

## Lake Hondah Property Owners Association 200 Hondah Blvd. Brevard, North Carolina 28712

## **2011 Spring Newsletter**

**Lake Hondah Property Owners Association Officers and Board Members** 

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After a long, cold, snow filled winter Spring has arrived in Lake Hondah with all the promise of a beautiful summer. The dogwoods and Azaleas are in bloom, flowers are budding, the ducks are back and playing with their new house so generously provided by Robin Jacques, birds are singing and building their nests, the humming birds returned on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and for the first time in my years here we also have Canadian Geese gracing us with their beauty. The work on the little lake and silt ponds is finished and they look beautiful, once again filled with clear clean spring water for all to enjoy.

## LHPOA ANNUAL MEETING:

The Lake Honda Property Owners Association Annual Meeting has been set for **Sunday June 12**, **2011 at 5:00 PM** in White Plains Park, same time and location as in past years. To conform to rules regulating this meeting we cannot discuss business that is not on the agenda so the board would like to solicit suggestions from the membership. The agenda will be set at the **May 3** board meeting so all ideas and suggestions need to be received in writing by **May 2**, email or letter will do.

**Road Repairs:** If you have not visited in awhile you may not have noticed that many of our roads have been repaired and are in much better condition. They still need work but they are better. Trans Construction has been working with us to pave and repair existing problem areas which makes driving here a much smoother ride.

**Entrance Clean up:** We had a spring clean up day on April 9 for a good weeding and mulching of the front entrance. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time, especially JoJo Keen, Eileen Orisak, Candy Thompson, and Beth Stoneburner. Weeds were pulled, plants rearranged and mulch spread to create a pleasant welcome to anyone coming to Lake Hondah.

**Lake Work:** As mentioned above the work to the little lake and the silt ponds has been finished. Many thanks to Raymond Jacques for his work on repairing the overflow valve, saving us a huge amount of money, to Ellis Norton, the chairman of the Lake Committee for his long hours of research and his suggestions allowing us to make good decisions on work to be done, and to Cantrell Construction for doing a great job creating a beautiful look and coming in way under budget.

**LHPOA board changes:** It is with sadness that we say good-bye to Penny Mann. She is moving to downtown Brevard. Penny says she was offered a deal on a house in town that was too good to pass up. She has been working at the Music Center for a few years now and this move will allow her to be able to take advantage of attending more performances that they offer. It was also a very snowy winter making the drive to town difficult at best. She served on the board for a 3 year term, and then stayed on as Treasurer for another year and she was also the Newsletter Editor for 3 years. Angie Holladay has been voted in to replace her as Treasurer. She will be missed by the community for her services and dedication to improving Lake Hondah in so many ways. We wish her the best and thank her for her time and involvement.

Kay Tiddy has decided to resign from the board. She is so involved with volunteer work for her church and local school children that she is stretched beyond measure for time and feels she cannot do the job satisfactorily. It is with sadness and understanding that we thank her for her services and generosity for stepping up when we needed a replacement at the last minute and wish her well.

**Updates for address Listings:** An updated membership list will be sent out with the annual meeting notice in May. If you have moved, changed your phone number, added a cell number or an email address please contact secretary Beth Stoneburner by phone (828-877-5434) or email (beaktreats@comporium.net) to provide her with that information so it can be included.

**Treasures Report:** After the many snow plowings and the major work on the lakes and ponds, as of March 31, the treasury has a balance of \$17,467.66.

Take Pride in Our Neighborhood: Now that spring has arrived many of you are out doing your spring cleaning. This always includes but is not limited to debris left by fall and winter. It is always good to include the roadways and park spaces so if you are out and about, think of Earth Day which is April 22 and do your part for the environment by helping spruce up our piece of it. Picking up trash along the roadways, downed limbs, or overhanging branches are just a few suggestions that make a difference to all of us. With the annual meeting just around the corner if we all chip in we can have a "show place" for all to see. As a reminder, our Restrictive Covenants require lots that can be mowed must have their first mowing no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>. There is also a requirement that trash, debris, and fallen limbs that can be seen from the road way must be removed as soon as possible. For those of you who do not live here full time, your property's appearance affects all of us and our property values, so please help to do your part to keep the place we live in a beautiful area.

**Wildlife Update:** Now that winter has finally left it is time to start seeing our "natural neighbors" again. Local visitations have included bears, skunks, groundhogs, and foxes. Remember they are wild animals and should not be fed or tried to be tamed in any other way. Reports of coyotes have been coming in for years and last year there were sightings in our area, so watch out for your cats and dogs. They could become a tasty meal.

Have a wonderful spring and we look forward to seeing many of you at the **Annual Meeting on June 12.**