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SPRING NEWSLETTER

May 1, 2020

April 9, 2:16 pm, Ice-Out marks the arrival of Spring to Lake Armington!



Just after Ice Out (Lynn DeMerchant)



Ice-Out Clock before and after Ice Out

Runaway Clock after Ice-Out

This year the clock broke its tether to shore and floated away amid white-cap producing winds and snow storms. Many days later in calm weather Lynn DeMerchant re-captured the runaway clock and learned the time of Ice-Out 2020.

Thoughts on Covid-19

It is an astounding understatement to say we are living through a difficult and uncertain time of this Covid-19 pandemic. We hope you are staying safe and healthy. Our hearts go out to those who have been ill, and to those who have lost their jobs. For any health care workers, or essential workers in so many jobs, we support you and consider you the true heroes helping us through this crisis. For our elderly friends, parents learning how to home school, and for those who cannot be with their loved ones, or have lost loved ones, we offer our support and sympathy. Acknowledging that, "we are all in this together," is our best way to see ourselves through.

It was a fairly mild winter in the Upper Valley, although chilly temperatures and snow have prevailed in April. Thanks go to our intrepid Ice-Out team of Todd Langley, Carlos Manrique, Lynn and Richard DeMerchant, and Alice Wellington for coordinating this fun project and to all who participated this year.

Ice-Out Contest Winners

This year we had 93 entries, from 21 participants, and our winners, who all guessed the correct day April 9 (also Polly's birthday, by the way) are:

- First Place Alice Wellington, at 2:30 pm
- Second Place Dee Interbartolo, at 2:45 pm
- Third Place Polly Tafrate, at 11:30 am

As for us, Bob has painted just about everything he can find, shutters, the deck, the shed, even windowsills, and has perfected his bread baking (cliches are cliches for a reason!). I'm busy sewing masks and other projects. We will not take a simple dinner with family or friends for granted for a long while.

Covid-19 in NH, at the Lake

New Hampshire Covid-19 updates, with statistics, resources, and recommendations, are available through their website: www.nh.gov/covid19 and www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/

It follows that, as of this writing, we cannot know what this summer holds for us on the lake. We cannot plan for our Annual Picnic, although I am hoping that by summer's end we can gather and share time together. Picnic by Zoom, anyone? Also, we do not know yet what the camps on both lakes are planning to do.



Open water and snowy Piermont Mtn after Ice Out (Lynn DeMerchant)

Recommendations from Piermont Emergency Management

We reached out to Bernie Marvin, the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Piermont, for recommendations and here is his response:

“It might be well to remind visitors, owners, potential renters or AirBnb folks that there are Emergency Orders in place relative to crowd numbers, AirBnb rentals, etc.”

“The entire list of orders is listed within the Covid 19 NH state website (www.nh.gov/covid19), and this is good reference for those folks coming in from out of state to their property. (See above links). All these orders are in place until at least May 15 and may or may not be extended as the governor sees fit relative to the containment of Covid 19.”

“Not sure about the camps and whether they will open...many have canceled the season and it will depend on relaxing any of the Emergency Orders to see if they will be open or remain closed. I believe they will make that decision by the end of the month. [April]”

“We are looking forward to the arrival of the Lake Armington community and hope for good weather, as it will be good to see activity on the lake once again. In spite of the coronavirus 19, the town has so far not been affected by even one case, as we are practicing all the rules of space and cleanliness. The schools closed in early March and the kids are on the remote learning program. Not many people around, but the 4 Corners Store remains open to all.

See you for summer!! Bernie”



Spring at the lake

Lake Host & Weed Watchers

The **Lake Host program** continues this year. Lynn DeMerchant is our Program Coordinator, with help from Laurie Gramlich. Nick Boyce and Peter Alford are returning as our Lake Hosts, and they are working out their schedules. NH Lakes is offering online support and recommendations for needed changes to ensure everyone's safety. Supporting

the Lake Host program is more than 90% of our budget. We count on your support to keep this program going to protect the lake.



Info Box at the Boat Launch

New Weed Watchers are Welcome

Linda Kline will be coordinating our Weed Watchers again this summer. We always welcome new watchers and can teach you what you need to know. This is an important way to monitor the lake and certainly can be done with the proper social distancing. Contact Linda at lik@nelegalsearch.com.

Boat Registration

All motorized boats and sailboats longer than 12 feet need to be registered with the state. Information is available at the New Hampshire Dept. of Motor Vehicles website.



View through the Narrows

White Mountain National Forest Lake Tarleton Land Use Plan

Over the winter the U. S. Forest Service solicited written public comments and questions about their

proposed plan for land use for the Tarleton region. Our LAA, the Lake Tarleton Assn, Kingswood, and many individuals submitted comments. More information about this program is at: www.fs.usda.gov/projects/whitemountain You can also speak to Bob Dennison, who is our liaison for this project.

LAA Caps – only 5 left!

Lynn DeMerchant reports that there are now just 5 LAA caps left! Now is a great time to support LAA by purchasing a quality cap for \$20, contact Lynn at waterwoman02@yahoo.com.



Member News

This winter [Barb Fitzpatrick](#) moved to Frederick, MD, to be near her family. Her new address is: 2490 Waterside Dr., Apt. 222

Frederick, MD 21701

Her son [Fitz](#) tells me that he is planning to bring his mom to the lake in late July-August. We look forward to seeing them.

In Memoriam

We share with you the sad news that [Ken Hennessey](#) died January 7th, at his home in Connecticut. The Hennessey's are long time lake residents, and Ken loved his time at the lake. We send our condolences to his family.

Information for Renters & Guests

If you will be having guests or renters over the summer, please keep lake information easily

available to them.

Living at the Lake information is on our website www.lakearmington.org. This year there might be local Covid-19 recommendations to include as well. Piermont's website is: www.townofpiermonthnh.org.

Dues and Donations

Your dues and donations are important to the association, and the dues are remaining the same this year: \$20 for one, \$40 for a couple or family. Donations are greatly appreciated as always.

As we are not sure about the Annual Picnic, *please send your checks to LAA or contribute via the website*. The mailing address is PO Box 143, Piermont, NH 03779, and the website is www.lakearmington.org.

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Summer Sunset

LAA Project Leaders

Lake Host Point Person: Lynn DeMerchant
Lake Host Manager: Laurie Gramlich
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Water Quality: Mike Poole
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Ice-Out Contest: Carlos Manrique, Richard and Lynn DeMerchant, Todd and Cindy Langley
Communications: Alice Wellington

We hope to see you at the lake this summer and wish you all a safe and healthy season. Please stay in touch (figuratively speaking, of course).

Lynn Dennison
LAA President