

# The Westmore Association 2016 Spring Newsletter

Greetings to members and friends of the Westmore Association  
Following a relatively mild winter, during which Willoughby Lake never did completely freeze over between the mountains; spring has come to the Kingdom. This newsletter provides the latest information, as of late-May, on scheduled activities and other events in Westmore.

## The Westmore Association 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. Westmore students wishing to be considered for a 2016-2017 scholarship should send a letter of application to Mary Lou Cummings at 726 VT Route 5A, Orleans VT 05860. The application must include a statement of their future goals, current transcripts from their high school or college and the name and contact information of a reference who may be contacted. Mary Lou also arranges for the students to receive their scholarships at the WA annual meeting that occurs the fourth Thursday of July, which will be on July 28th in 2016.

**Completed applications must be submitted by June 15, 2016.**

## Trash Talk

Town Clerk, Greg Gallagher reports that there will be two sizes of mandatory trash bags available this year. The same large green bags, that were used in 2015, plus a smaller, kitchen-size blue bag. Both sizes have official Westmore markings and can be purchased at the Town office, or the Willoughby Lake Store. The large bags are \$3.50 each, or a roll of 5 for \$17.50. The smaller bags cost \$2.50 each, or \$12.50 for a pack of 5.

Recyclable material (glass and metal containers, #1&2 plastic and paper/cardboard) must be sorted from garbage and placed in clear plastic bags, which may be purchased at local stores or at the Town Clerk's office.

Roadside pickup for garbage will be on Saturdays only, with recycle pickup on Thursdays. There is no roadside pickup on Tuesdays. Please place garbage bags in animal-proof containers if they are taken out the night before collection day, or put the bags out early on the morning of collection. You are responsible for cleaning up if dogs or nocturnal bears and raccoons feast on your unsecured garbage!

The transfer station will be open year-round for drop-off from 8:00 AM to 1:00PM on Thursdays and Saturdays, and also on Tuesdays at these hours from July 5 to September 6. Garbage dropped-off at the transfer station requires the use of green or blue Westmore bags and a \$3.00, 2016 vehicle transfer station sticker, which is available at the Town Clerk's office, and is good for the remainder of 2016.

## **Beautification**

For as long as I can remember, Claire Wheeler and Midge Gallagher have been THE beautification committee, aided by others from time to time. Midge and Claire retired last year. We appreciate all the work that they have done, and in recognition of their service, we now need to reconstitute the committee to continue their work so they can relax and enjoy the plantings that make Westmore such an attractive town. Basically, beautification involves contracting for plantings in the road intersection triangles near the Town Hall and at the west end of North Beach at the base of Peene hill, with some work done in the Cemetery. Once the plantings are in place they need to be watered and weeded over the course of the summer and cleaned up at the end of the season. If you are interested in getting involved in beautifying the town, please contact [abrooks@uwm.edu](mailto:abrooks@uwm.edu), or 414-719-7500.

## **WILLOUGHBY LAKE BOAT PARADE**

The 17th annual Willoughby Lake Boat Parade will be held on Sunday, **July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. With so many other events scheduled for the traditional date of the 4<sup>th</sup> and with the 3<sup>rd</sup> falling on a weekend, it was decided to move the parade date to ease the congestion. “Christmas in July” will be the theme this year, and hopefully there will not be any snow! Participants will be judged on decorations, creativity, enthusiasm, and adherence to the theme. The 1st place winners will receive a trophy, along with \$50. The 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded trophies. To be eligible for a prize, boats must be at the starting point off Crescent Beach on the west side by 2:30 PM, to register and receive a number so the judges can identify your boat. The parade will proceed north along the west shore, across the north beach, and south along the east shore ending at “Trails End”, where the winners will be announced and prizes awarded. To pre-register, obtain more information, and to receive notification of any last minute changes, please email [Doreenallen64@yahoo.com](mailto:Doreenallen64@yahoo.com). No rain date has been set at this time.

