



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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The Forging of Highland Lakes

CAROLYN ACKER, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Northern New Jersey has many lake communities, like Highland Lakes, that can trace their origins to the early 20th century. The turn of the century saw a change in the function of lakes in the area: from sources of water for purposes such as iron forging, milling, and ice harvesting to sources of leisure and recreation. Tourism was growing, and real estate developers quickly saw the potential value of lakes. Highland Lakes, Inc., the real estate development arm of Seckler and Sheppard, Inc., began developing the five lakes and our community in 1934 and completed it in 1961. Purchasing the acreage, creating a plan, and developing our five lakes took about twenty-seven years! Considering the project's historical events and practical difficulties, the development of Highland Lakes was a remarkable accomplishment.

One of the first obstacles the developers had to overcome was the Great Depression. Seckler and Sheppard purchased Lake 1 and the surrounding 100 acres in 1935. They bought another 1,000 acres on the mountain in the same year and began developing the Main Lake in 1936, during the worst economic crisis our country has ever experienced. While the price of land was low during the Great Depression, it was still a risk that they would be able to attract buyers, sell lots, and build cabins and cottages during this economic crisis. Undeterred by the crisis, Seckler and Sheppard marketed the properties as affordable and ideal for families with children. In 1936, they sold 20-foot lakefront lots for \$245.00. Statistics from the early years of Highland Lakes reveal that demand was healthy and sales were brisk. By the end of 1937, more than 100 cabins were completed, and new cabins were under construction each week.

The next obstacle encountered early on in the development of the Main Lake was determining who owned a 130-acre tract of land known as the Brushy Meadow. Seckler and Sheppard purchased five tracts of land totaling 600 acres from the Fedden Corporation and 400 acres, known as the Marsh tract, from the Marsh family to create the community. Seckler recalled that they thought they had the property they needed, except for the Brushy Meadow.

In a 1973 interview, John Seckler stated it took six months to find out who owned the meadow. The tax roles



Historical photos of the main lake during development

provided no information, as there was no record of an assessment on the property. Their research led them to Trenton, where they found the Rutherford family will. The will indicated that they had left property shares to each of their many children. Seckler and Sheppard eventually tracked down two of the Rutherford brothers and negotiated the sale of the Brushy Meadow swamp. The Rutherfords also had mineral rights to this property, which they rescinded and eliminated in the new deeds for no additional cost. It was 1935, in the heart of the Depression, and they bought the property for \$3,500.00.

With the land acquisitions completed, construction of the Main Lake began late in the summer of 1935. It was to be about two miles long and a half mile wide. When filled, the lake would be two hundred and ninety-six acres.

The filling of Lake 2, the Main Lake, became another stressor. Seckler discussed how they sold lots to people before the lake filled. Some purchasers worried about the lakes filling up and asked Seckler, "What's gonna happen if it doesn't fill up? I bought the property?!" In response, Seckler said, "What do you think's gonna happen to me, selling you the property!?" Ultimately, it took about two years for water to run over the big lake's dam spillway.



WWII brought the development of the lakes, sales of property, and even people's use of their summer homes to a halt in 1941. The country was at war, gas rationing was in effect, and people's priorities were elsewhere. It wasn't until after the war, in 1946, that people returned to their summer homes.

By 1949, a significant expansion of the community was underway. The developers began constructing Indian Lake, Lake 3, and completed its dam in 1949. Similarly, in 1951, they started the construction of Lake 4, just south of Indian Lake.

The final expansion of Highland Lakes occurred in 1961, after Clayton Shepperd died in August 1959, and Seckler became the sole owner of Highland Lakes, Inc. On May 25, 1961, Highland Lakes, Inc. purchased the 126-acre Cooper Tract, which dated back to 1858, from an heir of the Cooper estate. The final lake in Highland Lakes, Lake 5, was built on these acres in the summer of 1961. The area surrounding Lake 5 was named Upper Highland Lakes.

