



March 2022

President's Welcome | Brenda Plastridge

President's Welcome - On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors we hope that you and your family are safe and well. As we look forward to another summer on Lake Parker, we sincerely thank everyone for their past and continued involvement, volunteering on committees, and working together to keep the lake healthy for generations to come. As you know last year it was voted to change the dues period to calendar year, so 2022 dues period began January 1st and will run through December 31.

Questions or Suggestions: Contact any Board Member

2022

Lake Parker Association Executive Board

President: Brenda Plastridge - President@lakeparker.org

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Joan Hudson - Secretary@lakeparker.org

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Committee Chairs

Membership: Linda Alderton - Membership@lakeparker.org

Recreation: Tim Plastridge - Recreation@lakeparker.org

Water Quality: Mike Pierce - WaterQuality@lakeparker.org

Boating & Water Safety: Steve Cutler - BoatingWaterSafety@lakeparker.org

Fishing & Wildlife: John Wooten - FishWildlife@lakeparker.org

Events List

Green-Up Day May 7, 2022- Art Greenbaum's camp #99 Parker Road

LPA annual meeting - TBD

Water Quality Updates from Mike Pierce

The removal of the Phragmites is set for September, 2022. Luke Hardt, the forester who will do the eradication, has asked that no-one cut the Phragmites as we need as much of the green leaves on the plants as possible. Once spring has sprung, I will set up a time for Luke to come to the lake and meet with everyone and go over his plan.

I just finished and submitted our application for the LaRosa Partnership Program. If Lake Parker is chosen for this program, we will be conducting water sampling from our tributaries. This testing allows us to engage with our local streams and tributaries firsthand and learn about water quality issues and use water testing to identify where impacts are present. Testing runs from mid-April through July. We will know by mid-February if we are accepted into this program. If so, I will be looking for a few volunteers to help with the sampling. (UPDATE: We have been selected for this program, more details to follow by email!)

I am also involved in the Vermont Invasive Patroller Program. While attending a VIP workshop in the spring I will learn how to identify and survey aquatic invasive species. During the summer I will survey for the presence of invasive plants and animals in our lake.

Once again, we are involved in the FOVLAP program (Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds) for 2022. There will be an annual seminar in June but as of now no information is available as far as a time or agenda for the meeting.

I have put together a small survey for everyone to fill out. Once I have this information back, I will be able to see what association members are concerned with around the lake. This information will be placed on our website once I have it all back so, please take a minute to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/8ouNgA8vwbirtKh4A>

Fish and Wildlife News from John Wooten

2022 is looking really good for Lake Parker in the Fish and Wildlife arena!!

Thanks to the efforts of Jud Kratzer, our local State of Vermont Fish and Wildlife contact, Lake Parker is scheduled to have 900 rainbow trout stocked this Spring.

The State of Vermont has changed and simplified the fishing regulations beginning on 1 January 2022.....see the new regulations at www.vtfishandwildlife.com

This Spring, we expect to re-deploy the loon nesting raft which was built and launched last year with the assistance of the Vermont Center for Eco Studies (Eric Hanson).....this year, the loon nest raft will likely be located in the cove at the west side of the lake. Thank you to the Plastringers, the Cutlers and Day-Williams folks for

their assistance last year. As most of you know, we had a loon chick for several weeks last summer but apparently lost the “baby” to other wildlife. Hoping for better success this coming year. Please feel free to contact John Wooten FishWildlife@lakeparker.org if you wish to assist our committee with its endeavors.

Update on the Wake Boat Petition from John Wooten

The “Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes” group has submitted its Petition to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) for the management of wake boat usage on all Vermont lakes and ponds. The group consists of over two dozen volunteers representing some 14 Vermont lakes and ponds.

The Petition includes approximately 140 pages and references to dozens of scientific studies. The entire Petition can be viewed on the Vermont State website at: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/rulemaking>

The Petition is being reviewed by the ANR and others at the State level with public hearings likely during 2022 at locations around the State. It is critically important that our membership attend these hearings in large numbers to express our support for the Petition. Vigorous opposition is certain to come from the wealthy wake boat industry and its lobbyists.

At our 2021 Annual meeting, the issue of destructive wakes caused by wake boats was discussed, and those present overwhelmingly supported a petition to manage wake boat usage on Lake Parker. Last Summer and Fall, members of the LPA Board obtained over 80 signatures from lakeshore and West Glover property owners in support of wake boat management.

In December 2021, the LPA Board of Trustees voted to submit a “letter of support” for the Petition. See attached.

The Board thanks its members and neighbors for their continuing support of this important issue. More information regarding the status of this Petition will be provided as it becomes available.

Respectfully Submitted, John Wooten, Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee
FishWildlife@lakeparker.org

2022 Membership Form and Volunteers Needed

The Annual Dues form is included with this newsletter and there are a number of options for volunteering on the form. Please check those boxes for any assistance you would like to provide. As you know, owning property on or around Lake Parker has many advantages, not the least of which includes being able to wake up in a beautiful setting each day and enjoying year-round activities at the lake with family and friends.

