



Spring 2023

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 well. It will not be long before summer arrives and we enjoy boating, paddling, fishing, swimming, waterskiing, and participating in all sorts of outdoor activities at the lake. LPA has several ongoing lake protection projects that will enhance our enjoyment of the time spent on, in, and around the lake. It is the support and encouragement of the membership that allows us to move forward with initiatives and strengthen our commitment to be good stewards of this wonderful lake. The membership form is attached to this newsletter if you have not paid dues for 2023. Remember the membership is now by calendar year, January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023. Lastly, I would like to thank those that have made donations with their dues this year and last year to the Phragmites project and other donations to use as needed. LPA cannot begin to thank you enough.

Questions or Suggestions: Contact any Board Member

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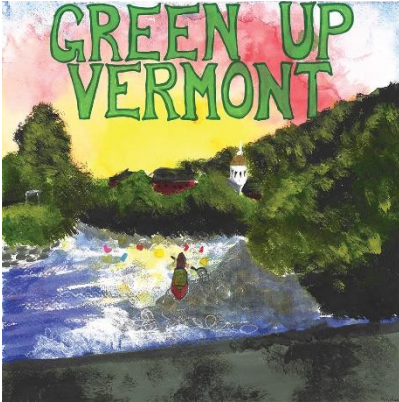
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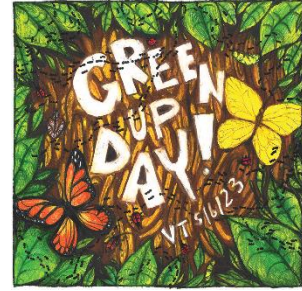
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Green Up Day in West Glover



Saturday, May 6th is Green Up Day in Vermont. The Lake Parker Association will again help with Green Up on and around the lake. Everyone is invited to help with trash pickup. Art & Sue Greenbaum, Camp #99, 678 Parker Road, will provide the starting location and the coordination of cleanup efforts. Stop by between 9:00 and 10:30 AM to pick up green bags and find out what road needs your help. Hope we see you Saturday!



LakeParker.org

We continue to add content and updates to our website. Below are a portion of two updates from 2022 that were recently added. Be sure to check the website for additional updates throughout the summer.

LPA Walking Path gets some TLC

On a very warm Saturday the 23rd of July, several Lake Parker neighbors got together to perform some upgrades on the LPA walking path. I am sure most lake owners could hear chainsaws screaming and weed whackers buzzing for 3 hours that morning before the sun got high and hot. Much of the work was concentrating on the muddy entrance off Parker Road.

Two donated dock sections were carried in to replace an old, rotted walking deck piece and to cover another always muddy section.

An uprooted tree that was falling over the path was removed making that section of trail safer for passage.





One of the metal bridges crossing the ditch in the field was not level. This was corrected by leveling and securing the bases at each side of the bridge using some “good ole VT” leverage work to raise the bridge so work could be done on the base.

Chainsaws and pruning tools were used to keep the trail wide for safe passage and the grass trimmers worked overtime to keep the walking easy for all hikers.

I urge you to take a hike on our walking path and enjoy some of nature’s sights and sounds.

Tim Plastridge- Recreation Committee Chairperson

Full story and additional pictures on the website “LakeParker.org”

Phragmites Project

For some years now phragmites growth was primarily in the southeast portion of the lake. In recent years there has been noticeable spreading of this species around the lake. In a special meeting of the membership on August 21, 2022 it was voted to make a sustained effort to mitigate/control the phragmite population around our lake. This project would be overseen by our Water Quality Committee and licensed professionals.



All phragmites that were rooted in water were cut down close to lake bottom and then cut several more times into small lengths and placed into contractor garbage bags for decomposition over the coming months. The landowners with the most concentration of growth on South East lakeside were contacted and meetings were held with the committee and Luke Hardt who was hired to perform the phragmites control spraying. Only one

spraying application was able to be done this fall before the first frost arrived.

