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2015 NOVEMBER UPDATE

Hello Lake Armington Folks,

Fall arrived about two weeks later than usual with more gorgeous bright colors than we've seen in recent years. Some folks were happily completing fall chores in mild weather among glowing leaves well beyond Columbus Day! Here's our November Update.

E-911 PROGRAM IN PIERMONT

At the Lake Armington Association Annual Meeting, Piermont town officials gave us an update on the E911 program. Bernie Marvin Emergency Management Director led the session along with Tim Cole Emergency Management Deputy, Gary Hebert Police Chief, Ellen Putnam Captain Piermont FAST Squad and Randy Subject Piermont Town Selectman. All were available for questions from the group.

- In 2015-2016 many property numbers and road names will be changed as Piermont implements the E911 property addressing scheme.
- New green reflective street signs have already gone into place around the Piermont lakes area.
- Property owners may be asked to re-number homes/cottages.
- All homes/cottages need 3+” reflective numbers placed at eye level to be readily visible from the road from either direction, if they're not up already.
- Members of the Piermont FAST Squad and Emergency Management Department have expressed concern that properties around the lake can be difficult to find, especially at night.

DAM RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE The dam reconstruction project for Lake Armington is scheduled for 2017. Work was to have begun sooner but was delayed by a more urgent project. A lake water draw down will be needed when the project does get underway. Bob Dennison is in contact with the NH Dam Bureau and will keep us all informed.

ICE OUT 50/50 RAFFLE IN THE WORKS FOR 2016 We're planning a 50/50 Raffle for our Ice-Out Contest next winter with cash prizes awarded. More details will be out in January, the Raffle will run in March, so stay tuned!!

LAA TOTES and MUGS Lake Armington tote bags and mugs were for sale at the lake and local stores to support LAA this summer. Tote bags sold out, and remaining mugs will be available at the lake next year. (Sorry, we don't ship them). Thank you to Lynn Dennison, Polly Taftrate, Ann Soloway and Carlos Manrique, the Burning Bush and the Four Corners Store for making this a success!

SANTA CLAUS FUND LAA contributed generously to this charity run by the Piermont Town Fire Department to help needy Piermont families during the Holiday Season.

LAKE HOST The Lake Host program inspected watercraft at the public boat launch on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. *No invasive weeds were found on any of the boats inspected.* Kayaks and canoes made up three-quarters of the inspections and the rest power boats. Lake Hosts this year were Trevor and Jared Garvin and Tel French. Many thanks go to Camp Walt Whitman CITs who were volunteer Lake Hosts. Contact Evie Conroy.



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WEED WATCHERS Weed Watcher volunteers actively monitored lake weeds again this summer and found no invasive aquatic plants in our lake. Many thanks to our intrepid volunteer team: Lynn Demerchant, Lynn Dennison, Linda Kline, Linda Michelsen, and team leader Evie Conroy.

Freshwater Jelly Fish were spotted in the smaller end of the lake by Weed Watchers, out a ways from the boat launch. Lynn Dennison contacted Amy Smagula at NH DES who replied, "They pop up often this time of year (late August). Because they are often bottom dwellers most people don't even know they are in the lake. The medusa (swimming) phase occurs late summer, and is short lived. Enjoy them, they are neat, and their stingers cannot affect humans."

What you can do about Weeds next year – Right from your Dock: check the lake bottom in front of your property for weeds and report any suspicious plants to Weed Watchers. We'll follow up immediately with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) and send in a specimen or photo for identification. LAA website has links to pictures of invasive aquatic plants at www.lakearmington.org. Contact Evie Conroy.

WATER QUALITY TESTING This year's testing again showed very good water quality. Here is Mike Poole's report: Transparency tests averaged 5.4 meters for the three times we tested this summer, a little less than last year's 5.7 meters. June and July test results may have been lower than usual as the weather was less than perfect for testing. August was much better weather, and we viewed the disk down to 6 meters.

Using the scope. Ten years ago we started using a scope to view the disk which you put into the water. The scope cuts out the effect of current weather happening on the water surface. When using the scope you get at least an average of 1 more meter of depth looking at the disk. The average for the last ten years: With the scope is 7 meters, without the scope is 5.75 meters.

Bacteria (E. coli): We tested 6 spots around the lake which all came back good. For all the other tests that DES conducts the numbers looked average to me with the report coming out in the spring from NH-DES. Contact Mike with any questions.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE ...SEND IN DUES AND DONATIONS to support our environmental protection programs and build a war chest against any future infestations. Dues are \$20 individual, \$40 couple and \$50 family. Donation levels are \$25 to \$1,000+ or an amount of your choosing.

Contribute at www.lakearmington.org or mail your check to Lake Armington Association, P.O. Box 143 Piermont, NH 03779. Lake Armington Association is a 501(c)3 Public Charity, your contributions are tax-deductible

Have a Good Winter,
Alice Wellington,
President Lake Armington Association