



## The Lake Harvey Association Newsletter | Summer 2026

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE | Emil Pollak

#### LAKE HARVEY. OUR HAPPY PLACE.

As I write this in mid-April, the ice is off the lake and ducks and loons have reappeared. The eagles have also returned, but they will not prevent our fireworks display this summer. We have arranged for the fireworks to be launched from a barge near the middle of the lake. This will also allow for the beach area to be used for viewing and the lake association is working with the beach committee to arrange for food vendors and other activities at the beach before and during the display. Boats will have to stay 400 feet away from the barge but there will be ample opportunity for boat and shore viewing of the display. An additional advantage of the use of a barge is that a different firework type will be used which produces only paper as debris which will sink and rapidly biodegrade.

The fireworks will be the highlight of our traditional lake weekend on July 17-19 but we have numerous other activities planned. On Friday evening the 17th we will have our annual meeting followed by a pot luck dinner and social time. On Saturday the 18th there will be the mile long yard sale, the boat parade with a theme celebrating our country's 250th birthday, the ice cream social and other activities at the beach, then the fireworks at dusk. On Sunday we will sponsor clean-up/ green up activity around the lake. Please see the full schedule inside the newsletter for more details.

Our greeters at the boat landing did a great job last year and prevented any invasive species from entering our pristine lake. They will be hard at work again this year. Please allow them to inspect and if necessary, wash your watercraft before launching it in the lake. Particular concerns are with bait wells on fishing boats and ballast tanks on wake boats. If your boat has been in another lake before coming to Harvey's please make sure those areas have been flushed and have no plant debris. Prevention is the only cure.

New rules on the appropriate size of a "wakesport zone" on lakes are being considered by the state but have not been finalized at the time I am writing this. The rules would apply to the use of ballast tanks and other devices to create enhanced wakes for wake surfing. Current rules require a 200 foot distance from shore and other watercraft or people in the water. The new rules would extend that distance to 500 feet and require a continuous 3000 foot run area. How that will be applied to the irregular shape of our lake is not clear at this time. It may restrict wakesports to only the exact center of the lake or preclude them entirely. A more detailed discussion is inside the newsletter.

More information on lake protection and articles on loons, the dam, the waterski camp and changes around the lake are inside.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer at 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 Town's 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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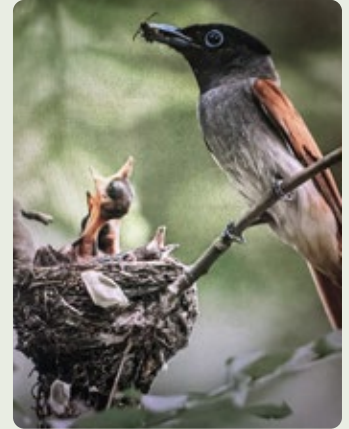
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## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER | Kyle Berge

The Lake Harvey Association is fortunate to benefit from the continued support of our members. Annual cottage dues remain just \$25 and are tax-deductible, as are additional contributions for lake preservation, fireworks, and other initiatives at the Board's discretion. Your generosity helps sustain the Association's efforts to preserve Harvey's Lake for current and future generations.

**Reminder: Annual membership dues and additional donations can be made online at [LakeHarvey.Fun](http://LakeHarvey.Fun). The website also provides links to purchase raffle tickets, notecards, and Ice Out tickets.**

Thank you to all our returning and new members for your ongoing support!



## APPRECIATIVE THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS:

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*A very special thanks from all of us to the Seward and Cecelia Johnson Foundation for its thoughtful, significant and meaningful contributions to our lake environment and our fireworks tradition.*



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**A REMEMBRANCE, AND A SHORT HISTORY OF OUR GREETER PROGRAM | Karla Cornelius**



Kathy Wirthwein left us behind late last summer after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

We held a remembrance party, and scattered ashes among her special woodland ferns at her beloved lake and Ohio home. We saved a sampling of treasures and artistic creations, to remind us of her spirit, talent, work, love of beauty and generosity – a life well and fully lived, full bore throughout, and a presence now greatly missed by those of us still here.

Kathy spent every summer of her life, as have I, at Lake Harvey. She loved it here more than any other place in the world. When our Lake Harvey Association started the Greeter Program all those many years ago (then simply called a boat monitoring program), she was the first Greeter, and spent her days with just a lawn chair from which to monitor. John Guilmette of Fish & Wildlife then designed a small booth so that the chair, and Kathy, at least had a roof overhead. Kathy was a researcher, and when we decided to ask the Town of Barnet to contribute to our program, she helped compile economic and other data to illustrate why that support would benefit the greater community. At the next Town meeting, all voted in favor of a \$10,000 annual contribution, and Town support has continued ever since. We work together to obtain grant monies toward that goal, an ongoing mutual endeavor.

As the threat of milfoil grew, we next built our state-of-the-art Greeter Station, complete with creature comforts and a hot water pressure wash. State environmental agencies, Barnet residents and Selectboard, and lake residents and visitors bestowed congrats and kudos. Our Association membership grew, donations increased, more Greeters were hired. Protection was paramount.

Fish & Wildlife then revised its rules and insisted we downsize our wonderful Station to create two additional parking spaces. Greeters spent the summer monitoring traffic patterns and vehicles, noting as well the types of watercraft and activities. They photographed the parking area hourly and Sherm Sprague tracked results daily. Kathy, with help from Dee Robinson, assembled the evidence to create a presentation documenting that no more spaces were at any time need-



ed. In the end, LHA Board member and abutting land owner Red Dufresne offered to increase the size of the access property by donating land equaling the two parking spaces. Harry Cornelius negotiated the deal, and our Station was allowed to stay. It winters on Red's adjacent property, and returns to the access each year Memorial Day weekend until summer turns to fall.

