

# LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION - SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Updates will be reported on the LMPA Website, Facebook & Instagram as well as email blasts.*

## From the President

Welcome to another season at Lake Morey and 113 years as a lake association! By renewing your membership with the LMPA, you are supporting programs that are working to preserve the Lake's clean water, its watershed, and to promote safety for everyone who uses the water, the trails, and the roads around Lake Morey.

Following, you can read about LMPA-sponsored social and sporting events, and water quality initiatives taking place in 2020. Please visit our website at [www.lakemorey.org](http://www.lakemorey.org) for important updates throughout the year. Many thanks to Denise Drouin for her willingness to continue as our webmaster and to Patty Armstrong for maintaining the LMPA Facebook page. We are hoping to update our website in the coming year to include a members-only tab which will access an online directory and provide information relevant to members of the LMPA. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.

Lake Morey is our precious and shared resource. We encourage all to think about how our activities will affect other people, as well as the health of the lake. Watch for swimmers, skiers, paddleboards, and smaller boats when piloting your watercraft. Travel on Lake Morey Road with care and awareness, whether on foot, bicycle or car. Do your part to keep all forms of invasive species, yard waste, trash, or any form of chemical or sewage run-off from entering our lake waters. Everyone benefits when we are thoughtful about our role as community members of Lake Morey.

Wishing you all the best for a wonderful season at Lake Morey!

*Laura Tucker, LMPA President*

**LMPA 1st Fridays** at the Lake Morey Resort. This continues to be a great way to meet up with friends and neighbors. 2020 dates are: June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, and October 2 (cash bar). The time remains 5:30. There may be a farm-to-table event in Corinth, sometime in August. As always, if anyone has other ideas for social gatherings contact [CarolWertheimer@comcast.net](mailto:CarolWertheimer@comcast.net) or phone 410-591-6466.

**LMPA Annual Meeting** is on Sat., July 11, at the Lake Morey Resort at 4 p.m. A Social Hour with appetizers will follow (cash bar).

**LMPA Golf Tournament** at 10am on Sat., July 11 at the Lake Morey Golf Course.

**Garden and House Tour from Windermere to the Inn:** Save the Date! Sunday, July 12, 11am - 2pm. Details to follow.

**LMPA Regatta** will be held in July, time and date to be determined.

**Pickleball League** - Have you heard about one of the fastest growing sports in the US? Come and get a little exercise and meet new friends while playing co-ed pickleball this summer. We will play on Wednesday mornings from around 9-11 am. The Tucker's have a court as well as paddles/balls to use. No previous experience needed. Laura Tucker and Nanci Carstens will be co-coordinators this season. We plan to have at least 2 sessions on Wednesday mornings – one for seasoned players and one for beginner/intermediate players. Email [Laurat4300@gmail.com](mailto:Laurat4300@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**LMPA/Fairlee Library Ice Cream Social** - With dwindling attendance at Fairlee Family Fun Day, the Board revisited the mission and decided that a change was needed. After much deliberation, we developed a plan to collaborate with the Fairlee Library to reach out to the community and youth. Librarian Samantha Hickman had implemented a Summer Reading Program. Additional funding from the LMPA allowed her to reward successful readers with ice cream vouchers and fun events. In addition, the LMPA and library partnered to host an ice cream social (ice cream from Gladstone's) for the entire community. We plan to continue these endeavors to support the youth and families of Fairlee. Watch for a 2020 date!

## LMPA Board of Directors

Laura Tucker, President; Smith Reed, Vice President; Bill Minard, Treasurer; Ginny Reed, Secretary; Tina Clark, Will Watson, Denise Drouin, Debbie Baker, Chris Moran, Peggie Bissell, Carol Wertheimer. Nominating committee: Debbie Baker, Carol Wertheimer, Karen Larson.

Would you like to contribute your expertise, time, and energy to benefit the Lake? We would love to talk to you about joining the Board.

## Lake Morey Commission: Milfoil Control

The lake's 2019 Milfoil Control Program, using the new chemical, Procellacor, was a resounding success. Very few plants were observed at the end of the summer. Currently, we have no information as to the extent of a resurgence over the winter. That being the case, we will employ traditional control methodologies in 2020. Solitude Lake Management will continue their survey. Aquatic Endeavors, our professional dive team, will suction and hand harvest where necessary, and Adopt-a-Lake volunteers will be asked to perform their vital searching and hand pulling activities.

