



Friends of HRA Inc.
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September 2018

Message from President: It's been a quick summer but a successful one – thank you all for making it happen. Welcome new FHRA Board of Director members and board assistants: Kelly Bedard, Secretary; Joe Calo, Assistant Treasurer; Bill Terbush, Social Media Coordinator; and Tom Wilhem, Assistant Environment & Safety.

Membership: Our membership continues to increase with a total of 320 members! The FHRA extends a warm welcome to our newest members and thanks to our existing members who renewed. We ask that you continue to encourage your neighbors who are not members to join. Everyone's support to preserve the lake is so important. The FHRA's calendar year runs from 1/1/18 through 12/31/18. Please check the "last paid dues" note at the end of this newsletter to verify if you are current. If you have not paid for 2018, please send a check with your membership dues and if appropriate, a donation to FHRA, 27 Sturbridge Road, Unit 17, Holland, MA 01521. All donations are tax deductible. Also, did you know you might be eligible for a matching gift. Ask your HR department today if your employer will make your gift have twice the impact. Every donation we receive is significant in funding our efforts to preserve the lake. You can find the membership form enclosed or on the hamiltonreservoir.com under the Form & Information tab. Please note that if you have not paid your dues since 2016 you will be dropped from the membership data base. Starting in January 2019 our membership dues will be \$50 per family, please use the new membership form for 2019. We would appreciate if you would fill out a form when you are NEW and/or RENEWING so we can keep our data updated. Below is the 2018 membership form and the end of the newsletter you will find the form for 2019.

Membership form below is for 2018 dues at \$35.

JOIN THE FHRA MEMBERSHIP – Your last paid dues date is shown above your name in address of newsletter.

YOUR 2018 membership dues are just \$35 per family

I/we would like to join the Hamilton Reservoir Association or renew by contributing a total of:

\$100 (dues + \$65 donation) \$50 (dues +\$15 donation) \$35 (dues only 2018)

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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Lake address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Treasurer Report: FHRA is a not-for-profit corporation (under Internal Revenue Code section 501 © (3) and was formed under the not-for-profit corporation laws of the state of Massachusetts. The finances of the FHRA continue to be sound. As of 7/1/17, the beginning balance was \$70,022.12. The breakdown is as follows: main checking \$23,497.08, secondary checking \$11,444.89, preservation fund #1 \$5,015.12, and preservation fund #2 \$30,065.03. The net cash flow for the fiscal year was increased by \$15,431.01 bringing the balance to \$85,453.13 on fiscal year ending 6/30/18 which breaks out as follows: main checking \$32,223.37; secondary checking 11,462.25; preservation fund # 1 \$5,037.01; and preservation # 2 \$36,730.50. Please note, the boat launch funds are not included in the balance. The boat launch fund, from 4/14/18 through 6/30/18, has a balance of \$50,535.87 of which \$500 was for the down payment of the launch site.

Environment: The recommended draw down dates were presented to the Select Board to begin the draw down on October 9th, or no later than October 15, 2018. It usually takes 2 weeks to draw down to reach the 24 inches required, and the water level should remain down until the end of March 2019. An email will be sent to members once know we have a confirmed start date. According to the Town of Holland’s bylaws, every dock and every boat or other moored object shall be removed from the waterfront area during the period from October 31 of each year to the following April. This is done to help protect your dock and/or boat(s) from becoming damaged from freezing water. It’s also an opportunity to make any necessary repairs to your waterfront with the conservation commission’s approval. On the www.Hamiltonreservoir.com, you can find Dock Regulations and Lake & Safety Regulations under Safety & Regulations and the Feasibility Study can be found on the home page.

2019 Calendars: The 2019 Hamilton Reservoir photo calendars are still available for \$12.00 each. Proceeds will go to the Preservation Fund. Contact Christine McCooe at 508-361-3216.

2018 Fundraiser Results: Over this past summer, we held several successful fund-raising events – Annual FHRA Pancake Breakfast, Paddle Skedaddle, and the Publick House. Thank you to all who came out and supported these events. We were able to raise a total of \$3016.00. By contributing to FHRA, you are making a contribution to help maintain and preserve our beautiful lake.

Mark Your Calendar		
FHRA Member Meeting	05/11/19, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Holland Community Center	
Annual Pancake Breakfast	06/09/19, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Holland Community Center	Tickets will be on sale at the Members May meeting or email hamiltonreservoir@gmail.com
4 th of July Boat Parade	07/04/19, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Causeway	Both North and South basins
Aqua Riders Ski Show	08/17/19, 10:00 a.m. Aqua Riders Beach on North basin	
FHRA Member Meeting	08/24/19, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Holland Community Center	
Paddle Skedaddle	08/25/19, 8:30 a.m. registration;	Canoe, kayak, paddle board race

	10:00 a.m. race Aqua Riders Beach	
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EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2019 – Work day Trails Committee - 9 am Meet at the trailhead on Pond Bridge Road

Saturday, October 6th, 2018: Stop Abuse Today 5K - 2nd Annual 5K Walk & Run in Holland, MA to kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. 9 A.M. at the Holland Elementary School. Proceeds donated to: Stop Abuse Today- a local nonprofit organization that supports abuse victims & provides awareness & education related to abuse prevention.

Sunday, Oct. 7th, 2018 1-4 pm – Walk Against Domestic Violence Brimfield Common Call 860 230 3222

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 – Holland Tails & Brimfield Trails Committee – Trail Ride (Rain or Shine) Meet at Kayak/Canoe Launch by the Bridge at 20 Pond Bridge Rd., Holland. Starts at 10-12. Approx. 10 miles – options for shorter ride. Helmets required. More info 413 245 7745.

Saturday., Oct 27, 2018 – Holland Trails Committee - Walking Tour Quinebaug Woods. The Haller family will discuss history of the property. Meet at trailhead at 4 Dug Hill Rd at 10 am.

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