HARVARD ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Hi Neighbors!

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. Whether you are a longtime resident or are new to the neighborhood, welcome to 2022!

As you may already know, the Harvard Acres Homeowners Association (HAHA) has a volunteer-run Social Committee. The Social Committee collects elective dues annually to cover maintenance, insurance, and taxes for common land. We are happy to receive more or less based on personal means. We use surplus funds to host and promote social events, like the ice cream social and annual picnic.

This year, we are asking you to donate **\$50 per household**. This money will ensure that our communal areas are pristine and safe for use. We have several initiatives to tackle in 2022 and beyond: repairing cracks on the tennis courts, saving funds for a much-needed resurfacing, and landscaping to take care of the tree we lost in a storm last year.

Please send your 2022 payment to **HAHA 361 Harvard Road** or use the PayPal link at **harvardacres.com**.

Thank you for paying dues!

New to the Neighborhood?

This newsletter is sent out once a year, so please join our Google discussion group to receive the latest updates on neighborhood events. Visit **harvardacres.com**, and click the 'Join our Mailing List' link. While you're there, you can find the links to our Facebook page, past newsletters, and a link to join us on Nextdoor.

We Need Your Help!

All HAHA activities are run by volunteers. If you'd like to contribute time for new community-building activities, we can help you make them happen. New ideas (like pickleball) are always welcome! Join the social committee to see how you can foster this community with us, or email us about your next great neighborhood event: socialcommittee@harvardacres.com

Looking for the yearly treasurer's report? Visit **harvardacres.com** for that and more, including the social committee members and the most up to date listing of events and information.

Have questions? Email us at socialcommittee@harvardacres.com

Garlic Mustard Pulling Party

Saturday, April 30th, 12:00 pm • Tennis Courts on Conant Rain Date: Saturday, May 7th, 12:00 pm

Garlic Mustard is an invasive weed that has gotten a foothold in Harvard Acres. It crowds out native species, outcompeting for moisture, sunlight, and vital nutrients. It can weaken and even destroy the entire ecosystem. We must eradicate this noxious weed!

The best way to eradicate Garlic Mustard is to pull it by hand, so let's make it a party! Everyone, including kids, is welcome. This will be a great opportunity to improve the local ecosystem, teach children about the environment, and have some fun while socializing with neighbors. Please meet at the tennis courts on Conant Drive at Noon. Bring gloves, long pants, and long sleeves.

Refreshments will be provided! If you just can't wait to get pulling, now is a great time to look for this invasive plant in your yard, before native plants sprout. It is still easy to identify without flowers.



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 19th, 1:00-3:00 pm • Tennis Courts on Conant

Join us for HAHA's 11th annual ice cream social. Celebrate the start of summer and all those Fantastic Dads on Fathers' Day! Gather at the tennis courts for ice cream treats and chill time with your neighbors. Feel free to bring chalk, bikes, and scooters for your little ones. It can get hot and buggy on the courts, so bring sunscreen and bug spray.

4th of July Bike Parade

Monday, July 4th, 10:00am • Starting Line at Tennis Courts

Join us for a favorite HAHA tradition! Meet at the tennis courts to decorate bikes, trikes, scooters, strollers or any other wheeled gizmo your child rides, then zip down the street with friends.

HAHA Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 24th ■ Tennis Courts on Conant

Our last picnic was held in 2019 and we are hoping we can bring it back this year. Join your neighbors at the tennis courts for this all ages event! Bring a favorite dish, and spend some time out in the sun before fall turns into winter and we all go into hibernation again.



Thank you for paying dues!

Scan this QR code to go directly to our Paypal page on your nearest digital device.



Kids Tennis Lessons & Backyard Sports Camp

June 27—July 1 • Backyard Sports Camp

July 18—22 • Tennis lessons with Rebecca Solomon

August 15—19 • Backyard Sports Camp

August 22—26 • Tennis Lessons with Philip Baykov

This year we will be offering our popular tennis lessons again, as well as reprising our successful sports camp! See more information and sign up at harvardacres.com

1-hour Tennis Lessons will be held at the courts on Conant from 9:00—12:00. Lessons are for children entering 1st grade and up, and will be taught by grade level; younger children will start at 9:00 am. \$40/week for one child, \$30 per sibling.

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Backyard Sports Camp will be held at the recreation area by the tennis courts. Sports Camp is for children in grades K-6. Keep your kiddos busy with soccer, basketball, lacrosse, flag football and other fun backyard games! \$35 per day.

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Tennis Court Resurfacing

Our courts are in need of resurfacing! Unfortunately, resurfacing is a huge undertaking and we don't currently have the funds in our savings to cover this important investment.

This summer we will hire a professional to fill the cracks and imperfections in the surface so we can continue to safely use the courts until we raise the funds for this big job.

Please consider an additional donation to help us reach our goal more quickly. Resurfacing our courts will cost upwards of \$20,000.