



27 Sturbridge Rd., Unit 17, Holland, MA

August 2014

This summer is flying by. Don't forget to save the morning of August 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendars and come to the FHRA meeting at the Holland Community Center ... some great things on the agenda.

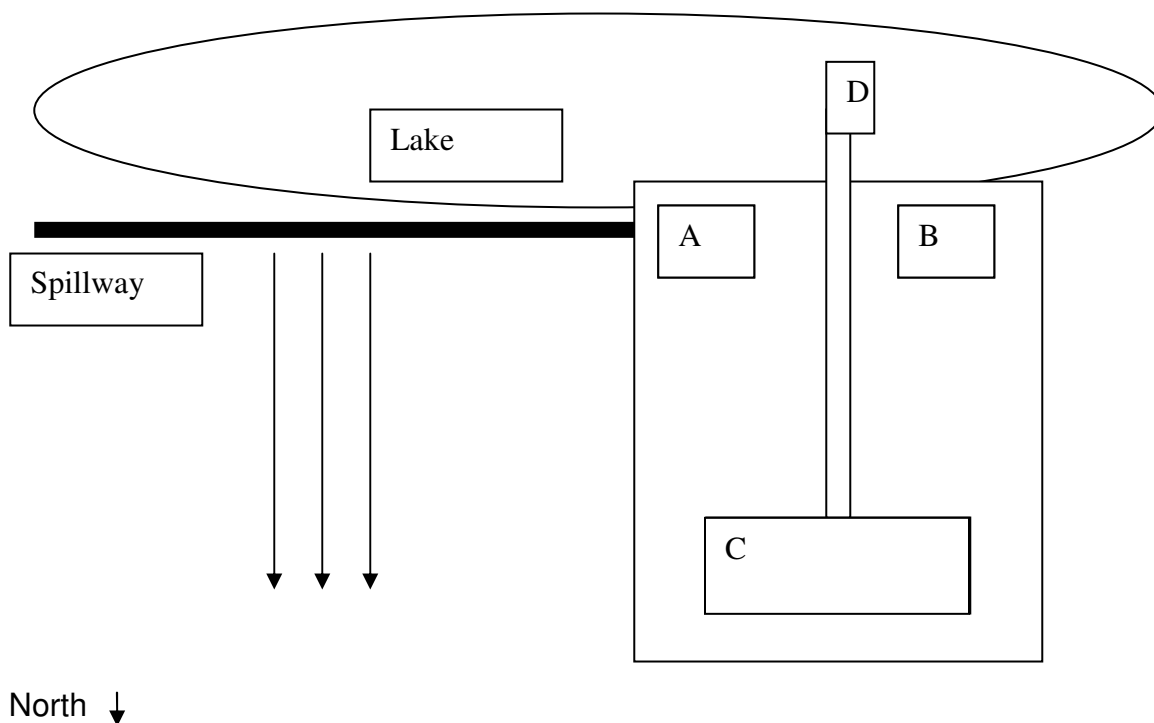
### CODE RED

The Town of Holland is implementing a new reverse 911 system called Code RED. This system is used to send critical information to our residents. While most residents will be automatically enrolled, there are options. We will cover this information at the meeting on August 23, 2014.

### OPERATION OF THE DAM

We get many calls every summer about the operation of the dam, more specifically why is the dam "open" when the lake is low. I hope this explanation of the operation will help with those questions. Below is my rather crude drawing. If you are facing the spillway from Sturbridge Rd., A & B are always open because they are not controlled by us. C is what actually gets closed by turning lever D from 0 - 600 revolutions. We have seen times when no water is coming out of A & B and they appear "closed". That is because the lake level behind them is low enough to be below boxes A and B and no water comes through them. "Normal" for our lake is when water is just going over the spillway. C is the only part that can be opened or closed.

Hamilton Reservoir flows North. Per the MA DEP we must always have water flowing upstream (north) in the direction of the arrows. When enough water is going over the spillway and through A & B then C is shut or nearly shut. As the lake level goes down and little or no water is going over the spillway or out of A & B, the gate is opened as needed to provide water upstream.



