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LAKE ARMINGTON ASSOCIATION FALL NEWSLETTER October 2017

Goodbye to a cool and wet July and August that surprised us all with a warm finish that's lasting well into the fall.

It was a quiet summer for our Association with no major issues. We did have two gatherings—a Social at the Musty's in late July, and the annual picnic/meeting at Camp Walt Whitman in August. Neither one was as well attended as we'd hoped. With that in mind, the board decided to work backward and announce the date of the 2018 Annual Picnic and Meeting now, so people will have this on their calendars when making summer plans.

The Annual Meeting and Picnic will be on Saturday, July 7th, which dovetails nicely with the July 4th holiday. This will be our only meeting unless something arises that needs our attention. **Now we just need someone to host this.** We do set-up and clean-up; our members bring the food; all that's needed is a lawn with a picnic table and good weather. Please give this some thought and contact one of us even if it's just a "maybe."

We're hoping to have a speaker or program at this meeting as well as to make plans for the summer. One idea is to have a few people who grew up around the lake share some of their memories. Board members have suggested a hike/picnic, a golf outing (The Armington Open) and reviving the boat races from yesteryear to include kayaks, stand-up-paddle, and sailboats. We welcome any of your ideas.

The **water quality** of the lake was of concern following the unusual/extreme flooding event on July first. This washed nutrients and debris into the lake which promoted an abundance of algae growth and reduced the clarity of the water. Mike Poole and Tim Donelon, our water testers, worked closely with Sara Steiner, Coordinator of Lake Testing for the Department of Environmental Services, (DES). They did several water tests throughout the summer. The good news is that the clarity was much improved at the September testing. It was 5.1 meters compared to 3.5 meters during July and August. DES feels no further testing is needed this fall; it will resume in June 2018.

The state of NH has installed **two buoys**, at no cost to us. One replaces the Clorox bottle marker in the channel connecting the upper and lower lakes which some refer to as "The Neck," or "The Narrows." The other buoy is located in the rocky area near the dock of Bill Morris and Evie Conroy. Our thanks go to Barbara Fitzpatrick who initiated this inquiry, and to Carlos Manrique whose tenacious efforts made this happen. See the website for photos, www.lakearmington.org.

Our **Lake Hosts and Weed Watchers** were vigilant in their efforts. We dodged the bullet again—NO MILFOIL OR OTHER INVASIVE WEEDS WERE IDENTIFIED.

A burglary at Tom and Arline Cochrane's house on Cape Moonshine Road occurred in September. It happened during the day when they were at Arline's mother's funeral. They feel the burglar was escaping through the cellar door when they arrived home. A similar incident occurred in Rumney, but this time the owner was home. The State Police have solved both cases, but caution people to secure their homes, consider installing security systems or cameras and try to take license plate numbers of vehicles that seem out of place. Several of these have been noted during the fall.

Our thanks go to Evie Conroy who has stepped down from the LAA board. She will continue as the Lake Host Point Person. We welcome our **two new board members**: Arline Cochrane and Bill Musty.

That's it for now, but as always, if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please contact any of us on the board:

Polly Tafrate--President

Shirley Nicol--Vice President and dues notices

Kate Merritt--Treasurer

Lynn Dennison--Corresponding Secretary

Sam Rounds--Recording Secretary and banker

Carlos Manrique-- Ice Out

Ann Soloway--Camp Walt Whitman Liaison

Alice Wellington--Website and Directory

Lynn DeMerchant, Ken Settel, Arline Cochrane, Bill Musty—active board members

Here's wishing you a pleasant and healthy fall and winter, filled with whatever weather you most enjoy, ~Polly~