

Hi Neighbors!

**Spring 2017**

HAHA's primary responsibility is to take care of our common land on Conant Drive, including the tennis and basketball courts. Our dues cover the annual taxes, insurance, and maintenance. We use a little extra money each year to host fun social events.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

-- **PAY DUES!** Our voluntary annual dues is \$50. Last year only 32% of the neighborhood contributed. Our common land is an asset that we need to protect! If we cannot pay the taxes, we risk losing our common land to the Town who could choose to use it for other purposes.

-- **VOLUNTEER!** Are you willing to set up or clean up after an event? Do you have an idea for a fun event? (e.g. last year's Pumpkin Derby was new in 2016 and a huge hit!) We appreciate all help, even if it's only an hour or two. Please reach out to any of us if you'd like to learn more.

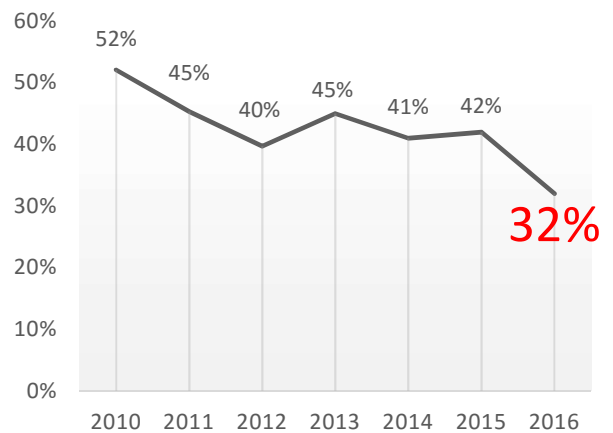
This year, we are also asking for additional contributions to make improvements to our tennis and basketball courts such as new picnic tables or a tennis backboard – suggestions welcome!

Please send your 2017 payment to HAHA 361 Harvard Road or use the PayPal link at [harvardacres.com](http://www.harvardacres.com). Thank you!

**Event Calendar**

- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Yard Sale
- June 18 – Ice Cream Social
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Bike Parade and Fun Run
- July 10-14 – Tennis Lessons
- August 7-11 – Tennis Lessons
- September 23 – Picnic
- October 14 – Pumpkin Derby

**% of Neighborhood Contributing to HAHA**



*HAHA Social Committee*



**Please pay dues now!**

**New to the neighborhood?**

Welcome! This newsletter is sent out once a year, so please join our mailing list to receive updates on neighborhood events: [www.harvardacres.com](http://www.harvardacres.com), click the 'Join our Mailing List' link. Also check out:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HarvardAcres/>
- Google discussion group: <http://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/Harvard-acres-discussions>
- Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/harvardacres--stow--ma/>

## Ice Cream! Ice Cream!

Sunday June 18 (Father's Day)  
Time: 2:30-4:30 at Tennis Courts

It's Harvard Acres 6th annual ice cream social celebrating the start of summer and all those Fantastic Dads on Father's Day! Join us at the tennis courts and spend some time hanging out with neighbors and a sundae bowl of yummy Erikson's ice cream. Just a reminder, it can get hot and buggy on the tennis courts, so bring your sunscreen and bug spray. Feel free to bring chalk, bikes and scooters for your little ones so you can hang a while.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> at Tennis courts



### **Fun Run**

Registration Time: 9:00  
4K Run Start Time: 9:30  
Kids ½ Mile Run Start Time: 9:35

The annual 4th of July Fun Run is back! The run is intended as a neighborhood builder, but runners will be timed and awards will be handed out. Entrance fee of \$5/person or \$10/family will be collected. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Feel free to invite non-Harvard Acres friends and family. All proceeds go towards future HAHA events.

### **Bike Parade**

Decorating: 10:30 a.m.  
Parade Start Time: 11:00

Meet us at the tennis courts to decorate bikes, trikes, scooters or any gizmo your child rides on wheels! Then join us for a patriotic neighborhood bike parade loop down Conant, up Kirkland to loop back around at courts. Some decorating supplies will be provided, but please bring your own as well!

## Annual Neighborhood Picnic

Saturday September 23  
Time: 1:00-4:00 at Tennis Courts

Come out and join your neighbors for this all ages event! We will have a bouncy house, cotton candy, and popcorn!

