

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE | Emil Pollak

SUN, LOONS AND LAKE

As I write this in early May the ice is off the lake, the loons and ducks are back, and temperatures hint that summer is around the corner. We have gone from cycles of snow then sun, to rain then sun. Fortunately, we have not had any heavy rains like last year.

Last fall members of the community working with the Barnet Selectboard and town clerk raised nearly \$44,000 which was distributed to residents hardest hit by the flooding last July. Special thanks to the organizers of the fund and all who contributed. Details are inside.

Repair of the public beach after the devastating floods last summer is complete and the beach will be open for summer use. The Selectboard, Christen Emerson and the rest of the beach committee have earned our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

My son always tells me to "be fluid," meaning be ready to manage changes in plans. This summer we all will have to be fluid, though hopefully not with the fluid from the sky as last summer. Unfortunately, an active eagle nest is present at the beach. If the eagles continue to use that nest we will be unable to use the beach for launching a firework display in July. We are



searching for another location around the lake suitable for launching fireworks but we have not yet found one. If there is no other location we will have to postpone the fireworks until August 23rd, after nesting season. If we are unable to have fireworks in July, we are planning to have all other activities as usual on the weekend of July 18-20: pot luck dinner followed by the Lake Association Annual Meeting on the evening of Friday the 18th, the Mile Long Yard Sale, Boat Parade, and Ice Cream social (kayak & paddleboard raffle winners announced) on the 19th, and a new event, Green Up around the lake, on the 20th. A week later on Sunday the 27th will be the Champagne Brunch for LHA's most generous contributors (see enclosed invite).

We will publicize updates on the fireworks situation on our web site, on social media, and through emails to all association members.

The Lake Association submitted a request to the State in February to restrict the use of wake sport mode on boats on the lake due to the large and disruptive waves created. The state has received similar petitions from other lakes our size. Rather than review the petitions individually the State is currently reconsidering the regulations for wake sports state wide and may put greater limits on distance from shore which could change whether smaller lakes are excluded from allowing wake sports. A decision is not expected until 2026. Currently boats in wake sport mode can only use a narrow area in the center of the lake 500 feet from shore.

Last summer, invasive Eurasian Milfoil was found in Joe's Pond. That prompted control measures including hand pulling of plants by scuba divers and placement of benthic mats on the lake bed. The infestation continues and further control measures are planned for this summer. Thanks to the diligent work of our boat launch greeters Harvey Lake has been spared so far, but we need to continue to check all watercraft entering the lake to prevent infestation. Please allow the greeters to inspect and wash (if necessary) your watercraft. Please only launch at the boat landing if your watercraft has been in any body of water other than Harvey Lake.

This spring members of the lake association board will place buoys marked "200 feet" at locations around the lake to reinforce how far out from shore boats must travel at "no wake" speed. This restriction is part of state law and must be adhered to for the safety of people in the water near shore and to prevent accelerated shore erosion.

We have raffles again for a kayak and for a paddleboard- please try your luck again for either or both. Also please consider giving to our lake preservation, fireworks or general funds.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer in our favorite spot.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP | Town of Barnet

The purpose of planning for orderly development is to encourage and promote that kind of community growth which will preserve the health of the Towns natural environment, its scenic and architectural beauty, physical beauty, unique character, quality of life, and the economic welfare of its citizens.

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER | Kyle Berge

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The Lake Harvey Association is fortunate to have sustaining support from our members. Thanks to our generous donors, the Association has been able to build and maintain a healthy treasury position. As this newsletter goes to print, we are well on our way to our goal of 100 memberships in 2025. Annual cottage dues remain at \$25.00 and are tax deductible, as are donations for lake preservation, fireworks and additional donations to be used at the Board's discretion. Thank you to all of our returning and new members! Your contributions support the Association's efforts toward preserving Harvey's Lake for this and future generations.

I am proud to highlight two significant donations made by the Association last Fall:

- A contribution to the Barnet Flood Recovery Fund, providing direct relief to Barnet residents impacted by the July 2024 floods.
- A donation to the Town of Barnet to assist with the installation of a safety cable system
 for the dam. Additionally, we will be contributing a "Beaver Deceiver" there as well, in
 hopes of deterring ongoing beaver activities..

The Lake Harvey Association extends its thanks to all members and supporters whose generosity made this community support possible.

Reminder: Annual membership dues and additional donations can be paid online by visiting LakeHarvey.Fun! Links to purchase raffle tickets, notecards, and ice out tickets can be found there as well.

APPRECIATIVE THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS:

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IN MEMORIAM - REMEMBRANCE

Paul Joseph Gallerani, 88, passed away peacefully on March 10th, surrounded by his loving family.

Paul's career journeyed from working with livestock to leading the Independent Bank Group. In 1987, he and his wife Bobbie joined their daughter Carol and her husband Skip in purchasing Farm-Way in Bradford. The iconic Farm-Way tent became a gathering place for people near and far, where Paul welcomed everyone with stories,

business talk, and friendly conversation. A gifted salesman, Paul ensured visitors never left empty-handed—even if it was just with a warm memory, a cup of coffee, or a cookie.

Paul was also a dedicated supporter of the Lake Harvey Association, generously donating kayaks for the annual raffle over the years. He had a philanthropic soul, a youthful spirit, and a heart full of kindness. Paul will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and whose lives he touched.

TOWN OF BARNET FLOOD RECOVERY FUND | Jan Parsons



The BFRF Advisory Committee was appointed by the Barnet Selectboard in September 2024 as a way to process new donations and add contributions from a gofundme account initiated by Natalie Kitchel and Kyle Berge in response to the destructive floods of July 10, 2024. A short term Town of Barnet committee bank account was created to enable individuals and groups to donate directly to this cause and for recipients to receive money.

