

2024 SLA Leadership Update

The summer of 2024 has arrived and it is a special year for Hampstead; it is the town's 275th Anniversary! To help celebrate, the SLA has tailored many of our 2024 events for the occasion. Our monthly hiking series, this year done in conjunction with the Hampstead Historical Society, will visit areas of importance to Hampstead's history. Our annual meeting & BBQ on July 13th will feature a presentation on the 275th Anniversary celebrations and Hampstead and Sunset Lake history, in addition to a presentation from and Q&A with marine patrol. We also hope that participants in our 3rd annual "Sunset Lake in Lights" house/yard decorating event on July 27th and our annual decorated boat parade on August 10th will choose themes that celebrate the occasion; we will have special prize categories for those that decorate with a 275th Anniversary theme!

Additional events this year include Saturday morning paddles twice a month and monthly "light up the night" firepits & evening paddles during the warmer months. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved so we hope to see you while out on the lake, along with us for a hike, or at our annual meeting!

Regarding our core mission, we continue to make great strides in mitigating our two shoreline invasives, Purple Loosestrife and Common Reed, so much so that we hope to rid of both of them in the next couple of years. Our water testing shows that Sunset Lake continues to be in quite good health, although we still need improvements in phosphorous levels. One new area of concern is an increase in shoreline erosion and damage due to boat wakes, so please read the article in this newsletter. We need the entire lake community to help combat this threat to the health of the lake and to help maintain our property values.

Thank you again to all of our members and we hope you enjoy this newsletter that details everything above and more! SLA Board of Directors, Delegates, and Alternates

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2024 Calendar of Events

Sat, Jan 20, 8:30 am Sat, Jan 20, 11:00 am

Sat, Feb 17, 9:00 am

Sat, Mar 16, 9:00 am

Sat, Apr 13, 9:00 am

Sat, Apr 20, 9:00 am Sat, Apr 27, 7:00 pm

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Sat, May 18, 9:00 am

Sun, May 26, 8:00 pm (backup: May 25)

Sat, June 8, 9:00 am Sat, June 15, 9:00 am Sat, June 22, 9:00 am

Sat, June 29, 8:00 pm (backup: June 28)

Sat, July 6, 9:00 am Sat, July 20, 9:00 am

Sat, July 27, 9:00 am Sat, July 27, 9:00 am

Sat, July 27, 8:30 pm (backup: July 26)

Sat, Aug 3, 9:00 am

Sat, Aug 10, 2:00 pm (backup: Aug 11)

Sat, Aug 17, 9:00 am

Sat, Aug 24, 9:00 am

Sun, Sept 1, 7:00 pm (backup: Aug 31)

Sat, Sept 14, 9:00 am

Sat, Sept 28, 6:00 pm (backup: Sept 27)

Sat, Oct 5, 9:00 am Sat, Oct 12, 9:00 am

Sat, Oct 26, 5:00 pm (backup: Oct 25)

Sat, Nov 16, 9:00 am Sat, Dec 14, 9:00 am Morning hike

Hampstead Civic Meet & Greet, Hampstead Public Library

Morning hike Morning hike Road cleanup Morning hike

Light Up the Night

Morning hike

Memorial Day Weekend Light Up the Night and evening paddle

Morning paddle
Morning hike
Morning paddle

Independence Day Festival Light Up the Night and evening paddle

Morning paddle Morning paddle Morning hike

SLA Annual Meeting & BBQ (postponed from July 13)

Sunset Lake in Lights House/Yard Decorating and evening paddle

Morning paddle

Decorated Boat Parade

Morning hike (Hampstead 275th Anniversary)

Morning paddle

Labor Day Weekend Light Up the Night and evening paddle

Morning hike

Light Up the Night

Morning hike
Road cleanup

Light Up the Night

Morning hike Morning hike

Learn more about all of these events at www.slahampstead.org or www.facebook.com/slahampstead/events

SLA Adopted Road Cleanup

Thank you as always to our volunteers who help to clean our adopted roads of Kent Farm, Wash Pond, and Ells Roads twice a year. Our next cleanup event is **Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am** so please pay attention to your email or our <u>Facebook page</u> for more information if you are interested in helping keep our town beautiful!











2024 Paddle and Fire Pit Events

During the warm months of the year, join us twice a month on Saturday mornings and once a month on select evenings for a 1 ½ hour paddle around the lake. It is a great way to get some exercise and you can often catch a great sunset on the evening paddles.

The evening paddles coincide with our "light up the night" events, so light up your fire pits for our paddlers to view along the way!

Check out the calendar on page 2 for exact dates and times and watch your email or our Facebook page for more details!



2024 SLA Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting and BBQ is on **Saturday**, **July 27th at 9:00 am** (postponed from July 13) at Meetinghouse Park, 20 Emerson Avenue. Get the latest news and updates from the SLA, see presentations from external guests, vote for the incoming Board of Directors, and ask questions or voice concerns. We welcome all members, potential members, and guests.



