

Newsletter, June 2015



President's Welcome | Ken Kasz

2014 was a good year for the Lake Parker Association. We elected committee chairs for all LPA standing committees. This gave us a full Association board for the first time in over five years. General membership remained high for the second year in a row. We held our first ever photo contest which allowed us to put together our first calendar featuring Lake Parker. We also participated as a group on Green Up Day, joined in on an Old Fashion Social in the fall, did some work on the walking path, and held a well attended annual meeting.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the activities and helped us have such a successful year. In 2015, we will continue with all of the above activities and add a few to the mix. The details can be found here and on our web site LakeParker.org. Please join us so we can all enjoy Lake Parker, West Glover, and the NEK.

Questions or Suggestions: Contact any board member

2015 Lake Parker Association Executive Board

President: Ken Kasz (kkasz@lakeparker.org)
Vice President: Joe Little (jlittle@lakeparker.org)
Secretary: Brenda Plastridge (bplastridge@lakeparker.org)
Treasurer: Joyce Croteau (jcroteau@lakeparker.org)
Membership: Jim Scileppi, Committee Chair
Recreation: Ann Lindner, Committee Chair
Water Quality: Randy Williams, Committee Chair
Boating & Water Safety: Art Greenbaum & Bob Morrill, Co-Chairs
Fishing & Wildlife: John Wooten, Committee Chair

Lake Parker Association

2015 Annual Meeting

The Lake Parker Association's annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM downstairs in the West Glover Church. We hope you are able to join us!



2015 Membership

The LPA needs your support! Please consider renewing your LPA Membership today. If you have let your membership lapse this is a great time to rejoin. There's a lot happening around the Lake and we can help keep you informed. Your membership will ensure your voice is heard. Please send in your membership dues today. (A copy of the membership form is included on the last page and is on the web site.)

Lake Parker Association Water Socials

You are invited to get out on the water and meet other people around the lake!

Saturday, July 18th, after the Annual Meeting

The group will start paddling at Ann Lindner's house located at 698 Parker Road. We will paddle towards the north end of the lake and pick up people as we go around. For those of you near 698 Parker Road, please feel free to start the paddle with Ann.

Don't have a kayak, canoe or paddleboard - no problem! Join the group in whatever boat you have (row boat, paddle boat, sail boat, motor boat, pontoon boat)!

Saturday, August 15th at 6:30 PM

We will all paddle out to the center of the lake and tie together. Bring whatever beverage you would like to drink as we listen to music. Consider hitching a ride with someone who has a pontoon boat.

Please contact Ann at lindnervt@gmail.com or [802-525-3062](tel:802-525-3062) with any questions.

Lake Parker Greeter Program

We are considering starting a greeter program in 2016. Greeter programs are in place at many of Vermont's Lakes. The goal of the program is to help keep unwanted weeds from entering lakes. Lake Parker is currently free of Eurasian Milfoil and we would like to keep it that way. The program would require help from members. Some hours would be paid through a grant and additional work would be done by volunteers.

The greeters would help at the Public Boat Launch in shifts, which would be set up in advance. Karl Krantz has agreed to help us with this effort. Please contact Karl or a board member if you would have interest in helping get this program off the ground.

We are hoping to have an information meeting this summer so anyone with interest can ask more questions and get additional information. We will also have an update at the annual meeting.

Karl can be reached by email at: kkasperone@hotmail.com

The LPA Board is looking for new members!

We are looking for any member with interest in joining the LPA board. This year is an election year and we do not have anyone running for the office of Secretary. If you have interest in any position, please contact a board member. If joining the board is too big of a commitment, we are always looking for help on our standing committees: Membership, Recreation, Water Quality, Boating & Water Safety, and Fishing & Wildlife.

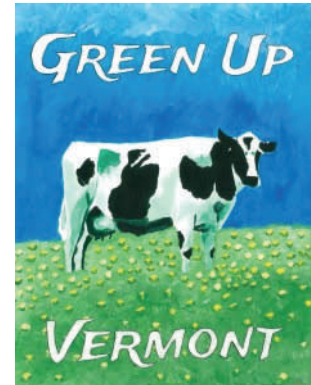
Walking Path Improvements

Last fall we had a small crew take down the group of trees that had fallen across the trail near Parker Road. The beavers continue to cause flooding in the same area making it difficult to get through. We hope to get planks in place soon to keep the path open even when flooded by the beaver dam. Check the web site for updates.

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Green Up was May 2nd, 2015

Saturday, May 2nd the Lake Parker Association participated in Vermont's Green Up Day for the third year. We found the majority of the roads around Lake Parker were in great shape. Most had been picked up by year round residents prior to Saturday morning. We had about 12 LPA members help this year. Thank you to all the members and non-members that helped green up West Glover. Thanks again to Art & Sue for giving us a place to start, along with coffee and a snack. Great work everyone!



2014 LPA Photo Contest

Our first ever Photo Contest was a big success! We received entries in all three categories and were able to put a Lake Parker Calendar together highlighting several of the photos. Below are the three first place winners:



“Sailboat” entered by Helen Goldstein

“Day Is Almost Done” entered by Sue Greenbaum



“Beaver-Apple” entered by Lloyd Klinger



The 2015 Lake Parker Photo Contest is under way! All the details are on page six of this Newsletter and will be on our website LakeParker.org

This year we hope to offer calendars for sale to members of our association. Pre-orders are due by November 1st. You will receive your calendars before December 22nd.

“Shocking” facts about the fish in Lake Parker

John Wooten has put together a report on the fish and water quality of Lake Parker. His full report is available on our LakeParker.org website. John will also have a few hard copies at the annual meeting on July 18th.

