

LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
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President's Column

As the snow storms and cold weather dissipate my thoughts turn to the upcoming summer and anticipation of Lake Morey's serenity.

But before we talk about summer I'd like to extend special **kudos to the Lake Morey Resort, Hulbert Outdoor Center, and the Upper Valley Trails Alliance** for outstanding efforts keeping the ice skating trail groomed and open, and also sponsoring special events and workshops focused on outdoor activities. Major "on ice" events such as The Taste of the Lake, VT Pond Hockey Championships and snowmobile gatherings, as well as special fall hikes, ice fishing and spring activities keep our lake area vibrant year round.

We owe a huge debt of **gratitude for all who helped with LMPA activities this past year** – and welcome everyone's participation this year! I would like to highlight some positive results from our collective efforts last season:

- After the milfoil treatment of 2012 **Lake Morey is in the best shape it has been in many years**. Special thanks to the hard work of Don Weaver and the Lake Morey Commission for unflagging dedication to making this happen. The efforts of lakeshore property owners in pulling and reporting milfoil through our Adopt-A-Lake program is invaluable!
- In conjunction with the Town of Fairlee, a driver feedback sign was put into active service. Raising driver awareness has resulted in **lowering vehicle speeds on the Lake Morey Road** and elsewhere in town. Our thanks to the Fairlee Selectboard for collaborating on this effort.
- Properties on the lake road were the target of various acts of damage and loss last year. Law enforcement officials apprehended a suspect in the wake of incidents in Fairlee and surrounding areas. The VT State Police will continue as the

primary law enforcement agency for Fairlee. **Special thanks to the VT State Police and Trooper Josh Lewis for their diligence.**

Looking ahead to this summer the LMPA will again sponsor a **Boater Certificate Course**. This class will be given by the VT State Police Marine Division and will be scheduled for the last week in June. Details will be posted on our website once the date is confirmed.

Make your plans now to attend the **LMPA Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 20, at 4:00 pm at the Lake Morey Resort**. A social hour on the terrace will follow the meeting. We will also be sponsoring our annual meeting day BBQ at noon at the Town Beach in conjunction with Fairlee Family Fun Day.

At the Fairlee Town Meeting in March, Town Constable **Leon Marsh announced his retirement** following 48+ years of dedicated service. We take this opportunity to thank Leon, a fellow LMPA member, for his many, many years of vigilance on behalf of our community and wish him much happiness in his well-deserved retirement.

And finally, **thanks to all our members who help make our Association strong**. Please provide your input and contact me anytime!

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LMPA Communications

The **LMPA website** (www.lakemorey.org) is undergoing changes that will make it easier to access using mobile devices and keep you up-to-date on LMPA news, information, and announcements. We also have a **Facebook page** where our lake residents and visitors post photos of activities they enjoy. Please let us know how we can keep you better informed and involved in lake issues and events.

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Fun in the Sun

Fairlee Family Fun Day 2013 will be held on Sat., July 20th, from 11 am – 2 pm. Enjoy this annual LMPA event with your family at the Town Beach featuring lots of games, crafts, prizes and a free BBQ lunch! Please contact me at 917-847-7791 or email me to volunteer. We appreciate your help and participation!

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Cottage Tours Return in 2013

For the LMPA's 100th anniversary in 2007, we sponsored a series of Lake Morey cottage tours. We are excited to be offering these tours once again! **The tours are scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 4-6 PM.**

We would love to hear from LMPA members! Would you like to open your cottage to other members? Do you have a flower garden you would like to showcase? Would you prefer to have an open house or a "reservations only" option? Which cottages would you like to tour?

In 2007 there were two varieties of tours: one was "reservation only" - a joint tour of Breezy Beach and Heron Hollow and another of Birchmere. At these homes, a small group heard a history of the houses and had a tour. Other cottages had open houses for all. There were two geographic groupings for ease of visiting: East side included the Wertheimer's Northern Exposure, the Ward's Honighafen, the Friedman's Osprey Cove, the Durgin's Sunny Brook, and Cathy McGrath's Keikamahine Lodge. West side included the Pierce's Bass Cove, the Breetz's Hidden Cove, and Thurston's Castle on the Hill.

If your cottage is mentioned above, we welcome you to join in again, hosting and/or touring! There is rich history in all of these wonderful places that's fun and interesting to share. Would you consider adding your name to the list of people who will be hosting this summer?

Those already signed up include Barbara Duncan and Gary Brooks, Flower Hill; Peggie and Clint Bissell, Merrymere; Beth Barrett, Twin Birches; and Jeff Johnson and Denise Drouin, Sunset Lodge. To get you inspired, here's a little "cottage teaser" by Peggie:

Each cottage has a flavor,
rustic, campy, or restored,
from the leaking roof above,
to the crooked bathroom door .

Whether yours is new or vintage,
we are all together here,
loving our Lake Morey
through our first or many years.

