

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 and August Association meetings 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.

2016 JULY MEETING NOTICE: The first meeting of the 2016 season for the Halfmoon Lake Association will be held on **Saturday, July 9 th at 11:00 am** – rain date *Sunday, July 10*. The meeting will feature a guest speaker, Wayne Santos, the Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Barnstead. He will be addressing a number of strategies and tactics for emergency preparedness. Location of 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. A copy of the minutes from last August's meeting is attached. **Please bring this with you and remember to bring your favorite chair!**

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS (final agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting):

- Water quality/ testing update
- Millfoil update
- Loon nest update
- Update recent oil spill (see notification below)
- Boating protocols
- Plans for 50th anniversary in August

AUGUST MEETING & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Our second HMLA Association meeting of the 2016 season is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 at Camp Mi-Te-Na, Alton. This summer marks the 50th Anniversary of our Lake Front Association, originally founded to manage major lake issues that affect property values, safety, and maintain the peaceful conditions we have all come to enjoy. Through the years it has remained a strong organization with a healthy treasury and many significant initiatives that have succeeded in keeping Halfmoon Lake enjoyable and pristine. To honor all that we have accomplished over the years, the HMLA Board has decided to hold a special 50th Anniversary Celebration following the August meeting. The most exciting news is that Camp Mi-Te-Na has offered to sponsor our anniversary celebration—free of charge. They will provide a BBQ and even open the camp facilities and offer basketball, soccer, kickball, and the Climbing Tower. This is a phenomenal gift and we are very grateful to the camp for their generosity. **We are looking for volunteers to help with planning and coordination. If you are willing be a part of the Planning Committee, please email Kate Brown at katebrown@browntech.com.**

IMPORTANT NO WAKE ZONE ON LAKE: Hopefully you received the notice of the heating oil spill from a ruptured basement tank on S. Shore Drive. Cleanup measures and monitoring continue to go on, and both state and town officials express confidence that our lake has been minimally impacted. The booms with absorbent pads remain in place on the lake front around the house to absorb any oil that may be leaching out of the soil. As stated in our previous communication, we request that all boaters please maintain a no wake zone around the boom near the site which is located on the southwest side of the lake, around the bend from the cove. We particularly ask that any boaters engaging in wake-surfing activities (which typically causes a larger wake) restrict their operation to the center of the lake. This will avoid spill over on the booms which could cause a back flow into the lake. As mentioned previously, the NH

Environmental Services assures us that the oil spill has not harmed any fish or wild life and that lake activities such as swimming may continue as usual as long as there is no oil slick on the surface. However, it is recommended that children be cautioned not to gulp or swallow lake water. In addition, if you should spot an oil slick (which is very unlikely), please be sure to report it to the Building Inspector at 603-269-4071; buildinginsp@barnstead.org. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact one of the HMLA Board members and we will try to address them quickly.

FOUND KAYAK: A blue kayak was found and rescued floating in the shallows nearest to Camp Mi-Te-Na, and is now at Rustic Shores beach. Please claim if you are owner.

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. Last year, the membership authorized 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 using the attached form.

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Sincerely,

Your Halfmoon Lake Association Board