On a cold overcast day with some mist in the air once again volunteers rallied with help on Saturday November 12, 2022, starting at 8:30 AM. We used hedge trimmers to cut down the phragmites and then volunteers helped clear them from the growth area and stack them for the winter. We rented a gas-powered hedge trimmer and a volunteer brought a battery powered hedge trimmer. Also, a string trimmer with the blade attachment was used to cut the phragmites. Everyone was cold, wet, and many times in water above ankles as there had been much rain prior to this work date. The work crew was very determined and shared the goal of getting this phase of the project completed that day. The goal

was to clean the phragmite stands with rakes after the cutting and stack the cut phragmites in piles that could be burned during a safe time this winter.

Everyone around the lake will notice in the spring the different shoreline view in the Southeast portion of the lake because of the work of these volunteers. Much ongoing work remains to help control phragmites growth, Mike Pierce will continue to oversee this project so please reach out to him if you can help in any way at WaterQuality@lakeparker.org.

Full story and additional pictures on the website "LakeParker.org"

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 6th Green Up Day, Camp #99 at 678 Parker Road. Art & Sue will be ready and able to pass out bags and coordination from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day, Playing of Taps 3:00 pm

Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 10AM - 12:30PM - Glover Town Hall - Lakewise Project Presentation

Saturday or Sunday July 1st or 2nd - Be on the lookout for an ice cream toss. This year we are hoping to have ice cream truck music converted to ice cream boat music.

Saturday, July 8th at 9:00 am LPA Annual Meeting (Mark your calendars, more information will be posted to the website and emailed)

Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 10AM - 12:30PM - Glover Town Hall - Waste Water Presentation (Septic)

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to the families of the following:

Olive Griffin
Don Kiley
Lou Thiem
Barbara Scribner

Photo Contest continues

Keep sending your photos in anytime of the year. We are always working on our next Lake Parker calendar. Email your photos to: LakeParkerAssociation@gmail.com

Spring Report- Water Quality from Mike Pierce

Phragmites that were cut on the Southeast corner of our lake last fall were burned and removed in the beginning of April. All bagged Phragmite will be composted. This gives us a new canvas to work with.

In the spring I will meet with Luke Hardt to discuss our plan for spraying again the summer. I will also be setting up times to remove Phragmites from the lake. This project will be further discussed at our annual meeting where people can sign up to volunteer for the project.

Again, this summer we are involved in the LaRosa Partnership Program. We will be taking water samples in four tributaries that flow into our lake, looking at levels of phosphorus and nitrogen. After this sampling season we will have two years of data and can begin to look at ways to reduce the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen flowing into our lake with the help of the state. This project will also be discussed at our annual meeting.

This summer the Agency of Natural Resources will host a presentation on the Lake Wise Program. This program aims to inform, teach, and change the current lakeshore development practices from clearing shores and building seawalls to practices that are more lake friendly and known to effectively protect the lake. Through Lake Wise, participants receive technical assistance for mitigating erosion and runoff problems and increasing shoreline vegetation which will protect lake quality and wildlife habitat.

This Lake Wise Project workshop will take place Saturday, June 24th 10:00 am to 12:30 at the Glover Town Hall. I hope everyone will attend.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying another great summer on Lake Parker.

Fish and Wildlife News from John Wooten:

2023 is looking good for Lake Parker in the Fish and Wildlife arena!

Jud Kratzer, our local State of Vermont Fish and Wildlife contact, reports that Lake Parker is scheduled to have 900 rainbow trout stocked this Spring. Thank you, Jud!

Last year, it looked like the loons had begun a nest on shore by Stevens Brook but it was found unoccupied as the nesting season progressed; and there was no sign of nesting on the raft....hoping for a better outcome this year!.....Thank you to the Plastridges, Williams-Day and Sharon Smith and Jeff Millette for their assistance again last year.

This year....Ginny and John Wooten along with Eric Hansen on 4/22/23 deployed the loon raft after revegetating. This was done while two loons were in the cove watching.

