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The Newsletter of Hickory Hills Landowners Inc.

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Summer 2015

THE HICKORY HILLS LMG PRESENTS:

The Montgomery Classic Poker Run

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Rain date Sunday August 23, 2015

\$20 per player

Extra Cards or Buy-in \$5 per card

To Enter Contact Paula Bertram

(978) 582 9658 Paula.bertram@verizon.net

Set sail any time after 12 noon

BBQ at Island Road Beach

6:00 p.m.

Hands all in at 6:00 p.m.

Best Hand wins 50% of the proceeds

(up to \$500)



For those of you who have never participated in a poker run, the idea is to travel around each of the pre-defined locations and pick up a card in a sealed envelope. At 6:00 pm all participants meet at the beach, enjoy a barbeque and unseal their cards, the player with the best poker hand wins!

Not only is this a fun event for a great cause, it is an opportunity to mingle with your neighbors, meet new people and enjoy the hospitality of several wonderful hosts!

CARD LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED AND PUBLISHED PRIOR TO THE EVENT. CONTACT PAULA IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING.



Proceeds will be dedicated to Lake Management efforts



BOAT LIGHT PARADE

Saturday August 8 starting at 9pm
at the Island Road Beach

**Light up your boat,
load on the family,
show us your colors!**



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Thank You Loosestrife Vigilantes!

A heartfelt thank you to **A. Davis** and her team of Loosestrife Vigilantes for patrolling literally the entire lake again this season pulling Loosestrife from our shorelines.

Loosestrife is another invasive weed known to our lake and has been kept from taking over our shorelines every year by this team lead by Anne.

We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated people caring for our lake. If you see this plant, please pull it and call the office so this team can add it to their list at 978 582-6365.



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!

Beach Hours

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



Final Notices for 2015 Annual Maintenance Fees

Your 2015 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.

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.



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 located to the upper left of the Office door. The best way to reach the office is by email at hickoryhills@net1plus.com.

Security Team & Contact Number

This season we have another new member to our Security Team! Please welcome **W. Mansfield** to our team. Security is patrolling the lake and beaches by boat during varied hours every day throughout the summer with Allyson LeBlanc and Jonathon Hudson who we're happy to have back this year. Please be prepared to show your IDs and have boat stickers visible on all watercrafts, as well as your FREE resident car stickers on your automobile if parked at our lots. Your cooperation is appreciated!!

Please call our **security phone number at (978) 877-8672** if you 1) have a boating safety concern 2) are wondering if Security is free to inspect your boat outside inspection hours (free) 3) notice a non-resident at one of our 3 beaches, 4) see a floating dock lost 5) see a tree log drifting in the lake 6) if you need a tow home.

If you have an emergency, call the police directly.

Our Boat Entry Protocol

As we trust you all know, 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. 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.

We 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 and are working on new ideas for off-lake residents to gain access more easily.

Thank you for all your cooperation in this evolving process to maintain the purity and scenic beauty of our lake.





Fanwort Update

As most of you are all aware, the invasive weed Fanwort, has unfortunately been found in our lake.

In order to try and prevent additional spreading, visual surveys are being done regularly by volunteers so we can identify any spread and remove it by the DASH team (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester).

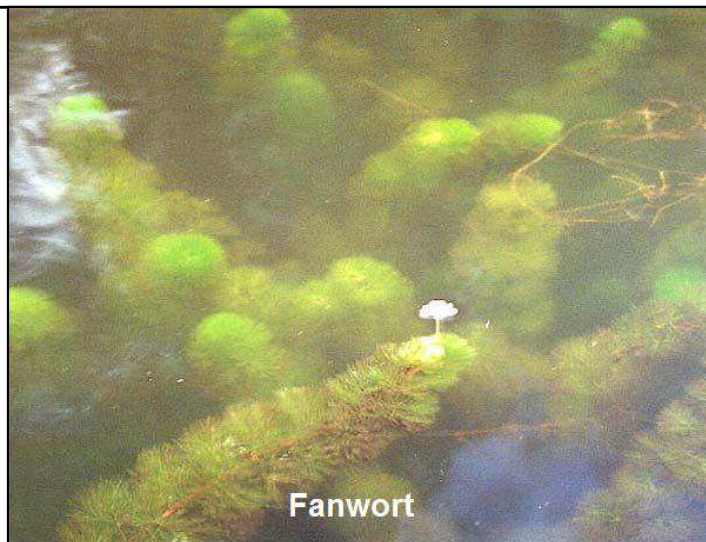
Areas of suspected Fanwort are being marked. If you see one of these markers (**red or green noodle piece pictured below**) in the lake, immediately leave the area.