As a member of the Lake Parker Association, you provide the hands-on and financial means to help maintain water quality, prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and learn ways to ensure unimpeded enjoyment of the lake and its surrounding environs. A lake is a fragile and delicately balanced ecological system that needs everyone's care and protection. Through the concerted effort of LPA and its members, guided by the VT Department of Environmental Conservation's best management practices, we can continue "taking care of the lake".

Please return the attached 2022 Membership Registration form, providing all requested contact information along with your membership dues payment.

Removal of Phragmites - Donations

The removal of the Phragmites is set for September of this year. As agreed at our special meeting, you can donate towards this project to offset the cost. We have added a donation line on the 2022 Membership Form for the removal of phragmites. All donations received on that line will reduce the cost the Association has agreed to pay.

Photos at Lake Parker

Join the fun! Send in your favorite photos of the lake and the surrounding area. We will share your photos on the Lake Parker website and enter them into our Photo Contest. Winning photos are included in Lake Parker calendars. We will post fishing and wildlife to the website, please email files to: photos@lakeparker.org

2022 Lake Parker Calendars

Thank you to everyone that purchased a 2022 Lake Parker Calendar! We sold more than any previous year. All profits are donated to the Lake Parker Association. The donation amount will be announced in the Spring Newsletter and at the Annual Meeting. We still have one calendar available in West Glover for \$18 or we can ship to anywhere if you cover the actual shipping cost.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to the families of the following:

James (Jim) Maxfield October 3, 2021
Robert (Bob) Hudson November 20, 2021
Nancy Barber February 1, 2022

Lake Parker Association Membership

OUR DUES REMAIN \$25 FOR 2022. PLEASE RETURN THIS DOCUMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

_____ **Regular Membership** – Membership is open to all residents of, and landowners in the area known as the Village of West Glover and to all property owners whose lands are on, or drain into Lake Parker.

_____ **Associate Membership** – Any persons not meeting the criteria above may join as an Associate Member and will not have voting rights on Association matters.

We welcome 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 annual membership fee is the source of funds for supplementing the costs of mailings, meetings, insurance, maintaining the website, required dues, and for such projects as deemed appropriate for the benefit of the Lake Parker Watershed by the Executive Committee.

Full Name (and spouse/partner): _____

Primary Residence: _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Primary Phone Number (with area code): _____

2022 Dues:	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Phragmite Project donation	\$ _____
Additional donation	\$ _____
Total Paid	\$ _____

If any of your information has changed since last year, please write “NEW” next to it. Please make checks payable to “Lake Parker Association, Inc.” and mail completed form and payment to:

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

Physical/Street Address at Lake Parker _____

Phone # at Lake Parker (with area code): _____ Map/Camp No.: _____

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

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/Outreach _____ Boating/Water Safety _____ Walking Path

_____ Grant Planning/Writing _____ Recreation Activities _____ Lake Protection Projects

_____ Newsletter or Website _____ Meeting Setup _____ Other _____

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December 21, 2021

Secretary Julie Moore
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Commissioner Peter Walke
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From: The Lake Parker Association, Inc, Board of Trustees, West Glover, VT.

Re: Support for the Petition submitted by Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes to amend the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules to manage wake boat activity on Vermont lakes and ponds.

The Board of the Lake Parker Association, Inc. (LPA) writes in full support of the Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes Petition to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) to manage wake boats and their activities on Vermont lakes and ponds.

The LPA is a non profit corporation comprised of members of land owners, and West Glover residents around the Lake and within the Lake's watershed area dedicated to the preservation of Lake Parker's pristine beauty by promoting programs and educating its members regarding lake protection issues.

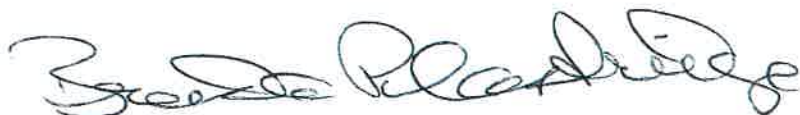
Artificially enhanced wakes, created by wake boats and wake-enhancing devices, cause environmental damage, degrade water quality, create safety hazards for people in or on the water, and cause physical damage to shorelines and property.

Because our focus is the preservation of Lake Parker, the LPA is particularly concerned with:

- Evidence-based adverse environmental, economic, and safety impacts of wake boats and their large enhanced wakes on all of Vermont's lakes and ponds when used within 1,000 feet of shore and at depths less than 20 feet.
 - The adverse impacts large wakes from wake boats have on shoreline habitats of birds and animals, including, but not limited to loons and loon nesting.
 - The adverse effects these large waves have on water quality caused by the disturbance of silt and plant growth at shorelines.
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We strongly urge the ANR to act favorably on the Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes' petition to change the water use rules so as to manage wake boat activity in the State's waters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Plastridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brenda" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Plastridge".

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