*Don Weaver, Lake Morey Commission*

### **Lake Morey Commission: Lake Morey Stream Study**

In addition to its historic role in combatting milfoil in Lake Morey, the Lake Morey Commission has been working to better understand late season cyanobacteria blooms on our lake. In September and October of the past years, we documented "blooms" of rapidly accumulating cyanobacteria (sometimes referred to as blue-green algae) on the surface of the lake - however there was a noticeable reduction in reported blooms for 2019.

For 2019, Lay Monitoring results showed both chlorophyll-a and Total Phosphorus is on a downward trend, good news relative to 2018 data. To further understand potential phosphorous loading into the lake, the Commission endeavored to sample 5 major streams which enter Lake Morey, analyzing critical chemical data to attempt to understand general loading to the lake. It was determined that Total Phosphorus, a major nutrient for plant and algae growth, was quite low. However, there were 2 streams that exhibited elevated levels of chloride and sulfate, possibly from geologic sources towards the I-91 Interstate. For 2020, we only plan to sample 3 streams for two sample outings (two of which were not sampled in 2019), to increase our knowledge of incoming water quality.

*Greg Allen, Lake Morey Commission*

### **Adopt-A-Lake News**

Thank you for your continued vigilance in searching for and pulling Milfoil! The importance of your volunteer hours continues during summer 2020 and follows the same format as previous years. If you need assistance identifying milfoil plants, you can contact your area monitor, Don Weaver or Sue Minard. This plant spreads quickly, even from a small fragment cut by a propeller or even a paddle. The State requires that we track our volunteer hours which are credited toward the total cost of managing milfoil. Please do your part in searching, pulling, removing fragments and tracking your time. Adopt-a-lake report forms are available at [www.lakemorey.org](http://www.lakemorey.org). *Sue Minard, coordinator - [sueminard@yahoo.com](mailto:sueminard@yahoo.com)*

### **VT Lakes & Ponds Update**

Our State organization, Federation of Vermont Lakes & Ponds (FOVLAP), continues to be a strong advocate at the State level on all matters that pertain to water quality. A volunteer from FOVLAP closely monitors and attends all sessions dealing with water quality issues. Over the past year, this has resulted in having our voice present for the good of all our Lakes and Ponds. For current information on these Bills, see the link on FOVLAP's website. The 2020 Lakes Seminar will be held on Friday, June 5th at The Lake Morey Resort. LMPA members are welcome to attend. Registration information is available on the same website - [vermontlakes.org](http://vermontlakes.org) - *Bruce Durgin*

### **Public Access Greeter Program**

2020 marks the 5th season of the expanded Greeter Program, which employs 4-5 local individuals who dedicate their time at the Public Access educating boaters about the harmful effects of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and what they can do to prevent the spread, provide boat inspections, and stop AIS introduction. The program begins the weekend before Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day.

2,007 inspections were performed in 2019. During one of the fall bass tournaments, a milfoil fragment was found on a boat coming from Lake Fairlee. The best part about this discovery, aside from insuring it did not end up in the water, was taking the opportunity to engage with not only the owner of this boat, but others participating in the tournament and reminding boat owners they are responsible for inspecting their vessels, no matter which body of water they are leaving and whether or not there is a Greeter on duty. It's important to know that AIS include species other than Eurasian water milfoil. Zebra and quagga mussels, spiny and fishhook water flea, hydrilla and others are among species our Greeters are trained to detect.

Everyone needs to Clean, Drain, and Dry all water vessels, including paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes. It's the law. Peggie Bissell, coordinator - [peggiebissell@gmail.com](mailto:peggiebissell@gmail.com) or 978-808-3792

### **Morey Mountain Conservation Area**

The area will be ready for outdoor activities this summer! The Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) plans to work on trail clearance and signage on the property in the coming months. Thanks to Ray Clark and a UVLT crew, the driveway area was stabilized and debris cleared out this fall. Morey Mountain will be ready to showcase its natural beauty to visitors this summer!

UVLT will be presenting an update on Morey Mountain's natural resources, trail development and future conservation plans at the LMPA annual meeting. UVLT reps will be at the cocktail event to meet and answer questions from Lake families. The Lake Morey Foundation (LMF) and UVLT will also celebrate with an on-site intro to the trails on Sunday, July 12, with staff-led walks at 2 pm and 3 pm. More details on activities and parking options for this event will be posted on both the LMPA and LMF websites later in the spring. Check out UVLT's recent presentation on Morey Mountain's natural resource inventory via their website - <https://uvlt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/February-2020-E-news.pdf>. See you on the mountain!