On December 27, 1967, John Seckler deeded the five lakes and the lagoon to the membership. Seckler sold all five lakes and the lagoon to the Club for \$130,000 or 100.00 per family. (There were 1,300 member properties in Highland Lakes at the time). Seckler and that generation of members protected the future of our community. They also passed the reins to us. Let's forge ahead in good faith and pass it on to future Highland Lakers.

I want to thank Ron Dupont, Jr. for his research suggestions and for sharing his extensive knowledge of our local history. Information on the history of our area and the development of Highland Lakes is available in the many articles and books written by Ronald J. Dupont, Jr., in Highland Lakes' 50th Anniversary Book, in interviews conducted by Dr. Roswell S. Coles, the founder of the Vernon Historical Society, and in the archives of local newspapers from that era.

Upcoming Events

March 9 – Read Across America Day
March 10 – Open Mic
March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 23 – Food Drive
March 24 – Egg Hunt



Daylight Saving Time

Set your clocks ahead...Sunday, March 10 at 2 am!



Office Hours

The Office is available to take your calls from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday and from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday. However, it is only open to members from 10 am to 3 pm, Monday to Friday and from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday. Thank you.



MOVEMENT WORKSHOP

MONDAYS - MARCH 4 - JUNE 10

10:00 AM

CLUBHOUSE

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Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, March 5 – 7 pm
Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Communications Committee – Saturday, March 9 - 10 am
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, March 27 – 8 pm
Fish Committee – Thursday, March 21 – 7 pm
Road Committee – Thursday, March 7 – 7 pm
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, March 6 - 7:30 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, March 15 – 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.

Voting Board Roster

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

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Spotlight on Rules

Friendly Pet Rule Reminder

Per ARTICLE VI - PETS, WILDLIFE & THE ENVIRONMENT - Ensure your furry friends are always under your control. Dogs must be leashed while on Club property at all times. This includes while walking on private roads and any of the grassy areas. Dogs are not allowed in the playground areas, on the sand at the beaches, or within the swim ropes. Remember to clean up after your pet, too. Let's maintain a safe and clean environment for everyone to enjoy.



HL hiking group hiked to Sitting Bear in Wawayanda on February 25.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DINA D'ARGENIO

Next Newsette: April 6, 2023

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 info@hlcc.org. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!



March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div>31</div> <div>Happy Easter</div> <div></div>						

St. Patrick' Day Dinner

PATRICK ECKHART, RECREATION MANAGER

Dinner and Music

Come join us on Saturday, March 16 for a St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Clubhouse. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The event will be catered by Family and Friends Catering. Buffet dinner will include corned beef, braised cabbage, oven roasted potatoes, Shepherd's pie, baby carrots, Irish soda bread, and a dessert. BYOB. Traditional Irish music

will be played throughout the night. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Club Office by March 8 - \$20 for adult and \$8 for kids (ages 4-12).



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EGG HUNT @ 1:30 PM
Snacks & Crafts
Special appearance from
The Easter Bunny!



Easter Egg Hunt MARCH 24 11:00 AM CLUBHOUSE LAWN

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Mark Your Calendar

CLUBHOUSE 2025 COMMITTEE

Town Hall Presentation – Sunday, April 21 – open to the membership at 1 pm.
Town Hall Presentation – Tuesday, May 21- open to the membership at 7 pm.
Special Membership Vote - Saturday, May 26, 2024 (time TBD)

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Special Appearance
Dr. Seuss



Read Across America Day! MARCH 9 11 AM SECKLER ROOM

Games * Crafts * Story Time

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Winter Carnival Recap

LAUREN LA ROCCA, CLUBHOUSE DIRECTOR

The Winter Carnival event was fun, fun, fun! Everyone had a huge smile on their face. None of this could have happened without the tremendous help of many wonderful and dedicated volunteers and hard-working staff members. I want to thank everyone for their time and tireless hours of work that went into making this event such a huge success. I would also like to thank Pixie Pop for sharing her many talents with our community.

Ms. Denise and the Black Bear sled dogs were a new addition to the Winter Carnival and were enjoyed by many. Thank you for joining us on this delightful afternoon.

