- Freeway between Beach 4 and Shadow Lane
- Freeway at end of Lakeside Drive East and Island Road
- Freeway at Lakeside Drive East and Birch Road

Troy Bowers, Security Manager, has been appointed as the contact person for this program. Please feel free to contact him with any questions you may have at 973-764-4266.

Yoga Continues

BETTY LYNCH

Yoga will continue through the winter. Bring your mats and come to the Lake Room on Monday nights from 5 to 6 pm. See you there.



Highland Hatters September Event

DORIS DOLAN

It was a beautiful Saturday when our Highland Hatters gathered for their September event. We held a wine tasting of both white and red wines. Joy Logan is very knowledgeable in that area and presented many interesting facts about wines and wineries. She showed us many unique gadgets to open bottles, aerate the wine, and cap the wine. She calls them her toys. Another item of importance for wine tasting is the proper shaped glass which Joy also showed us. The event was held at Doris Dolan's home, with 11 Highland Hatters participating—Donna Beebe, Marian Benedicto, Irene Boeren, Emily Coldon, Doris Dolan, Joy Logan, Dot McAlary, Kathy Scialla, Jo VonEssen, Paula Walk, and Joan Yankowski. We are far from being wine connoisseurs, however, we will certainly be more appreciative of those wines we purchase and partake of in the future.

Touch-A-Truck

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Calling all kids on Sunday, October 15 from 1 pm – 4 pm. Now's the time to climb on a fire truck, sit in the driver's seat of a police car, stand in a dump truck and touch those tires! This year there is even a helicopter! Come see all the heavy-duty trucks, rigs, cranes, police and fire trucks all in one stop at the Beach 1 parking lot. It's all about fun with goodie bags and snacks. This is a free event brought to you by local businesses and the Highland Lakes Clubhouse Committee. For HLCC members and their guests. Permission slips must be signed by a parent at the event October 15.

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A Letter to the Residents of Highland Lakes

As a 35 year Vernon resident and business owner, my commitment to Vernon remains strong. I am currently a candidate for a Vernon Council seat in the November 7th election. I have worked with local, county, and state agencies. I served on Vernon's Council and as Mayor from 2009-2011. I served on Vernon's Land Use Board, Economic Development Committee, Greenway Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, and Vernon Rotary. As the President of the Vernon Taxpayers' Association, I advocate for lower taxes, reducing the budget, and transparency in our government.

As residents and taxpayers of a private community, I recognize that while you have the same concerns as all Vernon residents, you have additional concerns unique to your community. The services, organizations, and amenities that are available to the residents of Highland Lakes, by your board members and all contributing groups, are impressive. I intend to create a coalition of our private communities to enhance communication with the Township. A working relationship will be important when the municipal budget is prepared, as well as addressing matters that are specific to each community.

My platform addresses the two most important issues for Vernon residents – Lower taxes and Transparency from our Government.

I will work to stabilize and lower taxes by efficiency, eliminating duplication of services and excessive use of professionals, establishing prudent capital plans, increase shared services and consolidations, and re-instating the Economic Development Committee, as was in place when I was last in office. All towns have such a Committee and we can see they are taking advantage of the uptick in the economy. I believe this to be such a high priority, that I have a team of qualified individuals ready to go. I will do more for our existing businesses and aggressively pursue new businesses to relieve our tax burden. Our municipal taxes rose nearly 10% in the last two years. The budget was balanced by raising taxes and using surplus, while no efforts were made to increase revenue. It's time for a change to reverse this cycle, as it is unsustainable for our taxpayers.

I believe respect is shown for the taxpayer through transparency. It is my intention to restore the transparency that was in place when I was last in office. The Council needs to publically post the bills on the Council meeting agenda and vote on them. This has not been done since 2011. Every other town in the County follows this best practice and it needs to be done here. I will initiate public workshops regarding all major issues and policies for better outcomes. I believe the public deserves responses when they come to a meeting.

I will write a Code of Conduct and Ethics to be included in Vernon's Code for elected officials, so we stay focused on the issues and refrain from personal attacks, especially at Council meetings and in the use of social media. We will be seen as a great place to live and work when we exhibit congenial, respectful behavior.

I strongly support our volunteer Firefighters and EMS. I propose paying for EMS certifications and establishing L.O.S.A.P., a length of service award program, for our Firefighters.

I respectfully ask for your Vote on November 7th for Vernon Council.

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The Mighty Seniors

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hi, everyone. Hope all is well with you and your loved ones. Boy, do I have some news for you!

1. Well, we've had another FABULOUS summer season in the Senior Club with membership at 70 plus. Zoweeeeee!
2. We've enjoyed many fun activities and events thus far in 2017 and we are quite happy to tell you about them:
 - Our Wall of Honor was dedicated and we are still receiving applications from our HL residents;
 - We will also list any medals or special awards received by your military loved ones in the lovely navy blue album that sits in front of the Wall of Honor...so, let us know and we'll be pleased to accommodate you;
 - We attended a Miner's baseball game with the team's most ardent fan...our own Terri Van E.;
 - Many guest speakers enlightened us on numerous topics...sort of continuing education;
 - A wonderful Senior Gala...and we LOVE Henry Boote!
 - Visited the Lakota Wolf Preserve which was very cool;
 - We volunteer our _____ off with Touch-a Truck, monthly breakfasts, craft fairs, Jr. Appreciation, Sr. Appreciation, pumpkin carving night, decorating the clubhouse for the holidays, we cook and deliver meals to our friends who are experiencing a nasty pinch in daily life, we help out at the BIG yard sale, dinner/theater trips, and so much more...

