

# HIGHLAND LAKE HI-LITES

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## *Introducing* Highland Lake Good Neighbors

### Assisting your neighbors

Enid Anton is developing Highland Lake Good Neighbors, a group comprised of willing persons who will make themselves available to assist a neighbor when a need arises. Whether it's checking-in by phone or a ride to the store or help with something around the house "Good Neighbors" will be there! If you know of someone who needs help or if you are willing to pitch in and help, please contact Enid at (847) 548-5305 or email her at [laughingirl@att.net](mailto:laughingirl@att.net)

## ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2011 –  
7 P.M.

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## New "directory" coming We need your help

Delivering critical information to you is one of our top priorities. Now, we are planning a 3-ring binder that will carry a resident directory, newly revised rules (now aligned with county and state law), and information about how to find help, how to contact officers and directors...and more.

*We will be selling ads to residents and area businesses.* It is a unique opportunity for any business, because the ads will stay in this permanent tool for an indefinite amount of time. We are looking for a team of people to "sell" those ads during March. Please contact President Leafblad if you can make a few phone calls. Cell phone is (847)406-7180or

[Leaf51@comcast.net](mailto:Leaf51@comcast.net)



*"Everybody Involved in Everything"*

*Where Our Residents Have A Voice In Shaping Our  
Lake Community For The Years To Come*

*Highland Lake...a Wonderful Place to Live.*

## Dates Important enough to put on your calendar!!!

### FUN IN THE SUN!

We know it's still cold out there...but our neighborhood is planning LOTS of family fun stuff and even a *Community-Wide Garage Sale!*

Who needs an expensive vacation when we can fully enjoy our parks and lake!  
Please mark your calendar now:

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

### EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK

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Place: SZONTAGH PARK

Registration: Registration will be accepted until Friday, April 1, 2011.

How to Register: Sign up at the board meeting, send an email to:

[boater91001@mypacks.net](mailto:boater91001@mypacks.net) or call Marie Caviness at 847-223-2057 with the following information: Child's Name, Age and Contact information.

**Weekend of May 13-14**

### OUR FIRST COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

*This will be the culmination of "Clean up, Fix up Days..."*

(We are coordinating with Avon Township to time their annual "Pick Up Day" the Wednesday following)

**All week, May 21-30**

### The Jack Fiore Memorial CARP FEST

Yes, it's a WEEK LONG EVENT NOW, so we CAN harvest a boat load of the beasts! Details forthcoming

**August 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>**

### FIRST CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA/PICNIC

This is going to be a "hoot" – put your teams together! *Volunteer to help!*  
*Please call your Vice President.*

We are making a real effort to engage our community with a sense of genuine "neighborhood." Hopefully, you will jump on the bandwagon to help out. It is going to be nothing but fun! *Please contact your Vice President right away to volunteer. We need you.* Funds raised will be used to eliminate the legal debt which will be returned to the general fund for special projects of all kinds.

We are budgeting money to improve the raft, beautify the parks, construct rain gardens and create the "first-ever Highland Lake Reference Book."

***From the cluttered desk  
of your President...***



Larry Leafblad, 34055 South Circle Shore. He and wife Diane have lived on Highland Lake since 1983. He has lived here since 1955. He has served for a number of years at various times; former representative on the Lake County Board.

**Annual Operating Budget**

Several one-time costs

Your Homeowners Association has adopted a 2011 budget that calls for a significant amount of new, one-time investments.

The raft will get a new diving board and other improvements; we are anticipating a controlled burn at Hartnett Park plus Rain Garden construction elsewhere which will then inhibit unhealthy runoff into our lake.

We will stock another \$1,275 worth of fish this spring and have dedicated \$2,000 to possible spot treatment of invasive weeds.

Estimated revenue is set at \$16,990 and anticipated expense of \$17,110.

Complete details of the 2011 budget and the plans to invest your annual dues is viewable by visiting [www.HLCommunitysite.com](http://www.HLCommunitysite.com)

**Summer Event Taking Shape**

Cardboard Boat Regatta and Picnic

Saturday, August 27, 2011

We're looking to attract a few of our whacky neighbors who want to produce this event at Downey Park at the end of summer. Please contact President Leafblad and we'll get the ball rolling.

