

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

July, 2012.....**One Happy Lake**.....Volume 6, Number 3

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Taken from Westcott Shore, this photo could not be resisted on a bright/clear day in early June. Looking north to the Pinnacle in Quebec, this is the view we love and know immediately. Our island sets off the photo, bringing it in close for our view. *Photo by Larry Myott.*

Summer 2012 Came with Heat!

As all over the northeast the heat came the day before summer, on June 19, 95+ degrees. On June 20 it came again. Luckily we had a nice breeze, keeping us comfortable. The first week of summer has been what we want; the lake is very clear and great swimming temperatures too.

All the volunteer members of the LCCA, Inc. have been very busy with planning and preparations for the big week.

Special Notice, Route 120 (Lake Road) will be closed on Tuesday, July 3 while the fireworks are being set up, the annual Pontoon Boat Relay Races are being held and during the Fireworks Show. Remind your visitors, coming to camp, to plan ahead and come early. The road will be closed from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. from Patton Shore Road to the road markers just east of the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant.

The Franklin Fire Department, Franklin County Sheriffs and Vermont State Police will be in charge of traffic control. Be cautious; plan your route before the events to ensure that we are One Happy Lake.

Articles are always welcome for the L.C.C.A. News, however the editor reserves the right to edit and use it a future issue. Send email ideas and articles to larry.myott@uvm.edu
.....Larry Myott

Membership Drive Under-Way

LCCA membership chair, Helen Dever notes the annual membership drive will begin soon with volunteers knocking on doors and delivering window cards and 2012 Directories to all paid members. They will also be soliciting memberships. The annual dues of \$25.00 were due in June.

Members get their new camp window card for identification throughout the year. When the sheriff visits your cottage in the winter and finds something wrong, the 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, however, works year around. They plan, produce and package events for the seasonal folks and town residents to enjoy. The annual Lake Carmi Days and Fireworks are only a bit of what happens around the lake. Become an official part of our community.

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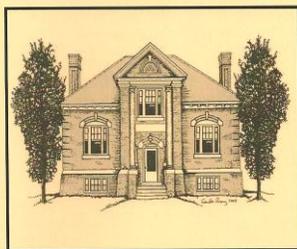
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Franklin Telephone Directory

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Prepared by the Haston Library Board of Trustees and Library Staff

New Telephone Directory, 2012

Franklin's Haston Library volunteers have produced a new phone book for all Franklin residents. This fund raising project makes for a very handy tool in the home, office or cottage. With all telephone numbers listed, it is easy to

use and saves time.

Copies are available at the Haston Library, the Franklin Telephone Company office and the Town Clerk's office. The cost is \$6.00 per copy, making it a very useful item and a contribution to the Haston Library as well.

Annual Fishing Contest Begins June 1

.....*Fishhead, Bob Everest Writes*

If you are an avid fisherman at Lake Carmi, we have some heads-up advice for you. Every time you go to one of the weigh-in Stations, Franklin General Store or Byam's Quick Stop, check the weigh-in for those entries already entered for all species.

You ask why? Well, let's say you catch a real whopper of a fish and you race off to enter the LCCA contest, only to find someone has caught a larger fish and it's just a little bit heavier than yours. Well Jeezum Crow, you might say. If only I had known there was a heavier fish entered, I'd have saved myself a trip and; I could have released that big one back into the lake.

Well, there might be an honorable mention, but that isn't a trophy, now, is it? Here's a thought. You could do well to use your cell phone, if it works at Lake Carmi. Keep the telephone number for the weigh-in stations handy along with an accurate fish scale.

Questions, contact Bob Everest: njbob2@verizon.net. Complete rules are on the LCCA website, www.lakecarmi.org.

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Dues Are Coming In!

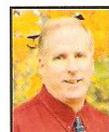
LCCA treasurer Bob Baran reports that the dues are coming in; he checks P.O. Box 1 daily. This is what keeps the Lake Carmi Camper's Association going, MEMBERS! As of June 20 there are about 150 paid members, and the membership drive hasn't begun. We have about 100 more members to go, to equal 2011.

