



Shadow Lake Association Newsletter

2022

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Treasurer's Report:

For any inquiries pertaining to the SLA funds please contact the Treasurer or any board member.

Dues:

Shadow Lake's annual dues are **\$35.00 per home/camp**

Dues should be paid by July 1st

Make checks out to:

Shadow Lake Assoc.

Please mail your 2022 dues to: **Shadow Lake Association P.O. Box 135 Glover, VT 05839**

~~~~~ **Thank you for your support**

**Hello Shadow Lake Neighbors Old and New!**

Despite another season with challenges from Covid-19, the association continues to march on. As we get slowly closer to more normalcy this summer the board would like to remind all to still be respectful of people's choices of social distancing & wearing masks. We want friends & family to feel calm, relaxed, and confident for everyone's health and safety.

**This year the association is happy to report that in addition to the few events we were able to gather**

**for last year, we will be hosting both the annual meeting dinner and the beloved Ice Cream Social this year. Here's to getting back to all the events we enjoy!!**

**July 4, Monday at 10:00 am – Beach Party Games at Public Beach** These games may be a mixture of events like Team Sand Castle building, dancing to music at the water's edge, limbo, group volleyball or other creative fun games. Everyone is welcome, young & older! Waterproof attire is recommended and masks if you wish. If you need more information, please contact Martha DeGraaf (camp #16) at 525-4363 or any board member.

**July 4, Monday at 9:00 pm – Candlelight Remembrance on docks/beaches** Producing a lovely view of flickering lights around the lake; to symbolize unity & gratitude. **Tips on "dock candle" options:** Simply cut the top section off of an empty milk jug or a clear plastic liter bottle; fill the container with a few inches of sand, add a candle halfway into the sand and place the container out on the end of your dock. A battery or solar lantern will work too but **no oil/kerosene lanterns!**

### **Dinner at 7:00 pm - Annual Meeting commences**

The dinner/meeting is in the Glover Community School Gym (100 School St off from Bean Hill Rd). We will cover our regular annual topics plus items the Shadow Lake Board worked on in 2021 and throughout the winter. We encourage carpooling as much as possible.

### **July 16, Saturday at 3:00 pm – Shadow Lake’s Boat Parade at ~3:30 pm – Ice Cream Social**

**Both will start at the Conley’s camp, #53 (with a rain date of 7/17)** Around 3:00 the parade boats gather in front of the dock at the Conley’s. At kickoff time they will follow each other, cruising all around the lake. Decorate your boat if you wish; any imaginative theme. **Come join the parade fun!**

Afterwards, come and gather to enjoy refreshing treats and socialize on the front lawn of Conley’s camp.

**We hope to see you around the lake!**

### **July 9, Saturday at 6:00 pm – SLA Annual Meeting**

#### **In Memorial**



Our Shadow Lake community has lost a dear neighbor since our last newsletter.

We extend our deepest condolences & sincere sympathies to his family.

--- “Gone from our sight, but never our memories”

**Philip Wolff - 8/22/2021, Camp 69, “The Lake Cottage”** A week shy of his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday Phil passed away peacefully after a long battle with congestive heart failure. Phil & his wife Ellen love Shadow and spent a lot of time walking around the lake. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure to have known him.

*In honor and remembrance of deceased Lakers we will be giving our annual SLA donation to Glover’s Fire/EMS Department*

#### **- Lake Community**

#### **Shadow Lake Web Site - [www.shadowlakeassociation.org](http://www.shadowlakeassociation.org)**

Lots of exciting changes have been happening on our website this last year. After laying some groundwork, Frank Cermak handed the reins to Gloria Buck to start putting the new ideas into action. Contact links, mass emails, newsletter archives, and electronic due payment options are just some of the features we are hoping to roll out. Your input is always appreciated so please let us know what you like or dislike about the site or where it could be enhanced. The website will remain accessible but please be patient as we test and improve these new features. After trials and maybe a few hiccups we hope to build an informative site for members and the public alike.

**\*\*Gloria Buck - SLA Web Coordinator - [slgvtweb@gmail.com](mailto:slgvtweb@gmail.com) Webmaster-Jethro Hayman**

**Communications Committee** - We are slowly starting up plans for workshops/presentations as we are hopefully distancing ourselves from Covid-19. The first one we have slated is **A Royal Flush** - In conjunction with Glover’s Health Officer, Nick Ecker-Racz, the board is **STRONGLY** recommending owners to test their septic system for if they fail it is costly both to the owner and the health/safety of our lake. **July 10<sup>th</sup>**, the day after our annual meeting, owners will test their systems individually by dropping a dye tablet (available at the town offices, Andrew’s camp #62, and hopefully at our annual meeting) into their toilet and observing the water in front of your camp. We’ll then gather the data (likely by email) as to who participated and what their outcomes were. Not only will this data help us better

monitor the water's health but, should your system be starting to fail, there is new VTDEC funding available to those who qualify to correct/improve their septic. All of this is a proactive step to keep the waters clear and safe for years to come. More details and instructions will be made available at our annual meeting.