Ultimately, the BFRF Committee had five members of the Lake Harvey Association/Community involved. In addition to Natalie and Kyle, Jan Parsons and Mary Scott were appointees along with the Fund Administrator Joe Breidenstein, who also serves as a Barnet Town Auditor. Barnet resident Caroline DeMaio also served on the Committee. The inspiration for the BFRF was the Recovery Committee the town of Peacham set up during the Covid pandemic and later adapted to the needs of their flood victims in July, 2024.

Working with the guidance of Selectboard member Dylan Ford, and under the direction of Town Clerk Ben Heisholt, the Committee solicited donations and encouraged applications from Barnet residents affected by the destructive floods. The Lake Harvey Association made a major donation and members of the Lake Harvey Association added to the contribution total along with residents from West Barnet and well beyond.

\$43,875.00 was raised and disbursed by December 31, 2024, to 14 applicants whose needs varied from driveway restoration to essential home repairs. A maximum allocation of \$4,300 was given to those residents who incurred severe repair costs. Several applicants came from hard-hit Barnet Village but all villages and the outskirts of town were represented. About 15 percent of the recipients were from West Barnet.

Many thanks to the 40-plus generous residents, organizations and neighbors of our town who donated close to \$44,000 through Natalie Kitchel's gofundme effort or the BFR Fund. Over half of all donations came from the Lake Harvey Association, its individual members and nearby West Barnet. Your generosity exceeded our best hopes and expectations.

None of these grants would have been possible without the permission and support of the Barnet Selectboard or the outstanding cooperation of Town Clerk Ben Heisholt and Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Roy. Thanks to all.







LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE | Tom Traina

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AS OF MAY 15, 2025

The Lake Harvey Association's Environmental Committee includes Red Dufresne, Jackie and Sherm Sprague, Phil Sorrentino, Ethan Sylvain and Tom Traina. Red passed the EC torch to Tom in mid 2024. The following briefly summarizes the activities of the EC from March 2024 to March 2025.

The EC met in March 2024 to review lake water quality sampling objectives and thereafter developed a Water Quality Sampling Plan. This WQSP investigated the cost of sampling and analyzing multiple locations in the Lake, along with each of 7 tributary streams to the Lake and the Lake outfall/South Peacham Brook flows. These locations would be analyzed for multiple Water Quality parameters (phosphorus, nitrogen, etc) at monthly intervals. It was decided that additional regularly scheduled sampling beyond what is currently performed (single lake sample) was unnecessary and, if desired, should be contracted to a private laboratory (Endyne).

Following the July storm event (Hurricane Beryl), WQ sampling showed an expected decrease in clarity but still showed high dissolved oxygen concentrations at all depths within the Lake.

Much effort was expended on the Lake tributary stream known as T2. This stream originates on the farm east of Roy Mountain Road and enters the Lake at the south end of the Roy Campground (north end of the Bailey Farm camps). In the 1980s, an intercepting manhole was constructed to divert a portion of this flow away from the Lake through a pipe. An investigation was successful in locating the outlet of the pipe. Currently, T2 work is underway to determine if dry weather flows contribute more of the pollutants to the Lake than the "first flush" triggered by a rain event. Modification of the diversion system might be made pending the outcome.

The EC also helped review the LHA's petition requesting the Town of Barnet's support to ban wake sports from Harvey's. A letter in support of the ban was submitted that considered the possibility of wake boats suspending phosphorus-containing algae. This algae was previously

found at a depth of 30-feet in the Lake and was not specifically addressed by the State when the Wake Sports Rules were developed EC members attended many of the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP) seminars related to Lake Watershed Action Plans. The State's Department of Environmental Conservation and FOVLAP advocate Lake Associations conduct a Lake Watershed Action Plato improve/maintain WQ. A LWAP includes evaluations of shorelines, tributary streams and roadways and, as such, would address many of the environmental challenges facing Lake Harvey. A LWAP would essentially update a 40-year old study on Lake WQ. In light of the road and beach washouts resulting from storms the past 2 summers, and the potential that the State may assist in funding projects identified in a LWAP, the EC agreed to pursue a LWAP by meeting with an environmental consulting engineer with expertise in LWAPs investigate costs with the objective of obtaining LHA Board approval to proceed.

Red Dufresne continues to work on the Dam project. Progress includes:

- The Steven's backflows into Lake Harvey during small storm events
- The lower gate in the dam is operable and has been used to move silt d/s
- A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is being prepared in support of the permit
- A downstream hydrological study was completed and the State wants an upstream study to be performed, which is in progress and will be submitted with the PER
- A Basis of Design will be prepared for the dam design for approval by the State
- The PER and BOD are expected to be approved by the end of 2025

Finally, work progresses on the installation of Lake water level and rainfall monitoring systems, and a "beaver-confuser" pipe, which may reduce the maintenance needed to remove dams constructed by beavers in the outlet channel.

FEDERATION OF VERMONT LAKES AND PONDS https://vermontlakes.org

FOVLAP has had a busy season. With a grant, FOVLAP hired part time administrator Deborah Miuccio to assist with its many endeavors. FOVLAP board members met legislators at the State Capital to share information about pending and upcoming legislation that reflect protecting lakes in Vermont. Legislators welcomed the information. For legislative updates go to https://vermontlakes.org/legislative-updates. Clean Water Projects Series Webinars:

- #1-Lake Watershed Action Plans Why Lake Associations Said 'YES!'
- #2 -How To Assess Your Lake's Water Quality Data with Mark Mitchell
- #3 -Creating A Watershed Action Plan Together: Partnerships & Collaborations

#4 -Protecting & Restoring Lake Tributaries

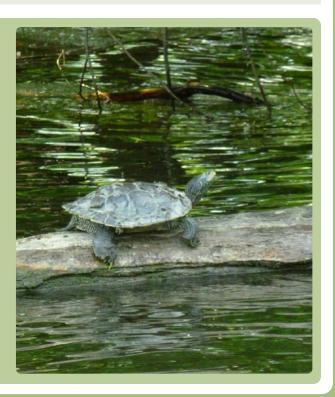
To review recordings of the series go to https://vermontlakes.org/special-events

Future Clean Water Projects Webinar Series:

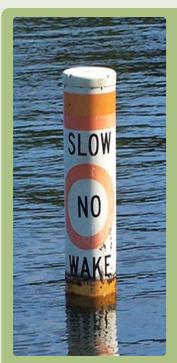
- · Landowners buy-in
- · Design and permitting
- Implementation issues
- · Dirt roads
- Shoreland BMPs

VSAC Scholarship

Each year, FOVLAP offers a \$500.00 scholarship for a student in or entering in the field of Environmental Studies. This year there will be two \$500.00 scholarships awarded.



