

Newsletter, June 2017



President's Welcome | Ken Kasz

2017 is off and running for the Lake Parker Association! In addition to our Annual Meeting in July, our plans include three water socials, a pot luck dinner, a photo contest and improvements to the walking path. Hopefully you will renew your membership, if you have not already done so, and are able to join us at some of our events. Event details are included in this newsletter. Our website (LakeParker.org) will be updated with additional information as it is finalized. Email updates will also be sent as needed.

We are always looking for feedback, suggestions, and volunteers. If you have anything to share, please contact any board member. Thank you to all who participated last year! Whether you renewed your membership or helped with an activity, your support is appreciated! We are only as good as our members. If you have not sent in your dues for 2017, the form can be found on the last page.

Questions or Suggestions: Contact any board member

2017 Lake Parker Association Executive Board

President: Ken Kasz (kkasz@lakeparker.org)
Vice President: Brenda Plastridge (bplastridge@lakeparker.org)
Secretary: Andrea Neil (AndieNeil48@gmail.com)
Treasurer: Joyce Croteau (jcroteau@lakeparker.org)
Membership: Jim Scileppi, Committee Chair
Recreation: Ann Lindner, Committee Chair
Water Quality: Art Greenbaum, Committee Chair
Boating & Water Safety: Bob Morrill, Committee Chair
Fishing & Wildlife: John Wooten, Committee Chair

Lake Parker Association

2017 Annual Meeting

The Lake Parker Association's annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 15th. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM downstairs in the West Glover Church. We hope you are able to join us!

Lake Parker Pot Luck

This year our Pot Luck Dinner will be held the same day as the annual meeting. We will get the business finished in the morning and socialize later in the day. The Pot Luck will be July 15th starting at 5:00 PM downstairs in the West Glover Church. Additional details will be emailed to all members and added to the LPA website.

Our pot luck dinners are open to both members and non-members. Friends and family are encouraged to join us. Come and enjoy the food and company!

Lake Parker Association Water Socials

This year our water socials will take place at 4:00 PM on the first Saturday of July, August and September. The first one is July 1st, the second is August 5th, and the third is September 2nd. This is a great way to meet other people on the lake in a very casual setting!

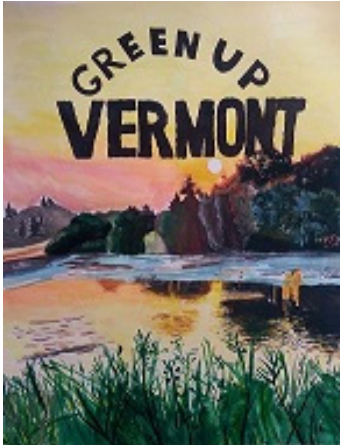
We will all paddle out to the center of the lake and tie together. Bring whatever beverage you would like to drink as we visit and listen to music. Join the group in any boat you have (row boat, paddle boat, sail boat, motor boat, pontoon boat)!

Please contact Ann, Chair of the Recreation Committee, by email at lindnervt@gmail.com or by phone [802-525-3062](tel:802-525-3062) with any questions.



photo taken by Lloyd Klinger

Green Up Day in West Glover



There were volunteers all around Glover and West Glover on Saturday, May 6th. The Lake Parker Association had a small group that coordinated our efforts in West Glover. We picked up along several roads and the walking path at the south end of the lake.

Thank you Art & Sue for coordinating the group and to all the members that helped make Green Up Day a success in West Glover!

Town of Glover Reappraisal

YES, the Town of Glover has recently completed a townwide reappraisal. Your property value may have changed. Any change will impact the amount you pay in property taxes.

You should have received your notification for "change of appraisal" in the mail. Appraisals for the whole town are available at www.townofglover.com or the town office.

If you decide to appeal your reappraisal, Grievance Day is June 26th. Call 802-525-6227 to make an appointment with the Board of Listers. An appointment is required. Listers are available in the town office Mondays from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon) before Grievance Day, June 26th.

The Listers for the Town of Glover are Ned Andrews, Dennis Gibson, and Robert Young. They can be reached at 802-525-6227.

