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SPRING NEWSLETTER

May 1, 2021

Spring and the Loons Arrive April 7th!

Official Ice-Out for the lake is April 7th at 10:36 a.m. Three people guessed the correct day and our winners are Scott Nicol, Cindy and Ernie Jette, and Sam Rounds. We have special prizes for them which will be distributed this summer.

Updated Website Launched

Be sure to check our new and improved website which Alice Wellington has updated beautifully. It is easy to navigate, informative, and full of wonderful photos. That's at www.lakearmington.org

Congratulations to Mike Poole

Mike Poole has carefully and consistently monitored the water quality of the lake for many years now, and this year the NH Department of Environmental Services is recognizing his outstanding volunteer service with a "Volunteer Limnologist" Award, given through their Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP).

Mike tests the lake water several times throughout the summer and shares this information with us at our meetings and on our website. This winter and spring Mike and Alice spent many hours compiling state reports on the quality of our lake and with comparisons to other NH lakes. They formatted these documents so interested people can read them more easily. Thanks you to you both.

Hats for Sale

Lynn DeMerchant is managing the sales of these great hats (\$20) with our lake logo. Proceeds help fund our programs. They make great gifts, too. Contact Lynn at waterwoman02@yahoo.com.



Lake Host Program

Our participation in the NH LAKES Lake Host Program is the major activity of our association. This has been shown to be the best way to prevent invasive plants from spoiling our beautiful lake.

So far, we have been fortunate to have had very few instances of non-native plants growing in or near the lake. Our Lake Hosts perform boat inspections at the public landing and educate boaters about how to keep our lake safe from invasive plants.

Lynn DeMerchant does a wonderful job

coordinating this effort and securing our grant from the state, which covers a portion of the cost of the program. Nick Boyce and Peter Alford will be returning this summer and will work out their schedule to be at the lake weekends and holidays. Laurie Gramlich provides assistance with the program.

To learn more about this, and to be more involved with this program please contact Lynn at waterwoman02@yahoo.com. Some years we have volunteer help from the CITs from the camp, but that cannot happen this year.

Weed Watchers Program

We have a wonderful group of volunteer Weed Watchers who each inspect a portion of the lake looking for unwanted plant growth. We can always use more volunteers willing to keep watch. Linda Kline coordinates this effort and she has an exceptionally good eye for underwater plant life!

Contact Linda at ljk@nelegalsearch.com if you see anything you're not sure of in the lake, or if you'd like to become more involved. It is a great way to learn more about the lake!

Board of Directors and Program Leaders in 2021

Names of those serving on the Board of Directors and as Program Leaders this year are on the LAA website at <https://lakearmington.org/about-us>

News Briefs

* Both Camp Walt Whitman and Kingswood Camp will be open this summer, no doubt following Covid precautions to keep everyone safe. We will let you know if this will include limited access to the Whitman trail to Piermont Mountain, as it did last summer.

*We have no new news on the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) Lake Tarleton Land Use Plan, but we continue to monitor the progress of this program.

*All motorized boats and sailboats larger than 12' need to be registered with the state. See the NH Department of Motor Vehicles website.

*'Living at the Lake' information is available and is very useful, especially if you are renting out your cottage or having guest this summer. See <https://lakearmington.org/guests-%26-renters>

*If we are fortunate enough to have a loon nest this summer, please keep your distance from it during this fragile time in the life of the baby loons. This is usually June to early July.

*If you have email or address changes/additions for the LAA Directory, please send them to Alice Wellington at alice@nutmeadow.com. We do have a few copies of our most recent printed Directory. Contact Lynn Dennison radennison@aol.com for information.

We Need your Dues & Donations!

90% of our annual income goes to support the Lake Host program. We are keeping Dues at the same level again this year, \$20 for an individual, \$40 for a family. Additional Donations are greatly appreciated.

Please use the PayPal option on the website, www.lakearmington.org, or send your checks, written to the Lake Armington Association, to our address at:

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In Closing

This is our 3rd newsletter in Covid times and by now most of us have adjusted to the necessary restrictions the pandemic demands of us. I am hopeful that many of you have already received your vaccinations.

NH recently expanded eligibility to include part time residents. While it is considered safe to socialize in small groups, particularly outside with social distancing, we are again postponing our early summer get together. We hope we can plan a social event for later in the summer. Stay safe, and I hope everyone can enjoy time at the lake this summer.

Lynn Dennison
LAA President