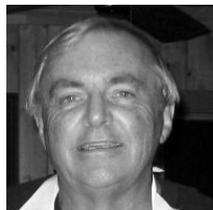


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President's Column



With perhaps the most robust winter that many of us have experienced, I know our Lake Morey time will be even sweeter this summer! My first personal winter visit to the lake took place in February, and I can report that Lake Morey is a hub of activity then too!

Special kudos to the Lake Morey Resort, Hulbert Outdoor Center, and the Upper Valley Trails Alliance for outstanding efforts keeping the lake's 4.5 mile ice skating trail groomed and also sponsoring special events and workshops focused on outdoor activities. VT Pond Hockey Championships, a great Winter Carnival, ice fishing and outdoor adventure activities all keep our lake an exciting, year-round recreational destination. **The Lake Morey Resort's webcam** is also a wonderful "window" from which to witness our ever-changing weather conditions.

As you will read below, in 2015 we will continue our past endeavors to protect our Lake and the surrounding area. **The main focus of 2015 will be a chemical treatment of the Lake in mid-June.** The Adopt-A-Lake program will continue and Association help will be available to protect water quality with shoreline plantings.

The LMPA Annual Meeting will be Saturday, July 18, at 4:00 pm at the Lake Morey Resort. Based on positive feedback, the social hour following the meeting will once again be held in the indoor lounge area. Our LMPA-sponsored family BBQ is at noon at the Town Beach in conjunction with Fairlee Family Fun Day. Thanks to **Laura Byron** and a crew of volunteers, this event continues to bring the lake and town communities together for food and festivities!

And finally, thanks to all of our members who make our Association strong! Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Bruce Durgin, President, LMPA
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Important Announcement

A chemical treatment to mitigate milfoil is scheduled to be performed at Lake Morey in the 35 acre area running from Aloha Camp clockwise around to Gilmore Point **the week of June 15, 2015.** The specific date will be determined in mid-May. At that time, notices will be e-mailed to all property owners abutting the lake and the outlet stream. It is imperative that property owners reply, via e-mail, that they have received the notice. Failure to do so will require someone to affix the notice to the door of the dwelling and take a picture of it which is then forwarded to the VT DEC.

If past protocols still apply, these notices will list certain restrictions. Specifically:

- There will be no use of the lake or the outlet stream for any purpose (including boating, fishing, swimming, and all domestic uses) on the day of the application and the entire day after.
- Recreational uses such as boating, fishing and swimming may resume at the second day following application.
- Domestic use other than drinking and using such waters to prepare food or drink may resume at the beginning of the second day following application.
- Drinking and using such waters of Lake Morey and the outlet stream to prepare food and drink shall not resume until water samples reveal that the chemical concentration is 75ppb or less.
- Use of water from Lake Morey for irrigation shall not resume for 120 days or the concentration is 1ppb or less, whichever comes first.

Prior to the application, signs will be placed around the lake and along the outlet stream warning of the treatment and listing the restrictions. As restrictions are lifted, the signs will be marked accordingly.

We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience the treatment may cause.
Don Weaver, Lake Morey Commission
donweaver@att.net

Annual Fun in the Sun

Fairlee Family Fun Day 2015 will be held on Sat., July 18th, from 11 am – 2 pm. Enjoy this annual LMPA event with your family at the Town Beach featuring games, crafts, prizes and a free BBQ lunch! Please contact me at 917-847-7791 or email me to volunteer.

Laura Byron, Event Coordinator
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Monthly First Friday Night Social

The gathering of LMPA members and guests on the “First Friday at Five” will continue each month. Meet at 5:00 pm in the Lake Morey Resort lounge (cash bar) and get to know your neighbors. Thanks to **Carol Wertheimer** and **Peggie Bissell** for getting this rolling last year.

LMPA Communications

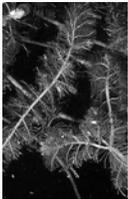
The LMPA **website** (www.lakemorey.org) is designed to keep you up-to-date on LMPA news, information, and announcements – check it regularly. **Denise Drouin** heads up this effort. We also maintain a LMPA **Facebook** page where our lake residents and visitors post photos of activities they enjoy. This continues to be overseen by **Patty Armstrong**. Please let us know how we can keep you better informed and involved in lake issues and events.

Boater Certificate Course

The LMPA will once again sponsor a boater certificate course for those who need to obtain VT certification to operate a motorized boat. This free class by the VT State Police Marine Division is scheduled for **Tues., June 23, and Thurs., June 25, from 4 – 8 pm both nights (total 8 hours required)** at the Fairlee Fire Station. Pre-registration is not necessary. Questions: Call **Bruce** (333-4328) after May 25th or email durginbruce@yahoo.com any time.

Adopt-A-Lake News

Thank you for your vigilance in searching and pulling milfoil – please continue this summer! If you find milfoil be sure to pull it or ask for help. We don't want to spread it by creating fragments with our motors or paddles. **Please contact Don Weaver or me to report milfoil beds.** Let us know if you need



help with milfoil identification. I am always happy to provide samples for accurate plant identification.

We also need volunteer greeters at the boat launch.

Please contact **Peter Massicott** (pmassicott@comcast.net) to sign up. Stop by the boat launch and meet our returning paid greeter, **Nate Eastman**, who is always willing to help train new volunteers. A few hours of your time will reap huge benefits!

Barbara Duncan, Adopt-A-Lake Coordinator
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Buffers for Blue Lakes Program

This past year, through Buffers for Blue Lakes, a program of the Federation of VT Lakes and Ponds, we organized homeowner participation in a workshop where we learned more about lake ecology and the role that shore land buffers play in creating healthy shallow water ecosystems. In addition to workshop and educational materials, six homeowners on the lake were provided with blueberry plants, soil amendments, and technical support for planting blueberries for a small fee. While it is unknown at this time if State funding will be in place to continue this program in 2015, if there is interest by LMPA members to participate please contact **Bruce Durgin** by June 15th and we will attempt to assist. This was a very cost-effective way to help our lake and also enhance your shoreline!

LMPA Directory Update

A new LMPA Directory will be distributed this summer. **Make sure your contact info is correct on the attached dues notice** as this is the source of your directory listing. Thanks for keeping us up to date!

LMPA Directors

We are always looking for LMPA families and friends to help run programs, check for milfoil, provide ideas and recruit volunteers. Help us serve our members! Any of our current Board members can provide assistance.

Board of Directors: Bruce Durgin, President; Ginny Pomeroy, Vice President; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Mike Curran, Secretary; Peggie Bissell, Laura Byron, Barbara Duncan, Peter Massicott, Bobbi Philipp, Mark Richardson, and Chris Taylor

Nominating Committee: Sue Minard, Chair; Debbie Baker, Barbara Duncan

Newsletter Editors: Patty Armstrong, Denise Drouin

Boat Launch Greeter: Nate Eastman