**New Signs for Parks and Raft**

Rules will help prevent trespassers

One of the biggest one-time charges to our budget this year is signage. We will erect signs to inform people about rules for parks, boat storage and use of the raft and lake.

Further, in cooperation with the Lake County Sheriff and the department of Building and Zoning, we will strengthen enforcement of Highland Lake's existing rules, all of which have been modified, updated and will be included in the new "Reference Manual" due out this spring.

## ***From the cluttered desk of your President...***

### **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14th

Please save the dates, and please coordinate YOUR spring garage sale with your entire community!

Residents will have the option of donating none of the proceeds, some of the proceeds or all of the proceeds to reduction of debt.

There will be an organization meeting of those who have volunteered to help at 9 A.M. Saturday, March 5 at the HILLSIDE RESTAURANT.

Plan to join us there!

### **Jack Fiore Memorial CARPFEST 2011 7 days, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

Carpfest has become a genuine “happening” for you and your family. Lotsa fun hauling those big, ugly lunkers out of our lake, with tons of nice prizes and cash awards with big-time National Sponsorships. Save the dates and dig out your tackle!

### **THANKS TO YOU, OUR NEIGHBORS...**

Your Officers and Directors are using the Top Priorities established by residents at our Strategic Plan Meeting in January, 2010.

Lake Health (#1), Fiscal Responsibility (#2) followed by Sense of Neighborhood (#3) Neighborhoods (#4) and Enforcement of rules (#5) are in our sites every day. Thanks to you, we take action on your priorities in all our actions.

Sense of Neighborhood is most gratifying. To see the success of the All-You-Can-Eat Mostaccioli Dinner. To anticipate a fun “Easter Egg Hunt” on April 16<sup>th</sup>...even the Community Garage Sale May 13-14 – and, to witness the launch of “Highland Lake Good Neighbors” is a thrill. JUST what the doctor ordered for our friends and neighbors!

I feel a real sense of accomplishment when I see what’s happening. I encourage you to get involved – decide to be a part of it. It’s what it’s all about. Please contact me. [Leaf51@comcast.net](mailto:Leaf51@comcast.net)  
Larry Leafblad, President

## Notes from your Board of Directors



Mike Kalstrup, 21820 W. Washington St. He, wife Kathy and family have lived on the lake for six years. Mike has served on the Board for four years, and heads the Sustainable Lakes Committee

We will be stocking walleye and northern pike this fall, which is when they are available. This would be following the recommendations given to us by the ILDNR. As of this time there is \$1250.00 that has been budgeted for this stocking.

The Lake County Environmental Services Unit will be repeating it's "Aquatic Plant Seminar" again this year. It is a "hands on" class that provides information to those that wish to learn about aquatic plants and shoreline plants. I would highly recommend this to people in our community that wish to learn more about the ecosystem / lake and develop a better understanding of what is going on beneath the surface. When the dates are made available I will pass them along to the Website to be posted.

I have received approximately 40 of the lake surveys that were sent out with the dues notice. Many thanks to all of you that took the time to fill them out. The results are being tallied and entered into spreadsheet, from there they are converted to graph form. All of the comments that have been filled in are appreciated also, as they give us more context and insight to your concerns and thoughts.

We have been working on a solution for the 10" drainage pipe that flows from Hainesville Rd. east through Bruce and Mary Williams' property and empties into the lake. There are multiple storm drains that are routed to this pipe, that then drain directly into the lake. We have discussed with Bruce and Mary Williams the idea of installing a rain garden along the edge of their property. The pipe would then be terminated further west of where it is currently, and then empty into the proposed "rain garden". The rain garden would be populated with various native plant species. These plants and their deep root network/biomass would then act as a "bio-filter" in order to remove impurities carried by the water flowing from the road and storm drains before it enters our lake. We have put together a preliminary design along with some preliminary pricing. We will be working towards a final design with more accurate pricing in the near future - month. The design will have to be presented to the Williams' for their approval, and the pricing presented to the board for its approval. This is a project that directly affects our lakes water quality. From what I have been told, this situation has existed for over twenty years.