LAKE PROTECTION | Jackie Sprague



LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION IMPLEMENTS A "NO WAKE ZONE"

"No Wake Zone" - Preserving the Serenity:

To ensure the well-being of both residents and visitors, Lake Harvey Association implements a "No Wake Zone" policy. Within 200 feet of any shoreline, all boats and watercraft are required to operate at a no-wake speed. This means that vessels must maintain a speed that creates no disruptive waves, minimizing their impact on the tranquil environment and shoreline. Also Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §1424, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Wake boats have a 500' "no wake" requirement (ref. map on the back).

Why is a "No Wake Zone" Necessary?

- Preserving Shoreline Integrity: Waves generated by high-speed watercraft can erode shorelines and cause damage to sensitive ecosystems. By implementing a "No Wake Zone," Lake Controlled Area strives to protect the natural habitat and maintain the beauty of its shores.
- 2. Ensuring Safety: A "No Wake Zone" prioritizes the safety of swimmers, kayakers, and others enjoying

- water-based activities near the shoreline. By minimizing boat-generated waves, the risk of accidents, collisions, and injuries is significantly reduced.
- 3. Enhancing Peace and Quiet: The "No Wake Zone" policy contributes to the peaceful and serene atmosphere that draws visitors to the Controlled Lake Area. By discouraging excessive noise and disturbance, everyone can enjoy the tranquility and immerse themselves in the natural surroundings.

Respect the "No Wake Zone" and Preserve the Serenity:

We kindly request all visitors and boaters to adhere to the "No Wake Zone" policy within 200 feet of any shoreline. By doing so, you contribute to the preservation of this serene and captivating environment, allowing future generations to experience its beauty.

Remember, in Harvey's Lake, we treasure the harmony between humanity and nature. Let us work together to protect this treasure and create lasting memories in this magnificent setting.





Lake Harvey, www.wikipedia.org

IS YOUR PROPERTY LAKE FRIENDLY?

ign up for a FREE Lake Wise Evaluation this summer!

Lake Wise is a Vermont Agency of Natural Resources initiative coordinated locally by the Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District (CCNRCD) that seeks to enhance lakeshores for lake health and awards lake-friendly shoreland properties.

Lake shore owners have an important role to play in reducing shoreland erosion, improving lakeshore habitat, and keeping Lake Harvey clean. A Lake Wise evaluation done by the CCNRCD is the first step! Lake Wise is a voluntary program but the more the merrier. Evaluations are approximately 1.5 hours and are scheduled at your convenience.

For more information about Lake Wise, visit https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakeshores-lake-wise/what

To sign up for an evaluation, call Kerry O'Brien at 802-424-3149 or email Kerry.obrien@vt.nacdnet.net

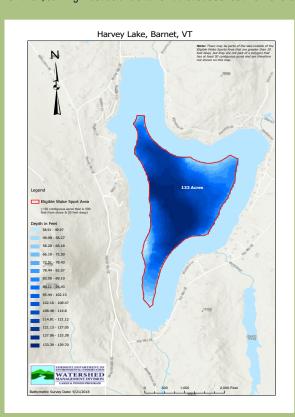




LAKE ELIGIBLE WAKESPORT ZONE

The Department of Environmental Conservation's rule, which went into effect on April 15,2024 restricts wake sports to lakes that have a surface area of at least 50 acres and a depth of 20 feet.

Even then, surfing must be undertaken at least 500 feet from shore.



BARNET DAM COMMITTEE REPORT | Red Dufresne



The Barnet Dam Committee (BDC) includes Dylan Ford, George Coppenrath, Joe Mangiapane, Richard Downer, and Red Dufresne. Our goal remains to improve the water quality in Lake Harvey by modifying the dam to reduce backflow from the South Peacham Brook during heavy storms and spring runoff. Improvements to the dam to accomplish this goal are grouped into two categories. The minor improvements can be completed locally without State approval. These items include:

- 1. Installation of a deck to provide safe access to the low-level gate and stopboards (completed).
- 2. Repair and renovation of the low-level gate (completed).
- 3. Replacement of the stopboards which were fabricated and donated by Joe Mangiapane (completed).
- 4. Installation of a safe ty railing and fall prevention cable

With the exception of item 4 which is scheduled for completion this fall, these items have been accomplished. The second group of modifications are more significant and require a permit under 10 VSA Chapter 43 from the State of Vermont which is an arduous process. These improvements include:

- 1. Removal of a portion of the existing concrete spillway to allow installation of an inflatable bladder or a crest gate system as necessary to pass a 100-year flood to the Stevens River without backwatering Lake Harvey. The bladder or gate would be automatically controlled by various water level sensors to lower the level at the dam to prevent backflow into the lake.
- 2. Reducing the level of the east fish ladder concrete wall to improve spillway capacity.
- 3. Install a bar rack to prevent logs and debris from collecting in the newly renovated low level drain gate.
- 4. Complete ancillary site improvements which include re-grading the riprap below the dam, providing erosion protection on the western portion of the downstream side of the discharge channel. Construct an upstream spur dike to divert flow to the east side of the dam and remove silt from the east side of the dam.