Please feel free to contact me at FishWildlife@lakeparker.org if you wish to assist our committee with its endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted, John Wooten, Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee

Lake Parker Update on Wake Boat Sports Regulation

The Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes group (RWVL) continues to push the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) to finalize their proposed rule for wake sports in Vermont.

Last Summer (2022), two (2) public meetings were held by the ANR to obtain input from interested parties regarding the RWVL petition filed in March 2022. The Lake Parker Association was well represented at these meetings.

During the Fall of 2022, the ANR met with concerned parties and this past Winter, the ANR prepared its draft “concept rule” which included the following limits on wake sports:

1. Stay 500 feet from shore (the RWVL petition is 1000 feet from shore).
2. Stay in water a minimum of 20 feet deep (same as the RWVL petition)
3. Areas meeting 1 and 2 above must be a minimum of 50 contiguous acres (RWVL petition is 60 contiguous acres)
4. The ANR added a “home lake rule”, which limits a wake boat to one lake per calendar year unless the boat’s ballast tanks are decontaminated by an ANR approved facility. (AIS concerns).

If the ANR’s 500 feet from shore rule is enacted, wake sports would be allowed on 88 acres near the center of Lake Parker; if the ANR increases its rule to 1000 feet from shore, wake sports would not be allowed on Lake Parker.

The ANR held a public meeting at the Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro, VT on 15 February 2023; the vast majority of the 55 comments from the public, over 90%, supported the ANR rule, with over 60% supporting either the 1000 foot or a complete ban on wake boats. Interestingly, there were no speakers from the wake boat sports industry! Again, the LPA was well represented at this meeting.

The ANR is now considering the input from the Greensboro meeting and will be drafting its final proposed rule this Spring. Additional public meetings (at least one) will be held, probably in June or July in Montpelier; the RWVL group is encouraging all supporters of the wake sport regulations to sign up to speak at this meeting, or at least be present. The RWVL expects that the wake sports industry will appear at the next public meeting(s) in force, in an attempt to change the proposed rule or even convince the VT legislators to vote it down completely. A similar meeting was held in Idaho; the pro wake sports folks showed up in force (over 250 people in person and over 1000 signers of their own petition); Idaho backed down and the wake sports regulations were defeated.

The LPA Board continues to support wake boat regulation and has written to FOVLAP requesting their support.

The RWVL group is requesting that each of us write to our legislators, requesting that they support ANR’s wake sport regulation with the change to 1000 feet from shore.

More information regarding VT wake sport regulation and updates can be found at the RWVL website, <http://responsiblewakes.org>. Please feel free to contact me at FishWildlife@lakeparker.org if you would like additional information regarding VT wake sports regulation. Respectfully Submitted, John Wooten, Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee

2023 Lake Parker Association Membership

We welcome your input and suggestions, as well as your time, talents, and financial support. Your participation allows LPA to continue its lake preservation and conservation efforts. The \$25 annual membership fee helps fund the costs of mailings, meetings, insurance, website maintenance, required dues, and those projects deemed essential for the protection of Lake Parker.

_____ **Regular Membership** - Membership in the Association 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 other persons who want to be a part of said association may join as an Associate Member. Associate members shall have no voting rights.

Name(s) included with this Membership:

Primary Mailing Address: _____

Home and/or Cell Phone Number(s): _____

Email address(es): *Most communications from LPA are emailed; please include all pertinent addresses.*

(Note: Your personal information will not be shared with any person or entity outside of the LPA Board of Trustees.)

2023 Dues:	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Contribution to Phragmites Project	\$ _____
Additional contribution	\$ _____
Total Paid	\$ _____

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**

Lake Parker E-911 Address: _____ **Lake Parker Phone #:** _____

The Association depends on its volunteers to keep the lake healthy and safe for you and your family. Please indicate if you have interest in volunteering in any of the following areas:

_____ Membership/Outreach	_____ Boating & Water Safety	_____ Walking Path Maintenance
_____ Recreation Activities	_____ Lake Protection Projects	_____ Newsletter or Website
_____ Green Up Day (May 6)	_____ Other _____	

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