



SAVE THE DATE

July 18, 2009

- **Annual Meeting (bring a friend) 9AM**
- **Boat Parade 1PM**
- **BBQ 3-5PM**
- **Mile Long Yard Sale**

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President's Message

This morning as I was listening to the loons and realizing it was above 32 degrees with some sun, I actually thought summer may be finally coming. Boat monitoring is in full swing: Kyle Berge, Matt Collins and Holly Greenleaf have already started, new students from Barnet and Peacham.. A new addition this year is Don Easter, who attended the course and is very concerned in keeping the lake milfoil free. Welcome back to Kathy Wirthwein, who has collected data on dwellings around the lake. Thank you, Kathy

The lake association will once again have a kayak raffle to benefit lake preservation costs., It looks like Caplan's will sell us a kayak at cost. We will sell tickets for \$5.00 each hoping to sell more tickets at the lower price. Remember we are always looking for ideas on how to make this all work. Another project we are working on is a poster from the old Pavilion days to sell for \$20.00 each. You know I have a soft spot for those days. I wish I had been able to dance there. The ice-out turned out very interesting this year with two locals, Scott Willman and Skip Brill, going in on a few tickets, knowing they had the right time and being very close. I again was out of town, which the Caledonian record thought was significant. The ice officially went out at 7:05 AM on April 12. We made more money than usual and as always I think it is great fun.. Good to have all Elmer's dates of previous ice out for comparison.

We have a couple new ideas to try to increase membership. We urge everyone to bring a friend to the annual meeting on July 18th at 9:00 at the West Barnet Church. Some of us are also going to have regular Sunday afternoon pontoon cruises to try to recruit more members. Anyone available to help can contact any Lake Harvey association member.

All in all it has been a very good year. We are working on a web site and better internet access. Real estate is still selling at Harvey's lake LIFE is GOOD. Jan Sherman

Lakeharvey.com has developed and wintered quietly behind the scenes, awaiting summer to announce itself. Check it out come LHA meeting day!!

Many thanks to the voters of Barnet who authorized \$10,000 for boat monitors. Prevention and education are the only method to combat Aquatic Invasive Nuisances!

Boat Parade

Calling all boat owners, creative minds and show off wannabes.....

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 18th, 1:00PM. Meet at Frechette's Point. It's time for the annual Harvey's Lake boat parade. This year's theme is "*Voyages of Discovery.*" * We need more participants so get your creative juices flowing, come up with your boat decoration, shine up the old rowboat, bow rider, canoe, speedboat, pontoon or whatever and get your kids/grandkids involved. They'll have a ball!!

Last year's theme was SPORTS and prizes went to: Perrins with Mark Spitz, Jefferson with Hunting and Buckinghams with Volley Ball net. Hopefully we can get greater participation this year. Nothing elaborate required. Just give the crowd your interpretation of the parade theme and get in line for the trip around the lake shore. Any questions, feel free to call Bob Perrin (633-2601) or Don Burke (633-4941).

Barbecue

The Lake Harvey Trustees are busy planning the annual barbecue to be held on July 18 from 3-5 PM at the beach. We're hoping for good weather to assist our efforts. Cost for the half broiler, potato salad, cold slaw, roll, beverage and dessert is \$8.00.(pre-order cost) Ron Morse and his fellow firefighters of the Barnet Fire Dept. have once again agreed to barbecue the chicken—what a great job they do! **We do need a few volunteers to help with the barbecue this year;** perhaps even an hour would be most appreciated during the 3-5 PM busy time. Mention it to any Trustee that you're willing to help out. Contact Bruce Ellison

Volleyball

The court will soon be netted up on the North side of the lake at the Town Beach. This year we will offer a competitive level of volleyball (but still pick up) on Monday evenings at 6 PM. Monday nights will include hard spikes and enforced rules. However, this year we will be also offering low impact volleyball on Sunday evenings for beginning or recreational players. If you have only played at family picnics and don't know a carry from a misdirect, this is the evening for you. We will try to have at least one experienced player there for some lessons and some drills to go over some of the skills and rules. If you are interested in playing, please contact Bob Dufresne at

red.dufresne@gmail.com.