Construction of the remaining improvements awaits approval of the dam alteration permit by the State. The first step was to complete a "hazard analysis" which has been completed showing the dam is a "low hazard dam" which eliminates the need for some reports and analyses that otherwise would have been required. The next step required by the state is completion of a Basis of Design Report. Most of this report has been completed by the BDC except for the upstream hydrology. This work is crucial in defining the hydraulic and hydrologic relationship between the dam, South Peacham Brook, and the Lake. The analysis requires a rather complex model to replicate the existing conditions and to then model various alternative configurations for improvements at the dam during various storm events in order to proceed with the most advantageous design. The analysis will also determine the need to construct an emergency spillway to safely pass a 100-year flood as part of the project. The Select Board signed an agreement for \$30,000 with McFarland Johnson to complete this hydrological work, which will be included in the Basis of Design Report. This is the last report required by the State prior to initiation of final design and construction.



Beaver Dam on the Outlet of Lake

As most lake owners are acutely aware, the land adjacent to the outlet channel from Lake Havey is prime habitat for beavers. Dams created by beavers on the outlet stream raise lake level regardless of any operational procedures performed at the Lake Harvey Dam (LHD). In effect, the beavers are controlling lake level and not the dam. This would also be the case even if a new dam was constructed upstream of the beaver dam. Maintaining normal lake level depends on controlling the beaver dams. This requires vigilant efforts which can be made less stringent by improving access along the outlet stream for equipment and installation of baffles (or beaver deceivers) to discourage beaver activity in areas frequently used by the beavers. The beaver dams also provide an obstruction which collects debris from the lake which further raises lake level as shown in the photo.

HARVEY'S LAKE BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT | Christen Emerson



Photo Credit by Christen Emerson.

The Harvey's Lake Beach Committee is happy to announce the beach repair work, done by Kirk Fenoff and Son, is complete. Repairs included removing and resurfacing the entire property, some areas with top soil and others to replace the stay mat pathway and the driveway. The beach sand was also replaced and, as you will notice, the one good thing that came out of the flooding is that our beach area is much larger.

Prior to the repair work the committee had to obtain a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department for disturbance of the eagles. During the work process, the eagles were monitored by committee members, the work crew, and other community members. The process went well and the eagles chose to continue to occupy their nest and the Harvey's Lake Area.

Our committee members were able to complete interviews for the gate attendant position with success and we are looking forward to another great crew this year!

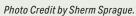
This summer we plan to have some events for our community, please watch our FB page for announcements.

As always we appreciate the support of our community and are extremely excited to be back at the beach this summer! If you have any questions or concerns please contact a committee member.



Photo Credit by Christen Emerson.







2024 WINNERS - CHILDREN'S STORIES | Don Burke



1st grand prize - the Locke gang "Under The Summer Stars



2nd - Traina family - "La - Di - Da"



3rd - the McGraws - "Smores"













Most original - The Morse family







Things That Go Bump in the Night

Perhaps you've heard a noise at night when everyone in the house is asleep or when you are the only one at home watching a horror flick on TV. There is no obvious reason as to how the sound was made, so you try to rationalize it as the cat knocking something over. But then you realize the cat is sitting right next to you.

So then you try to convince yourself that it was a bang from the furnace kicking on. But you're not fully convinced and as your imagination takes over, (influenced by the scary movie you are watching alone in the dark), your thoughts drift off to the possibility that a supernatural being has decided to visit you. Or it could be an evil poltergeist.

Either way, you're getting spooked and your overactive imagination isn't helping the situation. It's at times like this that all logical thinking and common sense goes right into the wastebasket. So all you Harvey's Laker enthusiasts.....

Be Forewarned! Halloween is coming early to Harvey's Lake this year! At noon on Saturday, July 19th, all sorts of scary entities will be haunting our shoreline. So lock up the kiddies in the camp and hide them under the bed! Only the bravest of the brave will dare to watch the spookiest of the spooky floating by your camp.

"Life's Spooky Moments"

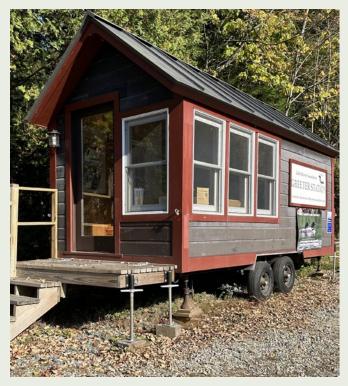
SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

Rain Date: Sunday July 20th

12:30 pm Non-Motorized Group [canoes, kayaks, peddle boats, etc.)

1:00 pm Motorized Group

BOAT MONITOR REPORT | Kathy Wirthwein



This year boats were monitored between May 25 and September 15. The launched boats totaled 527 and retrievals 247 for total of 774 vs. 1007 (582 launches excluding extra kayaks + 409 retrievals in 2023). In July a major storm caused flooding which raised the lake 3 - 4 feet, destroyed the public beach, muddied our lake water and temporarily closed several roads. No boats (except one) were monitored between July 10 to July 16.

The watercraft types were 277 outboard motorboats, 149 kayaks, 118 pontoons, 86 standup paddleboards, 49 inboard motorboats, 40 canoes, 22 other, 19 Jet ski/ wave runner, 10 sailboats, 2 rowboats, and 2 wakeboats. We could estimate about 247 divided by 774 or a third of these were retrievals.

Fishing boats totaled 111 and government boat visits were 6 of our 527 launches.

Boats came from 61 places including our own Harvey's Lake. (594 entered or were retrieved from Harvey's). Contaminated locations included Lake Champlain (with zebra mussels which attach to boats indefinitely, and all other existing contaminents) (5 boats), Clyde Pond (1), Crystal Lake in Barton (9), Eligo (1), Elmore (1), Fairlee (5), Halls Lake (5), Memphremegog (4), Lake Morey (5), Shadowin Glover (1), Ticklenaked Pond (11), Waterbury Reservoir (4), Willoughby (9), Winooski River (1) and Joe's Pond (7). These total 69 visitors but some were less recent than the previous 2 weeks making death of contamination likely, so not all needed decontamination. The Connecticut River which has localized milfoil contributed 17 boats. We decontaminated 63 boats. I do not know how good the computer is at informing monitors which waterbodies are high risk. I believe we clean all boats not from our own lake and used within the last 2 weeks if not one of the many already owner washed.