Everyone is invited to join the LCCA, whether a camp owner or not. If you are a renter, visitor or owner we'd like to have you join the association. Dues are a very reasonable \$25.00, whether owner, friend or visitor. Add up those \$25 checks and it makes a big difference in paying for the needs of the association. The board of directors is studying the dues structure as they begin work on the 2013 budget.

Volunteers will soon be knocking on your door to deliver your window card and 2012 Directory. If you haven't paid, the volunteer will be asking you to become a paid member. They'll be ready to answer any questions.

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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.

For Sale, 3500 lb. pontoon boat lift.

Asking \$3300. Call Bob Richards, 802.285.2062.

For Sale, 4 piece White Wicker Porch set, with cushions. Nice condition, \$50. Call Abernethy's at 802.285.2028 or 603.381.8600 (cell).

For Sale, Mad River Explorer Canoe, Model Royal X, Needs some wood replacement. Price negotiable. Call 802.933.8942.

For Sale, New Edition, 2012 Franklin Telephone Directory by the Haston Library folks, \$6.00. Available at the telephone office and Haston Library.

For Sale, 4 casement windows, \$20 each or 4 for \$50. Shoreline 1800# Boat Lift, \$100. Call: Lee Abernethy, 285.2086.

Cottage for Rent: Westcott Shore, \$800/week summer, \$600/week after Labor Day, includes 9% tax. Deposit (rental & security) required. Pet (\$65 for dog) fee \$65+tax. Linens-

towels \$35+tax. Inquire directly. Call Fran Hopkins at 888.774.3485 or 802.285.2077.

Cottage for Rent, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps six, two bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting. \$500/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, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Second story loft, fully furnished. Call 802-879-7517, www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401

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

Cottage for Rent, Patton Shore, call Kevin Lothian at 802.285.6568.

Cottage for Rent, Three bedrooms, sleeps six. Dock, rowboat, canoe. Westcott Shore. \$450 per week. Call Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or email: jancushman@comcast.net.

Cottage for Rent. Patton Shore; 3 bedrooms; Sleeps up to 15; full kitchen. New England style rustic, by the week. Includes rowboat and canoe. Pets & children welcome. Contact Ted Hearne at 1.773.728.6996, or: lakecarmicamp@gmail.com.

(more on next page)

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LCCA, Inc. Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors of the association will meet regularly over the summer and have announced the fixed meeting dates: The board meets in the FELCO Room at the Franklin Home-stead, 7:00 p.m., unless noted otherwise in the newsletter of that month. All members are invited to attend.

Friday, July 20 Friday, August 24
Friday, September 7

Annual Meeting, Sat., August 4 at Town Hall

6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper, bring enough for at least eight serving to share. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Mark your calendar, details will be in the August issue, but the big item will be the presentation of the Lake Carmi Days award, including the Pontoon Boat Relay Race Awards, and the Lighted Boat Parade "Directors Special Award.

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The staff and Board of Trustees of the Haston Library extend their thanks to all for your generous support in their 2012 campaign. Your contribution means so much too so many. You allow the continuation of programs for children and adults to extend life-long learning in the world of books, alternative media and special educational programs. If you haven't already made you contribution, there is still time, send or drop off your check to the Haston Library, P.O. Box 84, Franklin, VT.

Don't forget we have computers here ready for you to check your email or do your shopping. The WiFi and computer usage is FREE.

Pick up a copy of summer events at the library, from story hours to a Summer Art Camp. A free pass is available for the State Park too!

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Win \$1000 on This Race!

Tickets are now available on the Big Race, the ticket betting on the winner and drawn from the team container will earn \$1000 cash. Tickets are available in most towns surrounding Lake Carmi; locally you can get your Pontoon Boat Relay Race tickets at the Franklin General Store, Byam's Quick Stop, or Old Bowling Alley Restaurant. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 5 for \$7.00.

