

Lake Parker Association Newsletter

May, 2010

Heard Around the Lake—Brief Notes from the LPA

Association Annual Meeting, July 10th

The annual meeting of the Lake Parker Association will take place this year on July 10 at the West Glover Church.

A potluck dinner starting at 5:00 will be followed by the annual meeting. Come see your neighbors and friends, elect our new president, and have a chance to win fabulous door prizes.

LPA Seeks Nominations for President

After three years as the LPA President, Rick Blanchard is stepping down in order to devote his time to his family and business. Rick would like to thank the association for the opportunity to serve. Please be thinking of nominations or step forward yourself to serve your community in this capacity. Elections will be held at the LPA Annual Meeting in July.

Welcome New Neighbors

The LPA would like to extend a warm welcome to our latest arrivals on the lake: Gregory and Meghan Hamilton-Piercy of Peabody, MA, Christy Patt of Stowe, VT, and Bernard Butler and Tammy Flint-Butler of Irasburg.

If you have new neighbors, please invite them to join the LPA and let Becky Holden (vtbecky@live.com) know so we can add them to our mailing list.

New LPA Website is Looking for Photos

Don Trudel has been hard at work on our new LPA website. He would like to include your photographs of the lake. Please send any pictures you have to Don at lpapics@lakeparker.org. Please identify the subject as "LPA member pictures." If you would like to add captions for the pictures, please do so when you send them.

200th Anniversary of Runaway Pond Celebration

Imagine traveling south on Route 16 from Glover towards Hardwick, in a boat. Two hundred years ago, that's what you would have had to do because where there is now road was once a lake three times as deep as Lake Parker. A group of men, thinking they could improve the flow of water to power a local mill, breached the northern shore of Long Pond, as the body of water was known then. Ninety minutes later Long Pond, thereafter referred to as Runaway Pond, was totally empty; its waters wiped out everything in their path on their way north to Lake Memphremagog reportedly "raising the level of the lake by a foot".

On the weekend of June 4, 5 and 6 there will be a huge celebration in Glover Village of the letting out of Long Pond. It's a fascinating local history tale that touches on the ways human intervention can shape local geography with sometimes devastating consequences. It was a horrific event that only by luck did not claim any human lives. There will be lectures, hikes and tours, dinners, music and much more. A schedule of events will be posted at all public notice boards.

Please visit the Glover Historical Society for a detailed schedule of events at gloverhistoricalsociety.org.

ciety.org. Come take part in the festivities.

Pioneer Day Camp Returns for 2010

Betsy Day and Randy Williams would like to announce that the very popular Pioneer Day Camp will take place from June 28 to July 2 this year. They report that they had a wonderful week last year with several LPA members, Anne Benning, Lorna Kiley and Joan Hudson, helping us with projects, hikes and general kid control. Our focus was on the Runaway Pond disaster. If you would like to help us out this year, contact Betsy or Randy at 525-4051.

Emails Wanted

Please provide the LPA with your email to receive this newsletter electronically. Help us save trees and dollars.

We know there's never enough time and money, especially for our Association. If you regularly use email, please send us your email address when you send in your membership form. This will enable us to get you your newsletter for free and in a more timely fashion.

Lake Parker Association, Inc.

2010 Membership Dues Form

The Lake Parker Association (LPA) needs your membership and support. The \$25.00 annual membership fee is the source of funds for supplementing the costs of meetings, upkeep of the weed harvesting machine, insurance, required dues, and for such projects as deemed appropriate for the benefit of the Lake Parker Watershed by the Membership, the Executive Committee, and the Standing Committees, such as Land Use & Conservation, Walking Path, Weed Harvesting & Water Quality.

Name(s): _____

Map No: _____

911 Address: _____

*(Very important to post this roadside for
emergency assistance response)*

Local Phone Nbr: _____ Other Contact Nbr: _____

Please print your current email address as future notices will be sent by email, if provided:

The Association also depends on volunteers to keep the Lake healthy and safe for you and your families. We ask you review the following list for those projects of interest in contribution of time and/or your experience

_____ *Glover Day Table*

_____ *Boat Access Monitoring*

_____ *Weed harvesting*

_____ *Walking Path Maintenance*

_____ *Grant Planning/ Writing*

_____ *Meetings: Setup/ Refreshments*

_____ *Lake Protection Projects*

_____ *Newsletter and/or Website*

Please mail this completed membership form and annual dues of \$25 by June 30th to:

Lake Parker Association, Inc.
PO Box 40
W Glover, VT 05875

Thank you for your support and have a safe and enjoyable summer!