



Lake Parker Association, Inc.



P.O. Box 69, West Glover, VT 05875

MAY 1995 - NEWSLETTER

SUMMER MEETINGS

It's that time of year again! Time to make summer plans! The Association meetings will be held on Saturday, July 8th, and Saturday, August 12th, at the West Glover church as usual, and starting with one of our great pot-luck suppers at 6:00 PM! So please mark those dates on your summer calendar and plan to attend with all the family!

NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

At the business meeting in July you will be asked to elect new officers and board members for two year terms. The current officers and board members are:

President - John Washburn	Security - Frank & Debbie Daignault
Vice-Pres./Membership - Lynn Washburn	Water Safety - Don Laclair
Secretary - Mary Smith	Weed Cutting - Randy Williams
Treasurer - Joyce Croteau	Conservation/Watershed - Peter Morrill
Water Quality/Sampling - Bob Johnson	Fishing - Lora Atherton

These are important jobs and essential for an active Association. The persons presently filling these jobs constitute the Nominating Committee, and while we hope that many will agree to continue, we do need new folks to step forward to help. We cannot expect the same people to continue forever! All residents of, and landowners in, the village of West Glover, and all property owners whose lands are on, or drain into Lake Parker, are eligible for membership.

PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

It is worthwhile to occasionally re-state the objective and purpose of our Association, as written in the Articles of Incorporation. In summary form, it reads....."to promote civic betterment and social improvement of the community in and about the environs of Lake Parker and the village of West Glover.....to preserve the natural beauty and unspoiled condition of the lake and the surrounding community....by promoting public safety in the recreational uses of the Lake and area....encouraging cooperation amongst residents and landowners on issues of civic betterment and by providing a common forum for such cooperation." It is important that all of us keep this objective in mind as we go about our summer activities. Those of us living at the lake today are enjoying the benefits brought about by the hardwork of many people for over 20 years. If we want to pass this legacy on to future generations we all need to pitch in and do our share.

VERMONT LEGISLATURE

While the State legislature may not pass a property tax reform bill this session, it will continue on the agenda for future sessions as they grapple with a way to come up with an equitable package. A House passed bill this year would have exempted a portion of the value of primary Vermont residences from the property tax. However, those out-of-state owners of second/vacation homes in Vermont would not have received that exemption. The Vermont Senate rejected an effort by a Las Vegas developer to put casino gambling at an unused raceway in Pownal, VT. However, the developer plans to spend 3/4 of a million dollars next year to lobby for approval. If you have an opinion on casino gambling, you might want to consider passing it along to your representatives and senator.

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WEED CUTTING

The principal activity of our association is the operation and maintenance of the weed cutting equipment. Where an excess growth of weeds interferes with boating and/or swimming, they are cut several feet below the surface. These cut weeds then float ashore, and they must be picked up and deposited on land back from the shoreline. If they are left in the water, they can often re-root and defeat our purpose. So, please, when you find cut weeds along the shore of your camp or property, remove them from the water! This is a very important part of our weed control program!

GLOVER AMBULANCE SQUAD

Several of us can vouch for the prompt and professional service these volunteers provide! Please support them by sending in your subscription. The life they save could be yours!

ZEBRA MUSSEL UP-DATE

Zebra mussels have been found at numerous locations in Lake Champlain, and have already done considerable damage in waters of the Great Lakes. To educate the public and hopefully prevent the further spread of the Zebra Mussel in Vermont waters, the State is preparing a state-wide program of education. Each lake association will be asked to provide volunteer assistance in educating their members, and supporting a watch-dog program at boat accesses to caution those who travel from lake to lake with their boats. Within the next month or so, we will ask for volunteers to step forward and offer to help. The State will be conducting educational programs, as they have done with Eurasian Milfoil.

1995 MEMBERSHIP

Please clip and mail the form below, with your 1995 membership of \$10.00 per family! It is only with your support that we can continue to keep the weed growth in the lake under control. The maintenance, repair and insurance expenses for the weed harvesting equipment is the major portion of our annual budget! Please do your share -everyone benefits! All the weed cutting is done by volunteers.

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TO: Joyce Croteau, Treasurer, 14 Prospect St., Orleans, VT 05860.

Enclosed is my 1995 membership of \$10.00 per family, payable to the Lake Parker Association, Inc.

NAME: _____ CAMP/LOT NO. _____

SUMMER ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

WINTER ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

I CAN VOLUNTEER FOR: _____ WEED CUTTING _____ BOAT ACCESS MAINTENANCE

_____ KITCHEN (meetings) _____ ASSN. OFFICER/BOARD MEMBER _____
(which job?)

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS? _____