The Greenest Grass

by Red Dufresne

Most residents around Harvey's Lake have carved a camp site out of the cedars that formerly overhung the lake. Many residents have minimized cutting and earthwork and left much of the natural vegetation surrounding their camps. Some have leveled much of their site and planted grass to keep the cedars from returning to their former stands. Lake Harvey is one of the few remaining lakes without milfoil and other types of weed nuisance growth. But in the last few years there have been periods of some algal clumps and weed growth. There is one limiting reagent in preventing the eutrophication of the lake; phosphorous. This critical substance is fortunately in short supply in the lake water. If the phosphorous level increases only a few parts per million, weeds and algae will have what they need to proliferate. Once established, the algae and weeds can bloom during the recreational periods of summer and release the phosphorous in the late fall ready to repeat the cycle next year.

Many camp owners and year round residents understand the precarious relationship we share with the lake and control activities to preserve the water quality we have. When you paddle around the lake and you see a lawn with dull brown grass and large patches of thyme, generally that person understands the delicate balance between the desire to live lakeside and maintaining water quality. Those of you with lake frontage or are adjacent to streams that drain into the lake have a greater responsibility to maintain water quality. If you can't help yourself and have to put Scotts Step 1, 2, 3 and 4 down; keep 20 feet from the lake and inlet streams; don't fertilize if the forecast is rain within the next day or two. If you see a large patch of expansive green lawn, it's a problem. When someone is washing their hair in the lake with a high phosphorous shampoo, they just don't understand the situation. Every pound of fertilizer applied to lawns represents several grams of phosphorous added into our micro ecosystem. If we all apply a 50 pound bag we can in total add tons of fertilizer. Once the phosphorous concentration hits the trip point, our lake will become another Lake Saint Catherine or Bomoseen. Those of us that left inferior quality lakes for the pristine waters of Lake Harvey may be able to find lake further north that hasn't been through the cycle of eutrophication; but there isn't many left. It makes sense to save this one. So let the thyme run. Let the lawn fill with clover fill in if your lawn is dull and brown and your neighbors is bright green, you have the greenest grass.

Loons for Lake Preservation

For every \$100.00 donated to Lake Preservation, you receive a soft, cuddly, calling loon.

Summertime... The gift of summer is here again, so welcome after its cold Memorial Day debut. And with our best time of year comes primetime July and our annual meeting events and magnificent evening fireworks (weather permitting) on Saturday July 18th. Although the Town of Barnet no longer supports our Association display, the Town this year has stepped up to the plate for so much more – voting at Town meeting 2009 to contribute \$10,000 toward our lake monitoring program, so vitally important to us all. Private donations will still be needed to meet the balance of our lake preservation objectives, and to fund our fireworks display (\$3,500) in its entirety each year. Our donor thank you champagne brunch will be held on Sunday July 26th, 11 am -1 pm, at the Cornelius lodge. All those who ante up \$100 or more are welcome. Mail your tax exempt contribution to: Lake Harvey Association, PO Box 86, Barnet, VT 05821. RSVP 802 633-2534. Have a great summer! Karla Cornelius

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Sign up Now

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Please fill out and return by July 15th.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Camp: _____ Home: _____

Address: (where newsletter to be sent) _____

Email: _____

Cottage Membership:.....\$25.00

Single membership:\$15.00

From June 15 to June 15 \$ _____

BBQ... . \$8.00 per person if prepaid

\$9.00 per person day of BBQ \$ _____

Lake Preservation Donation..... \$ _____

Kayak Raffle \$5.00/ticket \$ _____

\$100 donation and Harvey's Lake Loon \$ _____

Pavilion Poster \$20.00 \$ _____

Fireworks Donation..... \$ _____

Total \$ _____