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Summer Events in Franklin

- ▶ July 19, 6:30 pm, Ice Cream Social at the Franklin United Church in the village.
- ▶ July 26, Chicken Pie Supper, East Franklin Union Church, two settings, 5 pm and 6 pm. \$7.00 adults, \$4 ages 4 to 12, under 6 yrs. free.

Summer Church Services in Franklin

- ▶ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 6:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. Square Road, Franklin
- ▶ Franklin United Church, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Main Street, Franklin
- ▶ East Franklin Union Church, 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Lake Road, E. Franklin

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Haston Library for Reading at the Lake

Once again there are lots of fun things to do in the summer and the Library is a good place to start. Those rainy days make for great summer reading fun, visit the library and find it.

Not only books, but special events such as

the Star Gazing Event at Lake Carmi. Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 4 at 9 p.m. This program is sponsored by the VT Astronomical Society. More details will be announced in the July issue.

Want to go the ECHO Center in Burlington? How about a visit to State Parks? They have a reduced rate pass for ECHO, better reserve in advance. The pass for State Parks is for free admission to many State Parks and historic sites, for up to 8 people in one car.

Library Summer Hours are: Monday, 10 am – 2 pm; Tuesday, 2 pm – 6 pm; Thursday, 9 am – 6 pm; Friday, 2 pm – 6 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm. Phone 285.6505 with questions.

Kids Story Hours, 10 – 11 a.m. on Thursdays, songs, and crafts too!

You have Free WiFi at the library too; you can use their computer or your laptop. Their email is hastonlibrary@franklinvt.net. You can also check out their website: www.hastonlibraryvt.org.



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Heidi Moves On

Franklin Watershed Coordinator Heidi Britch-Valenta, left the watershed board in June. She has been named the Highgate Town Administrator. She is shown here accepting her parting gift from FWC president Jim Cameron, an LCCA member.

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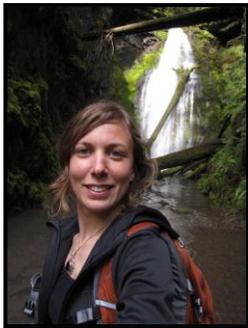
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Watershed Septic Pump-out Program

The work of the Watershed Committee and their Septic feasibility Study was presented to the Board of Selectmen at a meeting in Franklin on May 22. On June 21 it was presented to residents of the village of Franklin. **August 10** has been scheduled to present the report and answer all the questions to residents of our lake community.

The study is complete and the draft report is available for you to read on the town website, <http://www.franklinvermont.com/>. Access the website and review the executive summary, or the entire document.



The F.W.C. Shoreline Buffer is up and running, with the first round of site visits behind us. The landscape design plans are being completed. Site visits will take place all summer as plans get prepared to help protect the lake shoreline. These projects are to be implemented in August with the help of the AmeriCorps team. Interested shoreline property owners should contact Amy Soriano, interim watershed coordinator at 607-351-8963 or by email: alsoriano21@gmail.com.

FWC is implementing a *Water Conservation Project* at the lake in August. The goal is to save residents money and their septic systems by providing water conservation upgrades to their homes. More details in the next issue.

Meetings of the Franklin Watershed Committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the FELCO room. All are welcome; membership is strictly voluntary and at no charge. The annual meeting of the FWC will be announced in the August issue of this newsletter.

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Lake Carmi Days Event Schedule

With events starting on June 30, the Annual Lake Carmi Days kicks off this week and runs through the weekend after July 4th. Saturday, June 30 is the big events kickoff with the Franklin Fire Department Bar-B-Q from 4-7 pm at the Franklin Elementary School. During the day the *Town Yard Sale* will take place on the green at the Town Hall, starting at 9 a.m. LCCA will have several tables for items donated to sell, Helen Dever is coordinator for the project, call her at 285.6652. Money earned goes to the LCCA general fund.

Lighted Boat Parade will light up the lake beginning at 9:00 pm on June 30th. Decorate your boat with lots of lights. Christmas lights, lots of them, make it pretty. You can operate your lights with a generator or power inverter. We wonder if the Statue of Liberty will make a return appearance.