## **Arts and Entertainment**

**Wednesdays at Westmore return for another great season of programs.** Pam Kennedy and her committee have put together a wonderful series for all ages that kicks off with Dick Simpson’s presentation of “The History of Willoughby Lake” on July 6, 7:30 PM at Fellowship Hall. Still to come are concerts, dances, lively, family fun and the second annual Plein Air event on August 13 & 14. See the schedule of events on the enclosed calendar. Check [www.westmoreassociation.org](http://www.westmoreassociation.org) for any last minute changes.

## **Ice cream Social**

The Westmore Association holds two major fundraising events that alternate years between the Time and Talent Auction and the Ice Cream Social. This year it is time for the Ice Cream Social that will be held at the Church Park on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-5. In addition to Ice Cream, there will be games for the kids, vendors from around the area, music by Alan Greenleaf and the Doc, and much more.

## Membership

If you have already renewed your membership for 2016, thank you very much. If you have not renewed and paid the annual dues (\$10 minimum) you may do so on line at the Association's web site. ([www.westmoreassociation.org](http://www.westmoreassociation.org)). Payments can be made through credit card, pay pal or check. If you do not care to renew on the web, you will find a membership form and envelope inserted with this newsletter. Feel free to contribute more than just your dues to support the scholarships, beautification, greeters, milfoil control and other worthy activities of the Association. The sky is the limit and, Remember that we are a 501c3 charitable organization so your dues and contributions may be tax deductible! Bruce Tanner, our current Membership Chair will transition to the Treasurer's post at the annual meeting this year when our current treasurer, Ray Lanier, retires. Board members Evelina Busby and Betsy Plumerainey will take over membership activities.

To save postage, paper, and time, you may elect to receive communications from the Association by email, such as the Spring Newsletter and, "Reflections" in the fall. If you would like to be added to our growing list of email recipients please check the box on your membership form. Also, if you have a new email address, postal address, phone number, or some other modern means of communication of which I am not aware, please enter your current information the web site at: <http://westmoreassociation.org/online-membership-application/>. Or write to Bruce at Westmore Association, PO Box143 Orleans, Vermont 05860.

## Westmore Association Annual Meeting

This year the annual meeting and potluck supper for the Westmore Association will be held on Thursday July 28th at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. So bring a "dish to pass" and your own plate and cutlery, and settle in for an evening to learn more about the Vermont Land Trust and the wonderful forest land that has been preserved in Westmore.

The normal business items will all be covered, including the election of two new board members to replace those whose terms have expired Board members who have served two consecutive 3-year terms may not serve again until one year has elapsed. Ray Lanier and Mary Eby have served their full terms and replacements must be elected this year. If you are interested in joining the board, you should be an Active Member of the Association, which is defined as present and past residents and/or present or past owners of real estate and of voting age in the Town of Westmore. Please let one of the current board members know if you are interested.

## Vermont Legislative News

Last year I noted in the spring newsletter that new Vermont legislation relating to clean waters had been passed by the House and Senate, and was awaiting the Governor's signature. The Governor signed the bill in July; making it the law of the land: "**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\(now act 64\)](http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2016/H.35(now%20act%2064)). The bill itself is comprehensive, covering agricultural, commercial and other activities that could impair the waters of the state. There does not appear to be anything new related to shoreline properties, aside from the control of runoff from impervious surfaces.

## [Aquatic Invasive Species \(AIS\)](#)

A new color brochure has been produced by the Association to educate boaters about the impact introduced species could have on Willoughby and the other ponds of Westmore. The brochure includes a map of the Willoughby showing areas that are already infested with Eurasian Water Milfoil that should be avoided by motor boats. The brochure will be handed out at the boat launch and be available at the Willoughby Lake Store and Town Clerks office. We also hope to make them available at the north and south beaches. A copy of the brochure will be posted on the Association web site, [www.westmoreassociation.org](http://www.westmoreassociation.org).

In the 2015 newsletter I mentioned that we hoped to purchase a hot water pressure washer to clean boats that have been in AIS infested waters. Unfortunately, we have not found a suitable site for a wash station. Ideally, the station should be near the boat launch, accommodate drive-through access, and have a water supply and electric power. Suggestions for possible sites would be appreciated.

