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## **ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012 2:00 P.M. LAKE WARAMAUG COUNTRY CLUB**

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend our 2012 membership meetings. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10 at 2 P.M. and our "end of summer" meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9 at 2 P.M., both at the Lake Waramaug Country Club.

At the June 10 Annual Meeting, Tom McGowan, Executive Director of the Lake Waramaug Task Force, will report on the State of the Lake. We will bring you up to date on the continuing implementation of the Lake Waramaug Agreement, the status of the invasive species boat inspection program, and other matters affecting the protection and preservation of Lake Waramaug. There will be an election of directors of the Association and reports concerning the continuing work of the Association.

This is your opportunity to learn of important matters affecting Lake Waramaug, so please be sure to attend! Encourage your neighbors, particularly newcomers to the Lake area, to join you.

### **IN MEMORIAM: PETER MULLEN 1928-2011**

The Association mourns the loss of Peter Mullen, President of the Association 1980-1994 and a member of its Board of Directors over many decades through his death last October. Although Executive Partner of a major law firm with offices throughout the world, Peter's devotion to the protection and preservation of Lake Waramaug was total. There was no issue, major or minor, involving the lake which did not have the benefit of his complete attention, wisdom, dedication and support. The state of the Lake today is a tribute to his life.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (Note the return to the traditional date) Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 9 P.M.**

The Association is once again pleased to continue the holiday tradition of fireworks and flares at the lake. This year's display—on Wednesday, July 4 (rain date Thursday, July 5)—promises an encore of the spectacular! Flares will be available for purchase at our June 10 meeting so that the pre-fireworks tradition of rimming the lake with flares will continue. Flares will also be available for purchase following the meeting date (while supplies last) at Hopkins Inn, County Wine & Spirits and Nine Main. The celebration begins with the lighting of the flares at 9:00 PM, as a prelude to the magnificent fireworks display sponsored by the Association at 9:30 PM. Thanks to Dorothy Hamilton for again making her property available for the firing site and handling the arrangements there. The fireworks display is presented by the Association as a reminder to the community of the efforts of the Association and the Task Force to protect and preserve Lake Waramaug.

### **DUES REMINDER**

**Your annual renewal of membership is important to us. Please return the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WHERE NOTED ON THE ENVELOPE SO THAT WE MAY CONTACT YOU PROMPTLY WITH LAKE NEWS.**

**Lake Waramaug Boat Inspection Program.** This effort continues to be crucial to the protection of Lake Waramaug from invasive weeds, which can be transported into the lake on a boat, trailer or motor. As members of the lake community, you have a special interest in, and a special responsibility for, the continued protection and preservation of the lake. Motorboats may be launched only through the Washington Boat Launch after inspection there for environmental fitness. (A Town of Washington annual permit fee and an inspection fee apply.) All motorboats must be inspected and have a sticker on the bow showing that the boat has passed inspection. The inspection requirements are also applicable to car-top motorboats which, under the terms of the Lake Waramaug Agreement between the lakeshore towns and the State, may also be launched from the State Park, but only after inspection at the Washington Boat Launch or, when that inspection facility is closed, at Dowler's Garage on Route 202.

**Limiting Lawn Fertilizers Containing Phosphorous.** We appreciate the action of our members in letting our legislators know that they supported CT Senate Bill 254/440 which restricts the use on established lawns of fertilizers containing phosphorous. An overloading of phosphorous in lakes, ponds and streams supports excessive growth of algae and weeds, which leads to loss of oxygen. This bill was passed by the CT General Assembly at the end of the May Session, effective January 2013. Tom McGowan played a major role in the introduction of this legislation. For the protection of Lake Waramaug, do not use a phosphorous fertilizer (the middle number on the product description should be "0").

**"A History of Lake Waramaug"**, Mary Harwood's 1996 book of historical background and pictures, is available for purchase (\$25) at our membership meetings, the Hickory Stick Bookshop in Washington Depot, and at other locations to be noted on the Association's website. Many thanks to the Hickory Stick for handling sales for the Association without charge as a community service. You can show your appreciation by supporting your local bookstore.

**Restrict Outdoor Lighting: Save the Night Sky.** Nighttime darkness is a vanishing natural resource. Excessive or poorly designed outdoor lighting unnecessarily brightens the night sky, emits objectionable illumination visible on and from other properties, poses a safety risk to pedestrians and drivers, disturbs natural habitats and is not in keeping with the rural character of the Lake Waramaug area. Washington Zoning Regulation 12.15 deals with outdoor residential lighting, but residents of Warren and Kent should be sensitive to the reasonable standards expressed in these rules. All outdoor lighting should be shielded and aimed downward so that the light sources cannot be seen from or beyond the property served. Decorative lighting of trees, ponds and structures is prohibited, except for holiday lights. Keeping exterior lighting to a minimum is neighborly, especially where houses may be close together as here at the Lake, and it helps to preserve the rural character of our towns.

**Lake Waramaug Websites:** Visit the websites of the Association and the Task Force often. They are the primary sources of information about the lake, including news and links to town regulations and other detailed data. Over the next year, the Association will transition from email notifications to residents (except in emergency situations) to announcements via the website, so become familiar with viewing the site.

Lake Waramaug Association: [www.waramaugassoc.org](http://www.waramaugassoc.org)

Lake Waramaug Task Force: [www.lwtf.org](http://www.lwtf.org)

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## **Important Telephone Numbers and Contact Information:**

**Emergency on Lake requiring immediate police, fire, or ambulance assistance — call 911**

**Unsafe condition or activity on Lake or on Lake Roads** — call Washington Police at 860-868-9671. If no response, call Troop L (Litchfield Barracks) 800-953-9949

**Invasive Weeds** — If you find a water plant which you believe to be an invasive weed, put it in a plastic bag with a wet paper towel and call Tom McGowan at 860-860-0331 for instructions. See pictures of invasive weeds at [www.lwtf.org/invasives](http://www.lwtf.org/invasives)

**Dangerous Objects/Debris floating in Lake** — call Washington Police at above number. Report "lost" and "found" dock sections, watercraft, etc. to Harold and Lynn Wellings (Association volunteers) at 860-868-0184. (Be sure to mark your name and address or telephone number on your docks, watercraft and other property.)

**Inland Wetlands and Zoning Regulations** — Protection and preservation of Lake Waramaug requires compliance with extensive Town regulations, particularly within 100 feet of the lake or other water body or watercourse. BEFORE you undertake ANY activity (including construction, alteration, tree removal, removing or depositing soil, stones and other materials, installing or modifying docks and fences, etc.) call the designated official of your town:

<b>Washington</b>	<b>Michael Ajello</b>	<b>860-868-0423</b>
<b>Warren</b>	<b>Craig Nelson</b>	<b>860-868-7881, Ext. 106</b>
<b>Kent</b>	<b>Daniel Laroche</b>	<b>860-927-4625</b>