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HADLEIGH WOODS ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 18th
7:00 PM at the Windham Middle School



One of the biggest decisions a person can make is to purchase a new home. A close second is to purchase this home in a community administered by an association. Not only is the buyer purchasing a lifestyle but also adding another level of governance to their life. Sometimes people choose this lifestyle because they want maintenance free living.

This is a myth. All associations have some degree of shared maintenance. There is always the issue of how does the board govern the property and will the benefits of association living become a burden upon the peace and quiet enjoyment of one's home? How much freedom will you have to keep a pet, or plant flowers or park your boat trailer? Sadly, many people do not do their homework until it's too late when they get a strong letter from the board or the attorney telling them that they are doing something that violates the rules.

One way to make association living more rewarding is to get involved. By volunteering for a committee or running for the board, or even just by going to a meeting once in a while, an owner can clearly see that they are not paying money to a "landlord" but contributing to the general maintenance of the property for the good of the community. This can only result in enhanced property values and a positive experience overall.

Voting – We have three Board members who are in their first year of their two-year commitment. Cheryl, Cliff and John will continue into 2015. Lucille is running for another two-year term.

Each of us as equal owners of Hadleigh Woods is financially committed to the well being of this Association. Maybe this is the time for you to step up and do your part in protecting and maintaining your investment in this Association.

Richard



Front Gutter Cleaning – The front gutters are scheduled to be cleaned on Wednesday (weather permitting). Be sure to leave your front water faucets on for the contractors doing the cleaning. If you need your back gutter cleaned (**at your expense**) contact me by e-mail (rainbonh@hotmail.com) or by phone 893-2846 cell 781-953-8590.

Tom

Septic Systems – Eleven septic tanks have been cleaned so far this year and the rest will be done in the spring.

Tree Removal – B&C will be removing six trees located behind the garden area at the entrance of Hadleigh Road near our neighbor Tony.

Drainage Repair – a section of driveway drainage was repaired in front of 5 Flat Rock.



Thanks again to **Team Maintenance** for replacing our Hadleigh Woods sign post with a beautiful granite post.



Have you heard? According to experts, a dog can't hear the lowest key on a piano.



Our Water System

The Board of Directors has been doing some additional water testing because of two concerns. The Board has reviewed the testing done by Hampstead Water and the test results have shown the levels of sodium and chloride in well #3 untreated water has been increasing. Also, the residents have reported a sodium residue and taste in the water. Between 2012 and 2014 Hampstead's tests have shown an increase of sodium from 26 mg/l to 52 mg/l and the chloride have increased from 118 mg/l to 210 mg/l for the untreated water. The treated water results have showed the sodium level of 169 mg/l and the chloride level of 210 mg/l. The tests the Board had done on October 27, 2014 have showed the sodium increased to 69 mg/l and the chloride increased to 220 mg/l in the untreated water from well #3.

The sodium levels increase in the treated water, when compared to the raw water, is contributed to the water softening process. **Both the sodium levels and chloride levels in the untreated water and treated water are below the EPA secondary standards/guidelines of 250 mg/l.**

Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards to water systems but does not require systems to comply.

The Board of Directors is working with Hampstead Water to find possible solutions to the increasing levels of sodium and chloride in our water.

Currently we are using well #3 for our main source of water. Both Hampstead Water and the Board of Directors have periodically had the raw water from well #2 tested. The sodium levels have fluctuated between 69 mg/l and 148 mg/l. The chloride levels have fluctuated between 228 mg/l and 580 mg/l. It appears that both levels have been trending downward over time.

Cliff



Landscape Committee

Now that winter is approaching, please clean any gardens you have additional plantings in. Cut back and remove any frost killed plants and leaves. Gardens should be neat & weed free before the winter.

Also, please keep in mind that holiday decorations can only be displayed 15 days before and 15 days after the holiday.

Andrea



Transfer Station Begins Book Collection Program.