From 6:00 to 10:00 pm on July 3, Route 120, at the North End of the lake, will be closed for Fireworks setup and the great Pontoon Boat Relay Race. Let your guests know of this road closing in advance. They will have to take a detour, so find an alternate route.

Boat races begin at 6:30 pm and are expected to last about an hour, a great fun time to see those five teams of friend's pilot around the lake, passing off the ball and trying to get back to the north end first. See team identification in another section of this newsletter.

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Individual sponsors include the following friends and neighbors of the Lake Carmi Camper's Association: Craig & Maria Abernethy; Bruce & Debbie Bushey; the Hendrickson's; the Larry Myott's; Helen Dever; Jim Cameron; Bob & Sue Baran; Gary & Karen Jacobs; Virginia Burleson; Lee & Sally Abernethy; Normand & Avis Gervais, Peter & Marion Benevento; Robert & Sharon Larose; Ruth Ann Krayesky and several more who wish to remain anonymous.



More information on Lake Carmi activities is available on www.lakecarmi.org.

Be Neighborly, protect your friends.

1. **Don't feed the Ducks**, feeding causes:
 - ▶ Dependency on People
 - ▶ People/Bird Conflicts and a lack of Fear
 - ▶ Spread of Disease
2. Do not operate boats at more than 5 mph close to shore. State Law says boats must be operated at least 200 feet from shore, protecting people and the shoreline.
3. Dogs belong on a leash. Please be kind to your dog and your neighbors by picking up the dog poop.

LCCA, Inc. 2011 Financial Report

This is the annual Profit & Loss Statement to be acted on at the annual meeting on August 4, 2012. The annual meeting will be held at the Franklin Town Hall, after the Pot Luck dinner at 6:00 pm.

January 1 – December 30, 2011

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
50TH ANNAVERSARY	3,037.95
Advertising	1,760.00
CALENDAR	2,795.55
DONATION	550.00
FIREWORKS	6,496.50
Ice Out Income	1,642.00
Membership Dues	4,710.23
MEMORIAL BOOK	50.00
MISCELLANEOUS	2.00
postage	
office income	5.00
Total postage	5.00
RAFFLE	2,444.00
WATER QUALITY INCOME	1,165.00
YARD SALE	131.05
Total Income	24,789.28
Expense	
50TH ANNAVERSARY EXP	3,747.67
CALENDAR EXPENSES	2,014.85
FIREWORKS EXPENSES	6,038.90
ICE OUT	1,022.60
Office Expense	
Postage	257.43
Office Expense - Other	75.03
Total Office Expense	332.46
OPERATING EXP	4,759.11
PRINTING EXPENSE	804.79
RAFFLE EXPENSE	1,090.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00
Security	4,240.90
Total Expense	24,051.28
Net Ordinary Income	738.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
INTEREST	22.53
Total Other Income	22.53
Other Expense	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	85.23
Total Other Expense	85.23
Net Other Income	-62.70
Net Income	675.30

Signed by: Robert Baran, Treasurer

"Well done is better than well said."

.....Ben Franklin

Lake Carmi Days!

Franklin Fire Dept. Bar-B-Q
June 30, 4—7 pm,
Elementary School

Lighted Boat
Parade, 9:00 pm
June 30

THE BIG SHOW
FIREWORKS

JULY 3, 9:30 PM

AT THE NO. END BOAT LAUNCH

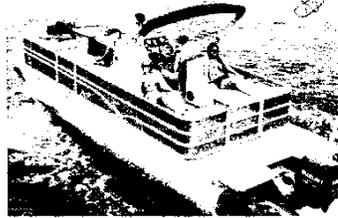
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Closed by 6 pm on July 3, seek alternate routes.

Produced by North Star Fireworks with the assistance of the Franklin Fire Department.

2012 Pontoon Boat Relay Race

July 3, 6:30 pm, Start at the North End. Five teams of six pontoon boats.
Buy your Raffle tickets for a chance to win the \$1000 cash prize on the win-
ning team you select! Tickets are at local businesses and on the web,
www.lakecarmi.org

All Lake Carmi Days events are sponsored by the Lake Carmi Camper's Association, Inc. in cooperation with many fine business and individual sponsors. The Franklin Fire Department sponsors their annual Chicken Bar-B-Q as a department fundraiser.