The Board also hopes in the near future to arrange a planting workshop from the LAKEWISE Program plus other topics like composting and creating rain-barrels - STAY TUNED!

**Community Email List** - We try to keep people informed of miscellaneous lake topics throughout the year varying from neighborhood watch info, watercrafts adrift, town maintenance, and notices of passing. If you would like to be added to the list, send your request to [shadowlakeassoccommunications@gmail.com](mailto:shadowlakeassoccommunications@gmail.com) (we hope to have this as an option to select on the website soon)

**Shadow Lake Directory** - When **any** of your information changes (phone #s, email addresses, physical and mailing addresses) please notify the secretary at [slgvtsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:slgvtsecretary@gmail.com) so we can keep communications flowing to you!

**Shadow Lake Association Board** - The board is a living entity, always changing as members' life situations change. As it is most years, there are a few openings coming available; we are still seeking a permanent secretary and a few more directors. We meet five times a summer and email progress all year long. If you don't feel you could make that much of a commitment, we have committees that you could join which don't require as much time but are just as helpful! If you are interested in joining the board or volunteering for a committee, **please contact any board member.**

**\*\*Website Coordinator** - Gloria has done some amazing work on the website updates so far but, at this time, she has decided to step away from this position. We now need a new Website Coordinator; if you like technical projects and working with a team on creative new ideas, reach out to a board member and join in the fun.

**Activity/Social Coordinator** - There is continued interest in organizing some more fun activities ('Ice Out' contest, open-air movie nights, appetizer walks, etc.) The possibilities are endless, the ideas just need to be pulled together. The board feels a coordinator is needed to spearhead these new ideas and help get them up and going. An Activities Committee (3 or 4 people) could also be organized to coordinate/execute the activities. If you're interested, please contact a board member to get started hatching **some fabulous summer plans!** This position does not have to join the board but will have to at least stay in communication with us).

## 2021 SHADOW LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

We post our Annual Meeting minutes here in the newsletter for membership review. At the annual meeting, we'll vote on the minutes as posted. This keeps the meeting moving along more efficiently. Hardcopies will be available at the meeting and they are available on the SLA website, [www.shadowlakeassociation.org](http://www.shadowlakeassociation.org)

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# Shadow Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

**July 10, 2021 / Called to Order at 7:08p / Glover Town Fire Department**

## ATTENDEES

Jen Andrews-Pres, Kris Tooker-V. Pres, Judy Dunbar-Secr, Bill Koch-Treasurer, Howard Robinson, David Prince, and 29 Lakers/Association Members

## AGENDA

### Welcome and Board Introductions - 7:08p - Jen Andrews

- Acknowledgement to all members and welcome to new members
- Introduction of Board Members

### Secretary's Report - 7:11p - Judy Dunbar

- 2019 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed - correction in BW staff (Partick Mueller, not Miller) o

Cori Dudley motioned to accept contingent on this correction/Walt Culver 2<sup>nd</sup>/All in favor **Slate of**

### Officers - 7:12p - Jen Andrews

- Judy Dunbar stepping down as **Secretary** - Sarah Dunbar volunteered to try it in addition to the communication duties
- Frank Cermak stepping down from **Website Coordinator** - Gloria Buck volunteered to take over •
- David Burke and Frank Cermak are stepping down as **Directors** - Judy Dunbar volunteered as a

director

- Thanks to those stepping down for their service
  - Joan Alexander motioned to accept the board as proposed/Pat Bouchard 2<sup>nd</sup>/All in Favor

### **LAKEWISE - 7:14p - Kris Tooker**

- Covered purpose of program: less grass/more vegetation, diverting fast water flow into the lake, limit/mitigate use of chemicals
- SLA goal to have 100% of properties have free LAKEWISE assessment
  - Grant money is available to have Northwoods help with found issues/suggested corrections

Alexander family camp (#95) received LAKEWISE award - Joan Alexander accepted • Loon Watch

continues under Eric Hansen: VT lost 2 loons last year (1 to lead sinker, 1 to fishing hook) **2021 Activities**

### **Summary - 7:26p - Judy Dunbar**

- SLA clothing fundraiser - down to last two sweatshirts if anyone is interested
- Beach games - Martha DeGraff organized and ran them; 22 kids and adults attended
  - Acknowledgement of Gerry Trevits' diligent tending of the Public Beach for the town, it was in pristine condition for the games
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities: candlelight vigil, horn tribute by Camden Simpson (camp #80), and fireworks displays