We are looking for volunteers to help out with some games, or other fun activities. Make sure you are on our email list for updates on this event! If you have any ideas please contact Tara at [tara@natanson.net](mailto:tara@natanson.net)



## Pumpkin Derby

Saturday October 14  
Time: 3:00 at Tennis Courts

Use good ol' fashioned ingenuity to create your own Pumpkin Racer for a chance to compete against your neighbors and win prizes! There will also be games, food, and lots of family fun. Date, rules and details TBA.

For more info, contact Gianna Hoban at

[mammagi@verizon.net](mailto:mammagi@verizon.net).

# HAHA



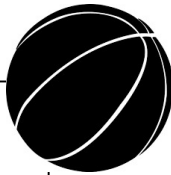
## Tennis Lessons July 10-14 / August 7-11

Matt McNulty will be back to teach tennis lessons again this summer. Each session costs \$35 for the first child and \$25 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. A parent or guardian is required to stay with their child during lessons.

If you are interested, please send an email directly to Marcy Eckel at [mbeckel@gmail.com](mailto:mbeckel@gmail.com). These lessons will be open to families outside of the neighborhood pending interest within Harvard Acres.

### YARD SALE

Held May 20, 2017 – with 10 houses participating!  
Thanks to Stefanie Grenier, HAHA provided the advertising and a map to direct buyers to all of the sales in the neighborhood.



### BASKETBALL CLINIC?

We're trying to gauge interest in holding a basketball clinic this summer, in a similar format to the tennis lessons. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Marcy Eckel at [mbeckel@gmail.com](mailto:mbeckel@gmail.com).

### Septic Group Buy

The time has come again for septic pumping! HAHA is organizing a group buy for the neighborhood. If you did the group buy with HAHA last time, then it's been almost exactly 2 years and it's time to pump again! HAHA is working with RM Ratta ([www.rmratta.com](http://www.rmratta.com)) once again. Once we have the final count we will schedule a 2 day time period for them to come, probably around the end of June.

If you would like to secure a spot, please email Tara so she can send you the questionnaire they need filled out. If you want to do this but are unsure of where the cover is or what size your tank is, no problem, they can help you with that.

They are giving HA a \$40 discount off their normal listed prices which brings the costs to:  
\$185 - 1000 Gallon tank  
\$265 - 1500 Gallon tank  
\$40 - for them to do the digging (you can dig yourself to save \$)

If interested, e-mail Tara Natanson at [tara@natanson.net](mailto:tara@natanson.net)

## THANK YOU

to  
Tom Zavorski  
and  
Kendra Cestone

for taking care of the HAHA  
tennis court common lands last  
year!

### Got Mosquitos?



The Central MA Mosquito Control Project provides free mosquito spraying service on your property. To request, call (508)393-3055 or e-mail [servicerequest@cmmcp.org](mailto:servicerequest@cmmcp.org) with your name, address, phone, comments.  
[www.cmmcp.org](http://www.cmmcp.org)

## 2017 Annual Budget Report

	2016	2015	2014
<b>Income:</b> (Dues, tennis lessons)	\$3,984	\$5,698	\$3,953
<b>Expenses</b>			
Taxes	\$1,893	\$1,734	\$1,734
Insurance	\$250	\$250	\$250
Mowing/Landscaping/Court Maintenance	\$290	\$70	\$0
Newsletter	\$199	\$205	\$284
Porto potty	\$0	\$0	\$371
Social Events	\$725	\$912	\$519
Tennis Lessons	\$750	\$633	\$563
Website	\$142	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$4,249	\$3,804	\$3,722
<b>Income-Expenses</b>	(\$265)	\$1,895	\$232

### Notes:

- 2014: Tennis Court Major Repair Project - Cost of Repairs \$6,150. Donations \$3,900. Balance taken from HAHA savings \$2,250.
- 2015: \$735 donated to fund the rock wall at our annual picnic.
- Our tennis lessons program is intended to break even. In 2014 we lost \$78. In 2015, we made \$87. In 2016, we made \$40.
- Our costs of maintenance to the common lands are kept low by neighbors who step in to mow. A huge thank you to Tom Zavorski and Kendra Cestone!

## HAHA Social Committee

Name	E-mail address	Position/Responsibilities
Tara Natanson	tara@natanson.net	Treasurer/Picnic
Erica O'Neill	eoneill@yahoo.com	Ice Cream Social
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Rich Eckel	reckel@gmail.com	Social Committee
Marcy Eckel	mbeckel@gmail.com	Tennis Lessons Coordinator
Gianna Hoban	mammagi@verizon.net	Pumpkin Derby