Guest speakers:

Officer William Dansereau, Supervisor, NHDOS, Division of State Police - Marine Patrol Bureau New Hampshire Marine Patrol

Officer Dansereau will talk about the Marine Patrol, their training, and how to get in touch with them when needed. He is reserving the majority of his time for Q&A, so this is the perfect time to bring any questions or concerns that you may have for Marine Patrol.

Rob Morris, Reinhild Davis, & Jim Wilkinson, Hampstead Historical Society

Hampstead 275th Anniversary and Sunset Lake History

Hampstead Historical Society representatives will give an overview of Hampstead's 275th Anniversary celebrations and talk about Hampstead's rich history and Sunset Lake's important place in this history.



The meeting will be outdoors unless there is bad weather predicted in which case we will move into the Old Meetinghouse. We will have portable tents for shade from the sun. Please bring your own lawn chair. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, condiments, plates, and utensils will be provided for the BBQ. We appreciate if individuals can bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Please, no glass containers of any kind are allowed at Meetinghouse Park.

The SLA is a volunteer/community organization and we want and need all of your participation to be successful in our mission; we hope that you will all come and participate in our annual meeting!

Hampstead's 275th Anniversary!

Hampstead was incorporated on January 19, 1749 and therefore, 2024 is the 275th anniversary of the town! To help celebrate, the town has planned various celebrations throughout the year in which many different organizations are participating.

The SLA is participating by coordinating our monthly hikes with the Hampstead Historical Society on which we visit locations of importance to Hampstead's history; come along and learn about the history from local experts. We will also have special prizes for 275th Anniversary themed entries in both our Sunset Lake in Lights and decorated boat parade events; see more details on the following page. Finally, you may have seen that close to one hundred 275th Anniversary banners are hung around town to celebrate, and the SLA has sponsored a banner which is hung at the intersection of Ells and Kent Farm Roads.



We hope that you will participate in some of the great 275th anniversary events in town this year. The main celebration will be the week of August 12-17 and will include concerts and other live music, kids games & parties, guided history hikes, a colonial dance, historical displays and reenactments, food trucks, fireworks, & more!

Keep up to date with all that is happening around Hampstead's 275th Anniversary at the Hampstead Historical Society's 275th web page: www.hampsteadhistoricalsociety.org/275th-anniversary

Sunset Lake Merchandise

Show off your pride of Sunset Lake with some great clothing or other items or get an item as a gift for that special person who really loves Sunset Lake! We have 2 stores that both specialize in different types of products.



Zazzle This store has many Sunset Lake related items including calendars, puzzles, postcards, stationary, drinkware, clothing, and much more. Zazzle almost always has a discount from 10%-50% on various items in the store. Visit https://www.zazzle.com/store/slahampstead

Teespring This store has a large selection of clothing styles and colors with the Sunset Lake logo including women's and children's clothing. It also has many more items with the Sunset Lake logo such as hats, beach towels, drinkware, and more. **New this year are embroidered logo items.** Visit https://slahampstead.creator-spring.com/



A small amount of proceeds from each sale in both stores supports the Sunset Lake Association's mission.

3rd Annual "Sunset Lake in Lights" event!



Our "Sunset Lake in Lights" decorating event has become more popular each year and we hope that you will participate in our 3rd edition this year on July 27th! Decorate your house, yard, and/or boat in lights so that it can be seen at night and enjoyed by paddlers, boaters, and everyone around the lake. You can decorate for any theme (patriotic/4th of July, Halloween, Christmas, tiki torches, etc.) but those that decorate specifically for Hampstead's 275th Anniversary will get bonus points or we may even have a special prize.

Get your fire pit going during the event or join our group paddle around the lake at 8:30 p.m. to view the decorations! A big thanks to our local business sponsors listed below who have donated the prizes for the best decorations!

Sunset Lake Annual Boat Parade

We will have our annual decorated boat parade on **Saturday**, **August 10 at 2:00 pm** with a rain date of August 11. Boats will assemble just off the town beach at 1:30 for photos and to line up.

The community will again choose the winners with online voting and thanks to the sponsorship of local businesses listed below, we will again have prizes for the top participants.



While you can decorate for any theme, this year we will have a special category for those that choose a theme to celebrate Hampstead's 275th Anniversary, whether that be colonial, historical, patriotic, etc.

If you plan to participate in the parade, please register here: https://forms.gle/qbsneMvh3hvcT8QV9. Check www.facebook.com/slahampstead/events or www.slahampstead.org for updates as we get closer to the event. We look forward to seeing all the creativity of the Sunset Lake community especially celebrating Hampstead's 275th!

Thank you to our Sponsors!