- Reminder of Boat Parade Sat 7/17 at 3:00p

### **Lake Level and Dam Status - 7:30p - Steven Walcott & David Prince**

- Have had 8-10 yrs of spring flooding, 18" of water over the spillway - why is this and what can be done, causing problems for structures
- Met with Jack Sumberg (Glover Selectboard) about the dam: our committee is working to build common terminology to better work with town maintenance team, working with town to have a plan of action for repair
- Our dam was built in 1927, been registered with dam safety dept of VT in poor condition for 25+ yrs
  - Bids out to engineering firms to get core samples - better data on condition of dam and ability to trim the auxiliary spillway
- Goal is near constant water level with 'true run of river' flow over the dam

### **Boat Wash and AIS - 7:49p - Cori Dudley & Kurt Muller**

- Introduction and gratitude to the staff (prior and current year)
    - Not required to wear masks this year
  - New trailer up and running, working out kinks - please come and check it out with all the updated features
  - Now a statewide app to input and track greeter station data, staff logs on an iPad, these numbers aid in our future grant money
  - Bottle donation - deferring auxiliary costs (masks, gloves, paper towel, etc)
    - Winston Harper still taking "can tabs" for the Shriner's - you can drop off tabs at his camp
- AIS dives continue, two already completed this season
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year with no Milfoil - State recognizes Milfoil-Free after 5 years
  - Acknowledged the divers and boat volunteers

### **Town Communications - 7:57 - Jen Andrews**

- David Burke & Brad Gebbie acted as town liaisons for the road activity this year
  - Anyone can attend public town meetings or write a selectboard member to voice concerns
- If affected by tree trimming/cutting contact the town
  - Glover Tree Warden - Nick Ecker-Racz

### **Treasurer's Report - 8:00p - Bill Koch**

- Income = \$11,546, Expenses = \$9771, Net = \$1774
  - Trailer - \$8900
  - Dam Engineer Study - \$3300
  - Solar Speed Sign - \$2840
- Invested in 5yr annuity at 2.0% that allows limited access to the funds through the year
  - Return on investment is greater than current CD rates
- Combined boat wash numbers with the general fund for bookkeeping purposes

### **Lay Monitoring - 8:08p - Sara Gluckman**

- As of reading earlier in the week, water clarity was at 7.4 meters
- Also gathering data for LaRosa Program (stream/tributary data)
  - Phosphorus levels are rising - trying to discover why

- Public beach E-coli test at end of June came back negative
- Septic testing is encouraged
  - Red dye tablets available through town (Nick Ecker-Racz)
  - Low flow appliances ease strain on systems
  - Could look into group discount on septic pump out with neighbors

### Announcements - 8:11p - Jen Andrews

- No Wake Zone is 200 ft away from the shoreline - run the core/center of the lake when using open motor
  - Demonstration of what 200' is outside - from door to the cone across the street •
- Outdoor lighting - please angle bright spots downward, not out over lake waters • Set blade on lawn mower to 3" for healthier lawn
- Set a "no mow" zone to absorb runoff into the lake
- Board working on reclassifying Shadow from a B-2 to A-1 status - must petition the State ◦
  - Should AIS happen again, A-1 lakes get priority of help and funding
- Continuing to work with other lake associations on Wake Boat regulation
  - Survey presented to gather data on member interest/commitment

### Closing - 8:24

- Poem read by Jen Andrews
- Door Prizes awarded to Julie Alexander, Kurt Muller, Stuart Alexander
- 8:27 Bill Koch motions to end meeting/Shari Walcott 2<sup>nd</sup>/All in favor

Respectfully submitted by Shadow Lake Association Secretary, Sarah Dunbar

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## Lake Stewardship Updates

**Reclassification of Shadow Lake** - Research shows Vermont's cleanest lakes are showing alarming signs of increasing phosphorus pollution, even in our own Shadow Lake! The Association Board is actively working with the State to try and reclassify Shadow to an A-Class waterbody which will help us get future funding to help keep our precious lake a clear and pristine gem of the state. This was strongly encouraged by Oliver Pierson (Dept. of Conservation, Manager of Vermont Lakes and Ponds) who visited two years ago and realized what a pristine, oligotrophic lake we have (clear water with abundant oxygen levels). There are only seven oligotrophic lakes in Vermont, most of which in the Northeast Kingdom. If granted, our classification would go from a B-2 lake to an A-1, basically meaning that because our water is so pristine it would receive priority from the state if the water is **ever** compromised. The SLA Board felt that this was a judicious move as it would allow quicker action and more funding if we ever had another infestation of an invasive species. A petition has been submitted and deemed complete; so now it's in the State's hands. They will make a decision (we hope) in a timely manner. Appreciation to Shari Walcott, Sara Gluckman, and Jen Andrews who took on the task of drafting our petition.

