

The Westmore Association Spring 2015 Newsletter

Greetings to all members and friends of the Westmore Association. Spring has finally come to the Kingdom and it's time to look ahead to the 2015 season of summer activity on Willoughby Lake, other Westmore ponds and our beautiful mountain trails. This newsletter provides the latest information, as of mid-May, on scheduled activities and other events in Westmore and around Vermont.

Westmore News

The new Vermont Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) bans disposal of recyclables (metal, glass, plastics #1 & #2, and paper/cardboard) by July 1, 2015; leaf and yard debris and clean wood by July 1, 2016; and food scraps by July 1, 2020. Local governments are responsible for implementing the law within their jurisdiction. Westmore Town Clerk, Greg Gallagher, has provided the following information regarding the plan developed by the Town Board: "Beginning July 1, road side collection will be Saturday only for household garbage. Special 33 gallon bags with a Westmore logo will be required for garbage pickup. Bags may be purchased at the Village hall for \$3.50 per bag. No recyclable material will be accepted in the garbage bags. If garbage is taken directly to the Transfer Station the special bags will be required. Recycling will be picked up every Thursday. Clear plastic bags, as in the past, may be used, with no special Westmore bag required, however, glass, plastic, cans, paper and cardboard must be sorted. They may be put into smaller shopping bags, then into a bigger bag if you wish."

Other Vermont legislation recently passed and awaiting the Governor's signature is, "**An act relating to improving the quality of State waters**". A full copy of the legislation may be found at: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2016/H.35>. A synopsis of the bill, as it relates to lake shore property owners, will be posted on the "Legislative News" section of the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds web site <http://vermontlakes.org/news-and-legislative-updates/>.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

The Willoughby public boat launch access greeters educate lake visitors about invasive species, and provide courtesy watercraft inspections and boat washes to stop introductions. In addition to our concern about aquatic plants, Zebra and Quaga mussels, the spinney water flea, (which is not actually a flea, but a crustacean), has been found in Lake Champlain. See: <http://vtwatershedblog.com/2015/05/06/stop-the-spread-of-spiny-water-flea/>. Greeter data from past years have shown that several boats launched in Willoughby have previously been in Lake Champlain. Two grants from the State to the Town will be used in support of AIS initiatives. One grant will be used to purchase a hot water pressure washer to clean boats that have been on infested waters. It has been shown that a hot water wash is effective in controlling the water flea. Plans are being developed to set up a wash station and train staff and volunteers in the operation of the washer. This same grant will also be used to develop a map showing where beds of milfoil are located, which must be avoided by power boats. Other invasive species control measures, including milfoil harvesting and the greeters will also be supported with state grant funds, a town appropriation and contributions from the Westmore Association. If you are interested in helping with the AIS initiatives, please contact Ray Lanier at 802-525-3569.

New England Lakes Conference

The New England chapter of the National Association of Lake Management Society annual conference will be held May 29-30 in Burlington Vermont on the shores of Lake Champlain. It will be hosted by the Vermont Federation of Lakes and Ponds (of which WA is a member) and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. A variety of speakers and workshops are planned. Details on the program and registration information may be found at: www.vermontlakes.org.

The Scholarship Program

The Westmore Association strives to provide financial assistance to each college student from the Town of Westmore. Mary Lou Cummings organizes the collection of applications for the Association and presents the completed applications to the board of directors to approve the final selection of scholarship recipients. **Students wishing to be considered for a 2015-2016 scholarship should send a letter of application to Mary Lou Cummings at 726 VT Route 5A, Orleans VT 05860. The application should include a statement of their future goals, current transcripts from their high school or college and the name and of a reference who may be contacted.** Mary Lou also arranges for the students to receive their scholarships at the WA annual meeting, which will occur on July 23rd in 2015. **All materials must be submitted by June 15, 2015.**

Membership

Pam Kennedy will be our new Membership Chair starting this year. If you have not renewed your membership using the forms distributed in "Reflections" last fall, you can join the Association, renew membership, pay your dues and make contributions on the web site. Payments can be made through credit card, pay pal or check. If you have not renewed, you should find a membership form and envelope folded this newsletter.

To save postage, you can elect to receive future issues of the spring newsletter and "Reflections" in the fall by email. If you would like to be added to our email list or if you have a new email address, postal address or phone number, please send your current information to Pam Kennedy through the web site "membership button" at: <http://westmoreassociation.org/online-membership-application/>. Or write to Pam at Westmore Association, PO Box 143 Orleans, Vermont 05860.

Willoughby Photographic Calendar

The sale of beautiful photo calendars is an important source of funds for the Association. If you have great shots taken in the Westmore area that you would like to have considered for the 2016 calendar, please send your best high resolution digital photos in landscape format to: "abrooks@uwm.edu". There are still some 2015 calendars available through the web site and the Willoughby Store. You will get a full year of photos and seven months of calendar at a bargain price! The 2016 calendar will be ready for distribution this summer. Note cards are also available from these same sources.

