

Hello Neighbors!

Spring 2014

For those of you new to the neighborhood -- welcome to Harvard Acres! Our neighborhood includes about 200 homes and common land on Conant Drive (including the tennis and basketball courts). The HAHA Social Committee is a group of neighborhood volunteers who meet annually to organize events, and help maintain the common area.

The voluntary annual \$45 dues covers the taxes, insurance and maintenance of the common land, as well as family friendly activities within our neighborhood community. In addition, this year we're making a special request for an additional \$55 contribution from each family to fund repairs to many significant cracks on the tennis and basketball courts. Please see the article (page 3) with more information on why we believe these repairs are important to protect this valuable asset for our neighborhood.

If you have an idea for an event or are looking to help out in any way, we are always looking for volunteers! Please reach out to one of the committee members on the back page.

We look forward to seeing you at our events this summer!
-HAHA Social Committee



Yard Sale

June 14 (Rain Date: June 15)

Time: 9:00-1:00

Over 10 Harvard Acres homes on Adams, Elliot, Conant, Lowell, and Kirkland are participating. Check it out and tell your friends!

Event Calendar

June 14-Yard Sale

June 15 - Ice Cream Social

June 23-27 - Tennis Lessons

July 4 - Harvard Acres Fun Run & Bicycle Parade

August - Tennis Lessons

August 16 – Movie Night

Sept 27 - Neighborhood Picnic BBQ

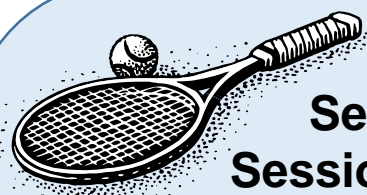


Ice Cream! Ice Cream!!

June 15 - Ice Cream Social

Time: 2:30-4:30, Tennis Court

It's Harvard Acres third annual ice cream social celebrating the start of summer and all those fantastic Dads on Fathers Day! Come on down to the tennis courts and spend some time hanging out with neighbors with a sundae bowl full of yummy Erikson's ice cream. Just a reminder...it can get hot and buggy out on the tennis courts, so bring your sunscreen and bug spray.



Tennis Lessons

Session 1: June 23-27, Time: TBA

Session 2: August, Dates and Time: TBA

Nicki Bricknell, a former member of the Nashoba High School Girl's Tennis Team, currently a college student, will again coach our kids summer tennis lessons. We will hold two sessions, one early in the summer, and one later in the summer. Session cost:

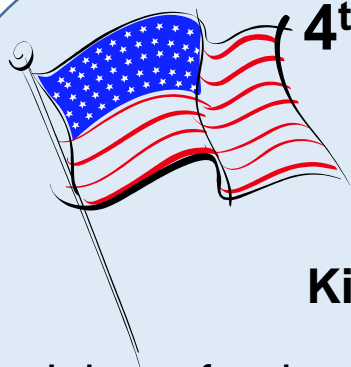
\$25 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the family. Older and younger brackets along with times will be

decided when the participants are determined. Your child must have completed kindergarten in order to attend. Please note that a parent/guardian/friend will be required to stay with their child.

If you would like to sign up for one or both sessions, please send your request to Nicki Bricknell at nicki4212@gmail.com.



The O'Neill family at the annual Ice Cream Social



4th of July Harvard Acres

4 on the 4th Fun Run

Registration Time: 9:00

4K Run Start Time: 9:30

Kids 1/2 mile Run Start Time: 9:35

Join us for the 2nd Annual slightly competitive fun run through Harvard Acres. There will be a 4K run through the neighborhood as well as a kids 1/2-mile fun run. Running commences at 9:30 a.m. on July 4th at the tennis courts. While intended as a neighborhood builder, runners will be timed and awards will be handed out. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. at the tennis courts and an entrance fee of \$5 per person or \$10 per family will be collected. Feel free to invite non Harvard Acres friends and family. All proceeds to go toward future HAHA events.

Bike Parade

Bike Decorating Time: 10:00

Parade Start Time: 10:30

Kids love this!! Meet us at the tennis court to decorate bikes, trikes, strollers, and anything on wheels. Then join us for a neighborhood bike parade loop down Conant, Kirkland and back to the courts.

