

# Waves

The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners

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Summer 2012

HHL LAKE MANAGEMENT GROUP PRESENTS

## CARNIVAL PARTY

**Saturday July 28**

(rain date Sunday 7/29) 4-9:30pm

Island Road Beach

LIVE MUSIC and DANCING

BOUNCE HOUSE

SPIN ART

MONEY GRAB MACHINE

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

*Minute to Win It* games,  
win prizes, tickets to play .25ea. or 5/\$1.00

KAYAK RAFFLE

\$5.00ea or 5 for \$20.00

SNO CONES

50/50 RAFFLE

HAMBURGERS • CHEESEBURGERS • HOT DOGS • SODA  
• FRIED DOUGH • WATER • FREE PUNCH WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Get Kayak tickets early contact Mike Nault at [Mike@dgabs.com](mailto:Mike@dgabs.com) or at the HHL Office

Do not need to be present to win Raffle prizes





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### Buddy Brown Memorial Fishing Tournament



The annual Buddy Brown Memorial Fishing Tournament was held on June 16th, another well attended event by the Bass Fishing Club. The tournament started decades ago to honor Buddy. Buddy and his wife moved to Hemlock Drive on Hickory Hills Lake in 1968. Unfortunately, Buddy left us too soon due to a car accident, but his memory lives on each year in June when fishermen compete in his honor. When you ask folks who knew Buddy, they all say the same things, "Buddy was a great guy, a good husband, and he was a fantastic mechanic and a hard worker. He loved kids and was friendly with all the neighbors, was a good hunter and fisherman and he's still sorely missed."

Each year on the day of the tournament, the Brown family jump in their canoes, kayaks and peddle boats and head off to Blueberry Island in honor of Buddy. It's here where the ceremony begins with presenting prizes to the runner-ups who caught and released the most bass fish by weight. This year's grand prize winner is Mike Legar! This talented individual not only holds the honor of receiving the Buddy Brown Tournament Trophy for 1 yr, but is also lucky enough to receive a prize from the Brown family themselves. All in all another good day on the lake was had!

### HHL Web Site Additions!!

As a part of our efforts to improve our communications with shareholders and residents we are pleased to announce significant additions to the HHL web site:

The HHL corporations By-Laws and Policies and Procedures are now accessible on the website.

Also, a new Blog has been created whose function is

- o to provide shareholders and residents with a summary of the monthly Board of Directors meetings
- o to create special topics of timely interest to the community, present examples include:
  - ◇ Property modifications review by the BOD
  - ◇ The meaning of Life (at HHL...)
  - ◇ Soliciting comments and suggestions on the New boat launch
  - ◇ Keep an eye out for special deals for lake residents that will be announced on the website in the near future.

We hope that you enjoy and participate in this online forum. As always comments and suggestions are appreciated!



Taken on Iris Court on May 20, 2012

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### Annual Shareholders Meeting

September 15, 2012

The Hickory Hills Landowners 34th Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley.

The meeting is open to all shareholders in Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.

Any property owner interested in becoming a shareholder can do so by contacting the office.

There is a one time cost of \$240 to purchase a share. A

share qualifies an owner to have a voice and vote in the management of the lake and 50% discount on Boat Stickers, ID Cards and Releases. Become a Shareholder and have your opinions heard.

A meeting notice, agenda & registration form will be mailed July 16th. A Shareholder Packet including last years minutes, Committee reports and P/L will be **EMAILED** out the same day. If you plan to attend the dinner and/or meeting, please complete the [registration form](#) and if you are not attending, please [sign the proxy box on the registration form so your vote will be heard](#) and return this to the office as soon as possible.

### Final Notices for 2012 Annual Maintenance Fees

Your 2012 annual maintenance fees were due on May 1st. We are using the same program as in the past, which will automatically assess interest on any bills that are more than 30 days past due. We have received payment from most of our residents – Thank you! Final notices have been sent out.

Please send your payment to P.O. Box 298, Lunenburg, MA or feel free to use the black rectangular drop box to the left of the office door. Thank you!

### Youth Program begins July 17th!

We are very excited to be able to offer a Youth Program again this summer. It will be held 3 mornings per week at the main Road Beach. If you're interested, please

let us know ASAP to be sure we save a spot for you! We are very fortunate to have Holly Rivard as Youth Director again too. She did a spectacular job last year and we're looking forward to another great season for any child or grandchild of a HHL resident ages 5 - 12 who would like to participate.

If you haven't signed up, please send in your registration form today!

