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MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 2:00 P.M. LAKE WARAMAUG COUNTRY CLUB

Please plan to attend our "end of summer" meeting. This is our fifth meeting held jointly with the Lake Waramaug Task Force, to enable the Task Force to discuss its programs and achievements directly with the members of the Association.

Tom McGowan, Executive Director of the Task Force, will lead an expanded "State of the Lake" discussion concerning lake conditions and clarity; operation of the in-lake LayerAir Restoration System along the Route 45 shoreline and the Frost site system at the tip of Arrow Point; the invasive species boat inspection program; special projects being considered by the Task Force to maintain and improve the lake's water quality; progress in land preservation in the lake shore and watershed areas, and other lake topics.

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about important matters affecting the protection and preservation of Lake Waramaug. And please stay after the meeting for a period of conversation and refreshment.

Since questions persist about the various lake organizations and their areas of interest and responsibility, we are again including "Lake Waramaug Organizations: A Primer" on the reverse side of this notice and hope it will be helpful.

Lake Waramaug House Tour Saturday, September 24, 2011

Tour five Lake Waramaug homes, with the proceeds benefitting the Lake Waramaug Task Force and the New Milford Hospital Foundation. The tour, sponsored by Litchfield Hills Sotheby's International Realty, will be followed by a cocktail reception and auction at the Lake Waramaug Country Club. For further information, call Sotheby's at 860-868-6600. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.lakewaramaugbenefithousetour.eventbrite.com

DUES REMINDER

If you receive a dues payment envelope with this mailing, our records indicate that your 2011 dues remain unpaid. Please send your payment today. Your contribution supports our efforts to protect and preserve Lake Waramaug. INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO THAT WE MAY CONTACT YOU PROMPTLY WITH LAKE NEWS AS THE NEED ARISES.

Lake Waramaug Organizations: A Primer

Since there are several organizations involved with matters affecting the lake, sometimes with overlapping interests, a basic guide to the primary function of each organization may be helpful:

The Lake Waramaug Association, Inc. is a non-profit membership organization devoted to the protection and preservation of the lake and its environs as a public recreational area and to the promotion of the safety, health and enjoyment of those who use the lake. The Association is concerned with all matters affecting the **quality of life** at the lake, including ecology of the lake area, the safe use of the lake and its surrounding roads for all recreational purposes, and the development and effective administration of zoning, inland wetlands, health, sanitation and other standards by the towns bordering the lake. The Association is supported by annual dues and contributions from its membership, which is open to all those having an interest in the protection and preservation of Lake Waramaug. Information concerning the Association and its current activities may be seen on its website: www.waramaugassoc.org Contact: Paul Frank, President, at 860-868-7732.

Lake Waramaug Task Force, Inc. is a non-profit organization of volunteers and scientists that provides leadership in restoring and maintaining the **water quality** and ecology of the lake and its watershed. Its mission is to work with leading lake scientists to (a) conduct research toward the best possible restoration and lake management solutions, (b) operate three in-lake restoration systems which restore the natural balance of the lake's ecosystem by removing or isolating harmful nutrients and by improving the habitat for cold water fish and beneficial zooplankton and (c) prevent invasive aquatic species from entering the lake under a comprehensive inspection, monitoring, education and emergency-response system. The Task Force works with other lake groups, local officials, land use boards and local, regional and state organizations in furtherance of informing the public of lake restoration issues and Task Force programs, and in support of land preservation, including protection of open space, shoreline vegetation and wise land use on the lakefront and in its watershed. **Activities of the Task Force require significant expenditures and need your support. Contributions may be sent to the Task Force at 19 Sackett Hill Road, Warren CT 06754.** Information concerning the Task Force and its current activities may be seen on its website: www.lwtf.org Contact: Thomas A.J. McGowan, Executive Director, at 860-868-0331.

Lake Waramaug Authority was established by ordinances of the Towns of Washington, Warren and Kent under State statute, and consists of three representatives from each town. Its primary purpose relates to **lake safety**. It acts as the agent of the towns in the enforcement of State boating laws in cooperation with State authorities. It is the responsibility of the Authority to ensure that the lake is used safely for its many recreational activities. The Authority patrols the lake during the summer months, supervises the invasive species boat inspection program, and is also involved with all water and ice rescue activities and other safety issues including dock, buoy and float placement and permits and safety patrols for rowing regattas. In all of its activities, the Authority works closely with the Washington Resident State Trooper. The work of the Authority is supported by the Towns (Washington and Warren-40% each; Kent-20%). Contact: Washington Resident State Trooper Stephen Sordi at 860-868-9671 or Edgar Berner, Chairman, at 860-868-0172.

Lake Waramaug Interlocal Commission was established by an interlocal agreement among Washington, Warren and Kent under State law for the purpose of **controlling water pollution and improving the water quality** of Lake Waramaug. It consists of the First Selectmen of each of the Towns. The Interlocal Commission pays the utility and maintenance costs of operating the Task Force in-lake LayerAir restoration systems below the surface of the lake and the Frost aeration system at the tip of Arrow Point. Funding for the expenses of the Interlocal Commission is provided by the Towns of Washington (54%), Warren (39%) and Kent (7%) in accordance with the shoreline of the lake within such Town. Contact: the First Selectman of your town, or Thomas A.J. McGowan, Executive Director, at 860-868-0331.

Lake Waramaug Websites

There is a treasure trove of knowledge about Lake Waramaug and its environs, including news and links to town regulations and other important sources of information relating to the protection and preservation of the lake, at websites maintained by the Association and the Task Force. View them often for the latest developments:

Lake Waramaug Association
www.waramaugassoc.org

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