Greeters now input data on smart phones. Though sometimes challenging on a busy day, computer ability to list waterbody visited choices is vastly superior to boat monitor memory. Hopefully the computer also flags "risk". Many boats are cleaned before arrival and this should be a computer category, as well as still encouraged. So far we continue to keep Lake Harvey waters pure. Thanks are due our Greeters, boaters, our Lake Harvey





Association, our Barnet Selectboard and all residents who support our efforts and enjoy our lake environment. So far, so good. Prevention truly is the only cure...

Due to personal and weather events, I did not get to Vermont before October this year. I have attended, so far, online boat monitor training offered beginning in May, and invasive species presentations. Some of this information is available online. Please visit the websites mentioned below and read the relevant information. Our monitor approach is guided by Survey 123, and this is consistent with previous year approaches.

Go to Vermontlakes.org/newsletters/ Click on "Fall 2023 Newsletter" and scroll down to page 12. Find and click on "The Vermont Public Access Greeter Program" Here you will find seemingly all information.

"Greeter Training Materials": Survey 123 Watercraft Inspection Survey (1Phone, iPad), 2023 Vermont Infested Waterbodies List, Key to Vermont Aquatic Species 2021, Vermont Public Access Greeter Program Manual, Wakeboat Decontamination Fact Sheet 2024, many more manuals

Also worth exploring is: Anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ReportViewer2.aspx? Report=LakeScorecardLinksTable& ViewParms=True

This contains information about every lake in Vermont including plant and fish lists, depth, acres, and scorecard: water quality trends, mercury, shoreland conditions, and invasive species present or absent.

VERMONT USE OF PUBLIC WATER - LAWS & REGULATIONS

Safe Distance: Motorboats must operate at a speed that does not create an excessive wake when within 200 feet of a non-motorized boat. This means slowing down to no-wake speed in such proximity.

Right of Way: Non-motorized boats typically have the right of way over motorboats. Motorized vessels are required to yield to non-motorized vessels, allowing them to pass safely.

No-Wake Zones: In designated no-wake zones, all boats, including motorboats, must operate at the slowest speed possible to maintain steerage, ensuring no significant wake is created.

General Safety and Courtesy: Beyond specific distances and speeds, Vermont boating regulations emphasize the importance of maintaining safe and respectful behavior on the water. This includes avoiding close approaches that could create dangerous situations for non-motorized boaters.

LOON REPORT | Jan Parsons

LOOKING BACK: The two Harvey Lake nesting loon pairs returned to the lake by mid April 2024, following an early ice out on April 1, 2024. The southern pair soon started adding vegetation to their floating nesting raft at the south end of the lake. After a lot of housekeeping improvements, (additional vegetation) consistent nesting began about May 22. The two eggs hatched on June 19 and two chicks were soon with the adults as they brought them out to the lake nursery. Both chicks survived early challenges such as an eagle attack on Friday June 21 which I observed from the breakwater. The eagle circled overhead but when it swooped down to the surface one of the adult loons flapped its wings vigorously, rose out of the water and the eagle veered away. If there were later attacks, all were unsuccessful. The chicks grew and thrived. In late October, after the parents left, the chicks, now quite large, and getting their flight feathers, were seen feeding and preparing to leave for coastal waters.

The northern pair of loons spent several days exploring nesting sites in mid May in an area of the channel outlet that was close to the lake. They chose a spot, built up vegetation and began nesting about May 21 or 22. Nesting continued until May 30. On that day, the nest was abandoned, and the eggs disappeared. The adult loons were swimming together in the northern part of the lake. It appeared that the predator carried off the eggs.

The loons made another nesting attempt in June. They were observed gathering reeds to add to the previous nest on June 13 and were incubating on June 14. A loon was seen on the nest on June 15 but the nest was abandoned by June 16. Harvey Lake Condo residents, Lori and Gary Galinas, heard loud alarms from the loons at 4:30 AM on June 16 and shared that they had heard similar loon alarms at dawn on May 30. It appears that a predator was targeting the eggs soon after the loons start nesting. We had intended to install a game camera nearby once the loons started nesting but the predator acted before the camera was installed. Possible culprits include: raccoon, fisher, or fox. All of these predators have been seen in the area. The channel was closed for another two weeks but the loons stayed in the upper part of the lake and made no further effort to renest. They were seen together in the northern half of the lake and were sometimes accompanied by visiting loons. It was interesting to realize that had the loons continued to nest, it is unlikely that the eggs would have hatched before the flood of July 10 since July 13 would have been the 28th day of incubation.

Overall, Common Loons in Vermont had another successful nesting season in 2024. According to the Vermont Loon Conservation Project (VLCP) Summary, there were 123 nesting pairs in 2024. 85 pairs successfully hatched 125 chicks with 81 of them surviving through August. The total of 157 territorial pairs was the highest ever and an increase of eight from the previous high of 149 in 2023.





SPRING 2025: the Harvey's Lake loon pairs arrived soon after ice out on April 7. The southern pair have been seen adding vegetation to their nesting raft close to the Dufresne's shoreline. The raft was prepared by Chris and Red. Eloise Gerard, the assistant state loon biologist, will be bringing new materials to stabilize the platform. It looks like the southern pair will soon be set up housekeeping and tending their nest. The northern pair were observed on May 10, swimming along the channel at the Harvey Lake Condos looking at the vegetated areas along the edge. Unfortunately this area has been flooded by heavy rains this Spring and the build up of branches on the beaver dam half way down the channel. The additional 1.5 inch of rain on May 17 will prolong the high water in the lake this Spring. Right now it appears that the northern pair are seeking a nesting location further down the channel and closer to the beaver dam. We will report on the actual location and need to close the channel to boating when nesting begins.