***Did you know that Hamilton Reservoir has a Facebook page ... check it out!  
Facebook.com/Hamilton Reservoir. The site is still developing but a great resource.***

## **AUGUST FHRA MEETING**

Don't forget our next meeting August 23rd at the Community Center. Social half hour will be from 8:30 to 9:00 am and Business from 9 am to 10:30 am. On the agenda are: information about the lake aeration system being used on Sandy Beach; one of the Holland Police Lake patrol will join us; Code Red; the weed treatment surveys and status as well as the weekly lake testing results; and election of new officers. We have some "New Lake" apparel for sale and our regular membership free raffle. ALSO- We will also have our new 2015 calendars for sale - always fun to see what we have for lake pictures! The Cover Photo Winners: Danielle & Claude Philbert. 2015 Calendars will also be on Sale at the Main Attraction after our August meeting. Start saving your photos for 2016 and send to Dori Ference at [dference2002@yahoo.com](mailto:dference2002@yahoo.com).

**Holland Aqua Riders** – Ski Show is scheduled for August 16, 2014 at PJ's Beach, Mashapaug Rd.

## **POLICE PATROL**

As always, if you see lake violations please call the Holland police at 413 245 0117 with as much info as you can get, such as registrations, land addresses, and have pictures! OR WAVE THE POLICE BOAT OVER, they have been patrolling every weekend and are there to make our water safe. If it is an emergency, dial the dispatcher at 413 245 7222 or dial 911.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We are currently at 230 members. Our membership committee has been working hard. Thank you. There are still several former members that are not current for 2014-15, so please check the date above your address and if overdue, send in your membership.

We are always trying to entice you to bring us new members ... so for this year we are offering one of our new T-Shirts or caps if you bring in five (5) NEW members. Be sure your name as the referral is on the new member's membership form. (See form below). Our goal is to get 300 members in 2015. If you need "New Members Packets" contact Chris at 413 245 3666 or email: [mcchoehanson@hotmail.com](mailto:mcchoehanson@hotmail.com) ...

If you need information, membership forms, lake or dock regulations, and/or information on something you may have heard us share previously please check our website at [www.hamiltonreservoir.com](http://www.hamiltonreservoir.com). You can contact FHRA officers by email - just use the Contacts section of the website or call us at 413 668-6851.

***DONATIONS TO THE Friends of HRA, Inc.*** have been increasing each year. Many people are donating something each time they pay their membership dues ... we are not going to raise the membership dues, however, if you would like to donate above and beyond your \$35 dues, we sure do appreciate it. **DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Thank you again for your support.**

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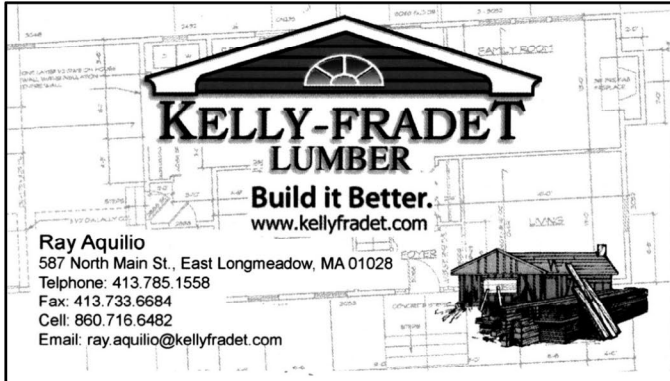
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\*\*\*\*\*Please note the date above your name in the address label is the date your dues is DUE. Your membership is current ONE YEAR from the date paid. (The date is NOT your check date but the date your payment was posted in our data base).

HRA Membership Form – Membership \$35.00 per year per family ... Return to and Payable to: Friends of HRA, 27 Sturbridge Road, Unit 17, Holland, MA 01521

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Holland Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

North Basin \_\_\_\_\_ South Basin (CT side) \_\_\_\_\_ Neither \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP YEAR Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Member Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Holland Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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