Don Easter served as supervisor – with a welcoming smile for all boaters – for over a decade until his death in 2024. Joe Breidenstein thankfully volunteered to take his place, and serves today with equal commitment. You will find him there this season, making a difference.

Kathy spent every summer since the inception of our monitor program happily greeting and inspecting all boats that came and went. Over all those years she also wrote the annual boat monitor report for the Town and our newsletter. She was totally dedicated to our lake, our mission and



our motto **"Prevention is our only cure, help us keep Lake Harvey pure!"**

**Our Greeters are on duty from 7am until 7:00pm throughout the summer boating season.**

**We honor Kathy, and thank all who follow in her footsteps, for their ongoing vigilance.**

**Thus far, invasive species have been kept at bay, and our waters remain pure.**

### SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AS OF APRIL 8, 2026

The following briefly describes the activities of the Environmental Committee (EC) from April 2025 through March 2026 and our plans going forward.

The T2 manhole diverts a portion of the runoff from the farms on Roy Mountain Rd. away from the Lake. To ensure that as much runoff as possible is being diverted, two game cameras were installed in May to record operation during high flows events. Unfortunately, storm events last summer were not large enough to trigger the cameras, although water was found to be leaking past the bypass pipe to the Lake. In late July, concrete was placed in the bottom of the manhole to seal the leak.

Completed planning, permitting and design of a pipe in the outlet channel to bypass a persistent beaver dam with the hope that they would relocate. After the existing dam was removed, the beavers voluntarily decided to move and began construction of a new dam further downstream. Unfortunately, they selected a somewhat less advantageous location: downstream of the confluence of the outlet channel and South Peacham Brook. Until the beavers are permanently relocated (trapper) the dam deconstruction will continue.

In July, the equipment used for water sampling under the Lay Monitoring program was replaced with new, upgraded equipment.

In August, met with Lake property owners and the DEC regarding permitting of improvements to correct sediments deposited after the July 2024 storm.

Throughout the fall and winter, members attended Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP) seminars

addressing the details associated with conducting a Lake Watershed Action Plan with the goal of determining whether this important work can be completed without using consultants.

Much of the effort to protect Lake water quality involves stormwater runoff. In August, we discussed the LWAP with the Natural Resources Conservation District of Caledonia County (NRCDC). The NRCDC recently advised that they were issued a grant to assist landowners in conducting Lake Wise assessments, which are often incorporated into a LWAP. Much of the work of the EC in 2026 will be to assist the NRCDC with these efforts. Additional information on these initiatives will be made available in the not-too-distant future.

Anyone interested in joining the Environmental Committee, would be gladly welcomed.



### "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?

1. 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 shore-

line. 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.

FEDERATION OF VERMONT LAKES AND PONDS | Pat Suozzi, President

What a winter we have had – so cold, so snowy, just like years gone by. But neither cold, nor ice, nor snow slowed down FOVLAP.

January marks the beginning of the legislative session and this has been a busy one for us. The session began with several members of the Legislative Committee spending a day at the Statehouse to meet and talk with legislators about lake health issues. Hearings were held by the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee on two lake related bills, S.224 and S.223 and I had the honor of testifying on both. While S.223 advanced to the House, where I also testified on S.224, which was tabled and did not make it out of committee.

In December, the Agency of Natural Resources opened formal rulemaking on revisions to the Use of Public Waters Rules. Several public meetings were held which were attended by FOVLAP board members. In addition, we submitted a statement and a set of written comments during the public comment period and posted them on our website here.

Throughout the winter, our lunch time webinar series continued with webinars on the "model my watershed" tool, phragmites control, and dirt roads. See [www.Vermontlakes.org](http://www.Vermontlakes.org) for more details. You can find recordings of these and all of our webinars on our website.

As we do every year, we begin the summer with the Lake Seminar on Friday, June 5. This year the theme is Hidden Worlds: Life under the Surface. Learn about all that is going on in your lake. We'll gather in person at the South Burlington Public Library and there will be a zoom option. More details and registration information can be found on our website. A few years ago, we brought together representatives from lakes working on controlling Eurasian watermilfoil infestations to share information and discuss the trials and tribulations of managing this invasive. These conversations were so fruitful that this group has been meeting regularly since as the Milfoil Solutions Discussion Group. As a result of this, we started two more discussion groups: 30 Lakes Discussion Group for lakes currently eligible to host wake sports and the Dam Discussion Group for lakes concerned about and/or dealing with dams. These groups are informal – no set agenda or necessary deliverables. They are a chance for people from our member associations who are working on that particular issue to get together to share information, learn from each other, and provide help and advice. Send me an email ([pat.suozzi@vermontlakes.org](mailto:pat.suozzi@vermontlakes.org)) if you are working on one of these issues and would like to receive notices of meetings, or if you have an idea for a specific topic that might be of interest.

Summer means a return to the lakes of many and it also means a chance to have a FOVLAP board member visit your lake association. We're happy to come out and talk about what FOVLAP is doing, discuss the various issues facing our lakes, and answer questions but we also want to hear from you and your members about how FOVLAP can help and support you and your work. Visits can be with your board, or a presentation or Q&A at your annual meeting, or an informal chat with interested community members. We are already scheduling visits for the summer so if you would like to have us come out, please contact Deborah Miuccio at [deborah.miuccio@vermontlakes.org](mailto:deborah.miuccio@vermontlakes.org).



I have been reading the recently released draft of The Nature Record. I highly recommend you take a look at this report, especially Chapter 7 "Inland Water Ecosystems of the US". It is enlightening, disheartening, and deeply concerning. It is a reminder to us of how valuable our work here is and how important it is to keep spreading the word that these resources are precious and cannot be taken for granted.

