

# Westmore Association Spring 2017 Newsletter

**There is a new face in the Town Clerk's office.** Melissa Zebrowski was elected Westmore Town Clerk/Treasurer for a two year term at the 2017 annual Town Meeting this spring. Greg Gallagher will serve as the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer as Melissa settles in. Greg did a great job managing the town for many years and deserves a big thank you when you see him this summer. Melissa and her family are residents of Westmore. She has an impressive biography that you can read on the Association's web site.

**The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Westmore Association**, which according to our bylaws must be scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of July, will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be preceded by a pot-luck supper at 5:00, so bring a dish to share and your own place settings. Lemonade and ice tea will be provided. Scholarship recipients will be asked to join us to receive their checks and best wishes for their future endeavors. After all have been fed and honored, the floor will be re-set for a brief business meeting with the election of new board members and officers.

**Time and Talent Auction** The main event following the Annual Meeting will be our biennial, Time and Talent Auction, which is our biggest fund raiser that supports the scholarship program for students of Westmore and our contributions to help other Town projects such as the greeters at the boat ramp, milfoil control, flower plantings at key road intersections, and entertainment expenses. You may ask, what can I contribute to this wonderful entertaining auction? You can contribute your time to help plant a garden, host a dinner, lead a hike, fix a bike, sing a song or teach Mah'-jongg'. Millie's donuts have raised hundreds of dollars, and fresh pies and chowders are also winners. I have traditionally offered a scientific cruise on Willoughby to probe the depths and take water and biological samples for analyses. Others have offered scenic pontoon boat cruises around the lake, or kayaking trips on one of the other five smaller ponds of Westmore. If you are handy at fixing things, there is always someone who could bid for your services and contribute to the cause. If you have artistic talents you could paint a portrait, a view of the lake, make a sketch of one's camp or knit some beautiful mittens. If you are musically inclined, organize a concert, or give a lesson. We have lots of talent in Westmore, and lots of free time over the summer to donate to a good cause---Your Westmore Association. We hope to have Craig Vance, the humorous auctioneer, back again for a rollicking time in the Fellowship Hall. So bring your wallets and join the fun! July 27.

**The Arts and Entertainment Committee** has been busy developing a great program for the summer. Most events will be appropriate for folks of all ages and scheduled at times that will allow all to attend. Please post the enclosed calendar in your cottage or home and add the dates of these events to your personal calendar as a reminder to attend these important and entertaining events with your friends and neighbors.

**Scholarship Reminder:** Westmore scholars, currently in college, or other advanced degree programs, and admitted to attend this year, should send a letter of application and a current transcript to: Mary Lou Cummings, Scholarship Coordinator, Westmore Association 726 Vt. Rte 5A Orleans, VT 05860 **By 29 MAY 2017.** For more information, call: 802-525-1250

**Calendar Photos :** We need high resolution digital pictures in landscape format for the 2017-18 pictorial calendars. Photos must be submitted online to : [abrooks@uwm.edu](mailto:abrooks@uwm.edu). Shots from all seasons featuring the Northeast Kingdom will be reviewed by a selection committee for inclusion in the calendars.

**Membership renewal** If you have not renewed your membership for 2017 and paid your dues, you may do so on our web site: [www.westmoreassociation.org](http://www.westmoreassociation.org) using a credit card or PayPal. If you do not use the web, a membership form is enclosed that may be filled out, and

mailed with your check in the envelope provided. Minimum membership dues are \$10, with no upper limit. You may also make a general contribution to the Association, or designate a specific program you would like to support by indicating such on the form. The Westmore Association is an IRS 501c3 charitable organization.

### **WILLOUGHBY LAKE BOAT PARADE**

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade, with a theme of “Your Favorite Vacation”, will start at 3:00 p.m. Participants will be judged on decorations, creativity, enthusiasm, and following the theme. The 1<sup>st</sup> place prize will be a trophy and \$50. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be awarded trophies. To be judged, all boats must register, receive a number and be at the starting point off Crescent Beach to line up by 2:30 p.m. Numbers should be attached on the shore-side of the boat to be visible by the judges. To register, volunteer as a judge, or obtain more information, please call 413-813-2789 or email [doreenallen64@yahoo.com](mailto:doreenallen64@yahoo.com). The parade will proceed north along the west shore, cross the north beach, and travel south along the east shore ending at “Trails End”, where the winners will be announced and prizes awarded. No rain date at this time.

**Two Hot topics around town this spring.** One is related to a State project at the South Beach to improve parking and sanitation facilities. Plans for the state project may be seen at: <https://tinyurl.com/SouthEndRecArea>. There is an active group concerned with the South Beach development that has an ongoing web discussion. You may ask to be put on their mailing list at: “[protectwilloughby@yahoo.com](mailto:protectwilloughby@yahoo.com)”. Opinions are welcome and will be exchanged among folks who sign up to receive the postings, the Westmore Select Board, and the Vermont Department of Forests Parks and Recreation.

The second topic concerns whether the Town should grant permission for all terrain vehicles (ATV) to use portions of Lake View, Wheeler Mountain and Cook roads. The status of the ATV issue had not been determined as this newsletter went to press. Any future discussion by the Town Board may be monitored at the Town website, “[Westmoreonline.org](http://Westmoreonline.org)”, where future meetings of the Select Board are announced and the minutes of past meetings are posted.

*It is the policy of the Westmore Association not to weigh in on such matters as an organization, but to provide the membership with information so they may pass on their personal opinions to the appropriate town or state officials.*

**Weather and live video** While you are on the web site, click on the weather link and the live video looking out over Willoughby Lake and the mountain gap. The site is hosted by Gary and Sherry Seslar from their home on the west side. From all of us, Thanks Seslars

**The Willoughby Lake Guide is being** updated with new trail maps, depth chart and other information. It should be available at the Willoughby Store and on the web site this summer. \_

**Trails** With funds from the Westmore Association and a grant from the State of Vermont, North Woods Stewardship Center crews will be working on Bald and Haystack MT’s this summer. The Center built a new trail on Wheeler Mountain in 2016 which is available in for use in 2017.

**Comments or questions** about this newsletter should be directed to: “[abrooks@uwm.edu](mailto:abrooks@uwm.edu)”, or by phone at 414-719-7500 before mid-June or later at 802-525-6203