

Photo by Tanya Donnelly

# Canobie Lake Companion

June

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## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Annual Boat Parade!

Please join the festivities by decorating your boat and joining the annual boat parade!! The parade will start at Rocky Point at 1pm on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. (In the event of bad weather please check our website [www.canobelake.org](http://www.canobelake.org) for updates.)

We would be honored to have last year's winners: Acker/Kelly, Forrence, Roper, and Silva families lead the parade.



The judging will be based on the criteria that whatever the theme there must be an American flag displayed in recognition of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Prizes will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and honorable mention at the conclusion of the parade.

A special thanks to both Scott Buttram for allowing us to use his dock for pictures and the award presentation. Please feel free to send any pictures to our email to be posted on our website.

As always if you are not in the boat parade please cheer and wave from shore!!



Our Mission "To help protect and improve the quality of Canobie Lake and the surrounding watershed, while educating, maintaining and supporting the interests of lake users and watershed property owners."

## West Duston Road Sewer Project

The W. Duston project was passed by only five votes on the March ballot this year, and the work is in full swing. The sewer, drainage, and water pipe installation in the road are expected to be completed before the end of this calendar year. Homes in this community will be able to hook up to the pipes shortly after that and will have one year to connect to the newly installed sewer system. Those who want town water may choose to hook up to the town water system. The project also includes reconstruction of the area's drainage to help mitigate runoff directly into the lake. Doing this will allow the drainage to filter into the ground before leaching into the lake. An additional benefit of this work is this area will use less salt in the wintertime. Thank you to all the Salem residents who voted yes for this project to help preserve the lake.

## Loon Update



The loons have been spotted on the lake in various areas. We have not made positive identification of the bands yet but hope to when we have the right weather. The Loon raft has been set in place in front of the island this year. We believe it is less likely to interfere with the fishing community that prefers to fish in the weedy areas. Boaters and fishermen need to maintain a safe distance from our loon community. Safe social distancing for our wildlife friends is recommended to be 150-200 feet away.

Hopefully we'll maintain a reasonable water level this summer and in the years ahead. The incoming pipeline is the biggest boost to our cause that we have ever had. As phase one is underway, let's hope phase two is successful as well.

## Eagle Update

The NH Fish and Game reports that bald eagles are present in NH year round. Pairs are breeding and raising their young during spring and summer.

We are fortunate to have nesting bald eagles on the lake again this year. These majestic birds of prey are an amazing sight to behold. As of today, the mating pair have two eaglets.

Bald eagles can live to ~30 years old. They typically begin breeding between the ages of four and six. During the breeding season, the male and female will work together to build a nest from sticks. The nest will be located at the top of a tall tree and can measure up to eight feet in diameter. Once built, the eagles often go back to the same nest from year to year. Eagles typically mate for life. Should one of the mates die, the remaining mate will seek another partner.

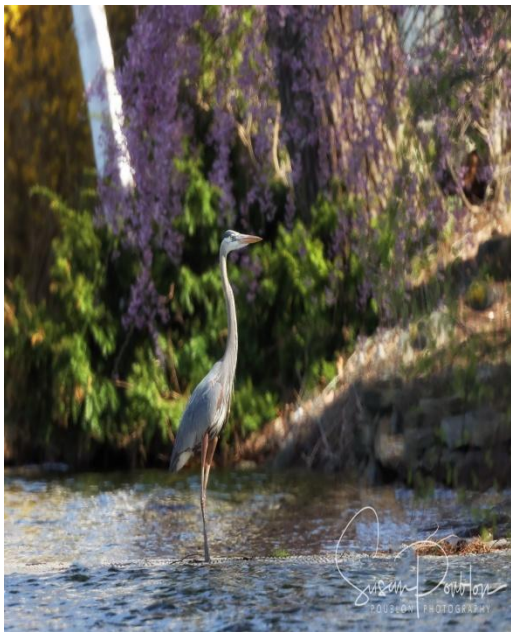
The female lays one to three eggs, five to ten days after mating. Eggs are incubated by both the male and female, for about 35 days. The eaglet/eaglets typically remain in the nest for about 6 weeks before they go out on their own. Bald eagles don't develop their distinctive white head and tail until they are between four and five years old. An eagle's diet consists primarily of fish, occasionally other birds, small to medium mammals, turtles, and carrion.

The property owner where the eagles are nesting has asked us to please be respectful of the time and space we take when we are looking at the nest. The property's street address needs to stay anonymous for the protection of the eagles and the residents privacy, so please do not share it.

Top Eagle photo by Josh Conover  
Bottom Eagle photo by Susan Poublon







Great Blue Heron photo taken by Susan Poulton.

## Water Quality Sampling

The NHDES VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program) program will also continue this year. Volunteers take water samples at different points around the lake, deliver them to the lab in Concord, and the lab does the tests. They test for chloride, phosphorus, algae, clarity, etc. This data helps DES evaluate the health of the lake and look for changes and trends. CLPA has participated in the program for 20 years.

