

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Ice-Out on March 21, 2016

It happened, in 2016, nearly a month earlier than some previous years. The very mild winter didn't produce a thick ice layer and it disappeared quickly. The official time of ice-out was 1:04 p.m. when the clock was disconnected, as the block went



through the ice to bottom of the lake. The winner was Suzanne Baran of Blackwoods. President Benevento called her at home in Florida home to giving her the good news.

Treasurer Bob Baran, yes, her husband, will write a check to the winner. Congrats Sue!

Thanks so much to Joe and Linda Craig for handling the mechanical part of the contest at the lake and Judith McLaughlin for handling the tickets and winter mail. They are great volunteers.

From the President

What a difference a year makes. Last year the polar vortex descended on the lake causing frigid temperatures for extended periods. This year spring like temperatures were enjoyed during the December holidays and the ice on the lake disappeared the earliest in years. It proves the only constant is change. And hopefully if I may quote Bob Dylan "the times they are a changing" at Lake Carmi.

We all love the lake. At some point in our lives we developed this connection or what I like to refer to as a bond with the lake that has endured for years. It is the place we learned to fish, swim or water ski and teach our children and grandchildren to do the same. It is a place where we sit and relax reading a book or gazing at the beautiful lake, mountains and pastures. It is the place where we sit by the fire at night enjoying the company of family and friends. It is our haven, our place of comfort. We must all work to preserve and protect it.

And this is why we need to change. We all must act in unison to bring change to Lake Carmi. We cannot tolerate these algae blooms and the green water out of our cottage faucets. We cannot tolerate embarrassing TV reports and newspaper articles about our lake. It has to stop. And it only stops if everyone cries out for change. This was clearly evident in a recent action by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. The Agency was petitioned in 2014 to mandate Best Agricultural Management Practices in certain areas. They denied the petition. Then the wave of public sentiment for cleaner water arose and the Water Quality Bill was passed. Recently the Agency mandated that only Required Agricultural Management Practices be employed in areas that include the Lake Carmi Watershed. At this writing the details of that decision have not been finalized but the fact that this is happening is unprecedented. It proves that if the voices are loud enough change will happen.

Another change is the formation of the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team. It is the first of its kind in the state and was organized last fall by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to improve our watershed. The team consists of representatives from VT DEC, Agency of Agriculture, Franklin Select board, the Franklin Watershed Committee and LCCA. The team has been meeting monthly over the winter and should be "shovel ready" with lake projects this spring. Road and storm water projects are currently some of the things on their agenda. More about the team's work will appear in this newsletter over the summer.

Federal financial assistance to farmers was also announced over the winter. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has offered unprecedented monetary aid to farmers in the Pike River and Lake Carmi Watersheds. This aid will be available for an extended period of time and will hopefully fund significant environmental improvements in our watershed.

And we must change. Last August the LCCA and FWC hosted its first *Septic Social*. It focused on septic practices that ensure our waste systems are managed and functioning properly. It is incumbent on all of us to make sure our own backyards are clean and tidy. We must check our systems and have them pumped out regularly. We should also employ water saving devices, not overworking our septic systems.

We need to protect our shorelines with vegetative growth as well, creating sufficient buffers to curtail unwanted sediment from entering the lake. Abiding by the Shoreland Protection Act, when building or remodeling structures on the lake, is a requirement. Change is not always easy but we all must do our part to protect and improve the lake.

On a much lighter note, your LCCA Board of directors has been working hard over the winter to bring you a full plate of summer fun. Fireworks, the Pontoon Boat Race, a Pirate Raid, Sail-fests and “*Light up Lake Carmi*” are all on the agenda. A Cottage Tour which is coming back in 2016, it is a very special event.

.....*Peter Benevento*



LCCA Fishing Contest Winners

2015 Champion walleye fisherman Bryan Howes of Waterbury Center shows off his 6 pound, 27 inch catch in front of the family cottage on Hammond Shore Road last August.

Additional winners include, for small mouth bass, Matt Wright, grandson of Dick Benton, for his 5.71 pound, 17.5 inch catch. Ernie Englehardt caught a 1.97 pound, 13 inch yellow perch. In the northern pike category, the winner is James Cheney of Westcott Shore who caught a 6.64 pound, 32 inch specimen. Each winner got a special trophy from the LCCA to show off at the lake.

The 2016 contest begins on June 1. All rules of the State of Vermont Fish and Game department are in force. Fish not yet in season on the contest start day may not be taken. The contest ends on Labor Day, September 5.

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LCCA Board Meetings, 2016

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Membership Drive Under-Way

The 2016 LCCA memberships have been coming in since January. 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. The annual dues are \$50 per cottage or member. We try to have the contacts done by July.

Members get their new camp window card for camp identification. When the sheriff visits your cottage in the winter and finds something wrong, they will know who to call and where.

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 local residents to enjoy.

The annual “*Celebrate Lake Carmi*” events are only part of what happens around the lake. ***Become anofficial part of our 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.

To quote from Peter Benevento’s January letter to members: *“Clean water is not free. We have learned this the hard way. Relying solely on government services to help clean up our lake is not enough. We must seek out professional services to achieve results. This includes contractors, environmental specialists and attorneys. Completion of a study to establish the undeniable and overwhelming positive economic impact of Lake Carmi, on the Town and County of Franklin, is planned for 2016. Formation of the Lake Carmi Foundation, Inc. to set up an endowment for water quality that will serve us for generations to come is also underway. These initiatives coupled with increases in our traditional, customary services and operating costs necessitates an increase in annual dues from \$35.00 to \$50.00. We hope you understand. Help us regain our efforts to have “One Happy Lake.”*”



Easter Sunday from Vic’s Crossing

Thanks Nancy Mongeur for sharing this great photo taken from your cottage on Vic’s Crossing. Pretty amazing for March 27, even the dock is in place.

