

# Waves

The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners Inc.

[www.hickoryhillslake.com](http://www.hickoryhillslake.com)

978-582-6365

[hickoryhills@net1plus.com](mailto:hickoryhills@net1plus.com)

Spring 2014

*Hickory Hills Lake Management Group invites you to join us for*

## A NIGHT OF SOUTHERN COMFORT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014**

*At the*  
**EASTWOOD CLUB, FITCHBURG**

**{ DINNER \* DANCING \* GAMES \* RAFFLES }**

*Menu Includes:*

*BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans,  
Succotash, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn Bread,  
Rolls, Coleslaw & Dessert*

**Dinner from 6:30—8:00 p.m.**

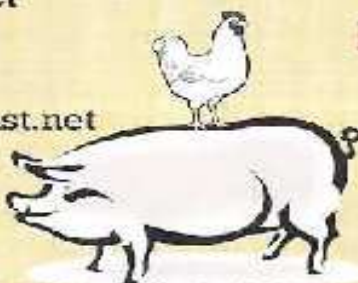
**followed by Music & Dancing \* \$5 cover after 8:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$20; Children 12 & Under \$7.50**

Tickets are available at  
the office, or contact  
Stacey Manseau at  
(978) 582-1161 or  
[sjmanseau@comcast.net](mailto:sjmanseau@comcast.net)

**CASH BAR**

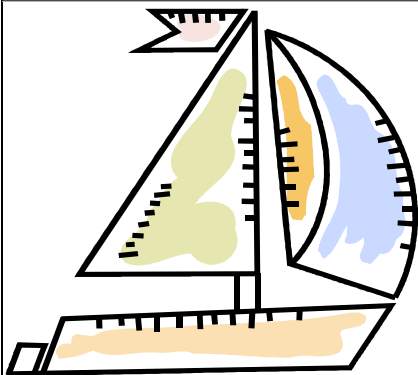
**LIMITED SEATING  
RESERVE NOW!**



*Proceeds to benefit LMG efforts & 10% to be allocated to the Youth Program*



Spring 2014



## Hickory Hills 2014 Annual Boat Parade July 5th, Saturday at Noon

From Island Road Beach



### Raffle Items on Sale Now For A Night of Southern Comfort!

The LMG Fundraising Committee is putting on another great event this April with A Night Of Southern Comfort and wants to let you know they're currently selling raffle tickets for many items including a new FISHING KAYAK worth \$499.00!

Tickets are available now from Stacey Manseau or from the office. To contact Stacey, email her at [sjmanseau@comcast.net](mailto:sjmanseau@comcast.net) or call her at 978-582-1161.



The cost is \$5.00 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. The drawing will be held at the event on April 12th. The Fundraising Committee hopes everyone will attend, but you don't need to be present to win. Get your tickets today!!

This year, 10% of all proceeds will go to the HHL Summer Youth Program!

### Annual Town Meeting and Elections



Town Meeting will be held Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 9am at the High School Auditorium. The Annual Town Elections will be held Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 7am - 5pm at T.C. Passios Elementary School. Be sure to get out and cast your vote on all of the important issues.

### Take a Hike!

Hiking season is here! Time to enjoy some natural scenery with a little hike through Hickory Woods! So set aside

**Saturday, May 3rd** rain or shine and meet me at the trail head at 10 a.m. between 200 and 214 Island Rd for a walking tour of the Hickory Woods.



The walk is a beginner level hike, and will take us at a slow pace through the woods. We will cover approximately 3 miles, so bring your favorite walking stick and water, and we'll be off! Call or email to confirm or to make arrangements for other dates! **Contact Information removed for web viewing.**



### This Budget Will Not Kill Us!

Have you heard? HHL's very own super-star Treasurer, Caroline Fortin has her own Budget Blog!

Come visit her Budget Survival Guide and enjoy all the tips, tricks

and fun stories filled with humor & style about how not to break the bank!

Realizing money was escaping from the strangest places, it was time to discover her secret powers, slip on the tights and cape, and POW! BANG! BOOM! to the budget! Watch her reach for her own American dream, pay for college, and get rid of that mortgage!