If you are interested in helping with the sampling please contact us at [Info@CanobieLake.org](mailto:Info@CanobieLake.org)

## Weed Watch

Steve Bortone, our resident aquatic environmental consultant, will coordinate our weed watching efforts again this summer. This is a program sponsored by NHDES where local residents survey the lake shore looking for invasive aquatic weeds, so that any new ones can be spotted early and dealt with. It takes an hour, three or four times a summer, to survey your assigned section of lake. It is light work and a good excuse to be out on the lake. Steve provides expert coaching. Thank you Steve! He can always use a few more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact us by email at [Info@CanobieLake.org](mailto:Info@CanobieLake.org)

## Specific Life Jacket (PFD) Requirements

[https://www.boat-ed.com/newhampshire/studyGuide/Specific-Life-Jacket-PFD-Requirements/10103102\\_39986/](https://www.boat-ed.com/newhampshire/studyGuide/Specific-Life-Jacket-PFD-Requirements/10103102_39986/)

New Hampshire law requires the following with respect to life jackets (PFDs).

- All vessels must carry one wearable (Type I, II, III, or V) USCG–approved life jacket for each person on board. Type V life jackets must be worn to be acceptable.
- In addition to the above requirements, vessels 16 feet in length or longer (except canoes and kayaks) must have one Type IV USCG–approved throwable device on board and immediately available.
- Children 12 years of age and younger must **wear** a USCG–approved life jacket at all times while underway on a vessel, unless the vessel is completely enclosed by railings at least three feet high and constructed such that a small child cannot fall through them. It is **strongly** recommended that children of all ages **wear** their life jackets.
- All life jackets must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible. The life jackets must be of the proper size for the intended wearer. Sizing for life jackets is based on body weight and chest size and can be determined by the manufacturer's label.



Canadian Geese photo taken by Susan Poulton.



## Canobie Lake Park

Many of us miss not hearing and not seeing the seasonal awakening of Canobie Lake Park. Check out the link below to their website to see what they are planning. Usually Canobie Lake Park generously provides the CLPA a limited number of free passes to the park. The CLPA then distributes them to members. If the park opens this summer and provides us passes, we will do so again.

<https://www.canobie.com/covid-19/>

### Annual Meeting

No date yet for our Annual Meeting  
We will wait to see what orders come from the governor's office and send out a notice. Looking forward to getting together again!

### Lake Friendly Living Webinar Series

New Hampshire Lakes is pleased to announce their new program- the lake friendly living webinar series. Tune into to this weekly four-part series, which started on Thursday, May 21 at 7p.m. These webinars have been recorded and are available for viewing at any time.

[nhlakes.org/lake-friendly-webinar-series/](http://nhlakes.org/lake-friendly-webinar-series/)

## Southern NH Water Line Update

- Currently all of the 20" water main from the Derry/Windham line to the intersection of RT 111 is in and is being pressure tested. Once it passes pressure it will need to be disinfected which will take the greater part of two weeks.
- At RT 111 the NHDOT is requiring that we bore under the road. That work is ongoing and plans to be done the 1st week of June.
- The physical connection of the regional line to Salem's line at Range Road was made in late May.
- The two pressure reducing valve stations are about 75% of the way complete.
- The project is trying to get to substantial completion by the June 15 date but it could be tough to make. July 1 maybe seems more realistic.
- Substantial completion means that there is clean potable water flowing to Salem. All of the other items such as services in Windham and clean-up, paving, loam will be done by September
- Water will be flowing into Salem for Salem use as well as into the HAWK system in Atkinson by July 1

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----- 2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE -----

**Have you joined the CLPA? Please become a member to support:**

- Education on being a lake friendly resident
- Education on wildlife on the lake
- Organized lake community events: 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade, annual meeting, more to come
- Watershed protection and education that effects our lake
- Invasive weed watching and irrigation
- Chloride testing of the lake water
- Close relationship with NH DES
- Influencing the Board of selectman in both Windham and Salem for the good of the lake
- Work with NH State officials to protect our lake
- Communication via email and Newsletter

**For those of you who would like to help us meet our any donation would be appreciated and would go a long way.**

**We will accept checks accompanied by the following information below and send with your tax deductible check made payable to: Canobie Lake Protective Association. Mail to: CLPA, P.O. Box 13 Windham, NH 03087**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Property: Year round          Seasonal

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Donation Type:    \_\_\_ New Member    \_\_\_ Renewal

☐ If you would prefer digital/electronic communication from the CLPA please check here.

**\*\*If you are currently facing Covid-19 related hardship please reach out to the board at [Info@CanobieLake.org](mailto:Info@CanobieLake.org) so we can find a way assist you in continued membership.**