There will also be a public **INFORMATIONAL MEETING** with Oliver Pierson, on **Wednesday, July 20th at the Glover Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.** Mr. Pierson will re-introduce the idea of reclassification for Shadow Lake to an A-1 lake (currently classified as a B-2 lake due to its elevation). We encourage you to attend this public meeting to support the effort and, if you are so moved, speak in favor of this important step to further protect Shadow Lake and its shoreline.

**Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP)** - The association submitted a request and has been granted part of a LWAP grant. This means that our Shadow Lake watershed will be assessed to determine how we can be better stewards of the lake and its watershed. The first part of this action plan will start this year with Sarah Damsell of the Orleans County Conservation Department overseeing this process. About a dozen of us have volunteered to go through a LAKEWISE evaluation of our properties to see where we can ameliorate or even stop runoff and/or erosion that ends up in the lake. Ten homes have been completed so far and two have even received exemplary (Alexander's) and honorable (Caruso's) status!! Congrats to them! The LWAP grant also means we have more funding for additional LAKEWISE evaluations for all properties so spread the word and encourage others to participate. Please contact a board member to be included in this **free** critical assessment; it is all about protecting water quality.

**The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP)** - A day-long webinar was hosted by FOVLAP on June 3<sup>rd</sup> this year where many professionals helped attendees understand what climate change is doing to our lakes. The three most important things we can do as landowners by the lakeshore is to participate in a LAKEWISE assessment in order to:

1. Create buffers between us and the water

2. Manage runoff from roofs, driveways and sloping land
3. Pick a spot on your property and consider a NO MOW zone (especially steep slopes)

It was an educational day with over 75 people in attendance. Thank you to Jen Andrews for attending and relaying this new information. If you would be interested in attending these in the future, let Jenifer Andrews know and she will put your name in as we are founding members of this important volunteer group.

- **REMINDER** The Federation of VT Lakes and Ponds' Annual Mtg. is Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> this year. If you'd like to attend as a Shadow Lake Representative please contact the SLA Treasurer or President to reserve a seat.

**Lay Monitoring and the LaRosa Water Sampling Program** - Sara Gluckman continues as Shadow Lake's Lay Monitor posting the weekly clarity readings on a wooden sign by her camp #42. She has also added in data collecting for the LaRosa Program in recent years. For this, one gathers lake & tributary water samples to test our phosphorus & nitrogen levels. Our levels are relatively low but are slowly creeping up. The lake has had a monitor for over 30 years and this data is vital to see the health of our beautiful oasis. Sara, as well as Kris Trevits and Jen Andrews, have been diligently collecting samples to keep this data growing but if you'd like to be trained to gather specimens, volunteers are always encouraged to contact Sara for info. Sara also does the three summer E-coli tests at the Public Beach.

**Wake Boat Petition** - Last year we were made aware of the new trend in wake boats and what this new recreational vehicle could do in our little lake. After educating the association through the newsletter/annual meeting, 99% of those surveyed that took the survey stated they support regulations on the usage of these craft. Since then, a petition has been submitted to the state and deemed complete. This lengthy petition asks that there be regulation on Wake Boats due to the very large waves made by the motor and boat itself. These waves create safety hazards and shoreline/littoral erosion. They also have ballasts that they employ which get water emptied and refilled as they travel to and from lakes, increasing the likelihood of transporting invasive species. A public hearing has been scheduled for **Wed, June 29, 2022, 5:30 - 7:30p** at Richmond Free Library or online with Microsoft Teams. Any person can submit oral or written statements and data concerning the petition. For more help connecting electronically and other information concerning this petition, please visit the VTDEC Website (<https://dec.vermont.gov/>).

### **Shadow Lake Assoc. Shoreline Protection & Preservation Committee (SLASPP) -**

Engineering studies and reports continue to be gathered for Glover about our dam and it is now listed for a hydrologic review by the state in order to have repairs made. Steve Walcott, David Prince and Howard Robinson are keeping their fingers on the pulse of this ongoing issue. They have even suggested that we petition the state to allow the drawdown to continue in spring and fall while the studies and eventual repair/changes to the dam are being made. There is a study slated for later this year to look into the up and downstream effects of a possible dam breach. The association is also having an engineering firm gather historical weather data and lake levels for Shadow to aid the town in their plan for repairs. The committee will speak on this subject at our annual meeting and as always a deep gratitude to their many hours of commitment to this particular challenge.

Although we are actively working with both the State and the Town on this matter, Glover is ultimately the owner of the dam; responsibility for the operation and maintenance falls to them. They are in control of the seasonal drawdown. Although they deem single board management to have a negligible effect on the lake level, they assure us they will consider adjustments in preparation of rising levels due to major storms. If you would like to tour the dam (property is posted NO TRESPASS), have concerns about shoreline erosion, destabilization/damage of property, sediment being drawn into the lake or anything else concerning the function of the dam, please contact either the **Town Administrator** (Brian Carroll) or the **Glover Selectboard** (Leanne Harple or David Simmons).