<http://www.budgetsurvivalguide.blogspot.com>

### 2 KAYAKS FOR SALE

13 ft Great Canadian Kayaks

Padded seats, paddles, cockpit seals

Asking \$175 each - call 582-0145







## Dam Renovation Update

The Dam committee has been very busy this past year and we've been asked to provide an update. For those of you at the Annual meeting you'll remember we applied for a low interest loan from the state's newly formed dam repair fund.

Although our application was well crafted and our needs articulated, we were informed that we did not make the cut. Reviewing those that did, revealed that they were in much more dire straits than we are.

This past year during our bi-annual safety inspection a couple key items were identified. Seepage from the earthen embankment is showing signs of possible internal erosion and maintenance is needed to our emergency sluice gate. To address these concerns we have contracted the engineering firm Tighe & Bond to create design plans for an improved drainage swale at the tow of the earthen embankment off Townsend Harbor Rd just east of the concrete dam. We are also looking into options on maintaining the emergency sluice gate.

In preparations for these projects we contacted the office of Dam Safety regarding our ongoing concern that our spillway does not meet the state's updated requirements. In our conversation we were informed that "improvement projects" such as the drainage swale and emergency low level access gate (sluice gate) would be permitted by the state without triggering the immediate need to begin a "performance" project like the inevitable increasing of our spillway.

As we continue to save and plan for the spillway redesign you will see further improvements to our Dam and the infrastructure that supports it. ~ Dam Committee

**Enjoy some pics of last Fall's Kids Treasure Hunt hosted by the Lake Management Group.  
The event was a great success and the kids really had fun. Great Job!!**





Spring 2014

### Have you found us on Facebook yet?

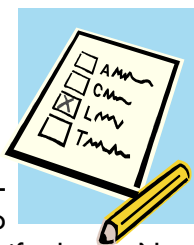
Why wait! Find out about breaking news, upcoming issues, discount offers and so much more.



<http://www.facebook.com/hickoryhillslake>

### Board of Directors Nominations

The Nominating Committee is accepting names of people interested in serving on the Board of Directors during 2014-2015. Any shareholder who would like to be nominated must notify the Nominating Committee in writing through our office via email at [hickoryhills@net1plus.com](mailto:hickoryhills@net1plus.com) or by mail to P. O. Box 298 before May 16. Please include a short bio describing a bit about yourself and experience and why you'd like to be a member of the BOD. The names and biographical data on selected nominees will be mailed to shareholders in mid July.



### Island Bass Fish & BBQ Club Events

Dates Removed for Web Viewing

### Beach Clean Up Day

Our annual Beach Clean up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 10th** starting at 10:00 a.m. with a rain date of **Saturday, May 17th**.

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the HHL beaches. Meet your neighbors at any of the three beaches with your rakes. Anyone with a truck who can come & take some yard waste to the dump would be greatly appreciated. Pizza will be brought for lunch! If people would like to bring baked goods, that would be great!

To help with the planning of this activity, please email the office if you plan to be there and THANK YOU!!!



### Small Group Fitness Classes !!

Mention you're from Hickory Hills to try out your first class **FREE !!**

Contact Lynn Walsh at 978-514-2903

Personal Training DISCOUNTS for Hickory Hills residents also available.

Call now for details!

### LMG IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

Gift certificates, services, baskets or other items are welcomed donations for the Night of Southern Comfort. We are also looking for a trailer to be used for the Fan-wort Suction Harvester (even if it needs work)!

Please contact Stacey Manseau at [sjmanseau@comcast.net](mailto:sjmanseau@comcast.net) or call her at 978-582-1161 to donate.

### 2014 Annual Bills

The 2014 HHL annual maintenance fees statements were mailed on April 1st and are due by May 1st. Included, is the 2014 Boat Launch Schedule (also found on our website).

Please take a few minutes to read the letter enclosed; it answers some of the more frequently asked questions. **Don't forget to update your email addresses and phone numbers. We only send one or two emails a month during the summer, and we keep all contact information private.** We also ask you check to make sure we have the correct details on your boats and to make any changes on the form provided.

To obtain a **FREE** car sticker which enables you to park in the resident only beach lots, please send a copy of your current vehicle registration. This is one of the few ways we have to insure only residents are using our lake facilities. Even if you had a car sticker before, we cannot issue stickers without first seeing a copy of your current vehicle registration.

Landlords please ensure the office has current names & phone numbers for your tenants and register any boats they have; provide them with IDs; and give a copy of the license you receive from the office. We appreciate your help & cooperation in keeping our records up to date.





