
◆ REFLECTIONS FROM THE LAKES ◆

Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake Association

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Summer 2000

Greetings From Your Trustees

This year we are sending a mid-summer mailing to update you on the various programs we have implemented. Each of these programs are explained in the enclosed literature.

Liam Powers has been appointed the new Executive Secretary. Our incumbent trustees Jeff Wallin, Jackie Beacham, Paul Saranson, Ellen Flight and Bill Sholdice have been reinstated for another three-year term. We welcome both our new and old officers and look forward to working with them.

Once again, Keewaydin, will host the summers-end picnic. This event will take place, rain or shine, Sunday August 27, 2000 from 4-7 p.m. As always, the food is free and all members are welcome. We hope to see you all there!

The 2000 directories are here and waiting to be picked up at any of the following locations: Waterhouses, The Milfoil Office (352-1013), Caroline Tredeau (388-7474) or Tracy Holden (247-3245). We hope your summer has been going well. Enjoy!

Web Site

The web site has grown this summer and we are making an effort to incorporate the suggestions of our members. The "Membership" page has been developed to make joining the Association easier. We also have established a "Bulletin Board" which allows members with similar interests to contact one another. The "Bulletin Board" is free for our members. Information on milfoil and many other topics can be viewed at www.lakedunmorevt.com. For questions and comments, email us at ldfla@lakedunmorevt.com. We hope you will visit our continually improving site!

Water Quality

We have taken 100 water samples on Lake Dunmore and 30 samples on Fern Lake testing for E. Coli. The results showed a few areas of concern and have been submitted to the Town Health Officers for further investigation. The State Health Department has determined an E. Coli count of less than 77 per 100 mL as safe for swimming. The results and location of each sample are enclosed on a separate sheet.

Milfoil

This summer the milfoil program is in full force with a crew of five working on the two lakes. As in the past, we are in need of volunteers to help with our Shoreline Watch Network. This is an integral part of milfoil eradication which makes our lakes a more pleasant place to be. Please read the attached information detailing this program carefully.

Membership/Finance

By Tracy Holden

Many thanks to all of you who have paid your dues promptly! We have received many donations in addition to the membership dues— this extra support is greatly appreciated!

We are currently trying to make sure that every property owner on the lakes is in the directory and on our mailing list, so we can be sure that everyone has an opportunity to join the Association. If you are aware of any changes that need to be made to the 2000 directory, please let us know.

If you know someone who does not receive the spring mailing (the dues notice/newsletter), please let us know. All comments should be mailed to the LD/FL Association at P.O. Box 14, Salisbury, VT 05769-0014

Water Safety

Due to ongoing concerns of water safety around the lake, Kelly Churchill (the Water Safety Chairperson) has included a selection of important boating regulations. We recommend posting these in your camp for you and/or your renters to review. This will ensure that people unfamiliar with Vermont boating laws may become acquainted with the regulations to avoid accidents and disruption.

If you are interested in completing the Vermont Boater Safety Course, you may do so over the internet at www.boatsafe.com/vt or contact the Vermont State Police.

Insect Control

The Tri-Town Control Group has reported that they have sprayed the Lake Dunmore/Fern Lake area numerous times this summer. In the early part of the summer, there were a plethora of mosquitoes, but they now seem to be under control.

The mosquito borne West Nile Virus has been detected in New York, Connecticut and Delaware. Crowe's appear to be particularly susceptible to the virus and a good indicator of its presence in the area. If anyone comes across a suspicious dead crow, **DO NOT** touch it and contact the TCG immediately at (802)247 6779, (802)247 6342 or the Vermont State Health Department at (802)863-7240.

MAPS

By Carolyn Trudeau

After many, many winter hours of compiling data, important information, correcting, rechecking roads, numbers on residences, names working with Town Clerks of Salisbury and Leicester, etc, etc, our new map and Directory is in its final stages of printing. All was approved by the Board of Trustees on May 25, 1999.

My thanks and gratitude goes to Jeff Wallin, Bill Shouldice and the printer of the directory, Minuteman Printing, Warren and Lorraine Kimble and Cliff Alexander, our map printer. A special thank you goes to Nancy Damm who did a fantastic job with coupling the 911 addresses to roads, residences, you name it. Also our thanks to our contributing advertisers.

We all hope that you will enjoy and appreciate that which has gone into this project. As everything is set up now, minor corrections and inserts can be done quickly on the computer throughout the year as changes come up. We welcome any corrections that may have gotten by us. Please call me at 388-7484 or drop me a note at 1 Chipman Heights, Middlebury, VT 05753.

Water Quality

By Kathy Dick

Again this summer, we plan to do a mass sampling of water in both lakes for e-coli count in early July. The past several years have been excellent.

The free dye tablets to check your septic system are available from the milfoil staff and at Watershouses, Virginia Wolf's house and Kathy Dick's house. Simply flush 2 tablets down the toilet and check your waterfront each morning and evening over the next 2 days for yellow/green non toxic dye. There should not be any. If there is you have a septic problem.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Salisbury's Planning Commission has completed its draft of the new Town Plan. The Plan proposes a Lakeshore District to replace the current Medium Density Residential District. Lakeshore properties have unique characteristics with special needs, and the Lakeshore District is being proposed to better serve those needs, which are not always served adequately by the current Medium Density Residential District regulations. Public hearings will be scheduled soon. After the hearings, the plan will go to the Select Board for approval. Your input is important to the Planning Committee. Please check with the Town Office (352-4228) for dates and times of upcoming meetings and hearings. Copies of the final draft will be available soon for your review at the Town Office.

Insect Control

By Dr. Ralph Carbo

The mosquito situation is under control at the present time. It appears we won't have the problem we had last year. Still it behooves you to continue to look around your property and eliminate any areas of standing water or things that allow standing water to collect, items such as cans and tires.

Paul Doty, manager of the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury (BLS) Mosquito District announces a special mosquito spraying service to individual camps for special events. Call 247-6779 one week in advance of your event and the BLS will schedule a special spraying at no cost. The BLS would accept a financial contribution however.

The insert to this newsletter provides additional information with regard to the mosquito situation.

Milfoil

By Jeff Wallin

We have a full crew ready to continue the fight against milfoil on the two lakes again this season. We sincerely hope our approach continues in the offensive position and look forward to working with the many volunteers who have helped turn the tide on the nuisance weed. Camp Keewaydin has once again donated office space and our phone will soon be in service. Please call the crew at 352-1013 for information on the program, to volunteer for hand pulling sessions or to assist with our shoreline watch network. Our Lake Monitors, Liam Powers, Max Anderson, Kristen Carr and Patrick Hayden, are excited to begin work and look forward to meeting with our members when on the lakes.

Check out the web page Liam has created regarding our milfoil program at www.angelfire.com/vt/milfoil. You can also email to ld_fl_milfoil@hotline.com.

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