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Covid 19, What's Not Happening at the Lake.

There has been a lot of concern about the pandemic and our lives in Franklin at the Lake. Indeed, our lives have all been greatly affected and will continue to be for many months to come. Many of our residents cannot cross the Canadian Border to go to the Lake, even though they live only a short distance away. Many more are hiding it out in various sunny states in the south and feel safer there than traveling for a thousand or more miles to get to our heavenly retreat.

Campers or visitors/renters have to go through a self imposed quarantine for 14 days. See the rules on the page of this Newsletter, for more information.

The Lake Carmi Board of Directors canceled all the activities that are normal for summer at the lake. Celebrate Lake Carmi events, such as the Fireworks, Pontoon Boat Races, Pirate Ship Raids, and other events are usually held during July 4th week will hopefully return in 2021. An announced new event for later in the summer, Lake Carmi Poker, has also been canceled.

Light Up Lake Carmi is still a go, as it only involves the residents of each camp. It should be a big event; we have time to get those decorations up, so plan on getting your decorations up the weekend before July 4. Let's make a big happy statement about our family at Lake Carmi. This part is a fun time.

President Benevento says:



As this newsletter is being prepared, the Pandemic is being handled by our Governor and his team in Montpelier. Several of our directors are still out of state at their winter homes, they will return to two weeks of quarantine. The efforts at Lake Carmi continue.

A TMDL Coordination Team held a virtual meeting on May 14. Here are some of the highlights, as reported in the minutes of the meeting. It should be noted that despite budget restrictions imposed by COVID 19; considerable resources are being deployed to Lake Carmi to help improve water quality. The LCCA greatly appreciates the efforts of all the state agencies and other organizations working on our behalf.

Aeration: Everblue Lakes, Inc. reported they would be installing two reconditioned compressors. The compressors will also be upgraded with ventilation systems for better cooling & exhaust to withstand the warmer summer days. The entire system will be inspected, and the diffusers will be pulled and cleaned. Considering fish habitats and water temperatures; it is expected the system will be operational around June 15.

In Lake Monitoring: UVM faculty and staff reported they had re-installed buoys in the Lake with sensors to measure Oxygen every 15 minutes. A platform on the Lake with multiple sensors and the ability to take water samples is still planned but not yet finalized due to COVID 19 logistics and limitations. The installation of sensors on some camp docks to measure the fluctuation of water levels is planned.

UVM Extension: The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reported on the work of UVM Extension professionals in the Lake Carmi Watershed. This includes their continued support of the use of the manure injector in the watershed. They are continuing their development work on a model that will prevent the loss of nutrients from the field during applications.

Culvert Replacement: DEC reported that with the help and cooperation of the Town, two failing culverts on State Park Road that contribute sediment to the lake will be replaced. Design plans are being developed this year for the new culvert installation next year.

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

Cottage Rentals for the 2020 Season

Under the rules of the Covid19 Pandemic, owners of rental cottages are not allowed to rent before June 15. However, you should call the rental owners for further information as the rules are changing rapidly.

Cottage for Rent, three bdrm, dock, rowboat, kayaks. Cushman, 925.253.1958, jancushman@comcast.net.

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Cottage for Rent, Westcott Shore, three bdrm, fully equipped. May thru October \$850/week. 514.220.7079 days, 450.359.9138 evenings. Email: sjones@erbgroupp.com.

Cottage for Rent, right on the Lake, Patton Shore Road, two-story, sleeps nine, three bdrm, two baths. Second story loft, fully furnished. Call 802.879.7517, or visit our website: www.LakeCarmiCottage.com.

Cottage for Sale, Westcott Shore with 180' frontage. Updated five bdrm, two baths, nice kitchen. Fully furnished sleeps 12. Asking \$196,500. Call Nancy @ 603.231.0617 or Bob @ 802.285.6620. Email: nlumnah@yahoo.com.

Cottage for Sale, 234 Hammond Shore Road, 99 yr. Lease, two bdrm, one bath, north/westerly views. Bruce & Debbie Bushey, 802.285.6138 or 802.355.1969. Email, dbbushey@gmavt.net

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We sure hope to see you in 2021.