### **Milfoil/Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) -**

#### **NO MILFOIL WAS FOUND IN SHADOW LAKE FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW!**

It's been a lot of hard work but together we have kept our waters clear. If our tireless efforts remain successful, by end-of-season this year the State will officially restore Shadow Lake to Eurasian Milfoil-free status!!

**Patrolling Dives** - The Association has sponsored the diving program for several years in their continued effort to protect and enhance Shadow Lake's environment. It has included the continual pulling of plants and the placing of bottom mats to stop milfoil proliferation when needed. Many thanks to Kurt Muller continuing on as Dive Coordinator and all of the dive boat volunteers who step up from around the lake; your help is so appreciated!

**Vermont Invasive Patroller (VIP)** - Shadow needs you! VIP is a program where citizen “scientists” are trained to recognize both natural and invasive plants and animals. The training nearest us is in Derby on July 15th from 9-2. If you are interested (fun for high schoolers), please contact Jenifer Andrews. Carpooling is the way to go!

**Boat Wash** - We are pleased to report 2021 was another successful season (the first with our new trailer station ♦♦). We’re already rocking and rolling on the 2022 season. Our boat wash can be open under VT Covid restrictions & regulations. The boat wash hours will be **6:00a - 6:00p, 7 days/week through Labor Day**; closing when inclement weather occurs for the safety of our staff. After Labor Day, boat wash hours are usually shortened; we will update members via an email blast, the website, and our bulletin boards at that time. If hours need to be modified earlier in the season for any reason the board will update everyone.

**2022 Boat Wash Coordinator - Cori Dudley 754-2168 or [dudleyvtbc@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyvtbc@gmail.com)**

#### ❖ Staffing

- As the grant funding pool continues to be spread thin across more VT lakes and ponds seeking assistance, SLA is very grateful to have been awarded \$11,342 for this year’s Greeter Program. • As the State’s minimum wage was raised last year, the board decided to increase the hourly wage by \$1/hr to be on par with other seasonal positions.
- Boat wash staffed hours depend on our grant funding so we may need to have an increased amount of volunteer hours from time to time to help keep the boat wash open. Contact the Coordinator if you are interested in volunteering (you must be 18 or older).
- Don’t hesitate to voice any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have directly to Cori Dudley, Boat Wash Coordinator. Please **do not** involve the Greeter Staff. Thank you!

#### ❖ Usage

- Thursday August 12, several lake residents noticed a gas and/or oil spill in the water. To proactively reduce the risk of this kind of pollution impacting the lake ecology, a marine spill kit for gas/oil has been donated to the association. It will reside at the boat wash trailer should anyone have the need to use it. As a watercraft user, it is important to take all precautions to prevent this type of accident and convey proper handling of any petroleum products/lubricants to any user of your craft.
  - In Case of Emergency, there is a seasonal emergency phone at the boat wash. It can only call 911 & select local numbers; no long distance or personal calls are allowed. The boat wash also has a whistle protocol as a backup plan - **If you hear 3 short whistle blows, a pause then repeated and repeated, go to the Attendant’s aid!**
  - Whenever the boat wash is closed, all campers, guests and renters are responsible to inspect for AIS “hitchhikers” **BEFORE** taking any watercraft in *and* out of the water. Follow the instructional signs on the Shadow Lake’s State Fishing Access Ramp.
  - Remember to always wash your boat when traveling to/from other waters.  
Use your **H.E.A.D.** - inspect the **Hull**/trailer, **Engine**/motor, **Anchor**/equipment, **Drain**/inspect all compartments
  - If you have your water crafts delivered from storage or a marina, please request they inspect their transport vehicle, your boat & your trailer **before going into the water** to ensure that they do not transport AIS.
- ❖ **Ways to Support** - As a non-profit organization, we rely on our partnership with the Town of Glover for an annual allotment, the grant-in-aid from the State, and donations directly to fund the boat wash and its payroll.
- **Monetary Donations** - We appreciate your generous past donations but with decreasing amounts awarded this may be a year to increase your donation amount or, if you’ve never given, a **very helpful** time to start! Please consider making a donation of **\$50.00 or more, per camp/house**, to help defray the rising costs for the abatement of Milfoil & other invasive species.
  - **Donation Box** - A Donation Box is located at the boat wash where fisher people & recreational boaters have the option to give donations showing their support in what we’re doing to proactively

preserve our waters.