I would like to thank all the families and friends that attended the event. I look forward to seeing you all at the Winter Carnival next year. I welcome any ideas and suggestions that could improve the event in the future. Come volunteer and bring your ideas and suggestions with you.



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HIGHLAND LAKES
Country Club with Course

DON'T EAT THAT EAT THIS!

Discussion led by
Andree Stolte

MARCH 12TH | 7 PM

Discover the path to healthier eating! Join us at the Clubhouse for an engaging discussion on making positive changes in your diet, understanding the impact of food on your body, and exploring new food sources. Let's eat better together and embrace a healthier lifestyle!

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This scholarship offers two \$2,000 awards to students to support their college education.

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This scholarship offers two \$2,000 awards to students pursuing a career in the trades.

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Two students will receive \$500 for their community service efforts, plus a \$500 donation to an organization of their choice.

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to access applications for each of these awards and find information on other scholarship opportunities.

Make Sure to Apply by Friday, March 15th!

Vernon Township Housing Market Report - January 2024

"Having grown up in Highland Lakes, I understand the value in this thriving, active community. Contact me today to discuss a no-cost comparative market analysis for your property."

# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$121,667	25	99%
2	\$257,145	31	104%
3	\$339,800	67	98%
4	\$502,000	25	103%
5+	\$325,000	150	100%
TOWN	\$293,356	52	101%

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Ecology Corner

MIKE O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tree of Heaven: Devil in Disguise

Invasive trees are a topic that is difficult to cover in a short Newsette article. The good news is that we will have a representative from Bartlett Tree Experts at the Clubhouse during our Earth Day Celebration on April 27 to discuss native and invasive trees. Please mark your calendars.

Let's cover one invasive tree as an example: Tree of Heaven. The Tree of Heaven is an invasive tree that is native to China and gets its name from its rapid growth to the sky. The devil it disguises is the Spotted Lantern Fly as it is one of the preferred host plants for the fly. By removing the tree, we can also make a dent in the lantern fly invasion.



Spotted Lantern Fly closed and opened wings

The Tree of Heaven is a challenge even without its relationship to the fly. The tree is a problem because it:

- Spreads by hundreds of thousands of seeds per tree and through creeping root sprouts that can travel 50 feet from the original tree.
- Produces chemicals in its roots that can kill other plants nearby.
- Is a fast-growing species that can reach 80 feet tall and spread up to 50 feet at its crown.
- Is highly adaptable to various soil conditions
- Is difficult to control once established, requiring treatment with chemical herbicides
- Overcrowds other trees and limits the habitat for other species.
- Has an extensive root system that has been known to cause damage to septic lines and building foundations.

Here is how to identify the Tree of Heaven. When in flower, the tree stands out because of its many colorful flowers. The leaves are quite large, with many leaflets (10-40). The colorful fruit is a samara. When small, it resembles sumac, but Tree of Heaven has one or more notches near the base of the leaflet. In addition to visual clues, the leaves will have a smell described as rancid peanut butter. See pictures below to identify the tree.



Tree of Heaven in spring bloom



Tree of Heaven leaf



Tree of Heaven fruit – samara

It is best to remove the Tree of Heaven in its early form as a seedling or sprout. The best time to remove it is after a rain when the soil is soft so you can get the root system. If you or your neighbor has a mature tree, watch for the sprouts and seedlings nearby and remove them quickly. This will be an ongoing chore from June through September.



Tree of Heaven sprout

If you want to remove mature trees, we suggest using a professional tree expert. The off-season (from mid-November thru April) is the only suitable time for removal if a previous herbicide treatment was applied during the late summer or early fall seasons (i.e., mid-July to mid-October). The wood or woodchips should not be moved to another location due to potential spreading of the lantern fly through relocation of both adults and eggs. Any tree debris that can fit in a garbage bag should be double bagged and discarded so as to not spread any of the flies.

For more information, follow this link <https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven>

“Trees need water, and fresh water needs ample tree cover, so it’s this mutualistic relationship. I think for tree lovers, it’s kind of impressive the number of ways that trees determine water quality and quantity.”

-Austin Rempel, Director of Forest Restoration at American Forests



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TALENT WANTED!