All of the work we do is thanks to you, our members and supporters, our dedicated and knowledgeable board, and our amazing staff person and Outreach Coordinator, Deborah Miuccio. Most of all, your hard work, your dedication, and your passion make hope possible in these difficult times.



Lake Harvey, [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

**IS YOUR PROPERTY LAKE FRIENDLY?**

**Sign 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 clear. 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://dnr.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakeshores/lake-wise/award>  
To sign up for an evaluation, call Kerry O'Brien at 802-424-3149 or email [Kerry.obrien@vt.nacdnr.net](mailto:Kerry.obrien@vt.nacdnr.net)



## BARNET DAM COMMITTEE REPORT | Red Dufresne

The Barnet Dam Committee (BDC) has recently received a completed Hydraulics & Hydrology (H&H) memorandum from the engineering firm of McFarland Johnson, Inc. Members of the dam committee, which include Dylan Ford, George Coppentrath, Joe Mangiapane, Richard Downer, and Red Dufresne, are currently reviewing this document. This memorandum includes the output of a complex computer model which theoretically replicates the area upstream of the dam with emphasis on the Lake Harvey outlet channel and the South Peacham Brook. Using this model engineers can assess the water flow patterns and water surface elevations for various conditions including flood events and including comparisons of alternative future improvements. Although there have been several studies that defined flood effects downstream of the dam, this is the first H&H study used to simulate upstream conditions.

The hydraulic conditions upstream of the dam are difficult to assess due to the confluence of the South Peacham Brook that joins the Lake Harvey outlet channel just upstream of the dam. These two watersheds are quite different in water runoff rates and peaking time. In fact, state officials at the Vermont Dam Safety Program (DSP) indicate this is the only such situation in Vermont where a brook enters a lake outlet stream upstream of a dam. Unfortunately for us, this results in water from South Peacham Brook back-flowing directly into Lake Harvey during storm events. There are two factors that create this backflow condition including:

- The hydrologic characteristics of the two watersheds
- The negligible difference in elevation between normal lake level and the crest of the dam

Runoff from Lake Harvey watershed is slow to run off due to mostly forested areas and peak flows are further buffered out due to storage characteristics of the lake itself. However, the South Peacham Brook watershed has a much faster time of travel from agricultural areas and peak flows arrive at the dam hours before flood flows arrive at the dam from Lake Harvey. When the flood flow from South Peacham Brook arrives at the dam, the water level rises at the dam and quickly becomes higher than the normal lake level. The higher water surface at the dam causes South Peacham Brook water to flow south into Lake Harvey through the Lake outlet channel carrying silt and nutrients into the lake.

The goal of the BDC was to modify the dam to allow more flow over the dam without increasing the upstream water level by using an inflatable bladder dam. This device would be inflated to replicate the existing dam crest level during normal flows but would deflate during flood flows. This proposed bladder would in effect lower the dam crest by 3 feet along 85 feet of the dam in a flood condition to prevent backflow into the Lake.

However, the H&H model indicated that although there was reduced backflow into the lake for storms less than a ten-year event, the reduction was not significant for higher storm events such as 25-year or greater events. Using the model, we simulated other alternative improvements to increase the ability of the dam to pass water downstream to the Stevens River instead of backflowing into the lake.

Some Barnet residents recall the dam that existed prior to the current dam constructed in 1970. This older dam had two large manually operated sluice (bottom-up) gates that were opened during storm events. This operation passed significant flow downstream of the dam along with the fine sediment carried during flood events from the South Peacham Brook watershed. As the bladder only provided limited results, we analyzed a hypothetical five-foot-wide sluice gate with a reduced bladder length from 85 feet to 60 feet to allow space for the sluice gate. However, the model indicated that even with the bladder fully deflated and the sluice gate wide open, the reduction in backflow into the lake was not significant.

After reviewing these results, it became clear that the extensive deposition of silt which has occurred over the past 50 years in the areas upstream of the dam severely limited the ability to get flow to the dam regardless of any improvements made at the dam. Further model runs simulating a deeper and wider channel for the South Peacham Brook between the dam and the Harvey Mountain Road Bridge indicated that we could eliminate backflow for storms up the 25-year event with a bladder sixty feet in length and a 5-foot-wide sluice gate. Based on these results the BDC decided to pursue dam improvements which included both a bladder and a sluice gate as well as dredging between the bridge at Harvey Mountain Road to the dam. However, due to state permit procedures, the BDC members opted to pursue the dam improvement permit separately from the dredging permit.

The next step includes revising the Basis of Design Report to reflect the revisions to the project concept based on the model results and submitting the document to the Vermont Dam Safety Program for review and comment.

This Basis of Design Report is being prepared by volunteer members of the BDC. We intend to submit the report by July 31, 2026.

Finally, the BDC opted to file a separate dam alteration permit to fabricate and install a bar rack upstream of the two-foot square low-level gate to prevent debris from lodging in the gate area when the gate is opened.

As a reminder, minutes of the BDC are posted on the Town's web site.



*East side of dam looking upstream at stopboards (left) and fish ladder (right)*

**HARVEY'S LAKE BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT | Kathleen Monroe**



Barnet Town Beach Committee Report: We jubilantly moved past the 2024 summer floods, and Barnet residents, outlying community members, and visitors were, once again, able to enjoy sunny days at Harvey Lake Beach in 2025.

The Town's Beach Committee busied itself organizing flood repairs, crafting a handbook and daily checklist for employees, writing job descriptions, reviewing submissions for a new beach logo and rule signage, compiling a punchlist of maintenance chores, and supervising completion of upgrades, removal of unused equipment, door and toilet replacements, fresh paint, and Pavilion rental. A number of picnic tables will be replaced this summer with sturdy steel tables. We partner with the Lake Harvey Association to bring you many of this year's events. Gatherings being considered for the 2026 season include a cornhole tournament, beach yoga and/or line dancing classes, the annual ice cream social, a newly designed fireworks display that substantially reduces eagle impact, and a line-up of special events on fireworks day, concerts, and a silent auction.