Spring 2014

# WELCOME

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

**Names removed for web viewing**

## Island Road Office Open May 1st



The office on Island Rd will reopen May 1st on Monday's, Wednesday's & Thursday's from 9am - 11am. The drop box located next to the door is checked for mail often each week. Feel free to drop in envelopes anytime to pay your bills.

The **Fall/Winter office**, open now & located at (removed for web viewing) is open Monday & Wednesday from 9am—11am **ONLY** through the end of April.

Stop by the Island Rd Office to purchase bumper stickers, HHL t-shirts, sweatshirts, aerial lake photos, plaques, Boat Stickers & ID Cards.

## Pontoon Boat for Sale—\$6,300

### 2006 Sedona by Bennington Pontoon Boat

18' long w/ a 9.9 hp Yamaha 4 stroke motor

Power washed at end of every season & covered  
Engine runs reliably and serviced at the end of every season

NO TRAILER. If interested, call 978-340-4486

## Special for Hickory Hills Lake Dwellers

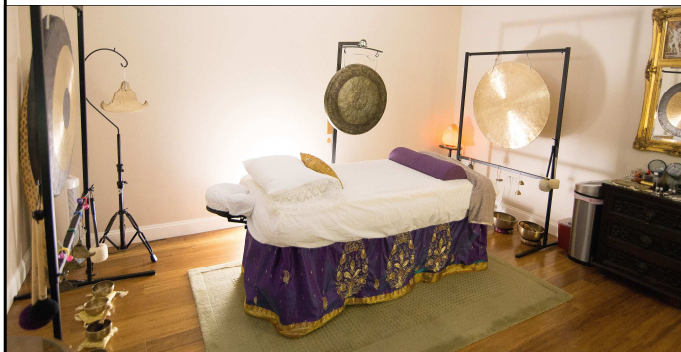
Have you ever wanted to try out Acupuncture?

**\$25 off** your first Stress Reduction Acupuncture

### Treatment at **Moore Acupuncture**

You can enjoy this wonderful acupuncture treatment, while listening to the sound of ocean waves or to a live sound immersion of ancient Himalayan singing bowls, alchemy crystal bowls, gongs and other percussion instruments that create a space for healing and deep relaxation. This acupuncture treatment is normally \$75.00 and with the discounted price for your enjoyment \$50.00.

Kimberlee is a licensed, board certified acupuncturist in private practice in Townsend. She holds a masters degree in Chinese and Japanese Acupuncture, as well as is a master level certified Sound and Harmonics Practitioner and incorporates both Acupuncture and therapeutic sound in her treatments to enhance the healing process.



Kimberlee Moore M.Ed., M.Ac., Lic. Ac.  
Moore Acupuncture, 18 Main Street, Suite 204  
Info@Kimberleemoore.com  
www.Kimberleemoore.com - (978) 868-6602  
Follow Sound Journey and Meditation events on FB:  
Kimberlee Moore

## Annual Shareholder Meeting Reminder

The Hickory Hills Landowners Annual Shareholder meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014. In order to participate in the meeting and the management of Hickory Hills Landowners Inc., **you must be a shareholder by June 30, 2014.** Any resident interested in purchasing a share can send a one time fee of \$240.00 (checks made out to Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.). Shareholders receive a 50% discount for IDs, boat stickers and First Right of Refusal release fees. If you have questions regarding how to become a shareholder please email the office.





## Fanwort Update—Volunteers Needed to Survey!

For those residents who may be new to Fanwort, it is a aggressive invasive weed and competitive plant that is capable of rapid growth and spread and has the potential to devastate the lake if not controlled. It originated in the boat ramp cove and a tremendous effort was expended to contain it. Although our containment efforts were mostly successful, we have found sporadic growth in numerous areas of the lake over the last 2 years.

One of the most crucial components of the fanwort effort is to find it! We do this through volunteers who survey the lake and identify any locations it's growing in so we can take the necessary steps to remove it.

To make this task manageable, the lake has been cut into zones, and volunteers within each zone are requested to swim and/or boat and report any suspicious plants they discover. Ideally we would like to have a Zone Captain and 3 assistants for each Zone so that each person can be responsible for surveying only one day per month.