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LCCA Fishing Contest 2020

The fishing contest began on Saturday, May 23. Plan on entering those winning catches this summer; you can enter in Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike, and Yellow Perch categories. The winners will be presented trophies, after the closing of the contest on Labor Day, September 7.

The contest is judged based on the measured length and weight of the catch, with the official measures being taken at the Franklin General Store. The lucky fisherman must fill out the entry form at the store. Everyone is eligible, remember to go to the store to enter the contest, then eat it for dinner.

You can pick up a copy of the 2020 Vermont Fishing Guide at Franklin General Store or the Town Clerks' office. Make sure you know the rules and can identify the species. A fishing license is required for anyone age 15 and up. The Guide is here:

http://www.eregulations.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/20VTFW_LR.pdf

This photo of Harry Gleim of Dewing Shore Road was taken earlier this spring with a nice bass.

We need you as a member of the LCCA, Inc:

Become an LCCA member for the 2020 season. The dues are just \$50.00 per year. LCCA members are committed to our lake in so many ways. Some are volunteers who help out wherever and whenever they are able; some are here to enjoy a week or more in this pristine setting. We only ask that you become a member of your association and do what you can. Your comments are always welcome, contact any of the directors, or send the editor your thoughts for sharing at your Director's board meetings. Become an official member of the Lake Carmi community, send in your membership form, and dues check, payable to LCCA, Inc. to LCCA, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.

Please send us your correct membership information and your dues check. Thank you.

Please mail your check and this form to: LCCA, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457

Name _____ Renewal New Gift Membership

Attached is my check for 2020 Dues, in the amount of \$50.00, made payable to **LCCA, Inc.**

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~~Contribution to the annual LCCA Fireworks are gratefully accepted, \$ _____~~

Contribution to the LCCA Water Quality Fund are very welcome, \$ _____

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Chris "Buzz" O'Shea Passed last fall

Buzz O'Shea passed after a long battle with dementia on October 26, 2019. His spirit lives on with his family and friends. He fell in love with



Lake Carmi in his middle years and resided at Sandy Bay in a home that he and his wife Pat built-in 1998. Buzz took over the County Courier from his father and became editor and publisher, a job he loved for many years.

He served on the board of the Franklin Watershed Committee and also the Missisquoi River Basin Association, always a valued active board member. In 2008 he traveled to Washington DC to testify before the U. S. House of Representatives in support of the legislation to make the Missisquoi and Trout rivers designated wild and scenic. He desired cleaner

water for everyone and was active, making this become a reality. There will be a memorial service later this summer—sincere condolences to the family.

Barbara Pausley, Patton Shore Passed

Barbara passed away on July 9, 2019, at the age of 84 years. She was a long time summer resident of Patton Shore Road. She loved the family cottage



that she grew up with. She liked to say, "I was there every single year of my life since I was six months old." Her grandfather, Fred Brown, was a dentist in Enosburgh Falls. The family history includes the moving of the large green

camp, which became the Brown camp, on the winter ice to its present location. She leaves her husband Alex Pausley of Ohio, two daughters, and several grandchildren.

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Franklin History Corner

Article taken from, *A History of Franklin, 1789-1989*, by Martha Hanna Towle, published in 1989.

"In a description of the Town of Franklin found in Zadock Thompson's book, *History of Vermont*, published in Burlington in 1842 by Chauncey Goodrich, he wrote, "The Township is injured very much by a large pond which lies near the center." Remember much of the Township was still wilderness, life was so difficult, and so very different from our lives in 1988. Who could foresee that *Franklin Pond, Silver Lake, or Lake Carmi* since 1910, could become such a source of pleasure to campers, swimmers, water skiers, boaters, fishermen (both summer and winter), duck hunters, snowmobilers, and especially to the Town as a source of a goodly percent of property taxes as it was in 1988. I am going to tell you what we know for sure about old Lake Carmi, and then some legends and stories.

