

Webster Lake Association News

Spring 2012

New Association Website Launched

The new Webster Lake Association website is designed to bring our community together and help the Association be more effective in communicating with all members.

Each member will have the ability to log-in to the website and use all the community features:

- update your Lake Association contact information
- upload photographs (which can be shared with other members)
- manage your own and community event calendars
- buy and sell items within the community
- participate in discussion forums with other members
- be informed of the latest news and events in the community
- read or print out information about Webster Lake or news from the Association board
- reply to surveys from the Association
- have access to links and information to local businesses

Eventually we look forward to having coupons from local businesses just for Webster Lake members.

You should have received an email which contained your website username and password, allowing you to log onto the website for the first time. If we don't have your email address yet or you have changed it, send to Mark Lorenze, 68 Webster Avenue, Franklin, NH 03235.

You can change your password after visiting your profile page. All the contact information on your profile page is connected to the Webster Lake Association database. Update your information as necessary and our database will be updated automatically.

There are How-To videos for all member features. Follow the "Get Started" link on the home page. Once on the site, you will be able to connect with other members of the community. To do so, check out the "Connecting with the Community" video under the "Get Started" video.



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A screenshot of the Webster Lake Association website home page. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Dues, Board of Directors, Our Lake, Calendar, In Memorium, and Live Webcam. A search bar is located in the top right corner. A prominent "Log In" button is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from a text box that says "Click here to first log into the new Website. Enter your new Username and Password on the log In Page". Below the navigation menu, there is a "Webster Lake" section with a "Get Started" button, also highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it from a text box that says "The Get Started Page has Member Tutorial Videos on how to use the sites Features". The page also includes a "Member Photos" section with a gallery of images and a "News & Events" section with a date of 1/12/2012 and a "Read More" button.

Independence Day Events

This year's Independence Day celebrations will kick off with the annual social get together on Griffin Beach, **Breakfast on the Beach**. We will begin serving breakfast at 8 a.m. on Saturday July 7th, and continue until 11 a.m. Come join us in this annual kick off summer event and acquaint with all your lake friends.

Later the same day, July 7th, the annual **Boat Parade** will begin with a gathering of decorated boats at the Griffin Beach area. The parade will leave the area at 2:30. The theme this year is open patriotic. Boats will go at headway speed in a clockwise direction.

Please be aware that much of the debris from fireworks, particularly plastics, never degrade and should always be directed away from the water. Enjoy your Fourth!

COMMON COURTESY

We all share common responsibilities living in close proximity to one another. Please be considerate of your neighbors' sensitivity to loud noises, parties, fireworks, radios, etc., emanating from your property.

RESOURCES

Boater education classes	267-7256
Boater Safety/Marine Patrol	293-2037
Franklin Municipal Services	934-4103
Exotic plant concerns	271-2248
Shoreland concerns	271-2147
Water quality concerns	419-9229
Weed watcher volunteers	271-2248
Wetlands concerns	271-2147
Webster Lake Assoc.	671-3405

Loon Loop-Hole Legislation

Legislation restricting the use of the metal lead in fishing sinkers weighing one ounce or less and lead fishing jigs measuring less than one inch in New Hampshire lakes and ponds took effect in 2000.

This legislation, combined with additional legislation to restrict the use of these tackle in all New Hampshire fresh waters (2005) and the sale of these tackle (2006), has not been as effective as loon advocates had hoped. Last year, New Hampshire lost a record 11 adult loons to ingested lead fishing tackle.



Senate Bill 224 was introduced in the current legislative session to close a loop-hole in the current law which allows lead tackle weighing less than one ounce but measuring longer than one inch to be used. On May 1, 2012, the NH House of Representatives referred this bill to an Interim Study by the Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee, in an effort to support legislation that would be more protective of loons.



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Watershed Properties put into Conservation Trust

Recently, several property owners of multiple acres have agreed to place the majority of their holdings into conservation. This is good news for Webster Lake. By placing land into conservation, the owners sacrifice the ability to sell or develop the affected acres in any way.

Leaving land virgin within the watershed is the best option to protect the lake. Virgin land discourages runoff, our largest polluter, and allows the environment to act as a native ecosystem and therefore promotes cleaner water. This is a winner for the lake. Thank you landowners.