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expecting 30 - 35 tables/spots available. All types of crafts and vendors are encouraged to participate. For more information contact Jessica Draper at franklinwatershed@gmail.com or register as an exhibitor.

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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.

514.220.7079 days, 450.359.9138 nights. Email: sjones@erbgroupp.com.

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

Cottage for Rent, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps six, two bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting. \$600/week. Contact Kim Gates 802.285.9911 or email vera@franklinvt.net.

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 bdrms; 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 bdrms. Dock, rowboat, kayaks. Westcott Shore. \$625/week, including VT Tax. Contact Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or jancushman@comcast.net.

For Sale:

Camp for Sale, 488 Patton Shore. Leased land, 2 separate lots, total \$30/year. Drilled well, large front lawn, not on the water but has right of way. 2 bdrm, laundry, renovations underway. Taxes about \$1300/year. Call 802.782.2695.

For Sale, aluminum boat rack on wheels. Asking \$1200. Located at Kings Court. Contact Jeff Richards, 802.272.3054 or email: alljobssmall@hotmail.com.

For Sale, 14 ft. aluminum rowboat/oars. \$450. Contact Bob Mongeur, 802.496.8186 or nmongeur@gmavt.net.

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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For Sale, 16' sloop sailboat with two sets of sails, trailer and accessories. Before June 15 call Tony Tussing at 386.734.6389 or after June 15 at 802.285.6583.

Camp For Sale, 505 Westcott Shore, Asking \$109,000. Call Sue Granger, 802.456.7048.

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Get Ready, Light up Lake Carmi!

Get ready to ***Light-up Lake Carmi***. For the second annual event, it's time to get ready, get your lights ready. Bring them from your winter home, or get new sets to bring special effects to the lake. The committee asks that we begin the lighting the last week of June and carry it on at least into the 4th of July week. It was not possible to count all the cottages lighted up during our first try in 2015, but we know there were well over 75 cottages lighted. Bring joy and sunshine all around the lake. Bring your lights to the lake, put 'em up & plug 'em in!

F.W.C. Needs Help!

The Franklin Watershed Committee is seeking a volunteer Treasurer for a few hours a week. Past treasurers have included Sue Clark and Martine Gates. Here is an opportunity to play a major role in our organization. The FWC directors say they expect the job takes about 8 - 10 hours per month, including bookkeeping and attendance at the monthly FWC meeting. The monthly meetings are held at the Homestead's FELCO Room on the third Thursday of each month.

The FWC is also seeking qualified candidates for director. This is also a volunteer position, requiring attendance at board meeting and participation at FWC events.

For both positions, contact Jessica at 802.393.0775 or franklinwatershed@gmail.com.



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Notice to Patton Shore Road Residents

Despite the warm winter I'm sure our road will require much attention this summer. For the past two seasons I have asked each cottage family to contribute \$50 to grade and maintain our road. This year will be no different although the intent is to collect money earlier in the season. The cost for grading the road last season was \$1896. Currently the balance in the Patton Shore Road account, at TDBank North in Enosburg Falls is \$300.94.

Your \$50 check for Patton Shore Road maintenance may be sent to Pete Benevento, P O Box 114, Franklin, VT 05457/ Please make the check out to me.

Lastly, I am looking for a volunteer(s) to assume the responsibility for Patton Shore Road. The volunteer job entails collecting \$50 from each camp and arranging for the road maintenance. Thanks so much for your cooperation.....Pete

It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

Building Permits & Septic Design

Getting ready for some upgrades, an addition or something else? The Town of Franklin reminds us that applications and permits are necessary if you are doing construction of more than fifty (50) square feet or if you are changing the use. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office or the town website.

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As of March 31, there may be another growing season on Vermont farms without the stronger agricultural regulations from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. On March 31, Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Ross asked the legislature to delay putting the new rules into force until September of this year.

The up-date is required under Act 64, the water quality bill passed by the Vermont legislature in 2015. Act 64 called for the Agency to finalize the rules by July 1, 2016. The Agency wants that date pushed back until September.

The Agency released a first draft of the rules last October and a second draft in February, so extensive work has already gone into preparing them. The Agency argues that the February draft has generated additional comments that they need time to address. LCC and other groups have provided extensive comments to help guide development and implementation of the rules.

The Lake Champlain Committee Executive Lori Fisher expressed disappointment in the request. "We need strong regulations now. The delay means another growing season will pass before agriculture adopts better practices to protect water quality."

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Franklin volunteers cleanup nearly every road. At Lake Carmi there is plenty of opportunity to help as well. There's lots picking-up on camp roads, the North Beach and state and town roads surrounding our lake. You can check in at the town clerk's office to see if your road has been signed up for. There are usually plenty of roads to choose from. Lisa Larivee and Sara Rainville at the Town Clerk's Office are the Franklin Green Up coordinators. Bags are available at the town office or at the Franklin Elementary School on that day.

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Celebrate Lake Carmi, 2016

Details are being prepared for the big events of the summer. Of course the Pontoon Boat Race and fireworks on July 3 will be **the big events**. But, remember the first ever Light-up Lake Carmi of last summer? We'll also have the kayak and canoe races. There will be more than one sailing day, Sail-fest. Chair Bob Lunnah and his committee will be releasing the full schedule in the near future on email. The June issue will have all the details and registration forms for participation. *Start making your plans for great fun.*

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