

Hello HMLA Members,

We hope you are enjoying the beginning of what promises to be a beautiful summer. Below is important information about our upcoming July Association meeting as well as a reminder about dues, and other news items. Please be sure to join us at the July meeting. We not only need your support, but would like to take the opportunity to meet all our lake front neighbors.

July Meeting Update: The official date of the first 2015 Halfmoon Lake Association meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 am** – *rain date Sunday July 12.*

Agenda items will include (see attached agenda for more details):

- ◆ Water quality/ testing update
- ◆ Milfoil update
- ◆ Dues reminder
- ◆ Loon nest experiment
- ◆ Communicating with neighboring lakes
- ◆ Facebook page
- ◆ Navigation marker, Varney shores
- ◆ Boating dangers
- ◆ Marking our 50th anniversary next year (suggestions)
- ◆ August speaker

The meeting will be at the home of our President, Bill and Pat Mannion, 33 Rustic Shores Road, Alton. Rustic Shores is located 500 feet south of Prospect Mt. Road and Hollywood Beach Road. House is the first on the left, 600 feet from road entrance. The paved driveway can accommodate approximately 2 or 3 cars. More parking space is available above the house on the left roadside.

Please remember to bring your favorite chair! We will be emailing out the final agenda, financial summary and other pertinent documents just prior to the meeting.

Dues Are Due: As you are aware, every year we ask each lake front household to contribute dues that are used to keep our lake clean, free of invasive species and safe for all users. At the 2014 August meeting, the membership voted on a small increase in dues from \$10 to \$15 annually to help build a better reserve for milfoil activity. **Please assist us by paying your dues.** You may do so at the July meeting or mail them to Linda Bramante, Treasurer (See attached form and mailing address).

August Meeting Date: Our second HMLA Association meeting of the 2015 season is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at Camp Mi-Te-Na, Alton. More details to follow.

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Other News Items:

Safe Boating Practices: As the summer begins to come into full swing, boating activity is sure to increase. We want to remind our members that the Halfmoon Lake rule for boating traffic is in a counterclockwise fashion to help prevent accidents. Larger power boats and boats towing skiers or tubers should stay a safe distance from the shore and be on the lookout for other traffic. The NH Marine Patrol requires one observer (other than driver) for each person being towed. Also, be aware that there are several shallow and rocky sections of the lake which have ruined many props in the past. Over the winter, markers can shift. Recently the Marine Patrol moved the lake marker located off Varney Shores Drive, west of Camp Mi-Te-Na. Power boats should be sure to remain outside of these markers.

Mike Fedorchak's award, June 6: At a recent NH Dept of Environmental Services workshop for VLAP members, Mike Fedorchak received the Volunteer Limnologist Award for his service to the lake community working for water quality. Here on Halfmoon, Mike and his team of Water Quality Officers, under the state's VLAP program, sample our lake's water three times over the summer season. Congratulations Mike on a job well done and a most deserving recognition.

New Facebook Page: Gail Guinasso has been generous enough to develop a Halfmoon Lake Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HalfmoonLakeNH. We encourage you to check it out, 'Like' the page, share it with your family and friends, and even post pictures of life on the lake.

Man-made Loon Nest on Halfmoon: Loon Preservation Committee biologist, John Cooley, and HMLA Vice President, John Wheeler, maneuvered a nest to a hopeful location on May 5 off Rustic Shores and Fernhill. Within a few hours a loon couple reportedly checked it out. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we'll be seeing chicks this season. If the loons are successful, of course, we'll all want to give them space. Visit our website to see pictures and read updates: www.halfmoonlakenh.com

Lost & Found: Over the winter, a few items have washed ashore. If you are missing anything, please be sure to check the lost and found section of our website to see if it is listed www.halfmoonlakenh.com. Or if you have found something, please email Bill Mannion at wpmatlake@aim.com so it may be posted on the website.