Our earliest known summer campers were the St. Francis Indians from Canada. Legend tells us that in the summer, they came down from Canada to fish at Franklin Pond (Lake Carmi), hunt deer and moose, and to dry and smoke meat for winter provisions. They drove the deer and moose out of the woods and swamps to clearings, where they were able to kill and prepare the meat for drying and smoking. When they had finished curing the animals, they went back home to Canada. The Indian's camping ground was on or near where the old dance pavilion stood on the lakeshore (Dewing Shore). Indian relics were dug there by Edward Powers and Lewis Demar, who had a fairly good collection of them. Summer cottages now stand where the Indians camped, fished, and dried meats.

The Township of Franklin is not injured very much by that large pond at the very center. Lake Carmi is a veritable asset to our Town."

A History of Franklin, 1789-1989, is available for sale for \$20. At the Haston Library or the Franklin Telephone Company.

This camp from the early 1900's was named "UNNEEDAREST" by its owners on Patton Shore.



Note the buggy at the south end of the camp. This is from a collection of glass negatives owned by the Franklin Historical Society. This camp is still in that location and owned by Peter and Jennifer Lafley.

Provided by the Franklin Historical Society, for more details on the Society, contact Kim Gates at the Franklin Telephone Company or Dave Bennion at his Maple Gift Shoppe. Both on Main Street in Franklin.



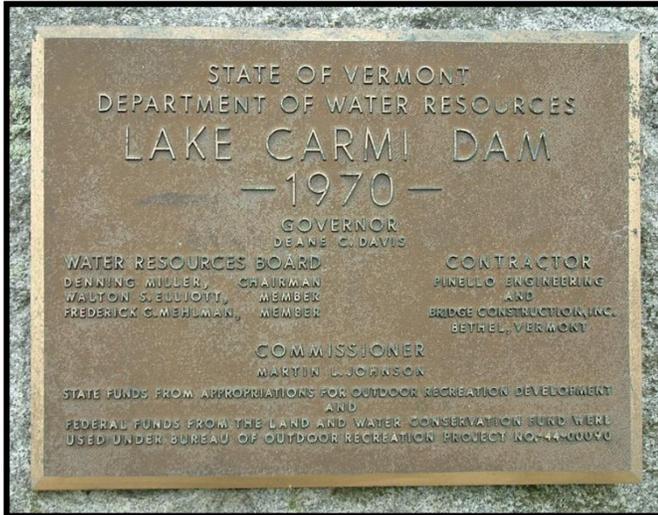
This photo of the same time is of Main Street in Franklin. The first two buildings housed the Hopkins Store that burned many years ago. Oscar Riley built the Franklin General Store there. Next up the street is the large old brick house, followed by the Franklin Telephone Company. Across the street is the hotel that stood at the time, after the fire, the Dick Wright Ford dealership replaced it.

50 Years Ago Dam Construction

(From the July 2010 issue of the Lake Carmi Newsletter)

The Lake Carmi Dam was rebuilt on the site of the old mill that once sawed lumber at the north end of the millpond. [It was] Funded by state and federal monies to enhance recreational opportunities at Lake Carmi, and built-in 1970. This plaque commemorates the construction.

Since its construction, the dam has been under the control of the Vermont Agency of Natural



Resources. Several volunteers have been designated over the years to maintain the water at certain levels. Since 2005 Arnold Byam, of Byam's Quick Stop fame in East Franklin, has been the dam caretaker. This unpaid position is appointed by the state to carry out the law of maintaining the lake level at 435 feet from the end of March until early September. This is done by the installation of plank stops in the dam in the spring, and removing them in the fall, to 434.5 feet.

Are you Ready to Go Fishing?

Every summer it happens, folks come to the lake, decide they want to fish and guess what? They don't have a license. The easiest way to purchase your fishing license is right on the website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com. You'll need to have a printer and your credit card to pay for it. Just go to the website and follow the simple directions. Fishing licenses cover fishing throughout the year. To obtain a resident license, a person must have lived in Vermont for at least six months immediately prior to applying. A non-resident student who is enrolled in a high school, college, or university within Vermont is entitled to a resident fishing license. There are two free fishing days each year,

the Second Saturday in June, June 13, 2020, and the last Saturday of January, or January 30, 2021.