We want to thank the local businesses who have sponsored our 2024 Sunset Lake in Lights and Decorated Boat Parade events. Please be sure to give your support to these great local businesses!













If you know of a business that would like to sponsor one or both events, please contact info@slahampstead.org.

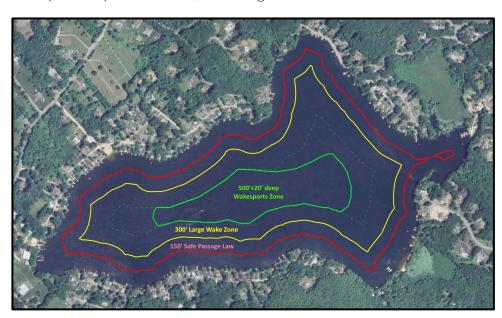
Community Friendly Boating

In the past few years, we have seen an increase in large boat wakes reaching shore not only because there are more wake boats on the lake, but due to boat operators ignoring the 150' Safe Passage Law. The large wakes reaching shore can have adverse effects such as damage to the shoreline and retaining walls, damage to docks and boats, disturbance of wildlife habitat, and can be dangerous for swimmers and small non-powered craft.

Boats that operate above headway speed within 150' of shore can also disturb sediment, benthic mats, and aquatic plants on the lake bottom which not only destroys fish habitat, but along with shoreline erosion decreases

water clarity and quality and increases the chances of toxic cyanobacteria algae blooms.

Sunset Lake is a relatively small lake and it can be a challenge to navigate when there are multiple boats enjoying the lake. Therefore, we hope that all boaters on Sunset Lake will join us in promoting the following community-friendly boating practices to protect the health and enjoyment of Sunset Lake for the entire lake community:



- Always follow the boating laws. The 2 primary laws relating to navigation are:
 - **Sunset Lake Counterclockwise Direction Law:** All motor boats and PWCs (personal water crafts) traveling in excess of headway speed must travel counterclockwise around Sunset Lake.
 - **150' Safe Passage Law:** Boats and PWCs should travel at **headway speed** (making almost no wake) **within 150' of any other object** (shore, docks, rafts, moorings, other boats, swimmers, etc.).
- When "putting around the lake" at headway speed, stay towards the outer perimeter of the lake. This helps to free up the rest of the lake for those traveling above headway speed for pleasure or water sports.
- When anchoring your boat or rafting with other boats, try to do so in the middle of the green "Wakesports Zone". This also helps to free up the rest of the lake for pleasure and watersports without interference.
- When performing wake sports such as wakeboarding or wake surfing, the first preference is to use the green Wakesports Zone which is 500' from shore and 20' deep for which, according to studies, best supports lake health. If the green zone is used by anchored/rafting boats, try to stick to the yellow Large Wake Zone which is in deeper water and 300' setback which gives more room for wakes to dissipate before reaching shore.
- For any boat travelling at "transition speed" when your boat is making the largest wake (the speed between no wake and the boat planing/leveling out), stay in the yellow zone so your wake dissipates before reaching shore. See this blog post about boat speed vs. wake size: www.slahampstead.org/blog/f/anatomy-of-a-wake

If we all work together we can make the use of the lake more enjoyable for everyone, protect the health of the lake, and keep property values high for all members of the lake community. For more details supporting these recommendations, please visit www.slahampstead.org/lake-friendly-boating.

SLA Leadership Corner

Gabrielle Smith, District 10 Alternate Delegate

Who knew that when we bought our seasonal cottage in 2013 that we had ancestral ties to Hampstead dating back to the mid-1700s? What a find for a history buff. My 6th Great Grandfather Captain Hezekiah Hutchins served in the American Revolution at Bunker Hill & at Saratoga. He owned a tavern on what is now East Road, and is buried in town. My 4th cousin Harriette Eliza Noyes wrote 2 books on the history of Hampstead for the 150th anniversary back in 1899.

We searched, and searched, and searched some more, looking for a home on the water (lake or ocean) after selling a family home in Rhode Island. We literally toured over 150 places within a 1 hour radius of our Dover area home. We knew we had found the right one when the neighbors welcomed us so genuinely.



WATER is in our blood. I am an ocean girl, having grown up in Rockport and Gloucester, MA, and my husband Doug had a cottage on Conway Lake for a number of years. We love boating, kayaking, swimming, and fishing. You will usually find me in a garden bed with dirt on my hands, or with my head stuck in a book, enjoying the sounds of the loons. Our grown children and grandchildren, have special memories of times at Sunset Lake. Their pups enjoy the water too!

Our cottage was built in the mid-1940s and has had some upgrades over these last 10 years, but the charm remains



Although Doug is retired from Sales & Real Estate, I have worked for over 25 years as a Controller of a property management company headquartered in Dover. This year marks a new journey for me, cutting back my hours and working only part time (a gradual step toward retirement).