While waiting for the loons to nest, we are also awaiting statements from the Vermont Department of Conservation on any changes to the list of Vermont lakes approved for Wake Sports. New guidance is planned according to testimony by DEC staff on May 4, 2025 before the Senate Natural Resources Committee. However, any recommendations to reduce the number of approved lakes will need to go through a public comment process this summer and then be approved by a legislative committee. Nothing will change this summer. Concerns about wake sports activity having a negative impact on loon habitat was a common thread among comments submitted after the 2024 boating season. Any new proposed guidance will be publicized to Vermont Lake Associations when announced.

MANY THANKS to Chris and Red Dufresne, who host the nesting raft of the southern loon pair on their shore line, for their vigilance, keeping track of nesting behavior and predator activity. THANKS also to Bonnie Easter for wrangling the Loon Nest Warning sign at the entrance to the Channel. The sign is in place while the northern loons are nesting. And thanks to the many residents of Harvey's Lake and our local communities who care about the welfare of our Common Loons.

If you see a loon in trouble, Please contact me. Remember: "extreme preening", loons splashing and contorting themselves as if tangled in fishing line, is almost always just normal grooming behavior. I try to monitor the Lake Harvey Association Facebook page as well.

Jan Parsons, Loon Monitor, Harvey's Lake. jpeacham@aol.com 802-633-3174 landline 508-314-0922 cell.

Contact info for Eric Hanson, loon biologist and Eloise Girard, assistant loon biologist:

email: Loon@vtecostudies.org. Telephone 802-586-8065.

NATURE SURROUNDS US | Karla Cornelius

OUR LAKE HARVEY EAGLES, FIREWORKS, LOONS AND BEAVERS



That a pair of eagles decided last year to make Lake Harvey their home has been a delight, a concern and an education.

They build their nests while still winter, lay eggs, and if all goes well raise hatched "eaglets" who "fledge" by or in early July. Last summer, our eagles constructed a nest in the tall pines at the beach, and often visited the nest, but there were never any signs of eaglets present. To be sure, we arranged for a drone pilot, and photos and video clearly provided proof of an empty failed nest.

We contacted Audubon Senior Conservation eagle biologist Margaret Fowle, and Jillian Kilborn, Vermont Fish & Wildlife bird biologist with regulatory authority in this area – who visited and observed the site – for feedback and advice. They concluded we were fine to launch our annual fireworks from the usual beach location. We thank both experts for their knowledgeable assistance, along with Christen Emerson and the Beach Committee and town and lake residents, for their interest and concern.

And then came the devastating floods. Almost a year later, our beach is finally restored, and although we thought the eagles might choose a more peaceful part of our lake for this year's nest, and thus increase their odds





photo credit Gail Flyni

of successfully producing offspring, they have chosen the same nest in the tall pines. Our drone pilot once again provided photos, this year showing one, perhaps two, baby eaglets in the nest (see below).

We investigated alternatives for our display – we viewed the Lake Sunapee Drone Show (short, unexciting and cost prohibitive), and searched, thus far without success, for another workable location on the lake. Perhaps in the future we can rent a barge from which to launch, if feasible and affordable.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists fireworks under "Temporary Impact"; a permit is only needed if the nest is "in use" – i.e. being used to raise young eagles. As the latter is the case, and we wish to assure no harm, we have decided to postpone this year's display until summer's end when all eaglets have departed. Town and lake residents are ever hopeful our special fireworks may once again light our skies and lift our spirits! Stay tuned...

And then there are the beavers! In their search





for home building and food supplies, last fall they foraged properties around our lake, leaving behind short sticks where once there were beautiful trees and shrubs. Their dam grew taller than ours, heightening our lake's water level. LHA voted to install "beaver deceivers" to discourage beaver activity.

While the eagle pair's transition from visitor to resident offers often breathtaking moments of magnificent flight, their presence creates an additional challenge for our beloved loons and chicks. We hope our enhanced natural world allows both eagles and loons to survive and thrive, and that ALL of us who inhabit our special environment can peaceably co-exist.

LAKE HARVEY GREEN UP DAY

The 2025 Lake Harvey Weekend (July 19-20) will include the first annual LAKE HARVEY GREEN UP!

This new event is intended to help keep Harvey's Lake green and beautiful. Individuals and families who participate will clean up bottles, cans, and plastic along the perimeter of the lake - unfortunately there is a lot if it - during Lake Harvey Weekend (July 19-20). Those interested should come to the Lake Harvey Association Annual Meeting and Potluck on Friday, July 18th, at 5:00pm, where we will devote a few minutes to organizing this event. All involved will receive a Lake Harvey oval car magnet, designed by Peacham artist Dean Borstein, as thanks for their participation. If you wish to participate but cannot attend the LHA meeting on Friday, please contact Eric Goldberg at egoldber@mit.edu.

SUNNY BEACH, A SNIPPET FROM ITS HISTORY | Kathleen Monroe

There's little argument that a day at the beach, swimming, boating, suntanning, building sand castles, diving, reading with your toes dipped in the shoreline water, or playing on a playground is a great hot summer pastime.

Barnet did not always have a Town Beach. The area we know as our Town Beach was under private proprietorship for quite some time.

In 1934, the property on which the beach now stands was owned by three families: widow Harriet Bailey Stinson Choate (1876-1969), the Steeles, and Blanche Gammon Pierce (1877-1934). The Steele lot served the "Lakeside Resort" and the Pavilion Lane property owned by Robert Steele.

Research suggests that West Barnet's Sunny Beach-Lakeside opened in 1930 under the proprietorship of Clara Brock Pierce. "Sunny Beach—Lakeside" offered the area's ever-popular chicken dinners, probably served in Blanche's home (see photo below).

Clara Brock Pierce, Blanche Pierce's daughter, was responsible for the development of Sunny Beach.

Clara (1902-1993) was born in Barnet, Vermont. The family moved to Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1910. In 1925, Clara was awarded a teacher training diploma from the Cleveland (Ohio) School of Art. She was described as an artist and fine china restorer in her obituary.