As we've gone around the lake,
on the water or the land,
we often point and wonder
'bout each structure
small or grand.

So, we hope that you will join us
as a host or on the tour,
opening doors to summer friendships,
sharing stories that endure.

Please free to contact either of us for more information or to answer any questions. Also let us know if you would like to host or participate in the tour. By the end of June we will finalize a tour plan. Thank you for your interest!

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LMPA Directors

The Board of Directors is always looking for LMPA families and friends to help run programs, check for milfoil, provide ideas for activities and recruit volunteers. Help us serve our members! Bruce Durgin, President; Patty Armstrong, VP; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Judy Stone, Clerk; Laura Byron, Roger Crandall, Barbara Duncan, Peter Massicott, Bobbi Philipp, and Chris Taylor.

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Friends of Fairlee Forests

Spearheaded by Lynne Fitzhugh and Hink Herrick, a group of individuals and organizations interested in ecological preservation, forest and trail management, have formed the Friends of Fairlee Forests (FFF). They plan to complete mapping, improve signage and work on maintenance on the Echo Mt. trail this summer. Safe and accessible hiking trails are among FFF's goals. The LMPA supports these efforts.

The group has also been focusing attention on a wetland system that runs through the forest and feeds into both ends of Lake Morey. Several outstanding habitat specialists have completed important species/habitat studies in this area. They will present their findings and photographs at a **free event for the general public at the Lake Morey Resort on July 17**. Please plan to attend this informative talk!

Adopt-A-Lake News

Thank you for your vigilance in searching and pulling milfoil during the 2012 summer -- we were fortunate that there was very little in the lake. Still, the boat team found plants around the lake in its final fall survey. The north end was particularly hard hit. If you find milfoil, please 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.** We still need education on milfoil identification. Some good news from last summer is that what people thought was milfoil was not!! I am always happy to provide plants for accurate identification. **We also need volunteer greeters at the boat launch again this summer.** Please contact Peter Massicott (pmassicott@comcast.net) to sign up. Stop by the boat launch and meet our returning paid greeter, Nathaniel 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
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Milfoil Update

Milfoil management efforts performed at Lake Morey in 2012 were effective in reducing the infestation to the **lowest levels documented since the current program was initiated in 2007**. Still, there was late season recovery of milfoil in the northernmost part of the lake. Ongoing management will be required to maintain control and prevent further infestation.

For the 2013 season, the following strategies will be employed:

- Late spring visual inspection by lake management specialists
- Early summer professional diver hand pulling and suction harvesting particularly at the seven acre problem area in the northern part of the lake
- If infestation in this area is deemed to be intense, permit submission to the DEC for Renovate treatment in early Sept.
- Extensive Adopt-a-Lake efforts throughout the summer to minimize increased infestation
- Continuation of the Greeter Program led by Nathaniel Eastman
- Late summer professional diver hand pulling throughout the lake
- Comprehensive aquatic plant survey by ACT in late August

Acquatic Control Technologies (ACT) prepared the following charts summarizing Lake Morey's treatment efforts from 2007 - 2012. Also included is a graph which traces the decline in milfoil cover and the frequency of occurrence of milfoil in the lake. The collaborative efforts of the State of Vermont, the Town of Fairlee, the Lake Morey Foundation, and the LMPA to fund the ongoing treatment activities is what makes the planning and work of the Lake Morey Commission and ACT so effective. We all must continue to remain vigilant in our milfoil management efforts.

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Year	Treatment	Results/Discussion
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 acres treated at north end with Renovate 3 (liquid) at 1.5 ppm on 6/24/07 15 acres treated on east and west shores with Renovate OTF (granular) at 200 lbs/ac or 1.85 ppm in bottom 4 feet Hand-pulling and DASH performed 	Good control achieved in north end; incomplete control seen along east and west shore attributed to insufficient herbicide concentration exposure time due to dilution and plant maturity at the time of treatment
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 acres treated along east, west and south shores with Renovate OTF at 200 lbs/ac or 1.85 ppm in bottom 4 feet Hand-pulling and DASH performed 	Treatment occurred early in growing season to avoid bass spawning period per the permit conditions; milfoil plants were initially suppressed, but there was considerable late season recovery; insufficient viable plant tissue for herbicide absorption at the time of treatment
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 52 acres treated along east, west and south shores with Renovate OTF at 240 lbs/ac or 2.25 ppm in bottom 4 feet Hand-pulling and DASH performed 	Nearly twice as much new milfoil tissue growth was evident at the time of treatment as compared to 2008. Nearly complete control of milfoil was achieved throughout treatment area.
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No treatments performed Hand-pulling and DASH performed 	Acceptable milfoil control maintained throughout summer growing season; some scattered regrowth seen in northern half of the lake
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No treatments performed Hand-pulling and DASH performed 	Acceptable milfoil control maintained for the majority of summer growing season, but considerable late season milfoil recovery was observed in the north end