Please bring some decorating supplies. Happy 4th!



Movie Night

August 16

Time: Approximately 7:45/dusk

Join HAHA in a family friendly movie night! Bring a blanket and chairs down to the tennis courts and watch a movie under the stars with your neighbors. We will be serving up some popcorn to be enjoyed by all. Reminders...it gets buggy down at the courts so please make sure to bring bug spray.

Movie: TBD.

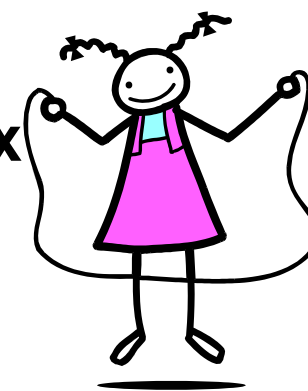
Neighborhood Picnic BBQ

September 27

Time: 1:00

Harvard Acres will be having its most popular event, the annual fall picnic BBQ. This is a good time to schmooze with your neighbors and enjoy some of the last mild fall days while tasting a variety of food. If you've attended in previous years you may remember such fun as the rock wall, cotton candy machine, and bouncy houses. Due to a much more limited budget this year we are unsure of which activities we can afford, and will update you as the summer goes on!

Hooray! The Sandbox playgroup returns



Looking to meet fellow parents with toddlers and young elementary aged children? Searching for neighborhood playmates for your kids? Join us at the tennis court to dig in the sandbox, toss a ball, and ride your bike. Drop in at the tennis courts Wednesdays 3-5. Starts in June!

Tired of the mosquitos?

The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project provides free mosquito spraying service on your property.

To request service call (508) 393-3055 or email

service_request@cmmcp.org

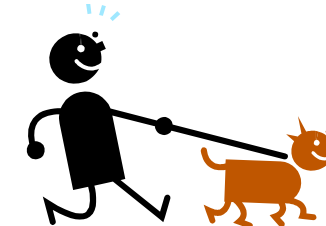
with the following information:

Name, Street Address, City/Town, Phone, Comments (instructions on how to drive to your back yard are helpful).

(<http://www.cmmcp.org>)

Keeping clean

We love the artwork of our budding artists', but please limit chalk drawing to the basketball side of the tennis courts. (When the courts are damp, the chalk sticks to the tennis balls.)



Don't forget your plastic bag when you walk your dog. It keeps our roads poop-free and our neighbors happy.

Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Thank you for paying your dues in 2013 -- we received dues payments from 45% of the neighborhood, which is an increase from 2012. Our dues covered the taxes, insurance, and maintenance on our common land surrounding the tennis courts. In addition, we hosted social events including the ice cream social and the annual neighborhood picnic. This year, we added a new event as a fundraiser - the 4th of July fun run.

Once again, our summer tennis lesson program was very well-attended. We offered two sessions of lessons, and children from 25 families participated. Due to the popularity of the program, we are pleased to offer the lessons again this year.

We look to you for your continued support of HAHA so that we can continue to maintain our common land and foster the friendly neighborhood atmosphere through social events. Our voluntary annual dues is \$45. In addition, this year we're making a special request for an additional \$55 contribution from each family to fund repairs to many significant cracks on the tennis and basketball courts. Please see the article with more information on why we believe these repairs are important to protect this valuable asset for our neighborhood.

Please send your 2014 payment (\$45 annual dues or \$100 annual dues + tennis court repairs) to HAHA 32 Kirkland Drive or use the PayPal link at harvardacres.com.