And for the military! Any Vermont resident who is serving on active duty in the armed forces of



the United States, or under orders to perform, a homeland defence or stateside contingency operation for a period of 120 or more consecutive days may obtain a hunting or fishing license at no cost.

A non-resident member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed at a military, air or naval post within Vermont may buy an out of state license at the resident fee. Any Vermont resident who is 66 years or older may apply for and purchase a permanent license on the website as well. All licensing details are in the Vermont Fish and Game Manual mentioned earlier in the Fishing Contest article and available on the website.

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President Pete Benevento, continued from Page 1
Roads Assessment and Improvement: The Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) has awarded a grant to assess Private and Park roads in the Lake Carmi watershed. The assessments will concentrate on the hydrologically connected roads that pose the greatest threat to loading nutrients to the Lake. Stormwater remediation projects will follow on roads that pose the greatest threat to water quality. Landowner cooperation is critical for community outreach; informational workshops will be announced.

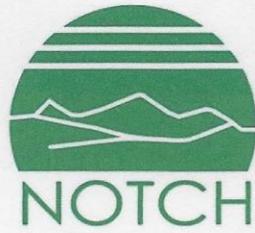
Groundwater Analysis Project: DEC will conduct a groundwater study in the Lake Carmi Watershed to determine how groundwater affects phosphorous loading to the Lake. Identification

and characterization of the bedrock formations will take place to identify how groundwater flows. Shallow groundwater wells are to be drilled to complete aquifer studies. Existing drilled wells will also be sampled. Again, landowner cooperation is essential, so DEC will be seeking permission from landowners to complete this study.

Tributary Monitoring: Budget constraints due to COVID 19 has restricted water sampling efforts statewide; however, a limited monitoring program concentrating on the major tributaries will be conducted at Lake Carmi this summer.

Although I am still in Florida as I prepare this, I sure do hope to see you all out on the lake this summer.

Pete Benevento



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Enjoy the Lake or Mow the Lawn?

Of course, we want better water quality on our lake, that is going to be done when we have less nutrient runoff and sediment entering the lake. Do you want more time to enjoy the lake? Then stop mowing! Creating a no-mow zone that is planted with native species along the water's edge will not only save you time, but is much better for the health of the lake. Grass with its shallow roots does not absorb runoff very well. Native species with their deeper roots when planted along the waterfront will absorb runoff and improve water quality. Also, native species provide habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects and wildlife. Creating no-mow zones does not mean blocking your view of the lake or creating an obstacle to water access. Using best management practices for waterfront property allows you views and access, and time to enjoy it all without the hassle of mowing.

Over the years, the Franklin Watershed Committee and the LCCA have encouraged lake residents to tour lakefront gardens, that are part of the Vermont Lake-wise Program. Those pretty gardens illustrate many different landscaping options. There are many resources available to show you how to do it.

The website is:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakeshores-lake-wise>



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This page and this Newsletter. President Pete Benevento sent me a message of this, but didn't attach anything, so he missed the deadline. For the email version I am able to just add it in making Petes' report complete. There will be a limited number of printed copies available at the Franklin General Store. Editor

Health. You don't have anything if you don't have your health. That's the way the saying goes, that is why we canceled our Celebrate Lake Carmi festivities, to protect our health. In the April Newsletter I had high hopes the virus would pass by June and we could proceed as usual. Several fairs and other large events had already been canceled by then, this reality prompted your LCCA Board to convene a conference call, and making the decision to cancel all our events. This includes the fireworks, pontoon boat race, pirate raid, and a new entry that was to take place in early August, Water Poker. Canceling our events was the right thing to do. This summer will be dedicated to making all of our summer events better than ever for 2021.

The one event we have not canceled is Light up Lake Carmi, an event "light up" our community spirit. This year we ask that you do it in support of our healthcare workers and first responders who have been on the front lines fighting the virus. So from Saturday, June 30 through July, please "light up the lake," showing our thanks to those who have been protecting and caring for our health.