Other invasive species control measures, including milfoil harvesting and patrols looking for expanded milfoil beds and new invasive species were conducted in 2015 and should be again this year. Fewer milfoil plants were harvested in 2015 than in previous years, which could indicate that we are getting an upper hand on the milfoil. The plant will probably never be completely eliminated from the lake and could come back with a vengeance if control measures are relaxed.

You can become a VIP (Vermont Invasive Patroller) to patrol the lakes and ponds of Westmore for invasive species. A training workshop will be held in Newport, June 24th, 1:00-3:30. Register online at: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/aquatic-invasives/monitoring/vips>, or contact Bethany.Sargent@state.vt.us or (802) 490-6129.

For further local information, or to help with the Westmore AIS initiatives, please contact Ray Lanier at 802-525-3569, or Art Brooks 414-719-7500.

## **Trails and Town Forest**

Tim McKay did his spring sweep of the North and Brookside Trails on Mt. Hor recently. He reports that they are in excellent shape. The trail in need of major work is the Long Pond trail up Bald Mt. Watch for notices of work days on this trail.

Tim also reports that the Green Mountain Club annual meeting will be hosted by the NEK Section at Lyndon State on June 10-11. On Saturday June 11, volunteers will be leading hikes on various trails in Willoughby State Forest. Tim has been on a push to get the trails cleaned up. If you would like to help, contact Tim at: [tmckay54@gmail.com](mailto:tmckay54@gmail.com). Learn more at <https://www.greenmountainclub.org/northeast-kingdom>.

**Breaking news!! The Wheeler Mountain trails are closed for the summer.** The landowner is logging and wants the trail relocated, which will be done this summer by a Northwoods Stewardship Center crew.

**South Beach/Willoughby Forest planning gets underway for details see the request for proposals. You can skip through the application forms.**

<http://www.vermontbusinessregistry.com/bidAttachments/15578/Willoughby%20RFP%20for%20Design%20Services.pdf>

# For Sale

## Calendars, Note Cards, Beautiful Music and Depth Charts

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 2017 calendar, please send your best high resolution digital photos in landscape format to: "abrooks@uwm.edu". There are still some 2016 calendars available through the web site and at the Willoughby Lake Store. You will get a full year of photos and seven months of calendar for half the regular price of \$6 at the Willoughby Store or for \$8 by mail from Carroll Guitar 802-525-3153. The 2017 calendar should be ready for distribution later this summer. The sooner we get great photos, the sooner the calendars will be printed. **Scenic Willoughby Note cards** are also available from Carroll and through the web site.

**New this year is an audio CD of Robert Decker's emotional song of "Sentinel Rock"** that was played at the dedication of Sentinel Rock State Park and at the conclusion of our 2015 Annual Meeting. Bob's wife Beverly has produced CDs that are for sale at cost for \$11, with the hope that additional donations to the Association will be made.

### **Willoughby Depth Chart and aerial photo.**

A 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 is available in two sizes, 12x18 in. for \$10 and 24x36 in. for \$30 plus postage. Maps of both sizes may be ordered from the WA web site with the smaller size also available at the Willoughby Lake Store.

## Town of Westmore Contact Information

### **Fire, Police, Medical, call 911**

**Westmore Town Hall, Greg Gallagher Town Clerk 802-525-3007**  
**[clerk@westmoreonline.org](mailto:clerk@westmoreonline.org)**

### **Westmore Association Contacts**

President and Water Quality, Art Brooks, 802-525-6203, 414-719-7500  
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Clerk, Calendars and Note cards, Carroll Guitar 802-525-3153  
Membership and Milfoil, Bruce Tanner 802-525-4471  
Arts and Entertainment, Pam Kennedy, 802-525-9725  
Scholarships, Mary Lou Cummings, 802-525 1250  
Trails, Steve Plume 802-525-4798  
Photo Calendar, Steve Plume 802-525-4798, Gary Seslar 802-525-4191  
Treasurer and Greeter Program, Ray Lanier 802-525-3569  
Beautification, Position open and in need of help. Call Art Brooks 414-719-7500

**Check our web site: [www.westmoreassociation.org](http://www.westmoreassociation.org) for updates and additional programs.**