Windham's Solid Waste Management Director, Dave Poulson, with the assistance of other employees, has begun a new program in which hardcover books, brought to the transfer station, are

recycled. Town Administrator David Sullivan said that Poulson was able to locate a vendor willing to pay the town three cents per pound for hardcover books.

That might not sound like a lot of money if you're only thinking about a few books, but it amounts to \$60 per ton. Making the deal even sweeter for Windham is the fact that any books sold to the vendor won't have to be disposed of at a \$68 per ton tipping fee; amounting to a total savings of \$128 per ton.

Any money earned through the recycling of hardcover books will be donated to Windham's non-profit Helping Hands organization, which provides assistance to local families in need. Selectmen expressed their gratitude to the staff at the Windham Transfer Station for coming up with this new initiative.

Any residents bringing hardcover (no paperback) books to the transfer station are encouraged to separate them from the remainder of their household trash. Participation in the fledgling program is greatly appreciated.



Scary thought: The great white shark is the only shark that can hold its head above water to observe activity on the surface.





The Salem Animal Rescue League is in need of used towels. If you would like to donate please contact Gratia 890-3140 and she will pick them up.



The IRS estimates that \$20 - \$40 billion is lost to tax fraud every year.



Another Hadleigh Woods Excursion!

TAZA CHOCOLATE TOUR
Somerville, MA

If anyone is interested in having a tour of Taza Chocolate Factory, I will be planning a visit between the middle of November and the middle of December. Before I do this, I need to know who would be interested. The cost of the tour is \$6. They have public and private tours available. The public tours are limited to 18 people and the private tours 10-20. Public tours are Tuesday-Sunday and private tours are Wednesday. There are different times available. I can get a small bus (\$15 each) for no more than 14 people. Otherwise it would have to be by car with volunteer drivers.

First, I need to know how many would be interested, then I will see what dates I can get.

Please let me know either by email (maspahn144@yahoo.com) or leave a message on my home phone 617-323-0953.

Thanks
Your tour director, *Marian*



809 Area Code Scam

This long distance phone scam causes consumers to inadvertently incur high charges on their phone bills. Consumers usually receive a message telling them to call a phone number with an 809, 284, 649, or 876 area code in order to collect a prize, find out information about a sick relative, etc. The caller assumes the number is a typical three-digit U.S. area code; however, the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean, and charged international call rates. Unfortunately, consumers don't find out that they have been charged higher international call rates until they receive their bill.

AT&T recommends the following tips to help avoid the 809 area code scam:

- Return calls to familiar numbers only. As a general rule, return calls from numbers that contain familiar or recognizable area codes. You may call your directory assistance or long distance operator to check the area code location.
- Carefully read your telephone bill. Make sure that you only receive charges from your provider of choice. Ensure you thoroughly understand charges listed on your phone bill, have chosen to do business with all of the listed providers billing for those charges and have authorized additional fees invoiced. If your local service provider has changed, you will receive a final bill from the former provider and a notice of service disconnection.



ONGOING

Breakfast on Friday at 8:30 AM. An informal breakfast, open to all residents and guests of Hadleigh Woods, is held every Friday at 8:30 AM at the Alley Kat Grill located inside Park Place Lanes.

Cycling on Monday at 10:00 AM. Join us for fun and exercise, by biking the Rail Trail. We meet at the parking lot in Derry behind the old railroad station on Main St. (route 102).

Bowling on Wednesday at 3:00 PM. The H-W "Open-To-All" bowling party is held every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 PM at Park Place Lanes. We bowl for fun & exercise never following the rules of the game. After our fun bowling, some of us go out for a meal.

Rail Trail on Sunday. The Windham Rail Trail is a former railroad right-of-way that has been converted to a beautiful scenic walkway for running, walking, biking and horseback riding. It leads thru a forest of trees with ponds and granite walled areas along the path. A number of people have been going to breakfast at the South Side Diner in Derry at 9:00.