

LAKE CARMİ ASSOCIATION NEWS

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2015 LCCA Annual Meeting Report

The members conducted their elections for 2015 including, for three year terms: Polly Gadbois of Hammond Shore Road; Rob Evans of Patton Shore Road and Diane Larose of Vic's Crossing. John McHugh of Shore Road was elected to a one year term.

Two officer's terms were open at this meeting, Peter Benevento was re-elected president, Ruth Ann Kraysky secretary. Both were re-elected to two year terms.

James Ehlers, Executive Director of Lake Champlain International (LCI) was the keynote presenter. His presentation was inspirational for all, getting members fired up for the oncoming political season. James has a long history of clean water advocacy, not only in the Lake Champlain basin but water bodies all over the state, including Lake Carmi. At the recent signing of H-35, the Governor complimented James as one of the leaders who made the bill reality, getting it passed. A motto of the LCI is: ".....because a swimmable, drinkable, fishable Lake Champlain is the only option." Remember Lake Carmi is part of the Lake Champlain basin/watershed.

Did you pay your 2015 dues? Treasurer Bob Baran reports that more than 240 residents have paid dues for this season. There is still time folks, we haven't closed the books on dues yet. Please send your \$35.00, 2015 dues to: LCCA, P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. If you would like to make a donation to LCCA for water quality purposes simply enclose a check stating the purpose of the contribution.

A Special Email Issue

This is a special issue of the *Lake Carmi Newsletter* for 2015. Your directors and volunteers have had a very busy summer season, on that everyone agrees, the time just flew by!

Our water quality has been much better this summer with lower temperatures throughout the summer. The early fall temperatures have been beautiful and most of the time the lake is clear,

with very little blue-green algae. Of course, any BGA is far too much, but it has been much easier in 2015. Enjoy this issue, the next will be in April, 2016, but we intend to keep the news coming to you throughout the fall, winter and spring.

Your editor, Larry Myott, is looking for ideas and articles for the issues next summer. Write those special articles and send them on to Larry by email.



This photo, taken from the south end of Hammond Shore Road, the fog is rising from the lake in early morning as the water is cooling. It is so quiet, even on the weekends. Many docks and boats have been put away and boarded up camps are seen on all sides.

President Benevento Writes:

It's the third week of September, yet the daytime temperatures are in the 70's and 80's. The snow-birds are heading south and the real birds are gathering up in migrating flocks on the lake.

In many respects, this has been a summer of patience. We spent much time and energy last fall, winter and spring advocating for a cleaner lake. Our efforts were rewarded with the passage of the Vermont Clean Water Act. We then spent the summer trying to discern how the new law will impact our lake. At this writing, we are still waiting to see what will actually happen.

This does not mean that change will not happen at Lake Carmi. There are forces in play that should bring about real improvements in our watershed and therefore, improvement in the lakes' water quality. Meetings with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are ongoing to ensure dollars for better agricultural practices. Plans are also being laid to significantly reduce phosphorus loads into two tributaries to the lake. Moreover, a recent change as announced by the Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture

will “require” best management practices in critical source areas of our watershed, this is unprecedented and a clear indication that our elected officials have been hearing the message on a statewide basis. In the past, these practices have been only voluntary.

Although much has happened and much is ongoing at Lake Carmi, much more has to be done. This winter we must continue the work with our elected and state agency officials. The LCCA has formed a Policy Committee, which will help formulate and implement plans to keep our voices heard. We will do whatever is possible to keep our members informed and how you can help during the upcoming winter months. We ask that you do your part to keep the fires burning in the Vermont Statehouse for clean water, we all have a right to it. Please make sure your elected representatives know there may be ice on the lake, but we are still here and running at full capacity.



Our major disappointment in the summer of 2015 was the lack of operation of Franklin’s weed harvester for the lake. We have

received word the Town is doing everything possible to correct what appears to be mechanical problems.

Please have a safe and sound winter. Your LCCA board will be meeting over the winter, both on legislative issues and planning a memorable summer for 2016. See you at the lake.

Peter Benevento

President

Septic “Social” on August 21

On August 21 the LCCA and Franklin Watershed Committee hosted a Septic “Social.” This event, presented by Mary Clark, septic



specialist with the Department of Environmental Conservation and Jared Willey, owner of Advanced-On-Site Services, an expert

on mound systems and other types septic systems. The event was held at Garala’s cottage on Dewing Shore Road. More than 30 attended getting their answers for maintaining a septic system at the lake. Insuring that septic systems do not have a negative impact on the Lake is most important. Get your

questions answered. The photo here is of Willey out on the lake taking readings of the lake water temperatures and dissolved oxygen for a possible proposal on water quality. More than 30 campers attended the social, all taking home excellent information.