- **Donating Items** - The staff can always use bug spray, citronella candles, hand sanitizer, paper towels, boxes of tissue and large trash bags. If you have extras or catch items on great sales, drop items off with Cori (Camp #33) and she will add it to the boat wash's inventory
- **Volunteering** - REMEMBER Grant eligibility requires volunteer hours and an active association membership.
  - The Boat Wash Coordinator's time spent counts
  - Volunteer to work at the Boat Wash during hours not covered by the regular staff (i.e. 6-7 pm to handle late night boat arrivals). Contact Cori ([dudleyvtbc@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyvtbc@gmail.com)) for available openings.
  - Patrol/inspect the shoreline for Milfoil & other invasive species from your kayaks or canoes. ▫ Snorkelers or certified divers can pull milfoil **when properly trained!!!** (Contact Kurt Muller) ▫ Time as boat captain/a monitor who watch over the divers/snorkelers from the dive boat ▫ Time spent tending the Public Beach's rain gardens
- **Deposit Bottles/Cans Fundraiser** - After your festivities are done, consider donating your clean, empty deposit bottles and cans to the SLA's stewardship efforts. Just drop off in the bin located next to the boat wash trailer. This is for **Deposit bottles/cans ONLY**. Wine and water bottles don't have a deposit so should be taken to the Glover Recycling Station on Rte 16 with the rest of your household trash and recycling. Please keep in mind we are all volunteers just doing our best -**DO NOT** drop off recycling, trash, compost or dog waste!

We are looking for a **new volunteer** to take over the **Bottle/Can Collection and Redemption**. Brad and Cori have been doing this for a few seasons and wish to pass the torch. We send them our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. The Bottle Collector job runs from the end of May through the end of September, following the same season as the Boat Wash. This person must check the bottle donations bucket several times each week as the barrel fills quickly. Unfortunately there have been thefts in the past so diligence is a must! The association provides plastic bags for lining the barrel and it might be best for the volunteer to have a truck to transport the bags to redemption. Donation money and receipts are turned in to the Boat Wash Coordinator to be tallied. This money all gets put back into the Boat Wash to help defray costs and is accounted for in our grant each year to show one of many contributions done as an Association. You are not required to join the board to fill this volunteer opportunity. If you're interested in helping with this task, please contact Jenifer Andrews at [slgvtpresident@gmail.com](mailto:slgvtpresident@gmail.com) or through the "CONTACT US" link on the website.

**Green Volunteer Cards** - These are available at the Boat Wash & the Annual Mtg. for recording your volunteer time. Keep the card handy (maybe on your fridge) to list dates, time spent, & observations; then take your cards to the Boat Wash to be recorded. **Please make a strong effort** to record your hours of helpful things you do for our Lake's benefit this year as these are the proof for the grants of our time spent. The cards need to be taken to the boat wash by Labor Day or email volunteer hours to Jen ([slrvtpresident@gmail.com](mailto:slrvtpresident@gmail.com)). **Our grants depend on volunteer time so keep it up for 2022!**

- ❖ **Gratitude** - SLA is dependent upon our membership, grant writing, donations and fundraising to fund our lake protection efforts
  - We want to thank the **Town of Glover** for their continued support of \$8,000 to help us care for Shadow Lake.
  - Kudos to our Grant Writers: **Jenifer Andrews and Kris Tooker** for all their work submitting the ever-changing grant forms!
  - Thank you, **Cori**, for all you and your "**Trailer Crew**" do continuing to eradicate unwanted species in our waters!

## **Town Liaison and Related Items**

**Tree Trimming** - The town clarified more about last year's removal of trees from the roadsides that we wanted to pass on. The road foreman deals with safety issues first and the limited visibility was endangering pedestrians & their pets. Even though town and utility easements are 3 rods (24.75'), making the ROW almost to the lake in most spots, the crew tried to keep it as minimal as possible and focused on removing brittle softwoods, like poplar, and avoided

hardwoods and pines unless necessary.

**Shadow Lake Road Resurfacing** - The town's tear up and repaving of the road has completed phase one (Rt 16 to the junction with Stone Shore Rd) but will continue into the summer as they replace several culverts and repair ditches along the section paralleling the lake. Be prepared for the workers and some detours this season. We appreciate the Town's effort in completing these maintenance items.

**Speed Limits** - When the road was made in the mid-1800's it was a simple track but now it is very congested with homes and traffic flow. The increase of usage continues to grow and with increased population during the summer months it becomes even more dangerous. The select board has the power to adjust the speed limit on this stretch of road and it is our hope that it will at least be lowered during the summer season, as they do around Lake Parker, for everyone's safety. Residents can encourage this change by continuing to voice concerns to the Town Selectboard.

**Digital Speed Sign** - Our new sign collected a lot of good information in its inaugural season! In our agreement with Glover to post this new digital sign, the speed data points will be collected by the Town for review. This report will be shared at a selectboard meeting.