We will have t-shirts and hats for sale bearing our new logo. We anticipate hiring a lifeguard and offering swim lessons. An LHA member, Jan Sherman, attends our monthly meetings. We are keeping an eye out for the eagles' nesting choices this year.

The Beach Committee thanks the Seward and Cecelia Johnson Foundation for a generous donation dedicated to beach improvements. We express our gratitude to the many volunteers for their unstinting donation of labor following the 2024 flooding.

No boats, kayaks, paddleboards, or canoes are allowed within the roped-off swimming area. We ask that boaters not dock at nearby private docks. No paws on our beach, no poo on our shoes: keep the sand clean and the birds safe.

To rent the Pavilion for your next event, contact: Samantha Zita Furbert 802-274-7095

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Kathleen Monroe, and Kylie Hutchins  
Beach Manager- Samantha Zita Furbert



## 2025 WINNERS - THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT | Don Burke



1st Grand Prize - The Redneck Yacht Club "Thriller"



2nd - Traina & Wortham Families - "Scooby Doo"



3rd - The Partridge Family - "Monster Mash"



Most Humorous - "Starry Night" - The Lewis & Trafani Families



Most Enthusiastic - "Beetle Juice" - The Bradley family



Most original - The King Family



"The Cornfield" - The Locke Family



NON MOTORIZED: Tied for 1st: "Spooky Girls" - Deb Dolgin & Paula Kitchel and "Boney" - Craig Calkins



## HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY USA

On July 4th we celebrate the 250th birthday of America, the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Back then we were a young nation, not very sophisticated; perhaps a bit reckless, but hell bent on a concept that everyone is created equal and entitled to the pursuit of happiness. It turned out to be the greatest experiment in world history. It all began in 1776, and while not yet perfected, progress is ongoing, and celebration is in order.

So, after 250 years, what are those things you - and the world - think of as uniquely "American"? Be proud! Be creative!

"Happy 250th Birthday USA" is this year's boat parade theme.

THINGS THAT ARE  
UNIQUELY AMERICAN

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

(Rainout Sunday, July 19th)

Non-motorized group: 12:30 pm

Motorized Group: 1:00 pm

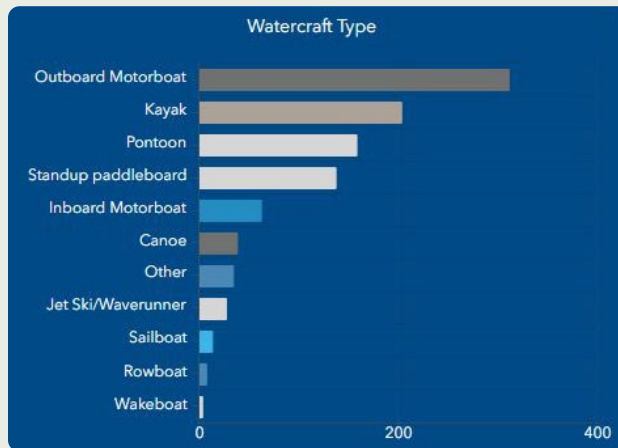
Contact Jan Sherman

to register: 802 535-2832

2025 BOAT MONITOR REPORT | Jan Parsons

**HARVEY'S LAKE BOAT ACCESS**

In 2025, seven trained greeters were employed at our greeter station between late May and mid September. Jackie and Sherm Sprague were also trained and provided support when needed. The table below gives the vessel statistics for the 2026 season.



GREETED -	993
INSPECTED -	767
DECONTAMINATED -	110
PRESSURE WASHED -	110
PRESSURE WASHED REJECTED -	64

TYPE OF VESSEL:			
Outboard Motorboat	311	Other	34
Kayak	203	Jet Ski/Wavenmner	27
Pontoon	158	Sailboat	13
Standup Paddleboard	137	Rowboat	7
Inboard Motor	62	Wakeboat	3
Canoe	38		



**LAST WATER BODY (LWB) totals for BOATS In the 2025 SEASON:**

Harvey's - TT1; Connecticut River C - 15; Joe's Pond C - 15; Molly's Falls - Marshfield Dam - 14; Ewell Pond - 10; Willoughby C - 9; Peacham Pond - 8; Keiser Pond - 7; Caspian Lake - 6; Fairlee C - 6; Crystal C - 6; Martin's Pond - 5; Moore Reservoir - 5; Shadow (Concord VT) - 5; Amherst - 4; Champlain - Burlington Bay C - 4; Ticklenaked Pond - 4; Bristol Pond - 3; Groton - 3; Lake Masoon, a NH - 3; Mliier Pond - 3; Lake Morey C - 3; Ricker Pond - 3; Waterbury Reservoir C - 3; Baker Pond - 2; Crystal Enfield NH - 2; Memphremagog C - 2; Old Marsh - 2; St Catherine's C - 2; Woodward Reservoir Vt - 2. The following lakes were the LWB before Harvey's once in 2025: Buck, Curtis, Eden, Forest, Grafton, Halls C, Harriman Reservoir, Kettle Pond, Lamoille River, Long Pond, Maidstone, Norton, Rood Pond, Sliver, Tarleton NH, Upper Baker Pond.

A "C" indicates that the waterbody was listed as contaminated in some way in 2024.

The news that Invasive milfoil was found at Joe's Pond In 2024 is a stern warning that we must continue to be vigilant about protecting the waters of Harvey's Lake. Fifteen boats reported Joe's Pond as their LWB In 2025.

Many thanks to our Select Board members and the residents of Barnet for supporting the costs of our greeter programs, our grant writers for their time and diligence and all residents and visitors who cherish our beautiful lake and treat it with care.

