

**LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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President's Column

This winter of '10 – '11 on Lake Morey has been one of the snowiest in recent history. The typical January thaw didn't happen and, as a result, our beautiful lake has been the scene of constant outdoor activities.

The season began with the promise of fun times for all ages on Lake Morey – winter style! The annual Winter Weekend was held in early January with hundreds participating in skating, sledding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing around the lake. Winter skills workshops included igloo building, ice fishing and dog sledding. A skate-a-thon was held on the lake's 4.5 mile skating trail, which has been maintained throughout the season by the Hulbert Outdoor Center, the Upper Valley Trails Alliance and the Lake Morey Resort.

Other winter events that have taken place on the lake included the Vermont Pond Hockey Championships and the Skate Vermont Weekend. The highlight of this most recent event was tasty treats provided by local restaurants set up along the ice-skating trail. On any given day there are ice fishing enthusiasts, snowmobilers, skaters and others enjoying all our frozen lake has to offer!

The Lake Morey Protective Association was busy this past year. Thanks to its members and many local volunteers LMPA's achievements for 2010 included:

- Increasing LMPA membership to approximately 180 including several new families and commercial members.
- Working with the Lake Morey Commission to address ongoing milfoil issues.
- Operating the Greeter Program at the boat access and providing volunteer boat inspections.
- Initiating the Jr. LMPA to involve our youth in lake and community activities.

- Monitoring water invasives and cleanliness through the Adopt-A-Lake program.
- Working with the town to monitor septic systems on the lake.
- Supporting youth in Fairlee through the Recreation Council and local school programs and activities.
- Creating the Greg McGrath Memorial Garden on the Town Common with community and lake volunteers.
- Maintaining the loon nesting platform and monitoring loon activity.
- Placing and maintaining speed buoys on the lake.
- Collaborating with the Lake Morey Foundation on projects that preserve and enhance the lake and its surroundings.
- Co-sponsoring the annual Fairlee Family Fun Day with the Recreation Council at the town beach.

The LMPA's major goal for this year is to improve safety on the Lake Morey Road. We are working with the Selectboard to monitor speed and activity on the road. Our other major initiative is planning and collaborating with the Town of Fairlee on celebrating its 250th anniversary (see details in separate column in this newsletter). Milfoil monitoring will be ongoing and we hope you will communicate with us as the season unfolds and we focus on issues of concern to all LMPA members.

Please check our website (www.lakemorey.org) for news, information, and announcements. It is used to provide updates on current lake and town activities. Our intention going forward is to focus our primary communication efforts through the website. Feel free to call or e-mail me anytime. We would love to see many residents involved in LMPA and town activities. Thanks to all of you who help to make our Association strong and effective.

John Larrabee, Twin Birches II

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Fairlee's 250th Celebration

2011 will be a year of historic celebration for the Town of Fairlee and eleven other towns in the Upper Valley. Two hundred and fifty years ago Fairlee was granted its charter and the town is busy planning a commemoration that will incorporate 3 days of festivities on July 2 – 4.

Fairlee's 250th logo was created by Fairlee resident and LMPA member Peter Lange. Peter's design incorporates a steamboat and fireworks, providing a colorful and arresting image. With the final design produced by Sandra Smith-Ordway the logo will be displayed on t-shirts and other items that will be for sale during various town events.

Plan a visit to the lake over the July 4th weekend and participate in the many activities scheduled and coordinated by the Fairlee Historical Society. Some of the celebratory events that will run throughout the weekend include a fireman's muster, train rides, kids' carnival, helicopter rides, tribal powwow, revolutionary re-enactments, and a car show. Breakfasts, barbeques, lobster supper and other food will be available. A huge block party with live music will encourage dancing by all!

Several special displays will be showcased in the Town Hall. An art exhibit, based on the theme "inspired by viewpoints in and around Fairlee," will be hung during the 3-day period (*see request for art in right-hand column*), along with other displays of local school projects and a history of the Aloha Camps.

On Monday, July 4th, Fairlee's festivities will culminate with the Annual Parade heralded by a flyover by the Vermont Air National Guard. Ceremonies will be held on the Town Common along with the annual Chicken Barbeque hosted by the Fairlee Fire Dept. As a special nod to Lake Morey's history there will be steamboat rides available during the day and Fairlee's magnificent fireworks display will burst over the lake at dusk.

Look for the final schedule of events to be posted on the Town of Fairlee's website (www.fairleevt.org). A local non-profit, Vital Communities, has also set up a calendar (www.vitalcommunities.ofg/valleyquest/uv250.htm) to share all activities being planned by the 12 "middle grant" communities that are commemorating their founding this year.

Reminder

Save the date of July 16, 2011: The third Saturday of July is our Annual Meeting and the continuation of Fairlee Family Fun Day, Sailing Regatta, Golf Tournament and post-meeting Social Hour (meeting agenda/event details in next newsletter).

Calling All Artists/Art Owners

Bev Wilkins and Tina Clark are looking for artists, art makers, and owners of framed art *inspired by viewpoints in and around Fairlee*. They are organizing the Art Exhibit that will hang in the Town Hall during the 250th Anniversary celebration July 2 – 4. Please contact them (Bev: 802-333-9163, e-mail wilkwood@gmail.com or Tina: 603-795-2664, e-mail tina.clark@valley.net) if you have art that could be included in the exhibit – any medium!

Clerk's Position

As many of you know, these are Sue's last few months as LMPA Clerk. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the position (\$500 stipend) please contact John Larrabee.

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