The virus has undoubtedly altered our daily routines and the way we interact with families and communities. Many campers have come to the lake for the isolation it provides to shelter from the virus. Some of us had to self-quarantine for fourteen days upon their arrival. Usually, I would say being isolated or quarantined is not a desirable state. But what better place to ride out the pandemic than Lake Carmi! Being outdoors and exercising has been strongly encouraged during the lockdown. Walking, hiking, biking, running, boating, canoeing, kayaking, and swimming are all at our beckoning. Moreover, the magnificent sunrises, gorgeous mountain views, and spectacular sunsets make for one terrific environment. Plus, you can always get to that camp project you have been putting off for years. Yes, we are fortunate to have Lake Carmi. It's just one healthy place to be.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office patrolled the lake this past winter. Except for a couple of break-ins early in the season, there were no other incidents reported. The FCSO used ATV machines in snow conditions. If anyone's camp experienced any intruders or vandalism this past winter, please contact the Sheriff's office.

The Franklin Water District has opened the spigot next to the firehouse. The spigot is there for camper's to access clean cold spring water. Please limit your retrieval of water to a maximum of 15 gallons each visit. Containers with no more than a five-gallon capacity may be used.

The Franklin Watershed Committee (FWC) is sponsoring a Boat Steward again at the VT Fish & Wildlife boat launch at North Beach. The Boat Steward will be inspecting boats as they enter & leave the lake to ensure aquatic invasive species are not introduced or transferred from the lake to another waterbody. The FWC will once again be implementing the Lake Carmi tributary monitoring program. In-lake water sampling will be conducted through the VTDEC Lay Monitoring Program. The FWC Coordinator position is currently vacant. It is anticipated that the position will be filled this summer.

The FWC will also once again be coordinating Septic Pump-Out Rebate Program. This program has been ongoing for more than 15 years. A \$75.00 rebate will be paid for each pump-out; a \$25.00 rebate for each is available for each port-o-let rented. Just submit the receipt to the FWC, PO Box 79, Franklin, VT 05457. Please indicate the address where the rebate check is to be mailed.

So please stay well. There is nothing better than Vermont's fresh air to help us stay healthy. But all things considered, there is also nothing better than bacon & eggs on a camp stove; steaks and ribs sizzling on the grill; maple syrup and cider donuts; raspberry pie; and smores being prepared over a campfire. Ah...Lake Carmi has it all! See you at the lake!

COVID-19: What is isolation, quarantine and self-observation?

		Isolation	Quarantine	Self-observation
	For whom?	People sick with COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19 but did not have any symptoms.	People with no symptoms and who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> were in close contact with someone sick with COVID-19, or are returning to Vermont from out of the state for anything other than an essential purpose.¹ 	Other Vermonters who don't have symptoms.
	Do I stay home?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Can I go to work?	No. Work at home if your job allows it and if you feel well enough.	No. Work at home if your job allows it.	Work at home if you can. Only essential employees and some other employees should go to work.
	Can I go outside for walks, bike rides, hikes?	No, not until you have recovered. ²	No, not until 14 days have passed and no symptoms have appeared. ³	Yes, but keep six feet away from others, except people you live with. Wear a mask if it's crowded.
	Can I go out for groceries and other essential items like medication?	No, not until you have recovered. ²	No, not until 14 days have passed and no symptoms have appeared. ³	Yes, but keep six feet away from others, except people you live with. Wear a cloth mask. Wash your hands often and don't touch your face.
	Do I stay in a separate room in my home?	Yes, until you have recovered. ²	If possible, until 14 days have passed, and no symptoms have appeared. ³	No
	What if I start to feel ill?		Start isolation and call your health care provider.	Start isolation and call your health care provider.

¹ Essential purpose travel includes travel required for food, beverage or medicine; medical care; care of others; and to perform work, services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety and economic and national security.

² Recovery is when all three have happened:

1. It's been three full days of no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, and
2. Other symptoms have improved, and
3. At least 10 days have passed since any symptoms appeared.

Or if you didn't have symptoms when you were tested, recovery is when 10 days have passed since the date of your first positive test and you continued to have no symptoms.

³ For close contacts: 14 days since the day you were last in close contact with the person with COVID-19.

For returning travelers: 14 days since you were last outside of Vermont. Day 0 is the day of possible exposure.