On June 17, 1934, Clara married her second husband, Dale Astle Daniels. They had one son, Dick.

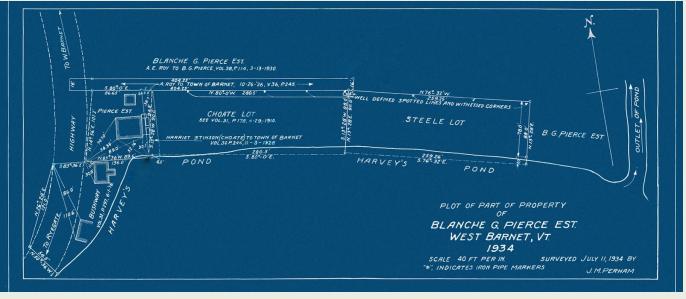
Blanche's estate was surveyed on July 11, 1934. A building that served as the family home was located at what is now 20 Sunny Beach Lane.

Clara and Dale operated Sunny Beach House on Sunny Beach Lane, where bath houses, light lunches, and "soda pop" were sold. Locals called it "The Hot Dog Stand." The couple lived in St. Johnsbury during the off-season.

Putting our heads together, Cap Raeder and I estimated that the Hot Dog Stand enjoyed its last summer of operation in 1960.

In 1936, Dale Astle Daniels (1900-1940), Clara's husband, built a 16-foot floating raft at Harvey's Pond off Sunny Beach. The raft sported a diving tower.







The Blanche Gammon Pierce house, Sunny Beach, is directly ahead. This building burned in 1946. To the left is the home built by Harleigh Bushway (1850-1929). Bushway was an organizer of the West Barnet Creamery, founded in 1906. He built on Harvey Lake in 1917. It was subsequently owned by his daughter, Viva Bushway McKinley Callahan Stoddard. Ownership passed to Popzi Callahan Logan, daughter of Viva and William, and Red Logan, her husband. Don and Marcia Burke, the current owners, purchased it. We conjecture that Clara named Sunny Beach.









Clara named Sunny Beach Lane's Dic-a-Doo cottage after her son Richard "Dick" Allen Daniels Brock (1937-1965). Dic-A-Doo is at 17 Sunny Beach Lane. The Dic-A-Doo hearth bears the date 5 May 1938.

Dic-A-Doo shared the single lot with the Hot Dog Stand. The Hot Dog stand stood at what is now George and Doris Pierce's camp at 17 Sunny Beach Lane.

In 1938, Dale Daniels installed a water slide at Sunny Beach.

In March 1940, tragedy struck. Dale Daniels, age 39, died suddenly at his home on Federal Street in St. Johnsbury. He succumbed to coronary artery disease just as he was leaving his house that day for Charles Millar and Son, where he was employed as a plumbing and steam-fitting salesman. Daniels was a Lake Harvey Regatta Club/Committee member and the Lake Fish

and Game Club. On March 5, 1940, three days after Daniels' death, Barnet Selectmen were authorized by the voters to purchase "the bathing beach at Harvey's Lake," a waterfront playground, for \$500. But Clara would not sell the property for another thirty-two years.

Clara Brock's summer house once sat on the town beach where the new playground is now. The home was constructed in or about 1950-1952.

Bob Perrin bought Blanche Pierce's vacant lot.

In 1950, Clara's official residence was St. Petersburg, Florida. Around that time, Clara and her new husband, Bill Brock, built a white house with yellow shutters where the new town beach playground equipment is now installed beside the lake outlet. In 2011, the house was moved to Harvey Mountain Road by Clara's grandson, Rick Horn.

EVENTS

SUMMER 2025 AT HARVEY'S LAKE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Seasonal	Ongoing	LEVITT AMP ST JOHNSBURY MUSIC SERIES DOG MOUNTAIN - 143 Parks Road, St Johnsbury	www.concerts.levittamp.org
June 28	11:00 am - 54:00 pm	ANNUAL BURKLYN SUMMER CRAFT FAIR - Wildflower Inn, Darling Hill Ridge, Lyndonville	burklynarts40@gmail.com www.Burklyn-Arts.org
Jul 7 thru Jul 9	Jul 7: 8:30, 11:15, 2:00 Jul 8 & 9: 8:30, 11:00, 1:30	WATERSKI CAMP AT LAKE HARVEY Instructor: legendary Steve Dolgin	tickets.catamountarts.org
Jul 18	5:00 pm Meeting 6:00 pm Potluck	LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER Beach Pavilion	lakeharveyassociation@lakeharvey.com
Jul 18	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	17TH ANNUAL LHA DONOR REWARD CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH - Cornelius Cottage	RSVP: Harry & Karla Cornelius 561-512-2223
Jul 19		LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION EVENTS	www.lakeharvey.com
	8:00 am	Mile long yard sale, West Barnet	
	12:30 pm	Boat Parade (non-motorized boats)	2024 THEME SUMMER IN VERMONT
	1:00 pm	Boat Parade (motorized boats)	Jan Sherman 802-535-2832
	11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Barnet Fire Department's Chicken BBQ West Barnet Church	For reservations call Ron Morse, 633-2595
	4:00 pm	Ice Cream Social at Harvey's Lake Pavilion	Red & Chris Dufrense 802-633-3711
	5:00 pm	Boat parade awards, Watercraft Raffle winners announced at 5:00 pm on Facebook Page	Jan Sherman 802-535-2832
Jul 19		LOON WATCH DAY (Annual one day count throughout Vermont)	Eric Hansen 802 586-8065
Aug 3	9:30 am- 11:00 pm	94TH DANVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR - Danville Town Green	www.danvillevtchamber.org
Aug 9	11:00 am- 4:00 pm	SMIRKFEST - Circus Smirkus Camp, Greensboro	Info, Tickets, www.smirkus.org
Aug 17	11:00 am & 4:00 pm	CIRCUS SMIRKUS - BIG TOP FINALE The Circus Barn, Greensboro	Info, Tickets & Camp Registration www. smirkus.org
Aug 20 Aug 21 -24	Gates open 4 pm Gates open 7 am	CALEDONIA COUNTY FAIR 1 Fairground Road, Lyndonville, Vermont	802-427-4404 www.caledoniacountyfair.com
Aug 23	At Dusk	LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION FIREWORKS OVER LAKE	
Sep 4	8:30 am Register 9 am Meeting	FOVLAP ANNUAL MEETING	Info at www.vermontlakes.org
Sep 21	9:00am Register 10:00 Ceremony Walk follows	ST. JOHNSBURY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S Welcome Center, 51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury	Jenna Smith - 802 316-3839 ext 8015 jemsmith@alz.org
Sep 27	9am - 3 pm	BURKE FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL East Burke	burkevermont.com

