

Friends of Lake Winnecook Summer Newsletter 2006

Tis the season!!

Well, I believe that summer has finally arrived to our small part of the world. It is the day after Father's Day and the boat trailers were backed up to the cemetery at Kanokalus beach. It was one of the busiest days on the lake that I can remember. I guess that everyone was making up for the three weeks of rain we have received on the lake. The waters are once again at flood levels, with several docks and boats drifting off of their moorings, but the waters are receding quickly now, dropping about two feet in the last few days. Good thing it's almost July! I would like to welcome everyone back for the summer and look forward to seeing you on the lake this year as well as at the annual meeting and lobster bake.

20th Annual Meeting

The 20th annual meeting will be held at the Field of Dreams in Unity, August 12th at 10:00am with the 2nd annual lobster bake on the lake to take place at 12:00 noon following the meeting.

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The 2nd annual lobster bake on the lake will take place this year after the annual meeting at 12:00 noon on August 12th at the Field of Dreams. We are pleased to hear from so many people asking if we can ease the financial woes of the lobster fisherman by reducing the supply with our demand of these fine crawling creatures. Everyone is welcome and even if you can't make the annual meeting prior, we hope everyone will help us out with the consumption of as many lobsters as possible. Only with a team effort can we overcome such overwhelming numbers, WE WILL BE OUTNUMBERED!!

I do purchase the bugs off the boat so if everyone would please send in their request early, we "I" would appreciate it, because the fisherman needs at least a week, preferably two, to capture the number of bugs we will need and to allow them the few days in the crates at the dock without food which makes for the best of lobster dining. There will also be more items which will be raffled off or auctioned of this year at the lobster bake. We currently have golf passes donated by Lakeview Golf course in addition to a forty dollar gift certificate to the Last Unicorn Restaurant in Waterville (donated by my wife to save me from Impeachment when she won the ice out contest this spring!) along with other prizes such as lobster. So PLEASE bring some fun money along with you. The raffles and auction last year really is what allowed the event to be a 300 dollar fund raiser instead of a fund liquidator. The price of lobster is expected to stay even high this summer, imagine that. So please RSVP by the 25th of July.

Thank you for your response

In the winter news letter I asked for the root of all evil and for volunteers for the milfoil inspections and received both which we greatly appreciate. Not only did we receive about 400dollars in dues, but 17 families made additional contributions from 5 to 100 dollars which gave us some room to work with. In addition to maintaining our navigation buoys we were able to start several project ideas we have wanted to do such as building two loons nests which will be put out next year and the septic system replacement program which hopefully people will take advantage of. Thus far, seven people have volunteered to help with the milfoil checks this summer which is greatly needed and we all should thank these people for their willingness to help us all. We do have many openings for weekends and would love to have an even greater involvement by the members. All volunteers will receive a meal voucher for one of the local establishments.

New Programs for 2006.

Loon nest,

We have the money and have voted that the FOLW will buy the materials to build two loons nest platforms. Joe Foley and I will build them and they will be placed out for next spring's residences

Septic system replacement program,

The board has voted on a septic replacement program where the lake association will grant \$500 dollars to any association member, if that person replaces an old or outdated septic system on the lake. The grant will be given upon the completion of the project. More information is enclosed within the newsletter. We hope that people will take advantage of this. If any of you have been saying we should update our system then this is a great time to elevate some of the cost. Funds are limited but if we can get some data on what we accomplish maybe we can apply for some other type of grants or fund raising to fund it in the future. The amount of gray water that is discharged into the lake has to be a concern for all of us.

Courtesy Boat inspection program

Pamela Dyer is once again coordinating this program this summer. We have hired Harry Watson again for the summer to do the majority of the boat inspections along with his two helpers. The association did once again apply for and receive a grant thru LEA of DEP funds to cover the cost of this program in the amount of \$1800 dollars. Maggie Shannon of COLA conducted a CBI Class on June 15th at Kanokalous Boat Launch with several people in attendance, some were new volunteers and others being members of the board of FOLW. We would like to expand our program to include more volunteers to fill in some of the weekend gaps so if anyone is interested PLEASE give Pam a call or send her an email her.

Board members for 2007,

We do need several people to come forward to serve on the board this upcoming year. I am not going to run again as president. My oldest son starts school this fall and I have already become quite involved with his school and plan on becoming as involved as they need me. Our family has grown making the time that we have together more limited. In addition to this commitment, my wife and I are taking a grater role in the administration of her family's 501C scholarship fund. Due to these reasons I feel that my preferable plate runs over and I am unable to dedicate the time this position needs dedicated in order to do it correctly. We need someone to step forward in order to continue with the programs that we have worked so hard to implement. The main part of the board, a wonderful group with which to work is looking to stay on. Only with their efforts has this year been successful. Anyone interested please give one of us a call so we can put you on the ballot thank you.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have been involved over the past few years.

Loon count 2007,

The annual Loon count will take place on July 15th at 07:00am and go to 07:30pm Children are greatly encouraged along with that Melissa sets it up so only manually propelled watercraft are used, making this a very fine and relaxing morning where families can enjoy their surroundings. Anyone interested in participating in this event please call Melissa at 948-3270.

See you August 12,

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Faithfully Submitted,
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