Open Mic

LAKE ROOM

MARCH 10 | **2 PM**

All levels of talent and music genres are welcome.
If you'd like to perform kindly arrive by 1:30pm.
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HLCC Homes Are Special

There is a special *lake* community feel in Highland Lakes. Careful planning can enhance your lifestyle and the value of your home.

When planning your projects:

- Be compatible with the area style
- Maximize the use of space
- Design cost effectively
- Take advantage of views, light, and ventilation

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Security & Compliance Activity Summary Report – January 2024

SEAN JARON, SECURITY MANAGER

Below is a summary of recent Security calls/incidents and Compliance Officer activity. We provide this information to keep you informed of the important work being performed on behalf of the community. Please get in touch with security@hlcc.org or call 973-764-4266 with any questions concerning Security or Compliance operations.

Calls/Incidents	1/31/2024	YTD
Police Assist	3	3
Traffic Assist	3	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1
Medical Response/Assists	10	10
Fire Response/Assist	6	6
Vandalism/Crimal Activity	0	0
Amenity Checks	361	361
Badge Violations (Members)	0	0
Trespassing	7	7
Parking Violations	2	2
Prohibited Vehicles	1	1
Dock/Rack Violations	0	0
Noise Complaints	3	3
Domestic/Disorderly	0	0
Animal Complaints	3	3
Property Violations	3	3
Rental Violations	4	4
Tree Removal Inspections	1	1
Tree Preservation	0	0
Staff and Volunteer Direction	0	0
Exterior Lighting	1	1
Road/Right away	1	1
Open Cases	3	4
Closes Cases	2	5
Current Case Load	36	36
	451	455

Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, Patience...and a lovely day to you all! These words remind me of a paragraph or two I read by James Banks: What would it be like to walk in the shoes of royalty? Angela Kelly, daughter of a dockworker and a nurse, knows. She was also the official dresser of the late Queen of England for the last 20 years of the Queen's life. One of her jobs was to break in the Queen's shoes by walking in them around the palace grounds. They wore the same shoe size and Angela saved her some discomfort.

Angela's personal touch in her care for the aging Queen, brings to mind a passage I read. "...put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

All around us are those who need us to "walk in their shoes" and have compassion for them in the day-to-day challenges of life. When we do, we become a better person. There's also my old favorite saying: the Golden Rule Mom and Dad taught me as a child. You must know it. Say it out loud now.

Here are some dates our Senior Club wants you to remember: March 13, 12 Noon – St. Patty's Day Luncheon (make sure you're signed up). April 10, Spring (Easter) Luncheon 12 Noon, both in the Lake Room

We've had wonderful lunches in January and February with a good crowd attending. Ray Zimmerman brought us info about "the Clubhouse project" and I'm working on getting us other guest speakers. Remember to participate in a new event by the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund on March 23. What is it you ask? Check out the Newsette and other sources of HL news! Definitely a cool thing to do!

Have questions? Give me a call: 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce. PS: We have 4 new members in the Senior Club! Hip, hip, hooray! Welcome The Scardelli's and The Semanek's.



STITCHING

THURSDAYS
7:00 PM
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The Goodwill Community Outreach Fund 501(c)3

MARYANN GUNNING, CHAIRPERSON

Food Drive – Saturday, March 23

We are seeking donations from Highland Lakes members, to be shared with Highland Lakes members.
9 am- 12 noon: Gratefully accepting donations of fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, chicken, meat, canned goods and all non-perishable foods, paper products, juice & snacks, and Easter candy.
3 - 5 pm: Receive with Grace - If you or your HL neighbor could benefit from these supplemental groceries, we warmly invite you to come and take whatever you could use.
For members who could use supplemental groceries but are facing transportation challenges to the HLCC Clubhouse or those with specific dietary needs (allergies, low sodium, gluten-free, etc.), kindly contact the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund Food Drive for assistance. Your privacy and health are our utmost concern.

Call us at 973-358-2854 or send an email to GCOF323@gmail.com for support.

