

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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The President's Column.....

I have never been an avid user of social media, but something caught my eye recently on the Lake Carmi Campers Facebook page. The posting was made by a lady who apparently rented a camp on the lake years ago. She wanted to know if it still existed. She stated the camp was formerly a schoolhouse.

Well, this lady made my day. Twenty-five years ago my wife and I rented a camp on the Hammond Shore Road that we were told it was formerly a schoolhouse. It had a porch and bedroom that was actually over the lake, and a big pot belly stove in the kitchen. We rented it for two weeks two years in a row. It was a perfect place for my family to enjoy their summer vacation. The Facebook posting brought back some fond memories. I may have been 1600 miles away from the lake, but in my thoughts that day I was at Lake Carmi.

We all have fond memories of Lake Carmi. The wonderful thing about memories is that they



last a lifetime. Your LCCA Board of Directors is working hard to ensure those memories continue for generations to come. This year one of our premiere events will be a Cottage Tour. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 22. This is the perfect opportunity to

invite family and friends to the lake to visit unique lake residences and sample our local vendors.

The week of the Fourth of July and all our Celebrate Lake Carmi events are also shaping up to be a week to remember. "Light-up Lake Carmi" will start the full week of fun. This the third summer for this event where an atmosphere of creativity and enthusiasm illuminates the strong community spirit around the lake. The one and only Pontoon Boat Relay Race,

in the entire world, will be the focal point of our activities surrounded by the Parade of Contestants and our annual spectacular fireworks. Those pilfering and pillaging pirates have also threatened to return so watch out for their shinanigans. Who knows who will have to walk the plank? A Sailfest is also planned.

The cardboard boat race and kayak race are also on the agenda. Last year's cardboard boat race was a huge success. Boats of all sizes and colors set sail from the north beach. A fleet of brave young cardboard boaters graced the waters in noble fashion with their lighter than usual vessels.

Pontoon boats, a pirate ship, sail boats, kayaks and cardboard boats should all add up to a boatload of memories! *Continued on page 2.*

Safety at the Lake!



As much as we preach safety, there are also some folks who don't follow the guidelines. This photo was taken last January when a truck went through the ice off the State Park. The winter sports can be very dangerous, especially on thin ice.

Summer sports can also be dangerous; swimming accidents happen while boating, water skiing, and just swimming. Making your plans for a safe summer? Make sure you have reflectors on your swim raft and don't put it out where boats might travel, it could be a hazard for boaters.

Make sure your boat lights are in working order before going out. Stay at least 200 feet from shore with any watercraft, and if coming in or going out, it's a no wake area while in that 200 feet area.

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Water quality remains a top priority of the LCCA. We are committed to identifying projects to improve our watershed and to prevent algae blooms. We are relentless in our quest to see those projects implemented. Cleaner and clearer water is a never ending work in progress.

Last year was unprecedented in the amount of help and cooperation we received from farmers and landowners in our watershed. It has set a foundation of practices that will hopefully expand and continue in the future. It is only through new farming practices that we will experience a permanent improvement in our water quality. We sincerely appreciate those efforts.

The efforts to form a Lake Carmi Community Foundation continue. The Foundation is incorporated and has applied for 501(c)3 federal tax status has been filed. The foundation will be a focal point for raising funds to improve our watershed and water quality.

The Franklin Watershed Committee has been very active over the winter. Both the FWC and LCCA continue to work closely with the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team to improve the watershed. The FWC also contracted a new coordinator over the winter. Jean Elizabeth Shockley began work in the winter; more information is available later in this issue.

I have to stop now. My Editor (remember him) is going to get stressed out because I'm so long winded. Enjoy the annual ritual of traveling to camp and getting opened up. Be safe in getting the docks and hoist moved into the lake.

.....Pete Benevento, President.

During the month of May, the metal recycling dumpster will be available at the town garage in the village. All Franklin taxpayers are welcome to bring your scrap metal for recycling. Please no trash, or garbage, only metal. No rubber tires either. Call 285.2101 with questions.

