

LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER
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From the President:

Welcome to another season at Lake Morey and 112 years as a lake association! By renewing your membership with the LMPA, you are supporting volunteers who are working to preserve Lake Morey's clean water, and its watershed, and to promote safety for everyone who uses the water, the trails, and the roads around Lake Morey.

Below, you can read about LMPA-sponsored social and sporting events, and water quality initiatives taking place in 2019. Please visit our website at www.lakemorey.org for important updates throughout the year.

Lake Morey is our precious, and shared resource. We encourage all to think about how our activities will affect other people, as well as the health of the lake. Watch for swimmers, skiers, paddleboards, and smaller boats when piloting your watercraft. Travel on Lake Morey Road with care and awareness, whether on foot, bicycle or car. Do your part to keep all forms of invasive species, yard waste, trash, or any form of chemical or sewage run-off from entering our lake waters. Everyone benefits when we are thoughtful about our role as community members of Lake Morey.

Wishing you all the best for a wonderful season at Lake Morey!

Ginny Pomeroy, LMPA President

Summer Events Schedule

LMPA 1st Fridays at the Lake Morey Resort: This continues to be a great way to meet up with friends and neighbors. The Inn has been very accommodating supplying snacks for our group. This year's dates are June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, and October 4 (cash bar). The time remains 5:30. There may be an additional date for a farm-to-table event in Corinth, usually the last Saturday in August.

There is no formal plan for a walking group. Feel free to contact Carol or anyone at anytime for a walking buddy!

As always, if anyone has any other ideas for social gatherings please contact me by email, CarolWertheimer@comcast.net or cell phone 410-591-6466.

LMPA Annual Meeting on Sat., July 13, at the Lake Morey Resort at 4 p.m. A Social Hour with appetizers will follow (cash bar).

LMPA Golf Tournament on Sat., July 13, at the Lake Morey Golf Course — time TBD.

LMPA Regatta on Sat., July 6, with 2 pm. start in Breezy Bay. See you on the Lake!

Pickleball anyone? If anyone is interested in joining a co-ed pickleball game this summer—either Tuesday or Wednesday morning from approximately 9:00-10:30 am, let Laura Tucker know. She has equipment and a court at her house. As long as at least 4 people are available, there can be a game. No skills required! If there's enough interest, she will attempt to get a pro to give a lesson at the first gathering, but rules will be reviewed each week. It will run weekly from mid-June through August. A weekly email blast will go out to those who have signed up confirming that there are at least 4 people available to play and the game is on (weather dependent).

Email Laurat4300@gmail.com if interested.

LMPA Board of Directors:

Ginny Pomeroy, President; Will Watson, Vice President; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Ginny Reed, Secretary; Debbie Baker, Peggie Bissell, Denise Drouin, Mark Richardson, Laura Tucker, Carol Wertheimer, and Smith Reed.
Nominating Committee: Debbie Baker, Chair; Carol Wertheimer and Karen Larson.

Morey Mountain/Upper Valley Land Trust update:

Thanks to the generosity of nearly 100 lake families, local organizations and other donors, the Lake Morey Foundation was able to complete the purchase and transfer of 148 acres on Morey Mountain to the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) last summer — <https://uvlt.org/2018/07/foundation-brings-people-together-to-protect-landmark/>.

The UVLT's initial plans for the property include conducting a natural resource inventory, developing a management strategy, as well as outlining educational and low impact recreational options including hiking trails. As details become available, updates and volunteer opportunities will be posted on the LMPA website www.lakemorey.org.

Water Quality Initiatives in 2019

Spring 2019 Milfoil Eradication update

The Lake Morey Commission has determined that we should have a chemical treatment this spring to the large beds of Eurasian Milfoil that have cropped up in several places in Lake Morey. Two chemical permit applications are currently working their way through the VT DEC approval process – Renovate OTF and Procellacor. Renovate has been used in the lake five times between 2007 and 2015. We are currently working with the VT DEC to determine which application will be approved for use in 2019 and what the timing for the application will be. The timing is a critical issue as the application of the chemical has a narrow window of peak effectiveness. Please refer to our website www.lakemorey.org for up-to-date information and learn how you can help advocate for the most effective treatment for Lake Morey.

Greeter Program 2019

This season will see an increase in the number of hours the Access will have coverage during the height of boating season. A Greeter will be on duty from 7AM-7PM during the July 4th holiday period and Saturdays and Sundays during July and August. The job posting, requirements, and application for the 4 to 5 positions can be viewed on the LMPA website and on the Fairlee, Bradford and Upper Valley Listservs beginning March 14. The application deadline is April 16th.

Volunteers able to attend one of the trainings in May are welcome to lend a hand during a bass tournament or at other times when coverage is needed.

To keep Aquatic Invasive Species in check, remember to Clean, Drain, and Dry all water vessels, including paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes!

Adopt-A-Lake News

Thank you for your vigilance in searching and pulling milfoil – please continue this summer! We don't want to spread it by creating fragments with our motors or paddles. Please contact Don Weaver or Barbara Duncan to report milfoil beds. Let us know if you need help identifying milfoil -- we are always happy to provide samples. The State requires that we track our volunteer hours to minimize the use of the aquatic pesticide. Our hours are credited toward the total cost of eliminating milfoil. Please do your part in searching, pulling, removing fragments and tracking your time. Adopt-a-lake report forms are available at www.lakemorey.org.

Lake Morey Commission

In addition to its historic role in combatting milfoil in Lake Morey, the Lake Morey Commission has been working to better understand late season cyanobacteria blooms on our lake. In September and October of the past three years, we documented “blooms” of rapidly accumulating cyanobacteria (sometimes referred to as blue-green algae) on the surface of the lake. Recent analysis suggests that phosphorous levels are showing an increasing trend and may be related to the blooms. To further understand potential phosphorous loading into the lake, the Commission, led by Greg Allen, has applied for a grant from the LaRosa Partnership Program to support collection and testing water from the five main tributaries in 2019. We propose testing total phosphorous, dissolved phosphorous, alkalinity, sulfate, manganese, and ph in Big Brook, Glens Falls Brook, Pine Brook, Garden Side Brook, and Bonnie Oaks Brook over the summer months. We hope to identify any problematic areas in Lake Morey's watershed and any potential remedial efforts as well as advance our understanding of phosphorous loading in Lake Morey. For more information regarding cyanobacteria, please visit www.lakemorey.org for a full article on the subject as well as photographs of the various microscopic forms that can be found.

VT Lakes & Ponds Update

Our State organization, Federation of Vermont Lakes & Ponds (FOVLAP), has been working with the Vermont Legislature on a number of clean water initiatives. In particular, H.264, an act relating to monitoring for Cyanobacteria in waters of the State; and S.69, joining numerous other states and Quebec in the study on the effect of shoreline deterioration caused by certain high wake designed boats.

FOVLAP continues to hold two educational seminars each summer – the next one will be on Friday, June 7th at The Lake Morey Resort. LMPA members are welcome to attend. For registration information please go to: vermontlakes.org or contact Bruce Durgin at durginbruce@yahoo.com.