Lake Parker Association

LPA Photo Contest 2016/2017

Unfortunately, due to a small number of entries, the Lake Parker Association's 2016 Photo Contest was put on hold and a calendar was not produced. All entries will be held and automatically entered in the 2017 contest. The awards given at the end of 2017 will be based on the best photos for the two years.

Please note that the deadline for photos has been moved up to September 30th! This will give us time to select winners, print calendars and have them delivered before December 22nd. Don't wait until the last minute to enter! Email your photos at anytime to LakeParkerAssociation@gmail.com

See page ten for all the rules. Information on ordering calendars will be emailed to all active members and be available on our website (LakeParker.org).

Walking Path Update

The walking path is wet and muddy but that is normal for this time of year. Several small trees fell during the winter months and will be cleared by the end of June. There is one section where a new drainage ditch has been added between two of the fields. This has resulted in the need for an additional bridge. We are working on a plan and will get something in place soon to make it easier to cross the ditch.

Last year one side of the large bridge dropped several feet. One of the banks had given way under the bridge. This would have been a very difficult task for us to resolve. The good news came in the form of help from Bob Tetrault and his worker. He moved the bridge and rebuilt the bank. A huge THANK YOU from the Lake Parker Association!

This is a very nice nature trail for anyone that likes to hike! Hiking shoes or other appropriate footwear is encouraged. See the map on our website for approximate distances. If you would like to help with trimming or clearing the trail, email Ken Kasz at kkasz@LakeParker.org.

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 for the Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you have interest in any position, please contact any board member. We are also looking for help on several of our standing committees: Membership, Recreation, Water Quality, Boating & Water Safety, and Fishing & Wildlife.

Rainbow Trout Stocked in Lake Parker

We are pleased to report that the State of Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept. agreed to stock Lake Parker with 500-600 rainbow trout this year! We wish to thank our local State Biologist, Jud Kratzer of St. Johnsbury, for his efforts in setting this up. The fish were delivered on May 5th. The rainbow trout were approximately 8.75" long. Please email John Wooten, Chair of the Fishing & Wildlife Committee, with any questions or observations. John will inform the State of our observations at the end of the summer. He can be reached at umbday@comcast.net.

Last year we collected donations from many of our members to be used to stock Rainbow Trout in Lake Parker in 2017. The regulations and permit process were not available in time to apply for this year. John Wooten stayed in contact with Vermont's Fish and Wildlife Department, which resulted in Lake Parker being stocked in 2017 without cost to the LPA. We plan to use the donated funds for stocking in 2018 or as soon as a permit is granted to the association. If you made a donation and are concerned because it was not used in 2017, please contact any board member. If you prefer your donation be returned, we will accommodate your request.

Report submitted by John Wooten, Chair of Fishing & Wildlife Committee.

Additional Fishing & Wildlife Report

In response to an inquiry during the LPA Annual Meeting last summer regarding inconsiderate fishing adjacent to docks and rafts while people are on or swimming next to same, the Committee contacted our local State Game Warden (Barton), Michael Scott. He indicated that since the Lake is a public resource, there are no statutes prohibiting fishing next to docks and rafts; however, common sense should prevail when people are on or adjacent to docks and rafts; he suggests politely asking the fishermen to fish elsewhere, and if that doesn't work, take down the boats registration and/or take photos and report the incident to him. Scott can be reached at his dispatcher number (802-334-8881) or his home (802-525-5501).

LPA 2016 Annual Meeting

We had a great turnout for the 2016 Lake Parker Association Annual Meeting held on July 16, 2016. Below is a summary of the meeting. (These are not the official minutes.)

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Kasz at 10:10AM. There were 59 members and guests in attendance. Andrea read the minutes from the July 18, 2015 meeting. The minutes were approved by the membership. The Treasurer's report was presented by Joyce and approved by the membership.