**Glover Select Board - Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month** and open to the public. The Glover Board needs to hear from their tax payers to make their plans. If you're not able to attend the meetings please put your opinions into emails or physical letters to the Town Clerk's office, Attention: Glover Select Board.

**Report any erosion, silt run-off or culvert issues directly to the Town Clerk office** (525-6227 or [glovertc@comcast.net](mailto:glovertc@comcast.net)). Be sure to reference it as informational data for Mike Pray, Glover's new Road Commissioner, and the Select Board. Whenever possible take pictures of any erosion, run-off, over-flowing culverts & document the date. These pictures can help the town qualify for funding of repairs/solutions. You can also contact the Town Clerk's office **if you have other questions or concerns** (like lake levels, road conditions or speeding around the lake). They may have a status or will get a Select Board member involved

Town Clerk-Jessica Sweeney Assistant Town Clerk-Cindy Epinette 2022 Town Constable-Job Breitmeyer, 802-525-1305

## **Watercraft Announcements**

**ATTENTION** - "No Wake Zone" is 5 mph when less than 200 feet off the shoreline for ALL boats! This minimizes the shore erosion impact, reduces wave impact to anchored/moored vessels and docks, and respects the privacy of camp/house dwellers along the shoreline. Faster boating enjoyment should only occur in the center area of the lake. **Stay Away** from Diver Down flag areas

**Warning** - VT Boating Law requires you to be equipped with a PFD (personal floatation device) even on non-motorized craft like paddle boards, kayaks and canoes - wear a life jacket or risk a pricey fine.

**Aquatic Nuisance Species Violators** - VT law enforcement officers are authorized to issue tickets for transport law violations. Fines can range from \$392 as high as \$25,000 depending on the violation(s) (**Act 67 Vermont AIS Law**)

## **Around the Lake**

**Rain Gardens** - We support two Rain Gardens to help prevent erosion from water runoff at the Public Beach. If you are thinning your garden we are always looking for more perennials, especially shade plants. Call/Email Jen, 525-4809 or [jeniferbandrews@gmail.com](mailto:jeniferbandrews@gmail.com) if you'd like to contribute. Anyone is also welcome to help tend the Beach Rain Gardens and your time counts for volunteer grant hours.

**Little Lakeside Library** - located on the lakeside of Shadow Lake Road near Leland Lane. Book inventory is rotated throughout the summer season for a constant variety. Thank you to the library stewards, Craig & Susie Johnson (camp #38). Please contact them if you have any questions or concerns.

**Loon Monitoring** -Lead in old fishing gear is dangerous, especially to these lovely birds. We are in the process of getting educational signs and a collection-can to be placed at the Fishing Access to spread the word. Kris Tooker volunteers to gather data of loons on our lake for VT. Please contact her with any observations, number counts, pictures of the Shadow's loons, or any questions you may have. Please remember loons nest slightly offshore and to proceed slowly in areas where they reside. There has been a possible family sighting with a hatchling on Shadow Lake!

**Cautionary 15 MPH signs** -A reminder to slow down around the **Public Beach** as this is posted at a slower limit. There are two signs on both sides of the Public Beach bend in the road to help warn of pedestrians ahead.

**Town's Public Beach** - Both for swimmers' safety and to stop the potential spread of Aquatic Invasive Species, **NO watercraft is allowed**. All watercraft are to be directed to the Boat Wash area for cleaning and a proper launch

through the State's access ramp. Also, **NO fishing, NO glass containers and NO dogs are allowed on the beach!**

**Vermont/Glover Recycling** - By law all possible recyclables **must** be recycled; they cannot be put in your garbage. All food waste must also be composted; either individually at home or by drop-off at Glover's Town Recycling Center at 1600 Dry Pond Rd/Rt 16. The Town of Glover website **provides a comprehensive list of what needs to be recycled.** (Link on SLA website) **Please inform your families, guests & renters!**

**Ambulance Subscription** - Membership to the Glover Ambulance Squad is an annual **\$30** for all Glover tax payers and covers the patient for any Glover Ambulance related charges not reimbursed by your insurance. Forms are available at Glover Town Office. **911 address number signs** for your dwelling are also available to purchase at the Town Office.

**New medical services** - Walk-In Health Clinic are available in the NorthEast Kingdom if needed: ▪ **Northern Express Care** 195 Industrial Parkway, Lyndonville, VT **802-747-9501** (affiliation-Northeastern VT Regional Hospital) ▪ **Northern Express Care** 1 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT **802-633-6351** (affiliation-Northern Counties Health Care)

**Property Owners Who Rent** - Vermont's guide, **Visiting the Water's Edge-A Guide for Lakeshore Property Renters**, (covering lake stewardship, proper boat cleaning, staying away from loon nesting sites, proper disposal of fishing materials/bait and other important points) is a great printout to have at your rental properties. (Link on SLA Website)

**New Invasive Plants** - Just a friendly reminder to keep your eyes open, an email went out last fall of two invasives that are encroaching on the region. These two plants are both land-based but may begin choking our shorelines - they are **Knotweed** (a similar look to bamboo) and **Phragmites** (12+ ft grass like plant). For help identifying, contact Susie Johnson (camp #38) or Jen Andrews. When choosing plant life for your property, **please** choose native species.