In 2009, the State conducted a “fish data sampling” of Lake Parker. This survey, conducted at night, allows the fish to be collected, weighed and measured. It starts with the fish being “shocked” or stunned by an electrical charge which causes them to float to the surface. The fish are then surveyed and returned to the water where they “wake up” and resume their normal life. Check out the rest of John’s report to find out what types of fish we have in Lake Parker. He includes the full 2009 survey as well as additional information.

Water quality has a dramatic effect on the fishing at Parker and is also included in John’s report. See what changes in water quality have been recorded over a 31 year period. It is a lot of interesting information, we hope you have the time to check it out.

When I first got involved with the Lake Parker Association I was helping with the walking path. I was quite impressed with a man twice my age that was doing a lot of the chain sawing. He seemed to have more energy than I did! Over the years I worked with this man building and repairing bridges, re-routing the path and taking down trees. John Urie Sr. helped with project after project and always got the job done. I learned over time how involved he was around the lake, in the community, and at church. He was WWII veteran, a dairy farmer, a Glover selectmen, and so much more. He was always willing to help others and get involved. John passed away in February at the age of 95. Thank you John for everything you did for all of us. Thank you to his family for sharing him with us. May he rest in peace.

John R. Urie, Sr (May 17,1919 - February 22, 2015)

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LPA 2015 Photo Contest

The second annual Lake Parker Association Photo Contest is underway! Photos will be judged based on their consistency with the category entered, the artistic quality, the technical quality, and the overall tie to Lake Parker and the West Glover area.

Three categories to enter:
“On and around Lake Parker”
“Nature and Wildlife” & “Camp Life”



How to enter: Photos should be emailed to LakeParkerVT@aol.com along with your name and contact information. Please include the category the photo is being entered into and the title of the photo if you have one.



Contest Prizes:

One LPA 2016 Calendar will be given to each First Place winner in each of the three categories. All photos may be included in the calendar and/or used on the Lake Parker Association website. Winners will be notified prior to December 1st, 2015.

Contest Rules:

Open to all 2015 active members. Photo must be entered by an active LPA member, but can be taken by the member, a friend of the member, or the family of member. Photos can be electronically altered before they are entered. Each member may enter up to two photos in each category. Each individual photo that is submitted can only be entered into a single category.

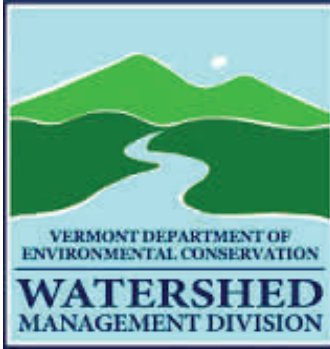
All photos must be entered digitally in JPEG format. The judges will view the photos on a large computer/TV monitor, so please keep image size and quality in mind. Photos taken with vertical orientation or low resolution may not be used in the calendar for technical reasons.

The contest is now open for this year. All entries must be submitted by October 15th, 2015. Photos taken anytime before October 15th, 2015 can be entered.

The copyright for any photo entered remains with the photographer. By entering the photo, the member grants the LPA permission to use the photo on the LPA website and/or in LPA Calendars or Newsletters at no cost to the LPA. Calendars with photos may be sold to members with any and all profits going to the LPA. By entering a photo, you warrant that you have the right to grant the above permission.

The Lake Parker Association reserves the right to amend these rules if necessary.

Shoreland Protection Act



Do you have questions about Vermont's New Shoreland Protection Act? The Vermont Department of Environmental Protection offers workshops around the state. Check out their website for dates and locations:

http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/permits/hm/pm_shoreland-events.htm

They can also answer questions about Lake Encroachment regulations.

Lake Parker Telephone Cascade

In 2014, we developed a telephone cascade to help notify camp and home owners of any break-ins or suspicious activity on or around Lake Parker. If you would like to be part of this telephone cascade or need more information about it, please contact Brenda Plastridge at 802-525-3479 or by email at bplastridge@myfairpoint.net.

Writers needed

Would you have interest in writing one or two articles each year for the Newsletter and/or website? We have plenty of things going on around the lake and not everyone is there year round to experience it. If you have interest, please contact any board member and we will get you signed up. We could use your help!

Check out our website.
It is updated year round!

lakeparker.org

Lake Parker Association Membership

Now is the time for all property owners (and friends of the lake) to become members of the Lake Parker Association. We need your time, talents, and financial support. With everyone participating, we have the best chance to preserve our Lake. The \$25.00 annual membership fee is the source of funds for supplementing the costs of mailings, meetings, weed harvesting, insurance, required dues and for various projects as deemed appropriate for the benefit of the Lake Parker Watershed by the Executive Board.

**Lake Parker Association, Inc.
2015 Dues Payment Form**

Primary Residence:

Full Name (and spouse/partner): _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

2015 Dues: **\$ 25.00**

Lake Parker:

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Street Address: _____

Total paid: \$ _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

Map No.: _____

Email address: _____ (Your address will not be shared.)

If any of your information has changed since last year, please write "NEW" next to it. Thank you.

Checks should be made payable to Lake Parker Association, Inc. Please mail* this completed membership form and annual dues of \$25 to:

**Lake Parker Association, Inc.
48 County Rd, UNIT 40
West Glover, VT 05875**

****Please note we are no longer using the PO Box.***

The Association depends on volunteers to keep the lake healthy and safe for you and your families.

We are seeking members to volunteer in the following areas:

_____ Glover Day Table

_____ Membership

_____ Boating & water safety

_____ Walking Path

_____ Grant Planning/Writing

_____ Meetings: Setup

_____ Lake Protection Projects

_____ Newsletter and/or Website

_____ Recreation activities