Doug and I have traveled to many places around the globe, but find ourselves drawn to our own slice of heaven right here at Sunset I ake.

It is important to me that we do everything we can to preserve the lake, for today, as well as for the future generations.

Sunset Lake History - District 9 - Timberlane Road & Abbie Lane

Jim Wilkinson, SLA Board Chairman, District 4

SLA District 9 includes Timberlane Road, Abbie Lane, and Corlis Way and is on the south side of Sunset Lake. It has some very interesting history, especially relating to Hampstead anniversaries, of which we are celebrating the 275th this year. The 100th anniversary in 1849 was celebrated on the shores of Sunset Lake in what was called "Davis Grove" which is today's Abbie Lane and the end of Timberlane Road. It was part of 22 acres of farmland that was owned by JesseMost Davis who lived in what is now 57 Main Street. By the time of the 150th anniversary in 1899, the same house/farmland was owned by Richard K. Brickett and the wooded area along the lake where the anniversary celebration took place was named Brickett's Grove.

The speaker's stand shown in this image was where the 150th anniversary celebration took place and was somewhere along the shore front of the properties of today's Abbie Lane or 42-56 Timberlane Road.

The other major portion of District 9 was once a 13.5 acre parcel that included 35-41 and 58-66 Timberlane Road. The hill where 35 Timberlane Road now stands was called "Pond Hill" according to deeds as early as 1823. For the 150th anniversary celebration, a cannon was shot off from a nearby hill (likely Pond Hill) so it could echo across the lake. Pond Hill was likely farmland or pastureland at the time, stripped of trees.





From 1930-1944, the Boy Scouts of America based in Salem, MA owned the 13.5 acres and operated a camp on Pond Hill. From 1945-1949, Priscilla Lippard owned and operated a boys and girls camp using the same land and buildings. Priscilla sold all but 58 Timberlane road and her extended family still owns 58 Timberlane which still has its original cottage. A portion of this cottage was once part of the boyscout camp and was moved down to its current location and attached to an existing cottage. Thank you to Priscilla's family who provided this photo of some of the camp buildings on Pond Hill which became today's houses at 37 & 41 Timberlane Road.

Maurice Randall Sr. eventually purchased both of the 22 and 13.5 acre parcels, which he likely used for lumbering before subdividing the land into the current house parcels in the 1940s and 50s. For additional details about the history of this area, including plans and many more photos visit www.slahampstead.org/timberlane-rd-%26-abbie-ln

Help us make Sunset Lake more healthy: Become LakeSmart!



NH Lakes LakeSmart is an education, evaluation, and recognition program that is free, voluntary, and non-regulatory involving 3 easy steps:

- 1. **Complete a Self-Evaluation:** it's free, takes 15 minutes, and you get a personalized report
- 2. **Make Lake-Friendly Updates:** Update your property as recommended by the report
- 3. **Get a FREE Site Visit:** Free, confidential site visits will be performed in the Sunset Lake community the week of July 31st.

Visit https://nhlakes.org/lakesmart/ today for more information and to do your free, self-evaluation

Thank you to our 2024 Members!

Gail Boneberg & Hector Gonzalez

Mags Burke

Paul & Lorraine Comeau (L)

Michael & Maureen Dewey (L)

Bruce & Christine Hamilton

Richard & Marsha Killilea

Bob & Regina Kuhl (L)

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Camp Tel Noar (L)

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The Raposa Family (L)

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Joe & Pam Santa Fe (L)

Don & Donna Shedd

The Smith Family

The Stygles & Kachagian Family (L)

Tom Zack & Donna Warne (L)

Dave & Debbie Webber (L)

Joseph Winston (L)

Alan & Judy Woodman

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Sunset Lake Association Membership

Your membership is what allows us to continue to carry out our mission. Please consider renewing or joining with a \$25 annual membership or \$250 lifetime membership. You can optionally upgrade your annual or new/existing lifetime membership for the current calendar year with an additional \$10, \$25, or \$75 donation which supports various initiatives of our mission.

With your help, we can continue to preserve Sunset Lake and its surrounding area for current and future generations. You can join online, print and mail the membership form below to us, or bring it to the annual meeting.

Online Membership

Make your annual or lifetime payment in minutes, safely and securely via credit card. For more information, please visit www.slahampstead.org/membership



Printed Membership Form

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SLA Supporter Loon Lover Weed Watcher Lake Leader	Annual (pick one) ☐ \$25 ☐ \$35 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100	or	Lifetime ☐ \$250	+	2023 Add-or Contribution (optionally pi	1
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Lake Property Ad	ddress:					

Make checks payable to "Sunset Lake Association" and either bring to the annual meeting or mail to: Sunset Lake Association, P.O. Box 135, Hampstead, NH 03841