This report is dedicated to the memory of Kathy Wirthwein who compiled data and wrote this report for many years. Kathy passed away on July 23, 2025. She will be recalled for many outstanding qualities but especially for her devotion to Harvey's Lake.

Jan Parsons, Secretary, Lake Harvey Association.

**PREVENTION IS THE ONLY CURE!**



*On October 16, 2025 the greeter station was packed up by Red, Sherm and Bob then towed to the hills of West Barnet to hibernate for the winters. It had a restful time out and is ready to support the Greeters again in May!*

**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



In recent years, the Summer newsletter has been an opportunity to recount the nesting success, or the efforts of the two nesting pairs of Common Loons at Harvey's Lake. Since 2021, two pairs have nested, one on a nesting raft at the south end, the other in the channel at north end of the lake. 2025 was profoundly different with neither pair nesting and the female of the northern pair failing to survive an attack by one of the resident nesting eagles in late June. This is the new reality for loons at Harvey's Lake.

Nesting season started with normal behavior by the northern pair. They were seen scouting nesting sites in the channel that flows into the South Peacham Brook and there was evidence of typical nesting material being gathered at several different locations. However, no eggs were observed and it soon became apparent that the eagles nesting at the beach were aware of the loons and beginning to harass them. The geese and goslings who frequent the grassy areas of the Harvey Lake Condo community left the area. The eagles made frequent trips to and from their nest to get food for their eaglets and were definitely unfriendly to any bird they considered threats. An eagle was occasionally observed standing on the grassy area behind the beach and watching the loons swimming off shore. The channel was closed to boating into July but no nesting activity was observed. In late June, an adult eagle attacked an adult loon which did not survive. The loon was almost certainly the adult female of the northern pair.

The southern pair had a different challenge. Despite the preparation and revegetation of the nesting raft by Bob and Chris Dufresne, the



southern pair spent little time on the raft preparing to lay and incubate eggs. The reason became obvious. There was frequent harassment by an intruder loon which was frequently present and was seen fighting with the resident male. The resident loons were rarely seen in the nest raft in May and not at all in June. It became obvious: threats overwhelmed the nesting urge for both pairs. Once the nesting urge waned, contacts with visiting loons, who come to Harvey's to fish, became more congenial. Groups of loons were seen all summer with occasional friction but no further fatal attacks.

The Spring of 2026 brings the same threats: the northern pair will include a new female, unfamiliar with the nesting territory. The eagles are nesting and will continue to treat loons nesting in the Channel as a threat. There is every reason to believe that the southern pair will continue to be challenged by intruder loons. Stay tuned for an update in the Loon Report presented at the Lake Harvey Association Annual Meeting in mid-July.

State wide, Vermont's loon population continue to grow and thrive in 2025. The 2025 Breeding Status of Common Loons in Vermont Report, compiled with observations from the Vermont Loon Conservation Project, documented 115 nesting loon pairs and 159 nesting pairs statewide. Of the 115 nesting attempts, 92 pairs successfully hatched 136 eggs, with 103 chicks surviving through August. The high nest success rate (80%) contributed to a record number of successful nests and chicks produced. Thirty-five Vermont nesting pairs took the year off from nesting, including the two pairs from Harvey's Lake.

What will 2026 be like for Harvey's Lake resident loons? In mid-April, loons were heard calling, strong evidence that they are back. We can hope for success but recognize that we can only try to protect our loons from human disturbance and get help if they are in need of rescue for any cause. If you see a loon in trouble, contact the loon monitor or loon biologists for help.

Thanks to all the residents and visitors who watch our loons and care for their welfare. Special thanks to Chris and Red Dufresne who host the nesting raft for the southern pair along their shoreline and Bonnie Easter who has wrangled the nesting rafts for many summers.

Wishing everyone a relaxing summer on our beautiful lake!  
- Jan Parsons, April 2026

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## LAKE HARVEY AND WAKESPORTS | Karla Cornelius

**75 years ago, our Lake Harvey Association was founded, its mission being "to protect, preserve and enhance the wonderful quality of life that residents and visitors alike enjoy." That remains its goal today.** LHA established our boat monitoring program, with its state-of-the-art hot water pressure washer, greeter station and welcoming, dedicated "Greeters", in an effort to prevent invasive species such as Eurasian water milfoil – now present in over 100 Vermont lakes – from gaining a foothold in ours. So far our vigilance has kept our waters pure. Boaters are educated, aware, and cooperative. Town residents are appreciative and supportive. Prevention is ongoing and paramount. It is of tremendous import that our lake legacy and environment – both its waters, shores and lifestyles – be preserved.

We are a lake of families who enjoy the simple pleasures of kayaking, paddleboarding, canoeing, water skiing, pontoon boat cruises, swimming in cool waters, and sharing dinner on our decks with friends. Our new resident eagles inspire us. Our loons hold a special place in our hearts.

Wakesports disrupt that peace and quiet, jeopardize our pure waters, shoreline and lifestyle, endanger boaters and swimmers (especially our children), damage our docks and place our loons at risk. The waves of a wakeboat in sports mode are like an underwater tsunami, threatening all in its wake. This is **NOT** like the wake of a speedboat. The configuration of our lake – narrow at both north and south ends, home to the public beach, encumbered by the Fish & Wildlife access with its extended dock and ongoing boat launching and retrieval, Steve Dolgin's charitable waterski school, nesting loons at both ends, and so very many resident boat and swim docks – makes our small lake unsafe and unsuitable for wakesports. It is also clearly inequitable that just a few boaters seeking the thrill and excitement of a new sport that is meant for large bodies of waters can so negatively

impact the experience of so many other Lake Harvey residents, and potentially our water purity as well.