Fanwort reproduces by fragmentation. Swimming or boating in an area with Fanwort could easily cause the plant to fragment & 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 sending an email to fanwort@hickoryhillslake.com or by calling the office.

Swimming, fishing and boating in ANY marked area is strictly prohibited.

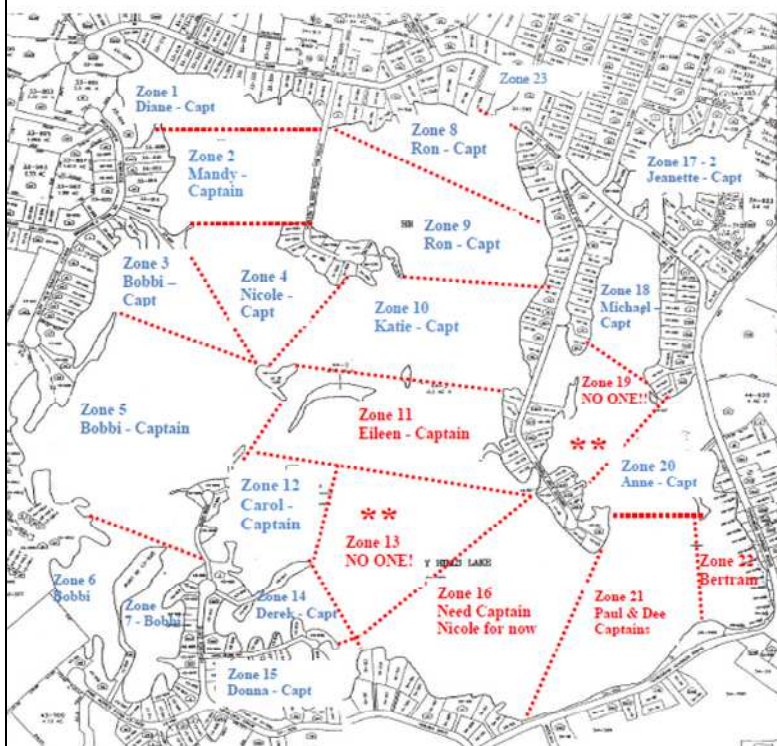


FANWORT SURVEY & DASH PROGRAM

Ongoing and Always Seeking Volunteers

FANWORT ZONE MAP - 2015

Zones in Red – Need additional Volunteers



RED Marker means fanwort is present – **Stay Clear!**

GREEN Marker means fanwort has been removed but complete removal has not yet been confirmed by surveyors – **Stay Clear!**



2015 Lake Management Group Latest Initiatives

Glass Bottom Boat

Launching July 2015



We're looking for volunteers to help install a canopy. If you're interested in helping out, please contact the office.

The LMG has been busy researching creative ways to address not only our fight against Fanwort but how to increase the oxygen level in the water table at Little Hickory. Due to decomposition process in the sediment at Little Hickory from organic material, oxygen demand was high at it's bottom. The aeration pilot test shown on the next page was launched in July to address this issue. If successful, we hope to expand the test to the 2nd half of LH.

The Glass Bottom boat is back in action and the Survey Team is excited to begin using it to find Fanwort (pictured left).

J. Rabbitt & B. MacDonald are spearheading other ways to kill Fanwort and Jack is hosting a testing lab pictured below.

Benthic Barriers made from burlap are being tested and built by volunteers as well. We hope these will block light from plant life at the lake bottom more successfully than the Tyvek tried a few years ago.