## Notes from your Board of Directors



Enid Anton purchased her South Circle home at the corner of Lilac and Oak in 1998. She works in the pharmaceutical industry as a Document Analyst. Her interests are darkroom photography, current events and enjoying her neighborhood.

### Introducing Highland Lake Good Neighbors.

Recently a 72-year-old, partially disabled widow on Highland Lake needed help with some work outside her home. She is unable to pay for any such work. Some residents learned of this and performed a number of needed tasks that she couldn't do herself. One of them has earned the title of her "angel." She has since followed up with a note expressing heartfelt thanks, saying how much these acts of neighborliness have meant to her.

With the blessing of the HLPOA President and Board Members, I am developing the Highland Lake Good Neighbors group comprised of willing persons who will make themselves available to assist a neighbor when a need arises. The neighbor may need someone to drag a rolled-up carpet out of their basement, they may need a ride to Pep Boys, or someone to figure out their remote.

I'm looking for two categories of neighbors:

1. Those who need help with something
2. Those who are willing to help, if available.

If you are in either of those categories, contact me by phone or email. We'll get the ball rolling.

Enid Anton 847-548-5305 [laughinggirl@att.net](mailto:laughinggirl@att.net)

### MARCH MEETING PLACE

Hainesville Village Hall  
Monday, March 21, 2011  
7 P.M.

*This is our Annual meeting*

The agenda will be devoted in large part to hear your concerns and comments – and those of all our neighbors. Be INVOLVED.

Our budget will be formally adopted as will revised rules and other information planned for the Highland Lake Reference Manual.

### YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!!!

Yes it's true your ad could be right here on the highly acclaimed HI-LITES newsletter. We are mixing it up. Business card size ads can now pop up anywhere. Small Mention this ad" or "Bring this ad in" lines can be added. This is new so get in on the ground floor before the rates go up.



## **HIGHLAND LAKE EASTER EGG HUNT With A Special Guest Appearance by the "Highland Lake Easter Bunny"**

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Place: SZONTAGH PARK

Ages: Group 1 3 to 5 years of age

Group 26 to 8 years of age

Prizes: One Easter Basket will be given in each category to the child who has the egg with the gold coin inside their bag or basket.

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## Things you might want to know:

### Projects-in-process

#### **THE PATH WALKWAY:**

We have been having off-and-on discussions with the Dowlings about securing a way to keep our walking path open at their property. We hope to have an agreement soon that will benefit all interested parties.

#### **THE WHITE PILLARS:**

Neighbors on Lake Avenue have been voicing their thoughts, the property owner has stated her desires, the county has been in the mix and the Avon Township Highway Department will be re-installing when the weather breaks. There will also be decorative things, a railing and restoration of the woodwork.

#### **THE RULES:**

As your officers and directors update the Highland Lake Rules, it is evident that most if not all the issues that we are dealing with as neighbors revolve around some kind of Township, County or Illinois law. The revised Rules will reference those tie-ins to written and adopted public law – therefore helping us achieve your #5 priority of Enforcement of Rules.

**WE HAVE NOTED:** The demographics of our community are significantly 50+ in age category and we have noted the many one-person households. We feel it is our duty to connect with them and so the Highland Lake Good Neighbors was born.

#### **THE ENVIRONMENT:**

The Rain Garden project has received a grant through the Avon Township Highway Department, but we do not know how far the money will go. Recently, we discovered that doing one on our own may cost upwards of \$2,000. We believe you and others in our community may be interested in helping build and install the plants that will filter water coming into our lake from roads and ditches.

#### **OUR BEST ADVISORS:**

We are fortunate to have excellent example and excellent resources to guide us in the health of our lake and the public areas that we own. Liberty Prairie Conservancy has been a bellweather, Illinois, Wisconsin and County Conservationists are helping to keep Highland Lake a *Wonderful Place to Live!*