Standing Committee Reports followed. **Membership:** Jim Scileppi reported that we had 81 members in 2015. Jim Scileppi thanked everyone who has joined this year. **Recreation:** Ann Lindner reported that there will be a boat social starting at 4PM. **Water Quality:** Randy Williams reported that Bob Richards went out recently to measure the clarity of the water. The depth was at 16 feet, which is much clearer than previously. **Boat and Water Safety:** Bob Morrill reminded that boats need lights after sunset. When traveling along shoreline the boats should be going 5mph when they are within 200 feet. Brenda Plastridge brought up the necessity of all boats including rowboats, kayaks, paddleboats, and paddleboards to have life jackets aboard. **Fishing and Wildlife:** John Wooten will file for a permit for the association to do private stocking of trout. \$200.00 was donated/collected for this purpose. He also gave us the name of our local warden, Mike Scott, for us to contact with questions and information on updates from the state. There was discussion about the loons nesting on Lake Parker.

Old business: The 2015 photo contest yielded over 65 pictures. Winners of the contest were awarded a free calendar. 68 calendars were sold for 2016, 30 more than the previous year. \$241 in profit from the sales were donated to the association.

Walking path update: Ken stated that the large bridge was repaired by Robert Tetreault or his worker. He asked that we all thank him when we see him. A gift certificate was given to him for his help. Also several other wet areas were improved with raised walkways by volunteers.

Greeter program: Ken attended a greeter training program. The board previously discussed a volunteer greeter program and decided not to undertake a new program at this time. New posters have been put up on the board at the fishing access urging people to check their boats before and after entering the lake.

Telephone cascade: Brenda Plastridge stated that the telephone cascade will be updated to include new residents.

LPA 2016 Annual Meeting continued

Art Greenbaum had a sign made, for the driveway at the south end of the lake which is often used as a fishing access area, asking people to take their trash out with them. Thank you Art.

Nominations and Officer Elections: Ken Kasz was nominated to a third 2-year term as President. Randy Williams resigned his position as the Water Quality Chair. Art Greenbaum volunteered to fill the position and was nominated. The election was held and both Art and Ken were voted into the positions.

New business: Member packets: Packets have been made up for each member with information that is pertinent. New information will be added as needed. Brenda will check on the areas assigned by the state not to have weeds harvested and get that information out to everyone.

Photo contest: Send photos for the 2016 photo contest to Ken. The new 2017 calendars will be on sale for \$15 plus shipping.

Website/newsletter help - Someone with knowledge of WordPress is needed to help with the updating of the Lake Parker Association website. Ken requested stories for the newsletter. You can send them to his email address.

Pot luck dinner: The annual potluck dinner will take place on August 20th at 6pm. It will be held downstairs in the West Glover church basement.

Other new business: A suggestion was made for a reduced speed limit sign to be posted on West Shore Road. Anyone interested in seeing that happen should attend a select board meeting and bring it up. Randy brought up ambulance subscriptions. He can take care of that for anyone interested. The ambulance squad is planning to hold classes for emergency medical training in the future. They would be willing to do first aid classes also. Betsy announced that the West Glover church will be celebrating an anniversary on July 12th, 2017. Any help will be appreciated. Judy Burrell will be accepting donations for the steeple fund.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Please join us for the 2017 Lake Parker Association Annual Meeting.

It will be held on July 15th at 10:00 AM.
The Pot Luck Dinner will be held that same day at 5:00 PM.

Lake Parker Association



Lake Parker Community

If you have information regarding the Glover community or other upcoming events in the area, email it to kkasz@LakeParker.org and we will add it to the association's website and calendar.

21st Annual Glover Pioneer Day Camp

This year's Pioneer Day Camp will be held from Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30th. It will take place at the original historical settlement for the Town of Glover, which dates back to 1798. The theme for this year is "West Glover Church - the 200th Year Celebration."

A variety of morning activities will be offered, which all campers will rotate through during the week. These activities include: pottery glazing, campfire cooking, woodwork-ing, Hannah's garden, and the old church. In the afternoon, all campers will participate in a chosen focus group. Campers can choose from Carpentry, Pottery, Northeastern Vermont Lake Ecology, and Pioneer Theater. Focus groups are on a first come first serve basis. Registrations were due June 9th, so reach out today if you have interest!