AmeriCorps helped for two weeks

The Franklin Watershed Committee had a very busy summer with personnel changes, two weeks of AmeriCorps Volunteers and lots of projects. Former FWC coordinator Alisha Sawyer departed from her position in July, to take a full-time teaching job. Sawyer was a great addition to the FWC, working well with all the partners.

Coming aboard in early August was Jessica



Draper, an Enosburg native who graduated from Clarkson (far left) University in Environmental Engineering. FWC President Bruce Bushey (far right) notes the volunteers were here for the first two weeks of August, completing 10 projects around the lake to enhance water quality. These volunteers moved 90 yards of rock, by hand, placing it to help prevent erosion at culverts and ditches.

The new FWC coordinator, Jessica Draper, began work in early August and is busy getting to know the players and their efforts in the Franklin watershed. Draper said, “I am very excited to have been given such a great opportunity to work for the FWC. After several years of management and municipal experience, I am prepared to take on this critical role in ensuring the success of the FWC’s endeavors. I am looking forward to working closely with the LCCA, the Town of Franklin and the rest of the community. She is very busy applying for grants to help with projects next year. Jessica and President Bushey have been visiting farms in the watershed to discuss the FWC efforts and Lake Carmi. The visits to farms are very encouraging as producers are very willing to help.

Katie Lord, second from left in the photo, left her year-long AmeriCorps position in mid-August when her contract ended. Special thanks to Katie for her volunteerism and much dedicated help. A new AmeriCorps Volunteer, from Connecticut, has come on board. We welcome Chelsea Rostan.By FWC President Bruce Bushey

It's Church Supper Time!

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Franklin has announced their September 27 brunch. Starts at 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Price, Adults-\$9; Children 7 – 16, \$5.00. Children under 6 are free. Questions, call 933.2496.

All Saints and Our Lady of Lourdes

Turkey Dinner Catholic Churches, Montgomery and Richford will be on Sunday September 20 from 12 noon until all are served, at the Richford church's parish hall, right across the street. \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children 5-12 years. Younger children are free.

2015 Loon Report

We've been watching the loons all summer, once again no babies. Maybe next season, if the lake level stayed the same all through the nesting season; we might get babies. The Vermont Center for Ecostudies Biologist in Craftsbury, Eric Hanson reports a successful season for nesting around the state. It was a record year for nesting attempts with 87 attempts from a total of 112 known pairs who have nested recently and another 10 potential pairs.

Sixty-five next were successful, producing 103 chicks, it is estimated that we have 69 chicks still with us according to Hanson.

Notice: Town of Franklin Property Taxes are due on October 15.

The 2015 Fishing Contest is complete; Fish Head hasn't yet provided the list of winners. Your editor will pass along the information as soon as possible.

Metal Dumpster at Franklin

Once again, the Franklin metal recycling dumpster is at the town maintenance building on Homestead Drive. You are asked to place only metal in the unit. No rubber tires, refrigerators, or other items that cannot be recycled through the Northwest Regional Recycling Center. Now's the time to get rid of that old metal junk, don't wait



until it is too late.

ACT 148 is a new law relating to establishing universal recycling of solid waste. The Vermont Legislature unanimously passed the Universal Recycling (UR) law in 2012, which bans disposal of recyclables (metal, glass, plastics #1 & #2, and paper/cardboard) by JULY 1, 2015; leaf and yard debris and clean wood by JULY 1, 2016; and food scraps by JULY 1, 2020. It also requires solid waste haulers and facilities to collect these same materials.

This law provides convenience of choice for residents and business, and will help to bring the state up to par on recycling. Going into effect on July 1, 2015 all these products require recycling:

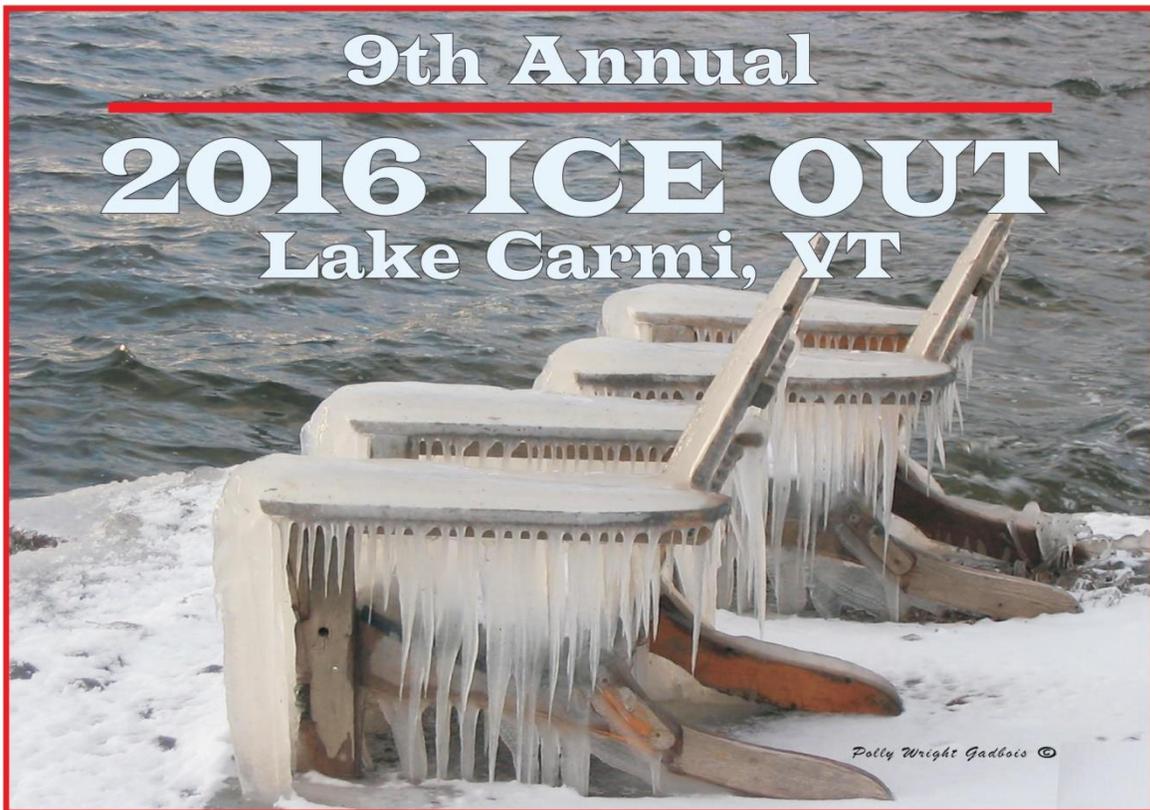
- Aluminum & steel cans
- Aluminum foil & aluminum baking pans
- Glass bottles & jars from food or drinks
- All PET & HDPE plastics
- Corrugated cardboard
- White & missed paper
- Newspaper, magazines, paper mail & envelopes
- Box board & paper bags

Leaf and yard debris and clean wood waste are required to be recycled as of July 1, 2016 and food Scraps by 2020, initiated in phases. More details will follow in future issues.

2016 Ice-Out Contest, 9th Annual

The tickets are available, the committee is waiting for your tickets to come in. It won't be long. The lake will freeze and then the thoughts turn to Lake Carmi Ice-Out! Tickets are available at Franklin General Store, Parkside Restaurant and Tammy's Family Hair Care in Enosburg Falls. Also, Wetherby's Quick Stop in Richford. To get them easily, go to www.lakecarmi.org for tickets, you can print out. Or simply print out the last two pages of this newsletter.

Tickets are still 7 for \$5.00; the absolute deadline is March 15 for posting date or arrives at LCCA, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457. Note that the last five years winning dates and times are listed on the ticket. You can purchase your stocking stuffers, birthday card stuffers and more.



**You Guess Correctly
You Win Big!
Split a 50/50 Pot**

\$5.00 for a book of 7

Tickets available at www.lakecarmi.org
or

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

*All proceeds to benefit the
Lake Carmi Campers Association Projects*

Tickets and more information,
contact Judith McLaughlin 802-933-6549
judith.mclaughlin@yahoo.com

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\$1.00 per ticket donation, \$5.00 for book of 7
50% of all proceeds, after expenses -
to the winner. 50% to LCCA, Inc.

Purchase & postmark by : MARCH 15, 2016
This is your receipt.

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It doesn't seem possible we are at the end of the season. Before we know it we'll be in April, 2016 and anxiously awaiting the ice-out. Get your tickets now, just print them out, fill in your guess date and time and send them in. Judith Mclaughlin will take care of the LCCA end for you. The date and times for the last five years is included on the ticket. You just might be the winner!