LHA supports Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) proposed revisions by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to its Use of Public Waters Rules currently advancing through the legislative process. Decontamination requirements, the minimum 100 acre wakesports safety zone and a 500' buffer from other users, structures and shorelines, are clearly an improvement. **However, Lake Harvey remains on the wakesport eligible list, even though, as shown below, its designated 116 acre zone - the dark rectangle where wake boats would operate (known as the "area of disturbance") - does not fit within our lake's configuration or the DEC proposed parameters. LHA petitioned last year, and has requested again that we be removed from that list. We are actively pursuing that objective.**

**For 75 years we have successfully done our part in honoring Vermont's environmental reputation and standards. We expect the same from our legislature in return. We thank all of you who submitted survey comments on our behalf – the response was overwhelmingly positive – and we hope the rules will be in place for the summer season. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. We will keep you posted.**

### NOTES:

View the history and ongoing status of the ANR proposed revisions at the following link: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakes-and-ponds-rulemaking>.

Scroll down to the end to see our petition, written by LHA board member Attorney Sal Perillo and submitted by LHA President Emil Pollak on our behalf.

**For in-depth research, information and graphics, visit Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes at: <http://responsiblewakes.org/>**



## THE ART OF WATERSKIING | Kathleen Monroe

Nestled in the picturesque Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, an annual 3-day water ski camp is a cherished summer tradition for water sports enthusiasts. The camp is held on West Barnet's Harvey Lake in July, during the week after the 4th of July celebration. Families plan their vacations around the camp. The ski camp, open to anyone, began in 1982 under the auspices of Mike Johnson, recreation director for the Saint Johnsbury Recreation Center, and has been led by Steve Dolgin, who taught skiers for the past 43 years. At its inception, the camp ran for an entire week.

A longtime water ski enthusiast, Dolgin competed in Vermont tournaments and ski shows with the Green Mountain Water Skiers (founded 1978), an organization he and his friends founded years ago. Steve excelled at performing tricks, slalom, and barefooting.



Over the years, Dolgin donated camp proceeds to Saint Johnsbury's Arnold Park "Lady of the Park" fountain restoration, the Father Joseph Lively Center, the Saint Johnsbury History and Heritage Museum, the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, and a local skate park. Catamount Arts Director of Development, the late Amy Stetson, named the program "The Art of Water Skiing" in 2013. The camp, which sells out fast, typically hosts around forty-five participants.

100% of revenue supports local arts and children's education in the Northeast Kingdom and is distributed to those recipients. More than 300 students enrolled in the program since 2017, and the camp has raised over \$40,000 for Catamount Arts.

Camp instructors provide personalized, hands-on coaching for skiers of all skill levels, from novice through intermediate and expert. All ages are welcome, though participants aged 4 to 17 are the norm. Staff focuses on building confidence and skills in a positive, supportive environment where "falling is fun."

Each class runs for 2 hours. Beginners learn to stand in shallow water while advanced participants tackle the slalom course. Novice skiers learn safety, complete dry-land training, and gain shallow-water experience before graduating to the boat. On the boat, a student might



take off from behind the boat or use the side boom to learn how to get up and stay up on waterskis.

Little goals lead to big successes. The kids are strongly encouraged to root for one another.

Over the years, Dolgin was assisted by the late Randy Mackay, Don Wallace, Lucas Robillard, Natalie Kitchel, Kyle Berge, various graduates and participants of the ski program, and his wife, Deb Dolgin.

Guest instructors have included world-class boat driver Gary Muhler; Groton native and multiple national championship winner and ski designer, Chris Rossi; and local slalom competitor, Joyce Dobberton. A sit-ski is an adaptive device featuring a bucket seat (or "cage") mounted on a wide ski. In 2025, the camp welcomed its first sit-ski, a 60-year-old physically challenged Massachusetts resident who participated specifically for the camp experience.



Jackie Kempton of Peacham shared fond memories of her then 6-year-old daughter's time at camp. She skied "off the boom, and then, on the last day of camp, I saw her ski behind the boat! Great camp! Very welcoming and encouraging."

Laurie Bedard, who summers in West Barnet, reminisced about her eleven-year-old granddaughter's first camp year in 2011. "Then in 2015, she and her friends accomplished the first pyramid in quite a few years, according to Steve! Now she's all grown up, but for the past few years has returned for ski week as a helper/coach and assisted young skiers in forming a pyramid this past summer! We've watched them all with great enjoyment!"

Dolgin emphasizes, "It's all about the kids. They are the future."



**FIREWORKS OVER LAKE HARVEY | Harry Cornelius**



The Lake Harvey Association, Board of Directors, and the Beach Committee are excited to bring a very special weekend to the community on July 18, 2026. We have contracted with the fireworks company for a spectacular display from a barge that will be visible for all around the lake. The Beach Committee will be organizing exciting events at the beach for the community. Working with Michael Greenleaf, Sue Persson of the Beach Committee secured from the Seward and Cecilia Johnson Foundation the additional \$4,000 needed for the fireworks to take place. Thank you!

We know that people are concerned about the environmental impact of fireworks. The Lake Harvey Association has researched this issue and received a letter from the fireworks company addressing it. It turns out that fireworks from a barge are significantly better for the environment than fireworks from the beach. When they stage fireworks from the beach, they must use "cakes" (self-contained cartons of fireworks) because of the setback issues. Cakes contain plastics and are not biodegradable. In contrast, barges can meet any setback restrictions so cakes are not required. Any debris is biodegradable and will dissolve into the lake, similar to leaves. For those who would like to review this letter, go to [www.lakeharvey.net](http://www.lakeharvey.net).

So, tell your friends and family about the return of fireworks to Lake Harvey on July 18, 2026. It will be a great community weekend!