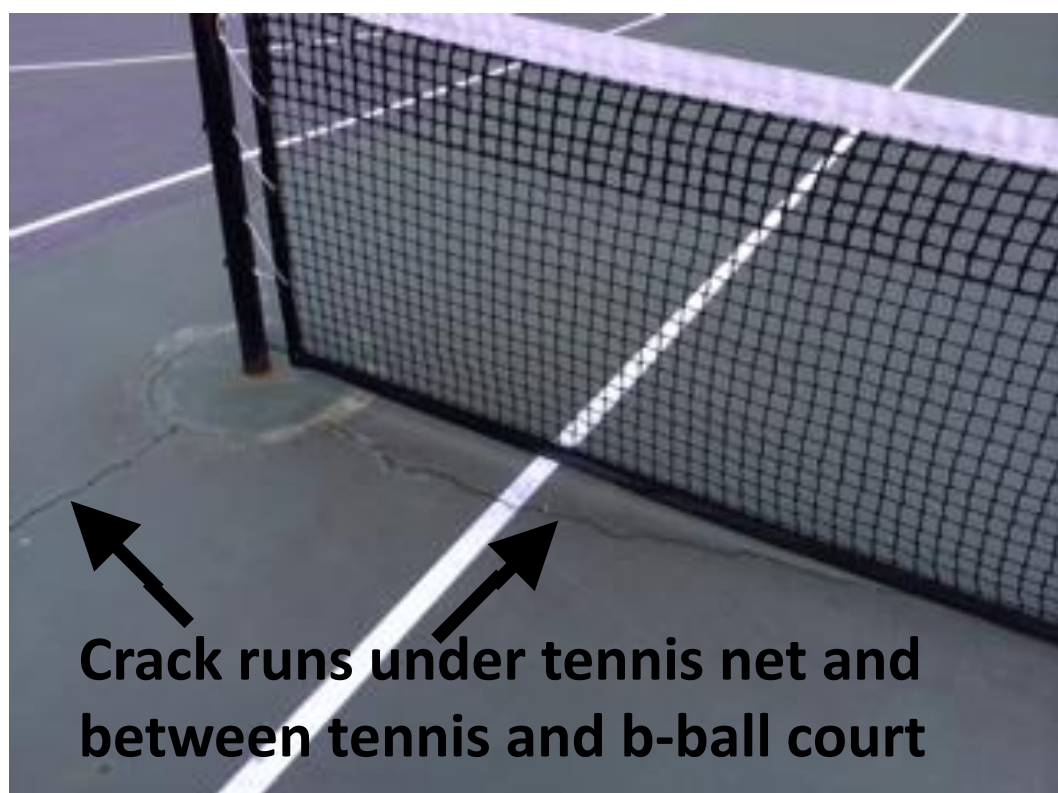
Thank you,
-Christine Midwood and Tara Natanson