Membership Drive Under-Way

The 2017 LCCA membership is under way. The annual membership form is inside the back page of this issue. Membership chair Marion Benevento says, come June, there will be volunteers knocking on doors. You can send in your dues now and save everybody time. Treasurer Polly Gadbois will send out your membership card and the membership window card will be delivered to you. The annual dues are \$50 per cottage or member.

LCCA Members can be proud of their lake community and all the activities and events that take place during the summer months. Your Board of Directors, along with many more volunteers, work all year, planning, producing and packaging events for seasonal folks and residents to enjoy.

Become an official part of your community, send in your membership, new or renewal. Make your check payable to LCCA, mail to LCCA, PO Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. Please send in the membership information form with your check.

If you have a change in address or email, send in the change soon to get it correct in the new directory that is already being worked on. Email any changes to Secretary Ruth Ann Krayesky (rakay@aol.com). Please add your email address to your membership form for a free subscription to LCCA communications, including the newsletter and other news. Your email address will always be confidential.



February Photo and the Mountain.

What a great time folks had, according to all the Facebook reports during the winter. Thanks so much for sharing the photos. Most campers don't ever get to see the other half of the year.

For Sale, For Rent or Wanted

Paid members are permitted a free classified ad in the four issues of the season. Merchandise ads are only for two issues unless renewed. Camp rental ads can run for the whole season. However, if you have no more availability, please notify the editor.

Cottage Rentals for the 2016 Season

Cottage for Rent, Westcott Shore, 3 bdrm, fully equipped, May – October. \$850/wk.

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Cottage for Rent, Hammond Shore Road, 2 bdrm, right on the water. \$800/week. Call 802.848.3393.

Cottage for Rent, Hammond Shore Road, fully furnished, bring your own linens. 802.285.6737.

Cottage for Rent, right on the lake, Patton Shore Road, 2 story, sleeps nine, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath. Second story loft, fully furnished. Limited availability for 2016. Call 802-879-7517, view at www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401

Cottage for Rent. Patton Shore; 3 bdrm; Sleeps up to 15; full kitchen. New England style rustic, by the week. Includes rowboat and canoe. Pets & children welcome. Contact James Hearne at 215.205.7855 or:

lakecarmicamp@gmail.com.

Cottage for Rent, 1930's era vintage lakefront camp on Vic's Crossing. Sleeps ten, 4 bdrm, with canoe & Kayaks. 802.285.2250 or email: blackbarn@franklinvt.net.

Cottage for Rent, Three bdrm. Dock, rowboat, kayaks. Cushman, 925.253.1958 or jancushman@comcast.net.

For Sale:

Cottage for Sale, 3bdrm, large landscaped lot. 23 Camp Road. \$189,900. Contact Carolyn Rhodes at 802.285.6224.

Camp Lot for Sale, Patton Shore. 89ft frontage, 60ft deep. Lease. \$55,000 negotiable. Darlene Cooper, 802.285.6870.

Camp for Sale, 41 Camp Road, owned land. 3 bdrm, 1 bath. \$199K. Call 802.782.9665 or 951.639.3400.

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Board of Directors Summer Schedule

Your Board meets each month during the summer, starting in May. The meetings are always held in the FELCO Room at the Franklin Homestead. Members are always welcome to come and participate. The meetings begin at 8:30 a.m.

- Saturday, May 27
- Saturday, June 24
- Saturday, July 29
- Saturday, August 12, Annual Mtg. at the Franklin United Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 29
- Saturday, September 16

Attention, Patton Shore Residents

The rise and fall of winter temperatures, snowstorms and mud season will no doubt wreck havoc on our road. It will need scraping, grading, and tons of gravel to make it passable for the 2017 season. No one cares about our road but us. No one will maintain the road but us. If we want to ensure emergency and vehicles have access, we must maintain it. Therefore, as in the past two years, I am asking ALL Patton Shore Road resi-



dents to contribute \$50.00 per camp toward road maintenance. This will allow us to grade it at least once and purchase gravel as needed.