Fanwort Advanced Research Test Lab

Initiated 2015

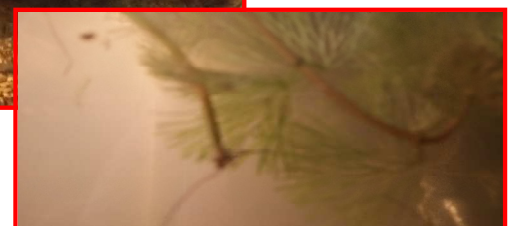


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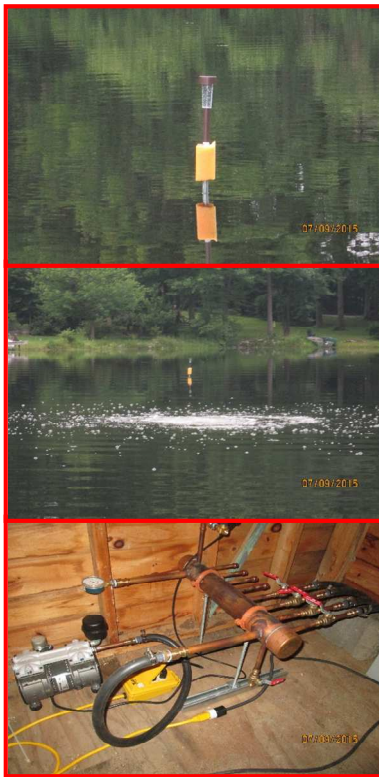
Special thanks to J. Rabbitt & B. MacDonald



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Aeration Pilot Test on Little Hickory

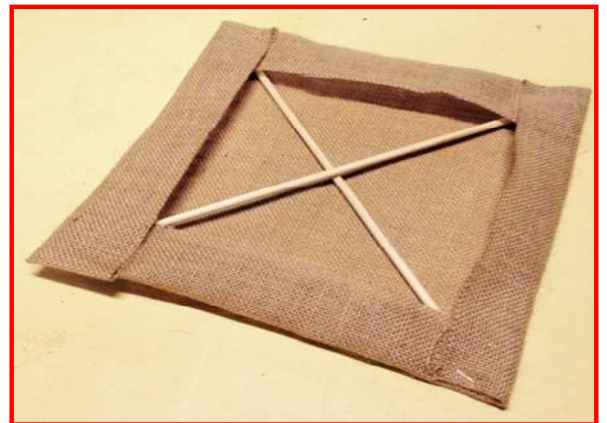
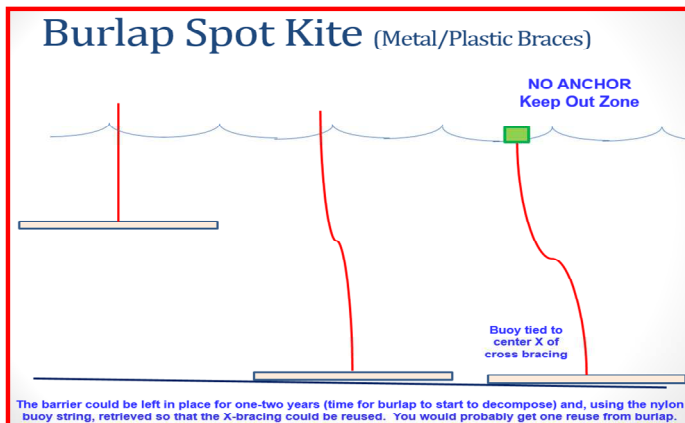
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Special Thanks to Jack and Jeanette

Benthic Barriers

Repeat Tests from Prior HHL Experience Planned Summer of 2015



Left, the benthic triangle factory. Above, the finished product.

Networking and learning from the experience of Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council, Maine



Hickory Woods Hike

Hiking season is here! Time to enjoy some natural scenery with a hike through Hickory Woods! So set aside **Saturday, August 15th** rain date is August 16th 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 and beyond.

This walk is an **entry level hike** through Hickory Woods and a bit into the Lunenburg Town Forest. 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!

Doug (contact info removed for web viewing).



Picture taken at our 2015 Spring hike

Annual Shareholders Meeting

September 19, 2015

The Hickory Hills Landowners 37th Annual Shareholders Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley. The meeting is open to shareholders of 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 a 50% discount on Boat Stickers, ID Cards and Releases. Become a Shareholder and have your opinions heard.