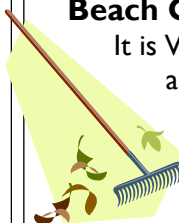
There are many activities planned and we are looking forward to more great fun for the kids of Hickory Hills. Thank you to Holly and team!!!



### Beach Clean-up Day

It is VERY much appreciated that residents take an active role in keeping the lake property clean. Thanks to the dedicated residents who, in the pouring rain, did a fabulous job bringing the Island Road beach back into shape after the work done there for the Fanwort removal effort. The beach really looks great! Thanks also goes to all the wonderful volunteers who spring cleaned our neighboring beaches! We wouldn't be able to enjoy them as we do without these folks donating their valuable time and energy!

Thank you to everyone involved!



### Bump – Set – Spike!

Meet your neighbors for **Adult Volleyball** at the Island Rd Beach on Thursday evenings during the summer starting at 6:30 pm and have some fun!

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### A Taste of China!

The Lake Management Group hosted another great event for our lake, A Taste of China! It was held on April 28, 2012 at the Leominster Elks. Entertainment was provided by the Rampage Trio with great food provided by Tang Dynasty. There were many raffle items donated by lake residents as well as a 50/50 raffle and a \$100.00 cash prize!!!

This year at the Taste of China, they raised just under \$5,000.00 with proceeds going to help with our Fight against Fanwort.



Thanks to the many people who worked so hard to make this a very successful and fun event. We hope to see you all again at this years much anticipated **Annual Beach Party, July 28<sup>th</sup>** at the Island Rd Beach. Come & bring the kids!



### Summer Office Hours

Mon., Wed. & Thurs.  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Please call the office before arriving to make sure someone is there, 978-582-6365. If necessary, appointments may be made for a more convenient time. Remember you can always leave payments and

forms in the drop box. The best way to reach the office is by email at [hickoryhills@net1plus.com](mailto:hickoryhills@net1plus.com).

### Beach Hours

The beaches are open from dawn to dusk. Please make sure your vehicles have HHL stickers when parking at the beaches & are not in the parking lot after 8:00 p.m. except for volleyball nights on Thursday's.

### Lake Security Team

This season we have a new Security Team. Please welcome Ryan Havey and Sean Cooney both of Lunenburg. They are patrolling the lake area and beaches by boat during varied hours every day throughout the summer. Please be prepared to show your IDs and have boat stickers visible. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have a safety or security concern, please send us an email or call the office at 978-582-6365 and leave a message with your name, address and a phone number. **If you have an emergency situation call the police directly.**

### New Boat Entry Protocol



In order to prevent further introduction of invasive species into Hickory Hills, we have formalized the way in which boats are put into the lake from the Island Road boat launch. The BOD has been in contact with most everyone who doesn't use the ramp. It is expected that anyone putting a boat into the lake from private shorelines follow the states regulations and guidelines for invasive species control. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.

HHL will continue to staff the boat launch to perform boat and trailer inspections prior to allowing boats to be placed into the lake from the boat ramp. Additionally, HHL is working with the local marine dealers, who put a considerable number of boats into the lake, to standardize their processes to minimize the exposure of Hickory Hills to invasive species that come from other area lakes.

Thank you for all your cooperation in this evolving process to maintain the purity and scenic beauty of our wonderful lake. Please feel free to post comments about the new process on our new Blog <http://hickoryhillslake.com/blog>.

To learn more about the spread of invasive species & how to prevent it, please take a few minutes at each of these websites:  
<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/watersupply/lakepond/rampMonitor.htm>  
<http://www.protectyourwaters.net/>

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## Suction Harvester Helping Fight Fanwort!



In an effort to combat and help eradicate Fanwort, the LMG has retrofitted a donated pontoon boat into a suction harvester. Suction harvesting is like an over grown underwater vacuum.

The team so far is having success. They have begun using the machine on marked plants located this year. According to the operators, the machine worked perfectly!

A big thank you to all the volunteers involved !!!

## Thank You, Thank you, Thank you!

A HUGE THANKS go to the following residents!

**P. Andella** for spreading, planting & donating the purchase of bark, plants and flowers by the roadside at the Island Road beach again this year!

**P. Touborg** for fixing the benches at Brookview beach

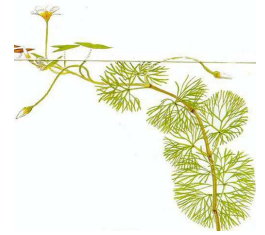
**F. Malcomb** for fixing the benches at Island Rd beach

Taken by a resident on Horizon Island Road May 6, 2012



## Fanwort Update

As most of you are all aware, Fanwort, an invasive weed, has been found in our lake. It's an aggressive weed which grows extremely quickly.