**Xylitol Dangers** - There have been cases of pets getting sick, and even dying from ingesting this chemical. It's commonly found in some gum brands and although it seems minor to spit gum out on a walk, if a curious animal eats this it could have a horrible outcome. If not out of politeness, then for the sake of our furry community members, please **don't spit your gum out into the grass.**

### **Friendly Reminders:**

**Walking on Shadow Lake Rd.** - Vermont Statute states pedestrians are required to walk on the left side of the road; opposing the traffic. When cars approach, **pedestrians** should move to the edge and walk **SINGLE FILE**. The road is **not a sidewalk** and we all need to share the road in a **safe & respectful manner**.

**Do Not Feed Waterfowl** - Bread makes the wildlife ill as it lacks the nutrients they need. Rotting bread also pollutes the water and causes surface algae. Looking for human food close to shore also increases the odds of them leaving parasites behind which can infect people. Leave them to their natural habitats and admire them from afar!

**Bear Warning** - Be sure to **NOT** leave any trash or compost outside unless it is inside trash cans with **strongly secured** covers and feed your pets indoors. **DO NOT FEED THE BEARS! Be very cautious and DO NOT approach them!** Report any nuisance bear(s) to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website ([www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)).

**Please refrain from using herbicides/pesticides** - These can harm our lake water and are deadly to our vital pollinators like butterflies and bees.

**Reduce phosphorus run-off** - State law says **no fertilizer** is allowed within **25 ft. of shoreline**. Please only use P-free fertilizer if absolutely needed. Keeping P-levels low reduces the risk of Milfoil/AIS plants from thriving.

**Do not use soaps in the lake** - Our website has a lake friendly green-product cleaning solutions guide; boat cleaning alternatives, safe lawn care products & more. Please check out your available choices.

**Pick Up Your Dog's Waste** - In consideration to others and to reduce the pollutants which can run into the lake.

**Light Pollution** - Try to shield **outdoor lighting**, especially spot lights or tilt them downward; not straight out across the lake. Please turn them off by 11:00pm or dim them to a lower intensity level, thanks!

**Break-ins & vandalism at the lake** - We encourage reporting any suspicious activities to the police, plus your immediate neighbors and a SLA board member. It takes a community!

**ALL fireworks\* are illegal** in Vermont except for permitted displays conducted by trained professionals and supervised by local fire departments. If you choose to risk possible fines & safety, **please curtail fireworks by 11:00p** out of consideration to those who may have to work the next day or young children who may be trying to sleep.

**Side note:** The debris from fireworks **pollutes our lake**; some of the debris contains **phosphorus** which we don't want to increase in our lake.

\*Sparklers less than 14 inches long with no more than 20 grams of pyrotechnic mixture and novelty sparkling items limited to snakes, party poppers, glow worms, smoke devices, string poppers, snappers, or drop pops with no more than 0.25 grains of explosive mixture, that are in compliance with United States Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations, are legal for sale and use in Vermont

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Throughout the summer season, **check our three bulletin boards** (located at the entrance to Stone Shore Road, the junction of Clark Rd & Danforth Rd. and the Shadow Lake Boat Wash/VT Fishing Access) for current activities & updates concerning Shadow Lake and our community.

**We appreciate all of your support working together to enhance our lake.
Here's to another wonderful season!**

The Shadow Lake Association Board

Respectfully submitted by the board secretary, Sarah Dunbar

2022 Shadow Lake Remittance Form

*Please return by **July 1** or before*

*Please mail to: **Shadow Lake Association, P.O. Box 135, Glover, VT 05839***

*Make checks payable to: **Shadow Lake Association***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp # and lake address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact phone number: home \_\_\_\_\_ camp \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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ANNUAL DUES (\$35.00 per camp/home) \$ _____

BOAT WASH DONATION (\$50.00 per camp/home requested; you may give more if you wish) \$ _____

ANNUAL MTG. DINNER RESERVATION: Saturday, July 9th, 2022, at 6:00 PM # of Adults

_____ @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

of Children(12 & under) _____ @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____

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**Grand Total** of Check Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your dinner reservations early!

Remember: The caterers need an accurate count to be able to have enough food for those who want the dinner option. We will charge more for dinners purchased the night of the annual meeting.

The cost will be \$17 for each adult, \$10 for each child, to purchase a dinner at the door.