EVENTS

SUMMER 2025 AT HARVEY'S LAKE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Oct 5	10 am – 4 pm	AUTUMN ON THE GREEN - ARTS, CRAFTS, FOOD, FUN - Danville Town Green	www.danvillevtchamber.org
NOI	RTHEAST KING	www.lakeharvey.net	
Oct 2		Peacham Day – Lunch, arts & crafts, special farmer's market, ghost walk, Italian dinner	
Oct 3		Barnet Day - Pancake breakfast, crafts, European coffee hour, wagon rides, tours, ham dinner	
Oct 4	10 am reg. 11 am race	Ducky Day - Rubber Ducky Race Ben's Mill, Barnet, VT	www.bensmill.com
Oct 5		Groton Day - Lumberjack breakfast, parade, music, world famous chicken pot pie dinner	
Year Round		CATAMOUNT ARTS – Music, film, dance, art, education, events	www.catamountarts.com



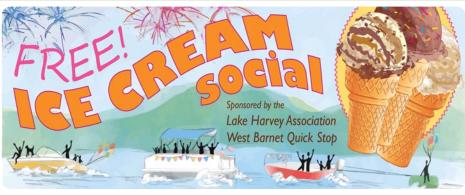
CIRCUS SMIRKUS

Smirifest is back, and better than everl Join us this summer for an annual communitywide celebration of circus and the arts hosted at the one and only Smirkus Camp campus in beautiful Greensboro, Vermont. Our multiple big top tents will be open to the public for a day of performances, play, workshops, demos, food and fun! When: Saturday, August 9, 2025

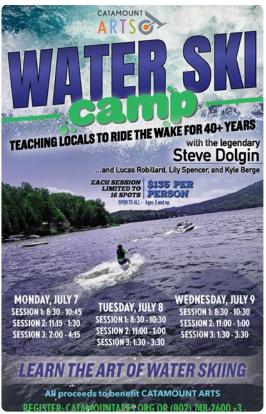
Time: 11:00 AM-4:00 pm

Location: Circus Smirkus Gamp, 409 Breezy Avenue, Greensboro, VT









BURKE MOUNTAIN - New Owners Announce Major Upgrades, Pledge To Restore Resort's Community Roots



Bear Den Partners say they are launching immediate upgrades to snowmaking, lift operations and hospitality services as part of a plan to restore the Vermont ski area's standing as a beloved independent resort. Emphasizing its ties to the Northeast Kingdom community, the group also pledged continued support for the Kingdom Trails mountain biking network and hinted at future investments in summer infrastructure and facility rehabilitation. The sale ends nearly a decade of financial and legal uncertainty stemming from its involvement in the Jay Peak EB-5 visa fraud scandal. The new ownership group includes the Graham family of Burke, Burke Mountain Academy, and the Schaefer family, operators of Berkshire East and Catamount ski areas.

-Sourced from article with photo, by Paul Hayes, Littleton Record Staff Writer, 5/5/2025

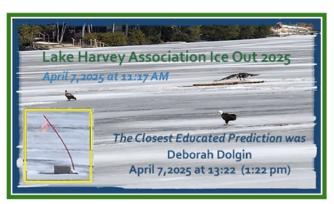
BARNET CELEBRATES NEW TOWN HALL



What began as a church before shifting to municipal ownership and subsequent use for town meetings, basketball games, local stage productions, and more has entered the next phase of its life. After over a decade of planning and work, town officials debuted the newly renovated town hall at 160 Church Street.

Dylan Ford, co-chair of the Select Board, thanked the community members turning out. "We're all standing here because the people of Barnet understand that our history is an essential part of our character. In order to maintain a part of that character we hold dear through all the changes the world outside throws at us, we have to remind ourselves of those who came before us as we look to where we want to take our town in the future."

Sourced from the Caledonian Record, 5/19/25, Article & Photo by Staff Writer Robert Blechl





Though retired, The Rev. Danny Massie, right, left South Carolina to serve as the minister of the West Barnet Presbyterian Church, with plans to stay for about a year until a permanent minister is found

BARNET CHURCH ENLISTS SOUTH CAROLINA MINISTER TO SERVE FOR A YEAR

"We'd love people to come visit us and check it out," he said. "I think people join the church for one of two reasons. Either they feel needed by the church, and most churches need folks, or they have a need in their life where they need a church family and a support group. I think there are a lot of folks out there who would benefit from the church and the church would benefit from them"

Source Caledonian Record, Robert Blechl, Staff Writer

2024 - WIN THIS KAYAK!

Thank You Steve Dolgin for donating the kayak and to Village Sports for contributing the O'Brien RIO paddle board at cost for their generosity!



CONGRATS 2024 KAYAK WINNER JEAN CHAGNON!

CONGRATS AS WELL TO 2024 PADDLEBOARD WINNER CLOVER LEWIS

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BIG THANKS to Steve Dolgin for donating the kayak (3 years in a row!), and to The Great Outdoors for contributing (again!) the O'Brien KONA paddle board complete package. SO appreciated!

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