**OUR 2026 LAKE HARVEY WEEKEND  
WILL INCLUDE THE SECOND ANNUAL  
LAKE HARVEY GREEN UP!**

Help keep Harvey's Lake green and beautiful! Individuals and families who participate in this second annual Lake Harvey Greenup volunteer to clean up the discouraging amount of bottles, cans, and plastic along the roads near their homes (especially Roy Mtn Road, Harvey Mtn Road, Garland Hill Road, and Blaine Drive). Those interested should come to the Lake Harvey Association Annual Meeting and Potluck on Friday, July 17th, where we will devote a few minutes organizing this event. If you wish to participate but cannot attend the LHA meeting, please contact Eric Goldberg at [egoldber@mit.edu](mailto:egoldber@mit.edu).

## EVENTS

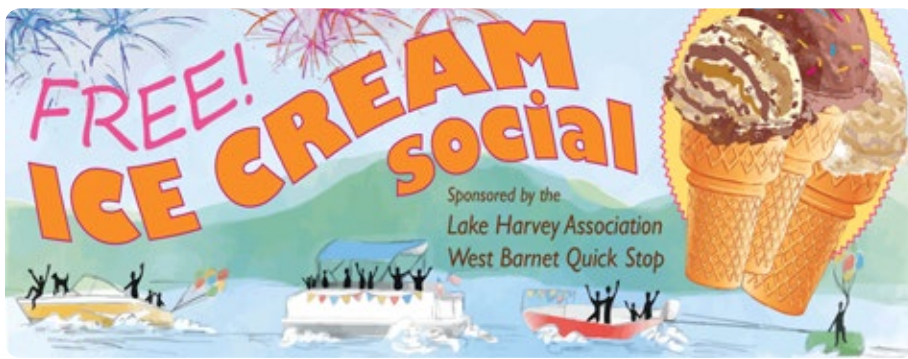
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DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Seasonal	<i>Ongoing</i>	<b>LEVITT AMP ST JOHNSBURY MUSIC SERIES DOG MOUNTAIN</b> - 143 Parks Road, St Johnsbury	<a href="http://www.concerts.levittamp.org">www.concerts.levittamp.org</a>
June 27	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>ANNUAL BURKLYN SUMMER CRAFT FAIR</b> - Fenton Chester Arena, Lyndon Center, VT	<a href="mailto:burklynarts40@gmail.com">burklynarts40@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.Burklyn-Arts.org">www.Burklyn-Arts.org</a>
Jul 7 thru Jul 9	Jul 7: 8:30, 11:15, 2:00 Jul 8 & 9: 8:30, 11:00, 1:30	<b>WATERSKI CAMP AT LAKE HARVEY</b> Instructor: legendary Steve Dolgin	<a href="http://tickets.catamountarts.org">tickets.catamountarts.org</a>
July 12	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	<b>19TH ANNUAL LHA DONOR REWARD CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH</b> at Cornelius Cottage	RSVP: Harry & Karla Cornelius, 561-512-2223
Jul 17	5:00 pm Meeting 6:00 pm Potluck	<b>LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING &amp; POTLUCK SUPPER</b> Beach Pavilion	<a href="http://www.lakeharvey.net">www.lakeharvey.net</a>
Jul 18		<b>LAKE HARVEY ASSOCIATION EVENTS</b>	<a href="http://www.lakeharvey.com">www.lakeharvey.com</a>
	8:00 am	Mile long yard sale, West Barnet	
	12:30 pm	Boat Parade ( <i>non-motorized boats</i> )	<b>2026 THEME "HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY USA"</b> Call to register: Jan Sherman 802-535-2832
	1:00 pm	Boat Parade ( <i>motorized boats</i> )	
	11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Barnet Fire Department's Chicken BBQ <i>West Barnet Church</i>	For Reservations: Call Ron Morse 802-633-2595
	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
	<i>At Dusk</i>	Fireworks launched from barge over Lake Harvey, enjoy gathering for evening events at the beach!	
Jul 18		<b>LOON WATCH DAY</b> ( <i>Annual one day count throughout Vermont</i> )	Eric Hansen 802 586-8065
July 31 & Aug 1		<b>95TH DANVILLE COMMUNITY FAIR</b> Danville Town Green	<a href="http://www.danvillevtchamber.org">www.danvillevtchamber.org</a>
May-Sep		<b>SMIRKFEST CAMPS</b>	For information: <a href="http://www.smirkfest.org">www.smirkfest.org</a> .
Aug 26 Aug 27 -30	<i>Gates open 4 pm</i> <i>Gates open 7 am</i>	<b>CALEDONIA COUNTY FAIR</b> 1 Fairground Road, Lyndonville, Vermont	<a href="http://www.caledoniacountyfair.com">www.caledoniacountyfair.com</a>
Sep 3	8:30 am Register 9 am Meeting	<b>FOVLAP ANNUAL MEETING</b>	Info at <a href="http://www.vermontlakes.org">www.vermontlakes.org</a>
Sep 27	9:00am Register 10:00 Ceremony Walk follows	<b>ST. JOHNSBURY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S</b> Welcome Center, 51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury	Jenna Smith - 802 316-3839 ext 8015 <a href="mailto:jemsmith@alz.org">jemsmith@alz.org</a>
Sep 27	9am - 3 pm	<b>BURKE FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL</b> East Burke	<a href="http://burkevermont.com">burkevermont.com</a>
Oct 4	10 am - 4 pm	<b>23RD AUTUMN ON THE GREEN - ARTS, CRAFTS, FOOD, FUN</b> - Danville Town Green	<a href="http://www.danvillevtchamber.org">www.danvillevtchamber.org</a>