Shareholder packets were sent July 15th. If you plan to attend the optional dinner and/or just the meeting, please complete the [registration form](#). If you're not attending, please assign someone to vote your proxy so your vote will still count and return it to the office.

Hope to see you all there!

Summer Youth Program!

We are very excited to be able to offer a Youth Program again this summer. It's being held 3 mornings per week at the Island Road Beach. If you're interested, please let us know ASAP to be sure we save a spot for you! It's open to 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. We only have a few more spots!



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

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 did a fabulous job bringing the beaches back into shape after the winter. 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!



Thank You, Thank you, Thank you!
MANY THANKS go to the following residents!

P. Andella for spreading & donating the purchase of bark, plants & flowers by the roadside at the Island Road beach again this year! Even more beautiful Phyllis!

R. Kennedy for donating his time every week for the residents using the Island Road beach. Another year moving the trash barrels to the street for curb pickup!

J. Rabbitt for donating his time and tractor use removing debris from the Island Rd Beach Cleanup Day!



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Queen Brothers Roofing

10% Discount For Hickory Hills Residents Only!



**Mention You're from
Hickory Hills on your next
New Roof or Repair project
and receive a 10% discount!
Call Dave at 978 582 4525!**

Need your boat in or out of the lake?

One of our residents, Bob Thompson has offered to trailer (scissor) lake boats in or out of our lake and brought to a local property for a fee of \$50.

If you're interested, call Bob at 508-498-9448 or email him at mixer1464@aol.com

Wanted

Small dock. Please call Marjorie at 978 xxx-xxxx.

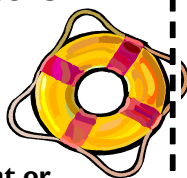
6HP motor to be used on 12ft aluminum row-boat. Please email Grace at xxx@gmail.com

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.

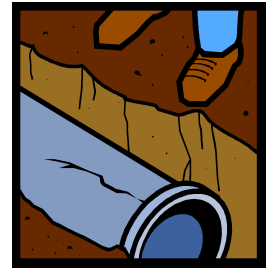
Safe Boating Guides are available at the office!

Please contact the office to get your boat or car stickers to park in one of our lots.



PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING TO DISCUSS NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

On Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the Lunenburg High School at 7:00 p.m., the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a public scoping meeting about the Northern Energy Direct project, also referred to as the Kinder Morgan pipeline and the Tennessee Gas Pipeline which is coming through Lunenburg and Townsend.



FERC will take comments focused on the potential environmental effects, and measures to avoid or lessen these impacts.

In order to speak at this meeting, you are required to sign up one hour prior to the meeting or you can submit comments at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eComment" feature under the "Documents and Filings" link or by selecting "eFiling" to provide electronic attachments to your comment..

For assistance, you may call (202) 502-828 or email efiling@ferc.gov. All comments need to be filed under Docket No. PF14-22-000.

More information on the project can be found by searching for the Docket No. PF14-22 (leaving out the last three zeros) at the FERC website under the "eLibrary" link.

Introductory Personal Training & Nutrition Package Discount!



**Mention you're from Hickory Hills
and receive \$50 off an introductory
3 - session combo package including
Personal Training with
Nutrition Instruction for**

\$99 regularly \$149

Contact Lynn Walsh at 978-514-2903

Call now for details!



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HHL Appreciates All Gift Donations!

The following residents have donated to the
Capital Asset Reserve Fund

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The following residents have donated to the
Harvester Fund

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The following residents have donated to the
Dam Fund

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Speaking of Donations!

For a \$5 donation we will send you one oval HHL
Bumper Sticker which are available at the Island Rd office.

Or send your contribution to

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



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!

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The following residents have donated to the
General Fund

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The following residents have donated to the
Invasive Weed Fund

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FOR SALE

Floating Barrels - Four clean, environmentally-safe, Very Fine apple juice food-grade plastic barrels purchased for building/supporting a float, or converting to rain barrels. Each one is 37 ½" H x 20 ½" round, ~ 55 GA drums. \$45/BO. Phone: 978-582-xxxx, leave message.

Waders - Cabela's Men's 3mm Lightweight Stockingfoot Waders, size small (fits a woman size 12 a little snug) . Condition: Like new. \$50/BO. Phone: 978-582-xxxx

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