Westmore Association Annual Meeting and Time and Talent Auction

This year the annual meeting, potluck supper and auction for the Westmore Association will be held on Thursday July 23rd at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. So bring a “dish to pass”, your plate and cutlery and an appetite to bid. The time and talent auction needs contributions of items that will attract some spirited bidding such as handmade items, guided mountain hikes, fishing outings, lake cruises, moonlight dinners, musical performances, photographs, paintings, post cards, handyperson work etc. Please contact “abrooks@uwm.edu” or leave a message at 414-719-7500 to add your contribution to the auction catalog. Craig Vance, auctioneer/comedian, will take your bids and make you laugh.

Boat Parade on July 4th

Hud and Doreen Allen have again agreed to organize the boat parade. The theme for 2015 is “**Your favorite cartoon character**”. Fear not, there could not possibly be three consecutive years of thunder storms the afternoon of July 4th. As such, there will be no rain date scheduled. So register with the Allens at doreenallen64@yahoo.com or call 802-673-2043. Decorate your boat and join the fun. Boats assemble at 3:30 on July 4th off Crescent Beach on the west side of the lake and will proceed north along the western shore, east across the north beach and south along the eastern shore to Trails End, where prizes will be awarded.

Trails and Town Forest

After a winter of heavy snow and runoff there will be plenty of trees, branches and washouts on the Westmore trails and lots of work to be done to clear the paths. Watch for notices of trail work days and contact Steve Plume to volunteer. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor a new sign has been erected at the entrance to Town Forest Trail. Other trail improvements will be made over the summer throughout the trail system.

New Willoughby Map

A new color depth chart of Willoughby Lake has been produced using GPS and SONAR instrumentation that shows areas much deeper than previously known, as well as some strange features that might just be Willey!. The lake map is overlain on a detailed color aerial photo that shows local roads nearby ponds and other features of the landscape, including some camps and docks if they are not covered by trees. The map will be available in two sizes, 12x18 in. for \$15 and 24x36 in. for \$40 plus postage. Maps of both sizes may be ordered from the WA web site with the smaller size available at the Willoughby Store.

Looking forward to seeing you all this summer,

Art Brooks,

President, Westmore Association

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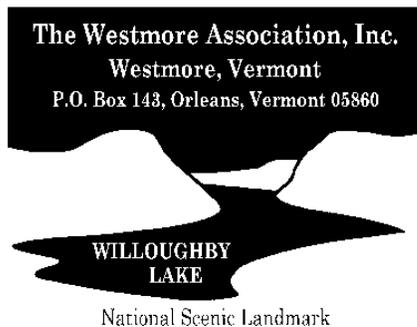
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August 2015 Westmore Association Community Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Every Monday ** Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 Farmers' Market ** 1:00-5:00 June 1—Sept--		Every Wednesday ** Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 Not on the 5th	Recycle pickup	Every Friday ** Exercise Group 9:00-10:00	Garbage pickup
2	3 Farmers' Market Every Monday 1:00 – 5:00	4	5 Church Rummage Sale 9:00 Scholarship cookie sale ** Wednesdays at Westmore 6:30 PM ** TBA check web	6	7 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 **	8 Westmore Days--TBA
9	10 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 Farmers' Market 1:00-5:00 **	11	12 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 Wednesdays at Westmore 6:30 PM ** TBA Check web	13 Recycle Pickup	14 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 **	15 Garbage pickup
16	17 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 ** Farmers' Market 1:00-5:00	18	19 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 **	20	21 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 **	22
Daniel Ian Smith & Friends Concert TBA Check Web& Post- Old Stone House Day Brownington				27 Recycle Pickup		29 Garbage pickup
23	24 Exercise group 9:00-10:00 ** Farmers' Market 1:00-5:00	25	26 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 **	27	28 Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 **	29
30	31 End of Summer Dance TBA			Recycle pickup		Garbage pickup

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July 2015 Westmore Association Community Calendar

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	Every Monday Exercise Group 9:00-10:00 **		Every Wednesday Yoga with Kristen 8:00-9:10 6/30-7/29		Exercise Every Friday 9:00-10:00 **	Boat Parade 3:30 Crescent Beach Church Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11:00 **
	Farmers' Market ** 1:00-5:00 June-Aug. Possibly Sept.		Exercise 9:10-10:10 Neither on 7/15	Recycle Pickup		Carbage Pickup
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
5K Run 10:00 **	Exercise 9:00-10:00 Farmers' Market 1:00-5:00		Yoga 8:00-9:10 Exercise 9:10-10:00 **	Recycle Pickup	Exercise 9:00-10:00	Sentinel Rock St. Park Dedication 10:00 Carbage Pickup
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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			Wednesdays at Westmore see web and posters **			Carbage Pickup
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