

Hello HMLA Members,

After a cold and snowy winter, summer is finally on its way to Halfmoon Lake. Docks are going in, boats are being launched and we saw quite a bit of activity on the lake over Memorial Day weekend, despite the chilly weather.

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.

2018 JULY MEETING & SOCIAL: Once again this year, we are planning for an Evening Wine & Beer Social following the meeting. It's a chance for everyone to mingle with neighbors as well as catch up on the latest news. The Halfmoon Lake Association Social will be held on **Saturday, June 30th from 5:00-7:00 pm** at the home of Cliff and Kate Brown, 23 Halfmoon Bay Drive, Center Barnstead. Halfmoon Bay Drive is off of Dalton Road. We hope this time is convenient to you. We chose a Saturday to give everyone time to arrive at the lake and the Saturday before the 4th when hopefully everyone is available.

Everyone is welcome!! But to make it a success, we'd like to kindly ask our members to help out with beverages and munchies. If your last name begins with any of the letters A-L please bring a bottle of your favorite wine or beer. If your last name falls in the M-Z category, please bring an appetizer or munchie. We will provide soft drinks, lemonade, and iced tea.

After a meet and greet, we will hold a brief Association Meeting to catch you up on all the news. A copy of the minutes from last August's meeting is attached. Please bring this with you. We will be sending out the agenda prior to the meeting date.

Following that, we hope you will stick around and socialize with your fellow lakefront owners. Just so we have a count of how many are able to attend, would you please RSVP to Kate Brown at 978-376-9598 or katebrown@brownntech.com . **Also remember to bring your favorite chair!**

AUGUST MEETING: Our second HMLA Association meeting of the 2018 season is *tentatively* scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at Camp Mi-Te-Na, Alton and will once again be followed by a pot-luck picnic. Camp Mi-Te-Na has generously offered to provide the BBQ and open the camp grounds so we can enjoy games, basketball, soccer, kickball, tug-of-war, and the Climbing Tower. This is a phenomenal gift and we are very grateful to the camp for their generosity. **More details to follow.**

LOON UPDATE: We are so pleased to report that our pair of loons have returned to the lake. They arrived in late April and spent time in the cove off Rustic Shores circling around the area where the nesting platform was located last year. Thanks to John Wheeler and his grandson, Joey, and Bill Mannion, the platform was quickly put in and the loons took notice. It took a while before they finally decided this was home and started building a new nest. We'll keep you updated on the loon news.

There are signs posted around the nest warning boaters to keep a distance so as not to disturb the nest. We ask that you please respect their need for privacy and not motor, kayak, or canoe

close to the nest. However, if you want a good view, the nest can be seen from the Rustic Shores beach area. Be sure to bring your binoculars. Loon watching is fast becoming a favorite activity on the lake!

FOURTH OF JULY & FIREWORKS: Everyone loves a fireworks display. It's what makes the 4th so much fun, so we do not want to discourage anyone from putting on a show. However, we would like to ask that you clean up any debris left over on the shore or in the water following your display. We also ask that you respect your neighbors by stopping any fireworks by 10:00. Your cooperation will be much appreciated!

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. The fee is nominal—only \$15—and if everyone contributes, we will have enough in our reserve for milfoil activity and other lake endeavors. **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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