



Lake Parker Association, Inc.

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June, 2006 Newsletter

A Word Or Two From the President (Randy, not George)

Welcome to another, albeit rainy, summer on Parker Pond. I would like for this year to be the year that we, as a group, make a concerted effort to bring not only all of the lake front residents, but also as many of the watershed residents as possible into our membership. I think that everyone that is within our watershed contributes to the relative health and well being of the lake and should be included in discussions and decisions that affect the lake. Every one of you should consider yourselves part of the membership committee, good will ambassadors to make neighbors and new residents welcome into our little fold. We have a brochure and other information that can be distributed. Contact Randy Williams 525-4051 or Becky Holden 525-4263 if you would like some to hand out.

Through the efforts of a relatively small group of member volunteers, the Lake Parker Association has over the years emerged as one of the most active and progressive thinking lake associations in the state, with our watershed survey, lay monitoring, the walking path, weed harvesting and, in conjunction with the town, drainage and road care projects. The benefits of a strong active lake association are many. By volunteering a little of your time each season, you help maintain the water quality of the lake and its environment and help to assure that your boating, swimming and hiking experiences will be all that they can be for you, your family and friends.

Annual Meeting and Potluck

The annual meeting of the Lake Parker Association will be held July 8 at 7pm in the basement of the West Glover Church. In addition to the wonderful potluck supper at 5:30 and usual committee reports, we will discuss and vote on the construction and implementation of the boat wash station at the north access. We had a very productive meeting last August that included Shadow Lake residents. They related their experience, including an educational video that they produced, during last boating season. In anticipation of our possibly starting the boat washing project, I applied for additional funds through the VT Water Quality Division and have been promised up to \$4,000. I will try to have a knowledgeable person from the Shadow Lake project at our meeting to answer questions.

Last Fall John Urie installed two donated bridges, converted from the ladder truck that was given to the Glover Fire Department, on the Walking Path at the south end of the lake. They are rugged and work wonderfully. Go check them out. That was a great effort by John and his helpers.

Walking Path Update

Ken Kaszubowski is heading up the Walking Path cleanup effort and has a few words:

The walking path around Lake Parker was in great shape in early October of last year. The new bridges were put in place and the old bridges were moved to help get walkers over wet areas. Then came the early snow storms. The heavy snow took down about 12 small trees blocking the trail in several places. In addition the beavers have been working hard resulting in the trail having standing water in some places

near their dams. Much of the trail is currently very wet and muddy from all the rain this spring.

A work party is needed to get the path open. On June 24 volunteers are needed to work on the trail starting at 9:00 am. We will meet along Parker Road at the start of the trail. Bring hand saws, chainsaws and/or gas trimmers if you have them. The more help we get the faster it will go. Let us know if you can help on June 24. Please email Ken Kasz or call Glen Barber (after 4:00 pm) and give us your name and phone number. The email address is lakeparkerwalkingpath@verizon.net and Glen's number is 525-4113.

August Meeting

We are planning a second meeting on August 12. It will be another wonderful casual potluck and a discussion panel to talk about the issues surrounding Act 64 and how it might affect lake property owners. Both Shadow Lake and Daniel's Pond residents will be invited.

Please remember to install a road viewable 911 number for emergency assistance response.

Your new updated membership form is included.

Some Dates to Remember

June 24- Walking Path cleanup 9am at Parker Road entrance, bring tools

July 29- Glover Day from 9am to 2pm. Come join in the fun.

August 12- LPA potluck and Act 68 informational discussion, 5:30 West Glover Church.

Sometime in September- Lake Parker Regatta of sailing and other floatables.

Thank you all for your participation and support.

Randy Williams, President

Have a great season.