LAKE CARMI DAYS

LAKE CARMI CAMPER'S ASSOCIATION Inc.

Saturday – June 30th

Fire/Rescue Bar-B-Q, 4-7 pm Franklin Elementary School
Lighted Boat Parade, 9:00 pm Start at Westcott Shore

Tuesday – July 3rd

6:00 pm to closing @ North Waterfront
Music by **Missisquoi River Band** continuing during the
Evening at the Old Bowling Alley Restaurant

6:30 pm - Pontoon Boat Relay Race

9:00 pm - \$1000 Race Raffle Drawing

9:30 pm - Fireworks

Friday – July 6th

7:00 pm - Parade of Champions
North Beach Waterfront start

*\$1000 Raffle Award

Pick your favorite Lake Carmi shoreline pontoon boat team and if your team wins, the winning raffle will be picked from that team's canister of bets. Each team will have 6 boats that circle the lake three times, stopping at 5 relay points to pass the relay ball.

Teams to pick from are:

- Westcott/Mullen Shore Roads – Wildcats – Joe Craig, Captain
- Patton/Blackwoods Roads – Pirates of the Pontoons – Jim Piviroto, Captain
- Hammond Shore Road – Hammerheads – Blue – Bob Larose, Captain
- Dewing/Camp Road – Dueling Dolphins – Green – Richard Mercy, Captain
- Vic's Crossing/Shore Road/Kings Court – Vipers – Orange – Bill Spears, Captain

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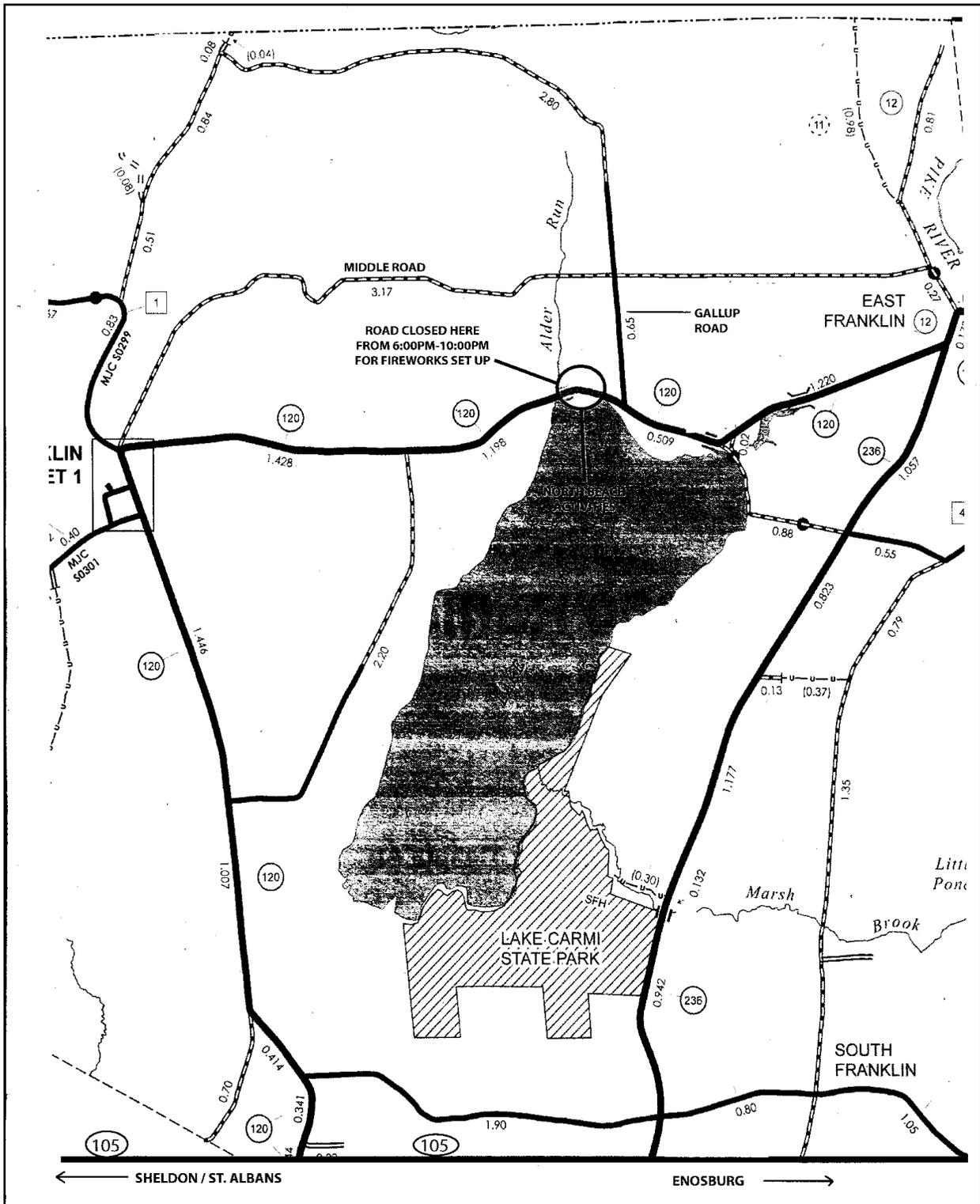
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Important Announcement: Route 120 will be closed from Patton Shore Road to just east of the Old Bowling Alley from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3rd. Check out the Alternate Routes for travel during these times. Detour signs will be placed at Gallup Road and Riley Road. Pedestrian traffic is allowed during the Boat Race portion of the Road Closure; however pedestrians cannot pass after that time. Signs and barricades will be posted. Make sure your friends, children and guests are on the right side of the Road Closure when it happens.

