

The Lake Hiawatha News

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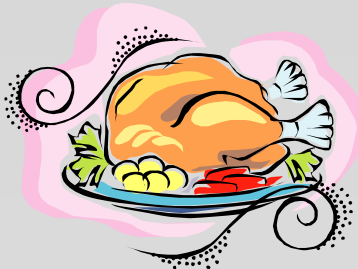
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TICKETS NOW ON SALE.

Contact:

Alison Ferrone
Jim Ferrone
Larry Sposato
Jim Simpson
Nancy Davidson
Denis Auger
Or any Board Member
Or email:
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NEXT MEETING:

November 8th!!!

At Larry Sposato's

**337 Lakeshore Dr.
Bellingham, Ma
10:00am**

All are welcome!!!



OUR WEBSITE

Please log onto our website often.

News and updates are posted frequently.

www.lakehiawatha.net

Lowering of the Lake

FYI: The permit that allows us to raise and lower the levels of the lake was issued in 1995. Extensions have been granted each year but now a new permit must be issued.

The rules and regulations have changed over the past few years regarding lake management and therefore we must acquire the appropriate permit. Denis Auger and Larry Sposato are working diligently with the Conservation Commission and Aquatic Controls to make sure we have the proper permit in place. The new date for any lowering will be after November 1st. More Information to follow.



**Lake Hiawatha
TEE Shirts Available
\$12.00**

**Email Larry Sposato :pondperson@care2.com
or
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to the support and participation of many, the 2009 Lake Hiawatha Yard-to-Yard Sale event was a huge success! Special thanks to those who donated items for our Baskets of Cheer, and merchants who donated gift certificates and goods (a list is on the website and to the right, **..please support them!**). Also a big thank you to all the LHA members and friends who gave their time and hard work to make it happen, the community who came out in support, and, the perfect weather! All of this combined made a successful fundraiser to benefit our wonderful Lake. Fundraisers are necessary to maintain the beauty and recreational qualities of the Lake. As we know, managing our household finances has become a difficult balancing act, as the cost of everything rises and income does not keep pace. The same is true when it comes to managing our prize asset, Lake Hiawatha:

Things to consider:

- The de-weeding treatment-necessary to keep the lake water clear and clean and to maintain proper ecological balance and support wildlife plus maintain the recreational characteristics of this Lake that is privately managed is approximately \$6000 a year.
- Permitting-is mandated by Federal, State and local laws and allows us to legally manage water levels on a prescribed schedule and also allows appropriate weed control as stated above. The cost is approximately \$2000 a year.
- Several plans regarding beach improvements-have been discussed with the Town Conservation Administrator, and have been denied due to space and financial constraints. We are currently working on an alternative plan (relatively less expensive) that will enable us to correct some of the drainage problems and thus make the beach more attractive. Actual cost is yet known.

YARD-TO-YARD SALE MERCHANT DONORS

Sponsors who donated gift certificates or items for the Yard to Yard: What better way to say thank you for helping us with the Yard to Yard's success than to do business with them?

Mention that you are from Lake Hiawatha and hopefully they will continue to donate in the future!

Bamboo Express	North Main St Bellingham
Bella Pizza	South Main St Bellingham
Bellingham Barber Shop	North Main St Bellingham
Bellingham Electric	Pulaski Blvd Bellingham
Bellingham Palace	Pulaski Blvd Bellingham
The Big Biscuit	Mechanic St Bellingham
The Burrito Company	Cass Ave Woonsocket, RI
Charlie's Tire	South Main St Bellingham
Doggie Boutique	Pulaski Blvd Bellingham
Executive Auto Center	South Main St Bellingham
Field's Liquor	Mechanic St Bellingham
Hunan Garden	South Main St Bellingham
Jewelry Designs	90 Mendon St Bellingham
Mass Ink Tattoo	Bridgewater, Ma
Paws and Claws	North Main St Bellingham
Pete's Bluebird	Mendon Street Bellingham
Pumpkin Seed	South Main St Bellingham
Stadium Theatre	Woonsocket, RI
Town Pizza	South Main St Bellingham
Trudel's Auction Gallery	South Main St Bellingham
Vets Package Store	South Main St Bellingham
Ultimate Chimney Sweep	90 Mendon St Bellingham

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-CONTINUED

- The Boat ramp – We are working on the permitting to “improve” a boat launch area. Just to apply for approval, we must supply surveys, engineering plans, etc.; all of which costs money. Due to environmental concerns and regulations, we can no longer do things “as we have always done in the past” but must proceed through the proper legal channels. The actual cost is yet known.

As you can see, with our relatively small membership and low annual dues, we NEED income from fundraising events to pursue our projects and remain in compliance. Please continue to support our fundraising efforts. And tell your friends! Our “Turkey Raffle” (this year we have added Baskets of Cheer!) is coming up. Please contact any Board member. Also, we are planning a Winter Auction. Please consider donating any usable, decent-quality items to help make this new event a success.

Again, contact any Board member for details.

Thank you again for all your support. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact us, or attend an LHA meeting!

Larry