

The Lake Hiawatha News

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Annual Dues

This year the LHA has decided to mail each resident a bill to remind them to please pay their annual association dues.

Please watch for it and send in your payment of \$50.00 asap.

This money helps to pay for the De-weeding of the lake, Permitting expenses, Beach Maintenance, Taxes in both towns and other expenses incurred throughout the year.

This year, for an additional FIVE dollars!!! you can enter into our 50/50 raffle which will be drawn at our May meeting.

If we receive 100 memberships the pot would be \$500.00, making your winnings, \$250.00!!!!

Please send in your payment of \$50.00 plus an extra \$5.00 to:
Lake Hiawatha Association
P.O. Box 139
Bellingham, Ma 02019

or
you can give your payment to any of the officers:

Larry Sposato
Denis Auger
Nancy Davidson
Paula Galuza

The bill is also posted on our website to download.

NEXT MEETING:

**February 7, 2010!!!
At Larry Sposato's**

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

All are Welcome

Newsletters:

As a cost savings measure, beginning in January, 2010, only one or two newsletters will be mailed per year. Monthly newsletters will be posted online. They can also be obtained at either of the tubes attached to the LHA signs on Lakeshore Drive. If you have an Email address that you haven't provided us, please do so!

Lake Access

The gate to the entrance to the lake at the main beach has remained unlocked.

The Association has noticed that many people are taking advantage of this and have enjoyed skating and sliding there.

Enjoy!



OUR WEBSITE

Please log onto our website often.

News and updates are posted frequently.

www.lakehiawatha.net

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Special Guest...



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

We have a lot planned for 2010. We will be completing our permitting process, which will enable us to maintain the Lake and keep it clean and weed-free. We also hope to see some progress made on beach refurbishment and boat access.

As all of us know, costs are rising and it is increasingly more difficult to balance our household budgets.

The same is true with our Lake expenses! The annual dues have been kept at \$50, despite the rise in cost of Lake maintenance. This fee is far less than area lakes, and we are trying to keep it that way. That is why it is vitally important that everyone pay dues and support our fundraising activities. Even if you don't actually go on the Lake for recreation, we all enjoy the beauty of its environment and want to keep it clean and vital. Mandatory expenses for this year are:

De-weeding approx. \$6000.00
Permittingapprox. \$2500.00
RE Taxesapprox. \$1000.00
These costs do not include any special projects such as main beach beautification or improved boat access.

Our membership numbers have been averaging around 100 for the past several years. If we continue the trend this year, we will bring in approximately \$5000 in dues. That is \$4500 short of the mandatory expenses outlined above. We rely heavily on fundraising to make up the shortfall so as to not totally deplete our funds. Please support the wellbeing of the Lake, *your Lake*, and pay your annual dues as soon as possible. Also, please participate in fundraising events mentioned earlier in this newsletter.

MESSAGE CONTINUED

Lake Hiawatha is a gift that we've been given and for which we are responsible. We need to maintain and protect its environment so that we, and future generations can enjoy its natural beauty. Whether you swim it, fish it, walk it or just look at it, please help by paying your dues (\$1 per week!). Dues go towards keeping the lake weed-free, in compliance with ever-changing environmental legislation and a haven for people and wildlife alike. A pristine Lake will also help maintain property values, which is very important these days!

Thank you, *Larry*

SPECIAL GUEST

We are hoping to get Gerry Smith from Aquatic Controls to join us at a meeting and discuss the de-weeding process, the chemicals used and provide answers to any questions you may have about our lake. We plan to schedule this meeting on a week night so that more residents can attend (per our survey).

Please watch our boards for the exact date and time. It will also be posted on our website and an email reminder will be sent.

We are looking forward to Gerry's visit and hope that you can make this very informative meeting.

Lake Hiawatha Tee shirts are still available.



Email Larry at: pondperson@care2.com

There is still a vacant seat on our Board of Directors.

Anyone interested in filling that seat, please contact Larry Sposato at: pondperson@care2.com

Enjoy winter on our lake!!!!

Only 64 days 'til SPRING!!!!