Below is a listing of recent conservation action:

- Todd Workman has placed approximately 234 acres into permanent conservation easement through a program of the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), which is the former Soil Conservation Service]. The land covered under this easement has frontage on Lake Shore Drive, where the former tourist cabins were located; the land wraps around to the east behind the contemporary house formerly owned by the Pessos. The land runs to the north to the common lot line with the D. Blakely Hoar trust property (commonly referred to as the Bird Sanctuary).
- David Sinclair is in the final stages of completing his NRCS easement on approximately 400 acres of land located off of Apple Farm Road and Lake Shore Drive. This easement will include roughly 1500 linear feet of direct water frontage on Webster Lake.
- Three other property owners have easement applications pending with NRSC. It is hard to say how these properties will rank and whether they will all be eligible for NRSC easement program, but if they are all successful another 1000 linear feet of lake frontage will be protected.
- The Workman, Sinclair, and Blakely Trust parcels total approximately 1200 acres; the parcels from these 3 other land owners would add another 800 acres. All together we could end up with 2000 acres of protected land.

The importance and value of these land protection efforts are significant. Should these lands be allowed to be developed, the water quality of the lake would be degraded through impacts of new septic systems and storm water runoff from lawns, driveways and other hard surfaces. Additionally traffic patterns would be impacted around the lake and the integrity of Lake Shore Drive would be affected. The segmentation and building of this land would impact the types and qualities of the area wildlife. The overall quality of life in and around the north shore area of the lake would be greatly altered.

The land protection efforts being promoted by private land owners are to be applauded. They recognize the benefits of protecting land in this sensitive area, and the long term gains for the lake. Again, thank you Todd, Dave and the other landowners considering this environmentally friendly option.



Protecting Lake Environment

Go phosphate-free! The number one source of pollution to NH freshwater is phosphorus. Much of this phosphorus originates from the use of lawn fertilizer. Choose phosphate-free lawn fertilizer, if you must fertilize your lawn. Remember, the shoreland protection act prohibits the use of fertilizer within 25 feet of shorelines, and allows slow release only from 25-250 feet. Make your choice phosphorus free. **Sta-Green** brand is available at Lowes. Look for a zero (0) in the middle number when you buy fertilizer. The lake will thank you.



Runoff direction. Direct the runoff from your property into vegetated areas so that it can be absorbed into the ground before reaching the lake. This will help control nutrients from entering the lake and help lower phosphorus levels.

Headway speed. Please motor at headway speed in shallow waters so as not to stir up the sediment on the bottom. Stirring sediment contributes to cyanobacteria outbreaks.

Cleaning products. Please consider using environmentally-friendly cleaning products. Hannafords sells "Planet" brand biodegradable, phosphate-free products.

Fireworks. Paper, cardboard and plastic waste from summer fireworks have been found in the lake for months after discharge. Please direct any fireworks away from the lake.

Calendar

JULY

Breakfast on the Beach

Sat., July 7, 2012, 8-11 a.m.

Rain-date Sun., July 8th

Griffin Beach

Boat Parade

Sat., July 7, 2012, 2:30 p.m.

Rain-date Sun., July 8th

Gather at Griffin Beach area

Patriotic theme; clockwise this year

Annual Yard Sale

Sat., July 14, 2012, 9:00-3:00

146 Webster Lake Road (Rt. 11)

Questions? Contact Laurie Salame
at lsalame@isenberg.umass.edu

Annual Meeting

Sat., July 28, 2012

9:00 - coffee

9:30 - meeting

Franklin Library, second floor.

(Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting are available at websterlakeassociationnh.com.)

SEPTEMBER

Annual Food Drive/ Ice Cream Social

Sat., Sept. 1, 2012; 2 - 4 p.m.

Webster Lake residents are asked to bring nonperishable food items to Griffin Beach or to designated drop off points (see road signs).



Boat Launch Completed

The LeGace Beach boat launch has been completed by the NH Fish and Game Department. The new launch is a vast improvement from the old and offers a better surface area from which to launch your boat. The project also included signage and an informational kiosk. Thank you NH Fish and Game Department.

Fishing Derby Success

This winter's ice fishing derby was a great success. Threatened by a warm winter and thinner than usual ice, the derby happened on a beautiful weekend and came off without a hitch. Over three hundred fishermen vied for cash prizes. A near record in receipts was garnered which will help fill the association's coffers.



Scholarship Fund Moved

The scholarship fund to honor the life Pam Marrapese, a former WLA president who was very active in protecting the lake, has been moved to Plymouth State University. The University has agreed to manage the fund, and once it reaches the \$25,000 level, award yearly scholarships in perpetuity.



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