Two new clumps of Fanwort have been identified off of Island Road outside of the Island Road beach area and additional plants off of the original Island Road Boat launch and across from it on Horizon Island Road.

If the weed continues to spread, the results will be devastating to the health of our lake. In order to try and prevent this, visual surveys are being done regularly by volunteers so we can identify any spread and take the necessary steps to mitigate it.

Areas of suspected Fanwort are being marked with a floating, weighted bottle. If you see one of these bottles in the lake, immediately leave the area and **DO NOT REMOVE THE BOTTLE.**

Fanwort reproduces by fragmentation. Swimming or boating in an area with Fanwort could easily cause the plant to spread.

If you see fanwort **floating** on the top of the water, please pick it up. If you see it **growing**, immediately leave the area and **DO NOT TOUCH THE PLANT.**

Instead report the location by contacting P. Bertram at (978) 582-XXXX or at [paula.bertram@verizon.net](mailto:paula.bertram@verizon.net) or B. MacDonald at (978) 582-XXXX or at [davebetty-macdonald@comcast.net](mailto:davebetty-macdonald@comcast.net).

As a reminder, the boat ramp cove at the main beach is closed due to the presence of Fanwort. It's also been found outside of the cove which has been marked off.

**Swimming, fishing and boating in this marked off area is strictly prohibited.**

We are continuing to look for volunteer surveyors. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the fight against Fanwort, please contact Paula Bertram at [paula.bertram@verizon.net](mailto:paula.bertram@verizon.net).

Thanks for your consideration!!!

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## HHL Appreciates All Gift Donations!

The following residents have donated to the  
**Capital Asset Reserve Fund**

**Removed for Web Viewing**

The following residents have donated to the  
**Invasive Weed Fund**

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The following residents have donated  
to the **Harvester Fund**

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# WELCOME

HHL, welcomes the following new residents who have recently moved to our lake community. We hope you have met your neighbors and are looking forward to a great summer season. Welcome!

**Removed for Web Viewing**

### Send Us Your Story —

Our lake community has great history and we'd love to hear your stories of lake life, knowledge of the lake environment or it's wildlife. Please share your insights into our special way of life. Send your stories to P.O. Box 298 or email them to [hickory-hills@netlplus.com](mailto:hickory-hills@netlplus.com)





# Classifieds

## Boat for Sale

\$300 or best offer  
14 ft fiberglass boat, good condition, no motor  
Seats 4 to 5 people  
Call 781-665-5620 or 617-548-3197

## Pontoon Boat For Sale



2005 15ft Gillgetter Pontoon - \$7,000

Mercury 9.8 engine (de-tuned)

Live well under seat, etc..

Rear seats reverse sides for front or rear views

If interested, call 978-582-0145

## New '12 Mass Fishing Regulations

Lead sinkers and jigs weighing less than one ounce are now Prohibited in Massachusetts waters. This comes after years of research on loons in New England and finding that a large portion of them have died from lead poisoning.

Here are two great links with more info:

[http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/recreation/fishing/lead\\_sinkers\\_loons.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/recreation/fishing/lead_sinkers_loons.htm)

<http://www.eregulations.com/massachusetts/huntingandfishin g/lead-sinkers-and-loons-in-massachusetts/>

## Fishing Boat for Sale



\$400 (\$600 with trailer)

Motor not included. Good condition

If interested, call 978-582-4582



Butterfly

Sailboat

For Sale

\$250.00

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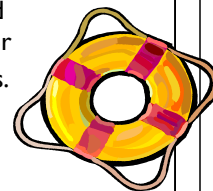


## Registration of Boats and Motors

All watercrafts and motors must be registered through the office. Boat stickers are \$20.00 for non-shareholders and \$10.00 for shareholders.

Safe Boating Guides are available at the office!

**Please contact the office to get your boat or car stickers.**



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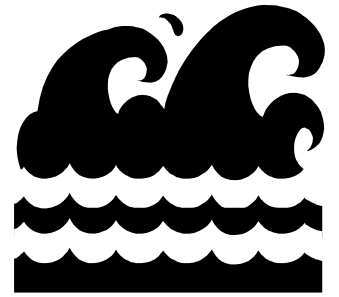
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