

The Lake Hiawatha News

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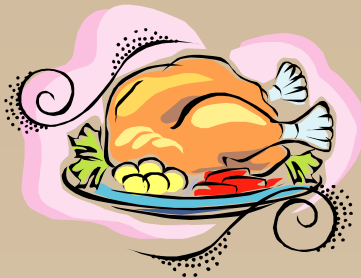
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Turkey Raffle & Baskets of Cheer WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Tina D'Asti (3)
Diane Broderick (2)
Lorraine Dubeau (2)
Martha O'Leary
Kim Joyce
Kate LaFlamme



To you and yours,
The Lake Hiawatha
Association wishes
you all a
Wonderful
Thanksgiving
Holiday.

NEXT MEETING:

January 17, 2010!!!
At Larry Sposato's
337 Lakeshore Dr.
Bellingham, Ma
10:00am

**Blackstone Recreation
Commissioner
will be our Guest!
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

In order for more people to
enjoy the beauty of the lake in
all seasons, it was decided that
the small gate at the beach
remain unlocked. Should
trespassing and/or vandalism
occur, we will relock the gate.
Please contact Larry should
you see any unusual or
unwanted visitors.

OUR WEBSITE

Please log onto our
website often.

News and updates are
posted frequently.

www.lakehiawatha.net



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

Permitting Reports:

We are moving closer to acquiring the permit for drawdown and treatment of the Lake. We hope to have a permit in hand by spring. We have received a verbal commitment from Conservation allowing us to lower the level now and raise it in the spring, even in the unlikely event that the permitting process is not complete by then. In keeping with the guidelines of our old permit, we must notify both towns 48 hours in advance of adjusting the water level. Per new state regulations, no winter drawdown of the lake will be permitted until after November 1st of any given year. Raising of the level must be completed by March. Please plan accordingly.

Main Beach

Since we have extra expenses this year, due to the permit renewal, we will wait to see how much money will be available for work at the beach. We hope to at least be able to go ahead and place rip rap in the gully at the beach which will help to slow the erosion. We also hope to be able to do some limited landscape improvements.

The Board is trying to address all issues brought to us by our members. If you have any particular item to bring to our attention, please contact us or attend one of our monthly meetings. All are welcome!

Also, please respond to our online poll coming soon!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Holiday Season! See you in January!

Larry

CATCH AND RELEASE INFORMATION

FYI:

The Catch and Release Policy of fishing on Lake Hiawatha has been in effect for some time. Larry looked into this matter and has found out that, though this policy is not state law, it is *strongly* suggested by the Conservation Committee and the DEP.

If fish were allowed to be taken out, we would have to monitor our lake for heavy metals and mercury more frequently. Furthermore, we would have to have a Restocking Program to replenish the fish each year at our own expense. Also, other boards such as the Fish and Wildlife would be monitoring us for compliance. Therefore, the Board feels it is best to leave fishing our Lake on a catch and release basis.



LHA Tee Shirts
make a great
Holiday Gift.

Email Larry at:
pondperson@care2.com

One seat has become vacant on our Board of Directors.
Anyone interested in filling that seat, please contact
Larry Sposato at: pondperson@care2.com



From the Lake Hiawatha Association