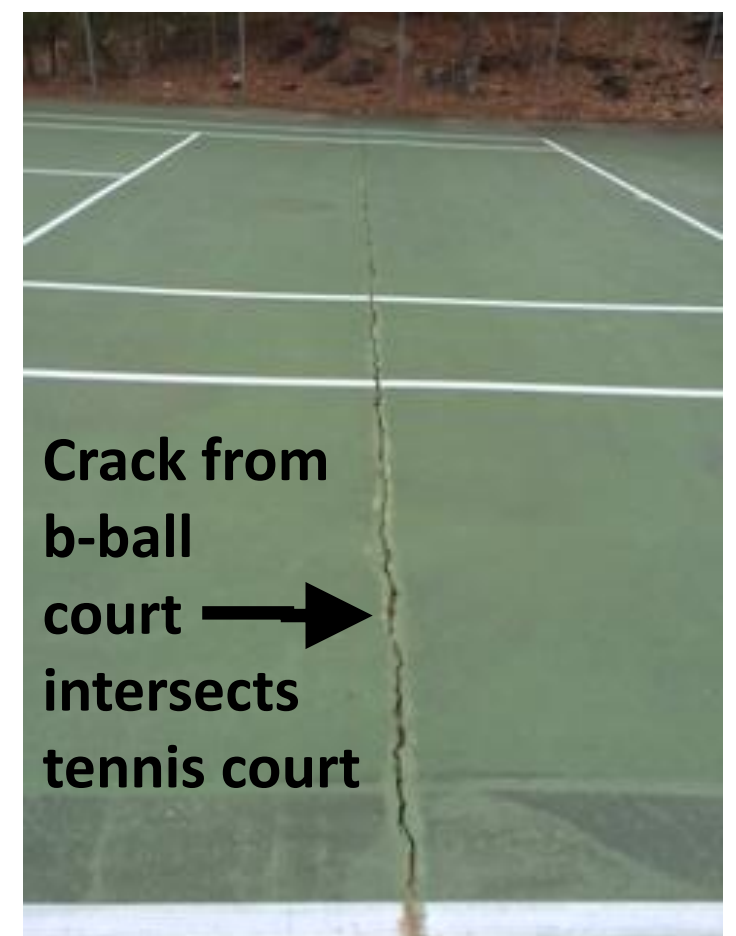
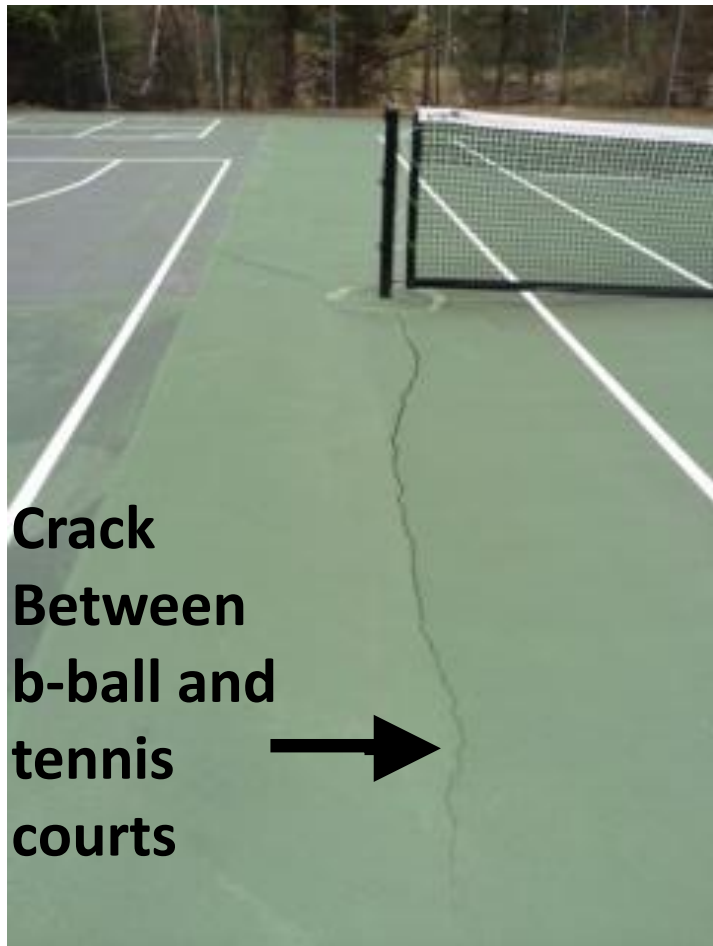
Tennis Court Repairs

In 1999, our neighborhood got together to raise over \$22,000 to resurface the tennis and basketball courts. Our courts are used by many neighbors, and are truly an asset for our community. Fifteen years later, many significant cracks have developed. Over time, they will continue to grow as water gets into the crack and freezes, then expands. We would like to repair the cracks now to protect our investment and prevent the need for complete resurfacing in the future.

The cost of the repairs to prevent the cracks from spreading is estimated to be \$5,000. We're currently in the process of collecting final proposals from several bidders, including the company that originally installed the courts.

Please help! We're asking for an additional \$55 contribution from each family to fund these repairs and protect this important asset for our community.





Annual Budget Report

	2013	2012	\$ Change
Dues Rec'd (Incl Tennis Lesson Income)	\$4,660	\$3,802.63	\$857.37
Expenses:			
Taxes & Insurance	\$1,903	\$1,870.23	\$32.77
Mowing/Landscaping/Court Maintenance / Portopotty	\$730	\$696.32	\$33.68
Other	\$204	\$32.65	\$171.35
Social Events (June-Sept)	\$609	\$1,315.51	(-\$706.51)
Tennis Lessons	\$448	\$603.06	(-\$155.06)
TOTAL	\$3,894	\$4,517.77	(-\$623.77)
INCOME-EXPENSES	\$766	\$715.14	\$50.86

Comments:

- Our goal each year with the tennis lesson program is to charge only what is necessary to break even. In 2013, we made a small profit.
- The additional maintenance costs in 2013 were for repairs to the sandbox. (\$150)

HAHA Social Committee

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