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<b>NORTHEAST KINGDOM FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL</b>			<a href="http://www.lakeharvey.net">www.lakeharvey.net</a>
Oct 1		Peacham Day – Lunch, arts & crafts, special farmer's market, ghost walk, Italian dinner	
Oct 2		Barnet Day - Pancake breakfast, crafts, European coffee hour, wagon rides, tours, ham dinner	
Oct 3	10 am register 11 am race	Ducky Day - Rubber Ducky Race Ben's Mill, Barnet, VT	<a href="http://www.bensmill.com">www.bensmill.com</a>
Oct 3		Groton Day - Lumberjack breakfast, parade, music, world famous chicken pot pie dinner	
Year Round		<b>CATAMOUNT ARTS</b> – Music, film, dance, art, education, events	<a href="http://www.catamountarts.com">www.catamountarts.com</a>



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June 21-26	All Levels Circus Camp	age 8-16
June 28-July 3	All Levels Circus Camp	age 8-16
July 5-17	Intermediate Camp	age 12-18
July 19-August 6	Road Show	age 12-18
July 19-August 7	Advanced Camp	age 12-18
May 22-29 & Sept 4-7	Friends & Family Camp	all ages

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**BARNET LIBRARY NEWS** – *Dylan Ford, Director*

The Barnet Library is in full bloom with our One Foot Forward community resilience programming. Thanks to a generous sponsorship from the Vermont Humanities, we have 10 months of free offerings open to all. We are in the final week of our very popular Chair Yoga class. Thanks to the expertise of our friend Karen Gordon, we have had a full class of 11 participants coming weekly to stretch and pause and breathe out the cobwebs of winter and ready our limbs

for spring. We held a fascinating talk, attended by 17 people of all ages, on sustainable, traditional trapping by Adam and Soren Ricci. This father and son team walked us through their experiences during a season spent trapping. What a lot of work it is!

Our Native plants and pollinator species talk titled Tend to the Land, Tend to each other, given by Emma Ricci of Cloud Brook Farm, brought 20 people to discuss and learn how to balance native and naturalized flowers in your garden to promote pollinator health.

In April at Maplemont Farm we held our annual Lambing Story Hour with a book, crafts, and, of course, lambs. Thanks to Amber Reed for generously inviting us to her farm every year to bask in BAAs and bleats. In May we enjoyed a Spring Ephemeral plant walk in the Roy Mtn. Wildlife area.

We are so excited to announce that at the end of July, we are one of only 3 towns in Vermont to have been awarded the delivery of a traveling Smithsonian Institute exhibit! In partnership with the Vermont and New Hampshire Humanities, we are hosting their Museum on Main Street exhibit titled SPARK! Places of Innovation. It is a look at innovation in rural communities around America. For 6 weeks our children's room will be transformed into a museum- right here in Barnet! We will have a speaker series and discussion evenings running during its time here sparking conversations about our own history and looking forward to future innovations. We invite all of you to check out our upgrades and inform us as to what you'd like to see next for the Barnet Library.

To see the rest of our many offerings, visit "Events" at [www.barnetpubliclibrary.com](http://www.barnetpubliclibrary.com).

**A FOND FAREWELL TO DEB KING: CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF COMMUNITY AT WEST BARNET QUICK STOP**



On April 1, Deb King, owner of the West Barnet Quick Stop for the past 18 years, entrusted the shop's future to its new owner, Akshay "Paul" Patel. Patel is an entrepreneur known to many of us who do business at the Monroe Country Store.

In 2000, Richard and Paula Stevenson converted a former West Barnet machine shop to a store they named "Paula's Place." The store's purchase by George and Dorene Mears led to its renaming as "Aunt Dee's." In June 2008, King bought the store and christened it "West Barnet Quick Stop."

For forty years, King had been in Barnet's grocery business, both in the village and in West Barnet. The village store closed in late 2018.

Many Quick Stop customers relish their remembrance of Burnice's mini pies, with as many as 80 pies sold per week. Other favorites included the Steak and Cheese sandwich, the Chicken-Walnut-Apple Salad, Chicken Wraps, and the convenience of ordering a pizza or satisfying a hankering for a pint of ice cream.

Over the years, many customers and employees became Deb's close friends. She is forever grateful to both the long- and short-term employees for their loyalty and dedication. After a break-in at the store, the Lake Harvey Association donated a security system installed by Rick Trudeau.

Deb's well-deserved retirement will be spent with her mother, Burnice Adams, and her 13-year-old grandson, Austin, and cleaning out 40 years' worth of the stuff one accumulates if one owns a large village building. Deb hopes to find the time to volunteer around the town.

Patel plans to retain former employees and will not make many changes at this time. He will continue to provide the characteristic ambiance and helpful service. The same friendly faces will greet you, and your "extra crispy" pizza order will remain an option.

*Kathleen Monroe*

**ICE OUT**

Seven people picked April 4th as the right day!

The closest time was by:

Ms. Ann Powers at 9:15pm

**Congratulations!**



*And the ICE IS OUT April 4 at 11:03 pm  
Thanks to all who participated!!!*

**A NOTE FROM YOUR VERMONT LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE**

Hi. I'm Debbie Powers.

I grew up on a dairy farm in Ira, VT and know the value of hard work and commitment. I even milked the cows with my dad the morning of my wedding. I graduated from Mill River Union HS and Vermont Tech. My husband Kevin and I live in Waterford and raised 4 children on our farm. Together, we built The Powers Agency insurance business in St. Johnsbury. I believe in a Vermont that is, affordable for families and business owners, promotes our agricultural heritage and protects landowners' rights. I believe we need to manage our natural resources to preserve our Vermont landscapes, outdoor traditions, and heritage. This is the Vermont I grew up in. I will continue to be your voice for rural Vermont, your Barnet community, and the special world that is Lake Harvey. I want to hear your concerns about the challenges we face. Thank you! Please feel free to call me at: 802-535-6661 or email to: [thimbles331@yahoo.com](mailto:thimbles331@yahoo.com)