New Welcome Packets for Rentals

The LCCA, Inc. has prepared a welcome packet for visitors and renters at our lake. The packets are filled with useful information that renters and infrequent visitors will find valuable.

If you rent a cottage at Lake Carmi, please accept a packet to place in your cottage for your guests use. We ask that it be placed on the table to welcome those visitors to our community. Information includes what to do in the area, maps of the area and across the border too. A copy of the most recent newsletters and much more.

Board members are distributing these packets to the owners of renter owned cottages. If they should disappear, contact your director to re-supply. An additional supply is available from LCCA Directors.

Special thanks to Anita Rogers for the leadership on this project, along with Helen Dever and Jim & Faith Aube.

This Information brought to you by the Franklin Watershed Committee

This is the time of the season that septic systems develop health problems. There are many reasons why a septic system may get into trouble; most are related to its human owners and users.

What you put into your system will have a direct impact on the operation of your system. Your system is not a dispose-all.

- Conserve water to avoid overloading the septic system. Be sure to repair any leaky faucets or toilets. Use low-flow fixtures.
- Do not use caustic drain openers for a clogged drain. Instead, use boiling water or drain snake.
- Do not use septic tank additives, commercial septic tank cleaners, yeast, sugar, etc. These products are questionable value and may actually harm the system.
- Your septic system is not a trash can. Do not put disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, paper towels, cat litter or other similar products in the toilet. These items quickly fill the tank and can clog the drainage system.
- Do not dump cooking fats down the drain. They solidify and contribute to blockages in the system.
- Paints, varnishes, pesticides and other hazardous materials do not belong in your system. These items will actually destroy the biological digestion process taking place in your tank.

Pumping Out Your Septic Tank

It is recommended that you pump your septic system out regularly. What does that mean? A properly operating system will last for many years, 10 or more. However, if you have a malfunction and water is on top of the ground around your tank, there is a problem.

It could be as simple as a clogged valve at the exit of your tank, or materials (such as discussed above) have clogged the leach field. It may be a simple fix, but most likely it will require pumping the tank to get at the problem. There are local septic tank services who respond quickly; they are knowledgeable about these systems and can fix it for you.

