

LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

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President's Column



With the arrival of Spring it is time to think about Lake Morey and Summer 2016. Before we do, let's give **special kudos to The Lake Morey Resort, Hulbert Outdoor Center, and the Upper Valley Trails Alliance** for outstanding efforts keeping the Lake's ice skating trail groomed and for sponsoring special events and workshops focused on outdoor activities to keep our lake an exciting year-round destination.

In 2016, we will continue to be true to our mission statement to protect our Lake and the surrounding area. While last year the main focus was the chemical treatment of the Lake, **this year our focus is to expand our Greeter Program coverage** at the fishing access. Greeters help educate boaters about the harmful effects of aquatic invasive species and provide courtesy boat inspections to prevent new invasives from entering our Lake. Funding for this year's effort comes from the VT Agency of Natural Resources, a grant from The Lake Morey Foundation, and funding from our Association. We appreciate this team approach, which will result in three times the paid coverage of prior years. **Thanks to Peter Massicott, Barbara Duncan and Peggie Bissell for coordinating this vital initiative** to protect our Lake! Volunteer Greeters are welcome - please email peggiebissell@gmail.com for info. **Greeter training will be held at Lake Morey on Sat., June 4th.**

The **LMPA website (www.lakemorey.org)** continues to be our main communications vehicle to keep you up-to-date on LMPA news/announcements. Many thanks to Denise Drouin for serving as our webmaster. Through Patty Armstrong's efforts, we also maintain a social network presence on our **LMPA Facebook page**. Lake residents and visitors post photos of lake activity in all seasons. Photos, wildlife sightings, etc., are welcome!

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** is given by the VT State Police Marine Division and is scheduled for **Tues., June 21, and Thurs., June 23, from 4-8 p.m. each evening** (a total of 8 hours is required). Meet at the Fairlee Fire Station. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Mark Your Calendar

At the Fall 2015 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved a recommendation to **change the date of the LMPA Annual Meeting and Fairlee Fun Day, from the third Saturday in July to the second Saturday in July**. The thinking behind this change is that it will be more convenient for our members and families to attend if these activities were closer to the Fourth of July holiday. This summer's events include:

-- **Fairlee Family Fun Day on Sat., July 9, at the Town Beach from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Enjoy this annual LMPA/Fairlee Recreation Council event with your family featuring games, crafts, water events, rubber duck race, prizes and a **free BBQ lunch with ice cream at Noon!** There are many ways to assist and options for teens to get service hours: make a side salad, help set up, assist with games, serve food, or be a BBQ cook.

Please contact Laura Byron, Event Coordinator - byron_vt@hotmail.com - to volunteer.

-- **LMPA Annual Meeting on Sat., July 9, at The Lake Morey Resort at 4 p.m.** A Social Hour with appetizers will follow the meeting (cash bar).

-- **LMPA Golf Tournament on Sat., July 9, at the Lake Morey Golf Course.** Tee times TBD.

-- **LMPA Sailing Regatta on Sat., July 16, with 10 a.m. start in "Breezy Bay."** Please wear life preservers.

2016 Milfoil Control Program

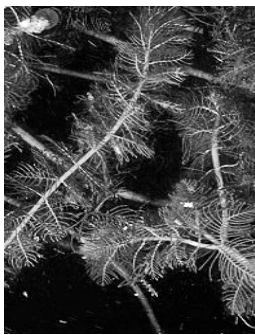
With 36 acres having been treated with Renovate OTF in 2015, this year's milfoil control program will revert to the traditional methodologies used in previous interim years. Professional divers will be engaged for four weeks with one week being funded by The Aloha Foundation. Also, the 5-year permit for the Renovate and suction harvesting components of the milfoil control program expires at the end of 2016. We will be working closely with Aquatic Control Technology (ACT), the Selectboard, and the Fairlee Town Administrator to determine what current and possibly more effective concentrations, formulations and methodologies should be employed over the next five years.

Please contact me if you have any questions.
Don Weaver, Lake Morey Commission
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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 15 homeowners with a workshop on lake ecology and the role that shoreline buffers play in creating healthy, shallow water ecosystems. We planted 127 blueberry and other low bush, eco-friendly plants on our shoreline. While it is unknown at this time if there will be a 2016 State Program, LMPA members who have an interest in this subject should contact Peggie Bissell - peggiebissell@gmail.com - by May 15th.

Adopt-A-Lake News



Thank you for your vigilance in searching for 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 motors or paddles. Contact Don Weaver - donweaver@att.net - or me to report milfoil beds. Let me know if you need help

identifying milfoil as I am happy to provide samples.

Barbara Duncan, Adopt-A-Lake Coordinator
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Social Events/Other Activities

Based on your survey feedback, our monthly gathering of LMPA members and friends on the “First Friday” will continue. Meet at The Lake Morey Resort in the lounge and get to know your neighbors from around the Lake. The **first informal gathering of the season is on June 3 at 5:30 p.m.** and will continue on the first Friday of each month through October (cash bar).

The survey also indicated an interest in a Walking Group and a “Farm to Table” Dinner. Thanks to Peggie Bissell and Carol Wertheimer for coordinating these activities. Add your name to the Walking Group contact list by emailing Peggie - peggiebissell@gmail.com - or Carol - carolwertheimer@comcast.net - and all suggestions for additional social activities and events are welcome.

In the past, a group known as **Junior LMPA** was set up to organize activities for kids and young adults during the summer. If there are any parents who would like to assist with the re-establishment of such a group, please contact any of our Board members.

Fairlee Forest Festival

The Friends of Fairlee Forests (FFF) is organizing a forest-themed festival on the Town Common during the **weekend of July 2nd**. Check out all the event details on their website (www.fairleeforest.org). Activities include workshops, music, animals, exhibits, stories and food. It promises to be an informative and fun family event! Special hikes & quests will occur July 3rd and throughout the summer.

Be Visible on the Road

In recognition of **LMPA’s upcoming 110th Anniversary**, and with our eye towards greater safety on the road, LMPA will be offering bright “safety” green t-shirts (see color on website) this summer.



Men’s and Women’s sizes/styles have been ordered. Cost will be \$12 and the shirts will be available by June 1. **Details are on our website (www.lakemorey.org).**

LMPA Board of Directors

Bruce Durgin, President; Ginny Pomeroy, Vice President; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Mike Curran, Secretary.

Peggie Bissell, Laura Byron, Barbara Duncan, Peter Massiccott, Ginny Reed, Mark Richardson, and Chris Taylor.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Duncan, Chair; Debbie Baker and Carol Wertheimer.

Thanks to all LMPA members and friends who continue to keep our Association strong & active.

Bruce Durgin, President
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***Have a safe and enjoyable season
at Lake Morey!***