It is crucial that we find the plant so that it can be removed immediately by our Suction Harvester to prevent further spread, Fanwort can grow more than 1" per day.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted in this effort last year! **We really need more volunteers this year!** Even if you can only do one or two surveys it will be a huge help! If you're able to help, please contact Paula Bertram, Betty MacDonald or Fred Malcomb (contact info below). – THANK YOU!

If you are not able to volunteer on a regular basis, becoming familiar with the plant, keeping an eye out for it each time you're on the lake and **surveying your own beachfront regularly is critical to our success.**

While you are enjoying the lake this summer, please make a special effort to look for this plant. It's bright green color is quite obvious in comparison to native plants and its fan-like leaves are distinctive. 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 contact Paula Bertram 582-9658, [paula.bertram@verizon.net](mailto:paula.bertram@verizon.net), Fred Malcomb 582-1650, [fredmalcomb@comcast.net](mailto:fredmalcomb@comcast.net) or Betty MacDonald 582-7474, [DaveBettyMacDonald@comcast.net](mailto:DaveBettyMacDonald@comcast.net) to report the location. **PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE PLANT**

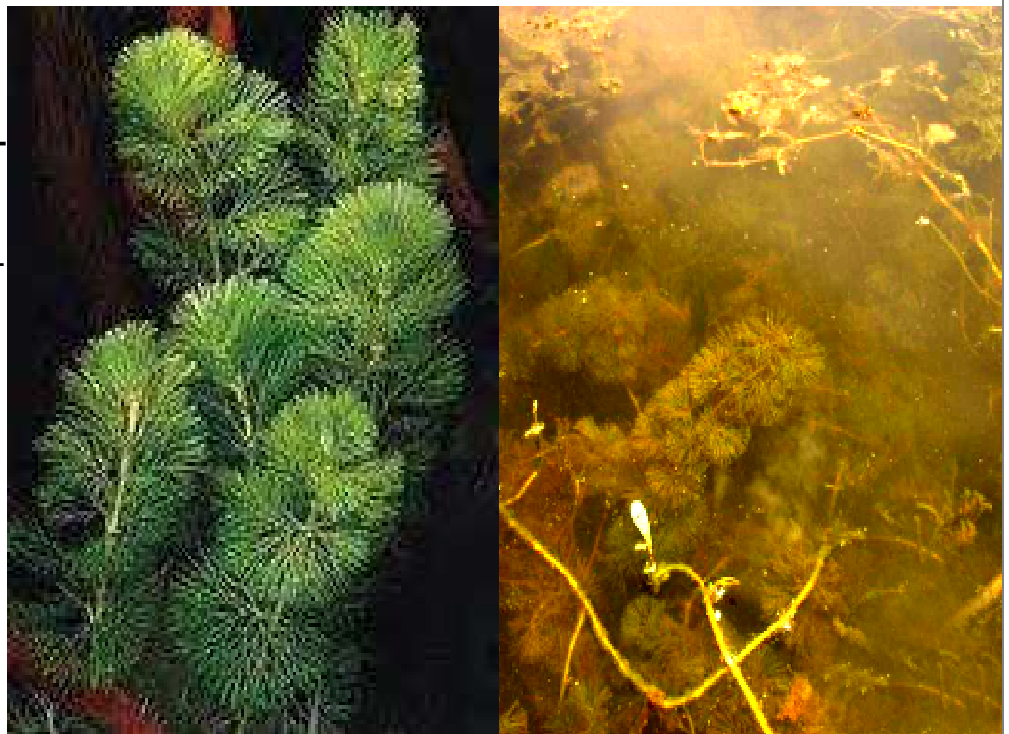
- Fanwort is extremely fragile and spreads by fragmentation. A trained crew will be deployed to remove the plants.

Areas of suspected Fanwort are being marked. If you see one of these markers (noodle piece pictured below) in the lake, immediately leave the area and **DO NOT REMOVE THE MARKER!!**

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



**Noodle Marker**



www.hickoryhillslake.com

978-582-6365

hickoryhills@net1plus.com

# Waves

The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners Inc.



## Directors:

Paul Anderson

Jim Leblanc

Eric Manseau

Mike Nault

Jim Shearer

Scott Snape

Jamie Toale

## Officers:

President: Walt Parquet

Vice President:: Tom Bertram

Treasurer: Mrs. Fortin

Clerk: Chris Albert

TO:

Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.  
P.O. Box 298  
Lunenburg, MA 01462