Please send your road contribution to me P.O. Box 114, Franklin, VT 05457. Please make the check payable to Peter Benevento. Thank you. Also, we need to find a permanent fix to our road. It needs to be properly crowned and drained, so it does not impact negatively on water quality. If anyone has any interest in pursuing these issues, please contact me, peterben@gmail.com. We may need to form a road committee or road association. Please help.

...Peter Benevento

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New Watershed Coordinator

Jean Elizabeth Shockley is our new Franklin Watershed Coordinator with lots of background in project management, and environmental science.



She studied biology, chemistry and fine arts at Eastern University (PA), environmental studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and religion and environmental ethics at Yale Divinity School (CT). She writes, "don't let my northeastern academic pedigree fool you."

I'm a native Floridian!" Her favorite occupation so

far has been serving as a seasonal park ranger at the *Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park* in Woodstock, VT. She's an outdoor woman who loves hiking, camping, canoeing, sailing, birding, mushroom hunting and stargazing too. She also an accomplished dancer and instructor.

Volunteerism is a big part of her life having served with Habitat for Humanity, natural history museums and more. She is very excited to be working with the FWC and looking forward to meeting everyone around the lake in person.

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Another LCCA Member Owned Business

New President of FWC

President John Barrows of Blackwoods at Lake Carmi became the new president at their annual meeting last fall. He replaced President Peter Benevento who now serves a secretary of the FWC. President Barrows resides in So. Burlington and has been part of Lake Carmi since the founding of the original FWC.

John Writes.....

The Franklin Watershed Committee has been working all winter and is looking forward to a productive spring, summer and fall on the beautiful shores of Lake Carmi. The FWC is a non-profit (501(c)3) organization promoting water quality in the Franklin and Lake Carmi watersheds. The primary goal is to reduce the amount of phosphorus and sediment that enters Lake Carmi and all the tributaries in Franklin.

The Lake Carmi, Pike River, and Rock River watersheds have been identified, by the Vermont Natural Conservation Service, as impaired waters. There is much work to be done to return our watersheds to a healthy status. The Vermont Water Quality Act (Act 64) asks all the people of Vermont to do their part, as we all are responsible for the quality of our waterways. Our volunteers are now working with the new FWC Coordinator Jean Elizabeth Shockley; she brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and a solid work ethic to our team.

We are working with the Town of Franklin on grants from the State of Vermont to improve culverts on Swamp Road and Towle Neighborhood Road. We also have the grant to fund an engineered plan to improve runoff from the Town Highway Garage area this summer.

The first half of the Lake Carmi camp roads inventory was completed in 2014; we have a contract for the second half this season 2017. This survey identifies problem areas, and provides design solutions. We continue to work with the State's Lakewise program. This leadership program provided funding for lakeshore owners to make their properties environmentally friendly by reducing runoff into the lake. The Lakewise Award is given to properties that set an example in Lake stewardship. The FWC continues to encourage and educate watershed landowners in reducing runoff, making their property "lake friendly."

The Septic Pump Out program continues to be a success. In 2016 we had twenty pump outs (\$75 each) and four port-o-let rentals (\$25 each). We also had a Septic Social gathering on a lakeshore property focusing on innovative septic solutions.

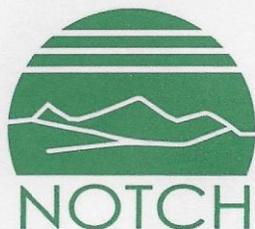
The FWC is the sponsor of the Lake Carmi boat Greeter Program. Located at the State Fishing Access on North Beach, the program welcomes boaters and provides education on Vermont Boating Laws as well as checking for invasive species that might come into our lake.