Team Massimo Warriors

CAROL HASTIE

Calling All Golfers

Team Massimo Warriors Foundation will be hosting a Benefit Golf Outing on Thursday May 30, 2024, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. Shot gun start is at 1 pm. We are accepting 4-somes, 3-somes, 2-somes and singles for golf. Cost is \$135.00 per golfer, which includes golf, prizes, dinner, basket raffle and hours of fun in the great outdoors! If you don't golf, come to the dinner at 6 pm for \$45 a person. If you want to donate a basket or gift or sponsor something, please call me. I would love to hear from you. For more information about registering for golf and/or dinner call Carol or Steve at 973-764-6521 or 973-670-0538.

About Massimo

Massimo was born at 23 weeks, 1lb 6oz. In the delivery room, the doctors said that they did not expect much when he was born, and unless he showed any signs of a fight, they would just let things run their course and not help him. He came out fighting and crying as loud as he could, and the doctors went to work. Massimo spent 4.5 months in the Morristown NICU, growing, gaining strength, taking steps forward and backward. When he was finally released to come home, he was almost 5lbs.

Throughout his journey in the NICU, there was incredible support. The support came from family and friends, local fire departments and motorcycle clubs, and people from across the country who did not know the family but willingly sent supportive messages. They did so much to support the family that can never be repaid, and it was this support that kept them going, kept them fighting, and kept Massimo fighting.

Over the last nine years, they have traveled to Philadelphia, Delaware, St. Louis, and West Palm Beach, searching for experts to help Massimo. They have met some incredible doctors, nurses, and families going through various procedures and treatments on this journey.

Massimo is a very strong boy. Those of you who know him, know he is very determined and wants to do things himself. If you haven't met him yet, you can usually find him at Swim Team practice or at Beach 1 enjoying the water and with his friends. Come on and meet him. You will be glad you did!

The mission of Team Massimo Warriors Foundation is to help other families of children with special medical needs, give back to local volunteer organizations, and provide local scholarships. Thank you for your support.

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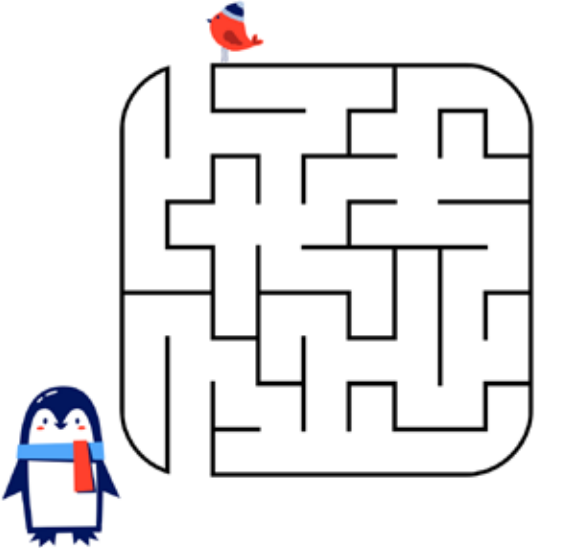
SLEIGH
SNOWMAN
HOLIDAY
BLANKET
FROZEN
HIBERNATE

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How does a snowman get to work?
He rides his icicle!

What do you call a snowman without a carrot?
Nobody nose.

What did the furry hat say to the warm woolen scarf?
You hang around while I go on ahead.



Pickleball

KATHI TAYLOR

We were spoiled by the warm winter weather we had in December and January so the cold and snow that came our way in February wasn't a welcomed sight on the pickleball courts. We were able to get a few days of playing in but are hopeful that March will be better. Just a reminder for those members who aren't year-rounders. If you head up to the Lake for a day or two and want to join us just come over to the courts on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2:00. We have equipment if you need it. Make sure to have your badge. Kathi Taylor 973-513-5472.

Join Us!

10:00 AM

Roadside Clean Up

12:00 PM

Lunch at the Clubhouse

1:00 PM

Presentation: Native Trees

2:15 PM

Sapling Care Demo

2:30 PM

Rain Garden Tour

2:30 PM

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Earth Day

AT THE Lake

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