- This one's a BIGGY! We received a certificate for being nominated for volunteerism and community service from the NJ branch of AARP...the Andrus Award. Go, Mighty Seniors!
- Our new Christmas card project for the military chaired by our own veteran: Bob Reffelt...Thank you so much.
- 3. We have much to still look forward to: CRAFT FAIR/BAZAAR on November 4 at 10 am to 3 pm. Call me for details or look in the Newsette for another article about it.
- 4. Wine & Cheese Party at the end of September.
- 5. More guest speakers in October.
- 6. Oktoberfest on 10/18 at 12:00 - lots of gemeutlichkeit! (come on down and find out what the heck that is).
- 7. There's another luncheon mid-month in November on 11/15 at 12 pm. Be there.
- 8. And of course, there's our annual Christmas party in December on the 13th at 12 pm.

Naturally, I'm quite proud of this beautiful group of friends for so many reasons. Now if I've forgotten to mention something we've accomplished in 2017, please tell me and I'll make sure to tell about it in the November issue.

If you're 50 + years old, you can join the Senior Club if you are a resident of HLCC and CA. Someone in New Mexico heard about us and is interested. Wow! If you need some questions answered, call me at 845-544-3749. Love you, Joyce H.

Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE AND CLARK BEBEE, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Planning for Tree Succession Around Your Home

Most of us love the trees in our yards. They provide both summer shade and leaves to rake in the fall (except for the conifers). They seem to be permanent parts of the landscape. But most of our hemlocks are gone or being treated and all our ash will be gone. We all know the damage from hurricanes and ice storms but there are also more subtle changes to trees we need to recognize.

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. And 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.

When is the best time to plant a tree? As the old adage goes, the best time is 20 years ago but the second best time is now. If you are planting a replacement tree for an existing tree that may last another 20 years, you essentially have the opportunity to plant a tree 20 years ago today!

And don't miss the opportunity to incorporate the new tree into your family. Some people plant a tree each time a child or grandchild is born. It becomes the child's tree; the child often takes pride in it and hopefully gains a little appreciation of nature. Over time, they will watch it grow and perhaps even gain an awareness of the passage of time.

Talk to your arborist, forester or lawn-and-garden center professional; ask their advice. One word of caution, plant native species; do not go for exotics that often turn out to be invasive. People want something "the deer won't eat." Deer eat native plants. Lawn-and-garden centers bring in non-natives to meet this demand. Often half of what some garden centers sell is classified as invasive! Do your homework; check the site conditions and then go plant a tree!

Here is a website with some native tree suggestions: treesunlimitednj.com/top-8-nj-native-trees

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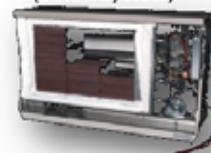
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Lisa Loeb to Perform in HL on Oct. 21

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Even when you start your career off like Lisa Loeb did with a massive hit, there's no guarantee that your fame and fortune will last forever. But when Loeb followed her breakthrough platinum-selling hit (1994's "Stay" from the movie Reality Bites) with two back-to-back gold-certified albums (Tails, and the Grammy-nominated Firecracker), notice was served far and wide that she had the talent, songwriting chops, and artistic drive to remain a vital artist for the long run.

In the time that has passed since her startling debut Loeb has remained hard at work on her craft, and it shows—she has enjoyed a steady stream of hits on the pop charts ever since. Today she remains true to the emotional alt-rock she first became synonymous with decades ago, but her artistic horizons have expanded to include "kids" music in addition to acting and writing. With her highly anticipated October 21 performance in Highland Lakes creeping up, the Newsette caught up with Loeb for a quick chat about success, creative maturity and songs about disappointing pancakes.

Your life has changed a lot since your early achievements. How has success and maturity changed your approach to songwriting today?

I've been doing this since I was a kid, and had my first hit in 1994, which is 23 years ago. Ten years ago I felt pressure to get my songs on the radio, but it was a different climate for musicians back then. Now I'm on the other side of that pressure. I have a good national following, and can play in nice theaters—which was always my goal. I wanted to be like Shawn Colvin, who's a great singer-songwriter and storyteller, and someone with popular status who's connected with people but still has her roots. I get to do that now.

What do you hear now when you listen back to yourself and evaluate your songwriting compared to what you're writing now?

When I hear my earlier recordings, it was so important to me for everything to be perfect. But now when I write and record, there's a very different passion and intensity then when I was writing about relationships in my twenties. For me, it's about finding the Zen of sitting down and



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writing. In your job as a creative person, you just have to set aside time, space, and materials to write and create things. But you have to have a lot of fun, too. I find a lot of purpose performing for kids and their families. I like playing songs that tell slightly whimsical stories.

I also think it's fun to play kids songs in my grownup shows. It's a sophisticated but slightly silly feeling to hear a whole crowd listening and laughing together. When I play songs from my early records it sometime feels like I'm making a presentation standing in front of a piece of art. But when people gather around to hear a new story about a disappointing pancake, that's different. Summer camp songs are a part of who I am, and performing that music in small theaters is where I can make a magical connection.

Tickets for Lisa Loeb's upcoming October 21 show at Seckler Stage are available now in the Club Office 973-764-4366, or by calling 973-271-9780. Prices are \$25 for members-in-good-standing and their guests, \$30 for non-members. Doors open at 7 pm, and the show starts at 8 pm, all seats are on a first-come basis. For more information, go to www.hlcc.org/events/concert-series.

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