Every year we offer educational and informational events to the community. Our annual meeting, at the Franklin Town Hall, offers presentations on water quality in Lake Carmi. Additional projects, grants, and events are in the planning or approval process. We welcome all residents to attend and participate in our events and projects.

The Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation team is co-sponsored by the FWC to make sure the programs are implemented, along with LCCA, and State and Federal Agencies.

The FWC meets every month on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Homestead's FELCO Room. Members of the committee are John Barrows, Marion Benevento, Peter Benevento, Pat Hayes, Rob Evans, Hal Bill, Steve Comeau, Bill Sorenson, and Rob Cormier.

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Longtime LCCA Member Remembered

Longtime LCCA members Robert and Suzanne Baran have sold their home in Blackwoods and moved on to live the summers in Maine (near children & grandchildren) and continue to their winter home in Cape Haze Florida. They first came to Lake Carmi many years ago, eventually building a home and then living here all summer.

In the mid-2000's Bob joined the board of LCCA Board of Directors and in 2010 became treasurer of the corporation. Treasurer Bob was always on top of the LCCA activities, along with being an active member of the Burlington Lions Club for close to 40 years and after they had become full-time Franklin residents, he continued with the Enosburg Falls



Lions. President Benevento says, "He kept a tight checkbook, working hard on always having the figures right for reports." In the photo above, Bob and Sue are preparing sweet corn for a picnic.

He is a true volunteer in every sense of the work, in Franklin he was a regular delivering Meals on Wheels each Tuesday. Suzanne worked on the Homestead Board of Directors as a representative of the LCCA. Bob could be found regularly at 9:30 a.m. at the Franklin General Store having coffee with other camper and friends.

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In the early 1980's the concrete tiles under the Dewing Shore Road were replaced with metal culverts, and the stream towards the Mill Pond was dredged, so the flow of water to the Mill Pond (and new dam) was not impeded. With time the culverts filled in, restricting the flow of water and allowing the vegetation to greatly narrow the stream bed between the Lake and the Mill Pond.

The new 2014 bridge was designed to span the natural stream bed width of 14 feet. The completed bridge now allows unrestricted flow of water under the road but delivers it to a very restricted stream bed only about four feet wide. This stream bed is incapable of carrying the excess water to the Mill Pond. Without receiving this excess water from the lake, the dam cannot do its job and the lake level becomes higher than the pond, rendering the dam useless for controlling the lake level.

Before the new Dewing Shore bridge, the lake would flood and at times be more than 18 inches above the Mill Pond. Restoring the stream bed would allow the lake water to reach the dam promptly and keep the lake safe from flooding. Not cleaning the channel and returning it to its natural width will defeat the purpose of both the new bridge and the dam. The lake will continue to flood and wash away the shoreline.

An Editorial by Dewing Shore resident and longtime observer of the lake levels, Jay Sheperd.

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LCCA Annual Fishing Contest

The annual contest has been an LCCA tradition for generations at Lake Carmi. No fees are charged to enter, it is a fun tournament with trophies being presented each year to the winners.

For many years the contest was run by Bob Everest of Westcott Shore. The trophies have traditionally been donated by different members, usually a family effort. We certainly thank "Fish Head" for all the work and efforts put into this all these years. He has found it necessary give up this part of his life. Thanks so much Bob.

Last fall Bob Everest announced the winners of the 2016 contest, trophies are available for pickup at the Franklin Town Clerk's office during working hours.

- Walleye Pike, winner Joe Craig of Westcott Shore, 5.58 lbs. (245 Westcott Shore Rd)
- Northern Pike, winner Hunter Choiniere of Westcott Shore, 5.34 lbs. (593 Westcott Shore Rd)
- Yellow Perch, winner Jerry Clark of St. Albans, .95 lb. (Hammond Shore Road)
- Small Mouth Bass, winner Matt Wright of Springfield, VT. (50 Dewing Shore Rd)
- The Rainault Family Junior Fisherman Award, Alex Cyr of Essex Jct., VT 2.55 lb. Walleye.

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