If you discover a problem, don't wait, it won't go away. It may go away temporarily, once the company leaves, but that doesn't mean it is fixed. Take care of the problem.

To protect yourself and your wallet, use water conservation measures in your home:

- Make sure no toilet or faucet is leaking.
- Use 1.6 gallon (or less) per flush toilet.
- Use faucet aerators at sinks and low flow nozzles in the shower.
- Limit the length of showers for your visitors too.
- Washing machines should only wash full loads, and no more than 2 or 3 loads per day.
- Do not run the dishwasher until it is full.

Franklin Watershed Committee Septic Pump Out Program

It is important to keep your septic system operating properly by pumping out your holding tank on a regular basis. To assist in this task, the FWC will pay \$50 toward your pump out cost. Submit a copy of your paid pump out bill to: FWC, Inc., P.O. Box 82, Franklin, VT 05457 for reimbursement.

Fishing License Laws of Vermont

Youth under 15 years old, both resident and non-resident are not required to have a license. Youth 15 years and older are required to be licensed. Ages 15 – 17, \$8.00/year for residents. Non-residents, same age, \$15.00/years.

Adult licenses are \$22.00/year for residents, \$45.00/year for non-residents. Licenses are available on line, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, also at Byam's Quick Stop and the Franklin Town Clerk's Office. Complete regulations for Vermont are available at both places.

The Lake Carmi Pavilion



Editor's Note: Last year I ran this photo of the Lake Carmi Pavilion and asked folks to share their memories of the Pavilion. It was a great dance hall at Lake Carmi for about three decades, under different owners. The most famous was Sterling Weed (standing in the doorway). He was a real musician, who taught hundreds of students around Franklin County to play the saxophone and other musical instruments.

This brief article was written by one of our good neighbors, with lots of feeling. Enjoy!

First Love

School is almost out; it is the summer of 1965. In Richford, we are talking about who is going to be allowed to go to the dance at Lake Carmi Pavilion.... This is big doings, a live band and I am wondering if he will be there. Better not say too much, he is from Enosburg; what are they going to think.

The weekend is here, I get my driving lesson to the Pavilion, what a way to start the night! Before long the band, Jimmy T and the Cobra's, is playing. The dance floor is crowded, the music is the Rolling Stones, "I Can't Get No Satisfaction," is being sung; the crowd is loud with their responses, "I can't get no."

I look across the dance floor and there he is...oh my...my heart is a flutter; he is so cute, tall, dark hair and that plaid shirt. I start to wonder, will he see me, is he alone, will he ask me to dance? He's coming my way, am I blushing? "Hey Sunshine, let's dance" as we move to the floor. It's getting late and the last song is playing, *Sleepwalk*. I'm in his arms thinking about the next time I'll be seeing him, will I be his girl?

Several years ago we bought a cottage, he has spent his summers making it comfortable for us. We have brought our children and grandchildren to the lake. We have had many friends and family share our time here. We always call it going back home. Looks like I will be his girl....46 years later....Oh, for those who know me I did need a little vacation.....

I love you Robert, *Your Sunshine* ☺

911 Numbers for your Cottage

If you have an emergency at your cottage, how is the help going to find you? Do you have your 911 address on the front of the camp? We still notice several of the old camp number signs being used; these are no longer valid and haven't been for many years now.

All emergency calls now go to 911, an operator in Williston, VT. Kim Gates no longer answers the phone and dispatches the ambulance or fire department. You could be in trouble. If you don't have 911 posted at you telephone, please make sure it is, along with your 911 address.

The new camp directory, being delivered with your membership window card, has the correct number. Post this number on the road side of your camp; it could be your life that gets saved. You can buy the numbers at the hardware store. Please remove the old camp number signs, they are good historic items but going going to help you in an emergency—the 911 operator will not know what that number means.

2011 Remembered

The proud Blue Team Captain from the 2011



Pontoon Boat Relay Race shows his trophy, while grandson Taylor Allie pilots the boat around the lake on a victory lap.

Captain Bob Larose says his team is ready for a repeat performance. On to 2012!

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