For more information, go to gloverpioneercamp.org. You can also call Betsy Day at 525-4051, or email cleopatra@glovervillage.com. Donations are always welcomed for scholarships to make sure that every kid has the opportunity to participate.

West Glover Congregational Church

200th Anniversary Celebration - Sunday, July 9

Worship Service 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM, followed by a hayride up the old Settler Road from the church to the Parker Settlement for a celebratory old fashioned church picnic with local musicians, great food (bring a dish if you wish), historical tours, and games for the kids. There will be plenty of parking on site throughout the day with shuttles to the settlement. Handicapped accessible. Call Betsy, 525-4051, for more information.

Glover Ambulance Membership

Residents and camp owners may want to check out the subscription program offered by the Glover Ambulance. Subscriptions cover all the members of your home or camp. The form is available on our website or under the services tab at gloverambulance.org.

LakeParker.org

Our website is available to all active members. Have something you want to sell? Maybe an old dock or used couch? Place an ad. There is no cost to active members.

Do you know someone looking for a camp or home on Lake Parker? Check out the ad below or on the website. Thinking about selling your camp? Be sure to include LakeParker.org to let your neighbors know.

For Sale — West Shore of Lake Parker

Dear Lake Parker Neighbors, We (Louise & Rich Franco) have made the difficult decision to put our home up for sale. We are now living in Santa Rosa, California, and find the yearly trip back to Vermont becoming more and more difficult. Thinking that perhaps you may know of someone (family or friends) wanting to live or play on Lake Parker, we decided to let you know via our association's newsletter. Please feel free to pass this on to others.

FOR SALE YEAR-ROUND COTTAGE
HOME ON LAKE PARKER: 514
West Shore Road. Built in 2006
to resemble an old fashioned cot-
tage, this 3-bedroom, 2 full baths,
with wrap-around porch (screened
with windows) cozy home, has all
the modern conveniences inside.
Tiled and wood floors with radiant
heat in this two-story home, as
well as on-demand hot water. It
heats and works efficiently. It is a
delightful home to be in no matter



which season of the year. PRICE: \$295,000. Please call or write for more information and photos: Louise and Rich Franco, Louweez@bellsouth.net

772-538-7307 (cell) 707-769-1427 (home phone)

LPA 2017 Photo Contest

Three categories to enter:

“On and Around Lake Parker”
“Nature and Wildlife” & “Camp Life”

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.



How to enter: Photos should be emailed to either LakeParkerVT@aol.com or LakeParkerAssociation@gmail.com along with your name and contact information. Please include the category the photo is being entered into and the title of the photo.



Contest Prizes:

One LPA 2018 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, 2017.

Contest Rules:

Open to all 2017 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 the 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 September 30th, 2017. Photos taken anytime before September 30th, 2017 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 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.

Save the Date!

June 24th - Village-Wide Yard Sale, 8am-4pm

July 1st - LPA Water Social, 4pm

July 15th - LPA Annual Meeting, 10am

July 15th - LPA Pot Luck Dinner, 5 pm

July 29th - Glover Day

August 5th - LPA Water Social, 4pm

September 2nd - LPA Water Social, 4 pm

2017 Membership

Thank you to everyone that has already sent in their 2017 membership dues. If you have not yet had a chance to re-new your membership, please consider sending it in today. There's a lot happening around the Lake and we will help keep you informed. A copy of the membership form is included on the last page.

**Check out our website.
It is updated year round!**

lakeparker.org

Lake Parker Association Membership

Our dues remain at \$25 for 2017. Membership is open to all property owners whose lands are on or drain into Lake Parker. Membership is also open to all residents and landowners in the Village of West Glover. We need your input and suggestions as well as 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, insurance, maintaining our website, required dues, and for such projects as deemed appropriate for the benefit of the Lake Parker Watershed by the Executive Committee.

Lake Parker Association, Inc. 2017 Dues Payment Form

Primary Residence:

Full Name (and spouse/partner): _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

2017 Dues: \$ **25.00**

Lake Parker:

Additional donation \$ _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Map No.: _____

Email address: _____
(Email helps save the cost of mailings. 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 above total payment to:

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

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