

May 2016 A Publication of the Canobie Lake Protective Association

Our Mission

“To help protect and improve the quality of Canobie Lake and the surrounding watershed, while maintaining and supporting the interests of lake users and watershed property owners.”

2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our goal is to have all concerned residents join together. We mail this MEMBERSHIP DRIVE newsletter to over 300 residences around Canobie Lake. To all of our past and loyal members, THANK YOU!!!! We continue to welcome anyone to join and demonstrate his or her support for our work to protect Canobie Lake.

PLEASE JOIN TODAY and become a MEMBER for 2016

CANOBIE LAKE PARK has, again, *generously* given us GUEST PASSES to be used in our membership drive. For each membership you will receive one complimentary guest pass to Canobie Lake Park. While supply lasts, for each additional \$25 donation you will receive a guest pass. (All donations of any amount are WELCOME but we must limit the number of passes from donations to insure that we have enough so that all members receive their guest pass).

We are continuing our “RECRUITMENT SPECIAL”

PLEASE reach out to your neighbors and friends to join the Canobie Lake Protective Association. Current members will receive 1 free pass for each new member recruited. (Just fill in the special recruitment information on the membership form below.)

TO JOIN: fill in and send with your tax deductible check for \$25 to the Canobie Lake Protective Association

TO MAKE A DONATION: Due to recent legal and engineering consultant expenses any additional donations included in your check are encouraged and gratefully accepted.

To receive your CANOBIE LAKE GUEST PASS(ES) please enclose a return addressed, stamped envelope.

With questions, please call Ginny Campiola at 894 6957.

YES, I want to join (or renew my membership to) the Canobie Lake Protective Association

Please CUT OFF and MAIL (w/self addressed/stamped envelope) to: Ginny Campiola, 51 West Shore Rd, Windham, NH 03087

Name _____ **Tele#** _____ **email** _____

Throughout the year the newsletter and special points of interest will be emailed to our membership. That is why we hope that you will provide us with your email address (It will not be shared with others).

Address _____ **Town** _____ **\$ enclosed** _____

Comments _____

I _____ **have recruited my neighbor,** _____ **, to join CLPA**

Current member's name

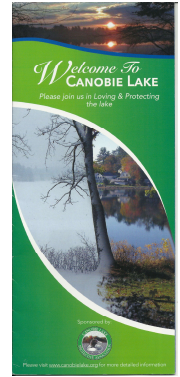
Please mail me my free pass to Canobie Lake Park

WELCOME and THANK YOU !!!!!

IT'S COMPLETE AND AVAILABLE...

THE CLPA informational and welcoming brochure for Canobie Lake

We are very proud to present to you (included in this mailing) a copy of our new BROCHURE. Your board has worked throughout the past year along with a very talented graphic designer, Ann Marie Catabia, to produce what we believe will be a wonderful resource for information about Canobie Lake. The brochure will be available to residents, newcomers, realtors and town governments to use to familiarize people with the attributes of our beautiful Canobie Lake. It is also included on our website. You are welcome to request more copies to pass out to potential new members of CLPA or neighbors, friends, and anyone with an interest in protecting and sharing our love of Canobie Lake. Many thanks to Ginny Campiola, Betty Dunn, and Suzanne Moore for all their work to create this brochure!



Water Levels

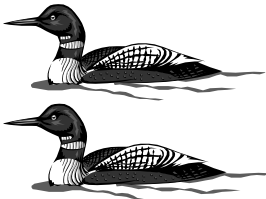
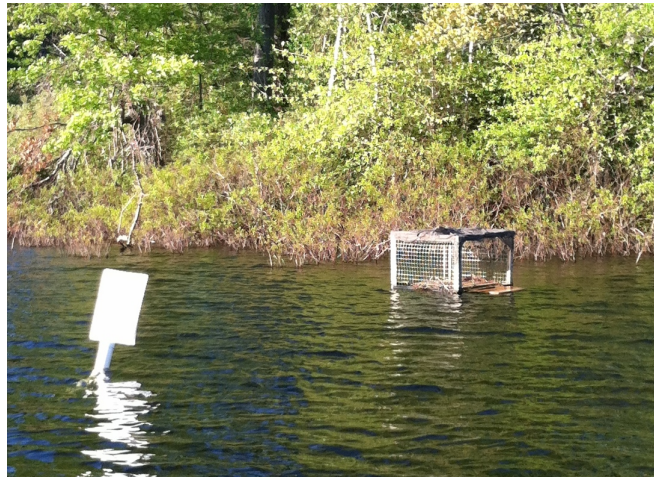
We didn't get much snow last winter, and the spring rainfall has been less than normal. Big Island Pond, Arlington Pond and Canobie Lake have all been slow to fill. As of May 10, the first two ponds are full and Canobie Lake is about 0.6 feet below full.

Usually the Town of Salem switches from Arlington Pond to Canobie Lake for their water source, on about May 1. This year they are planning to stay on Arlington Pond longer, since it's full, and try to let Canobie Lake fill up. When they do switch to Canobie, they normally draw water from it until October. That's the main reason our level goes down in the summer, usually 2 to 4 feet.

Welcome back LOONS!

THANK YOU, Dave Blake, for your research and providing them with their nesting loon raft!!!!

We currently have 3 Loons. As yet we have not yet been able to get a picture of the bands for the Loon Society to verify if they are "our" loons. The loon raft has been positioned in a less windy area and in deeper water and quieter surrounding. With a bed of more natural things it should be more attractive for them to nest. However, it MAY be that our loon couple is in a "Platonic" relationship where coupled loons do not mate and just hang out together. If this is the same couple we had last year, the male is our original banded guy and the female is not our original gal. Loons are very territorial so they may be the same loons as last year. Let's hope they get together this year and have a successful chick.



Please respect the raft and stay far enough away so as to not disturb our lovebirds

Tracking Chloride (Salt) Levels in Canobie Lake

Last fall, board members Dale Valvo, Bill Schroeder, and Suzanne Moore met with NHDES to discuss improved tracking of chloride levels in our lake. As we have discussed in the past, chloride has been a concern of ours because of rising levels over the past 5 years. Historically, our association has typically tested chloride levels 2 times a year in 2 locations in the lake. Based on our meetings and subsequent discussions with the NHDES, our sampling starting in May will be much more robust. We will be sampling 6 – 8 locations 2 times a month from May to September and in the winter sampling could continue if the lake freezes properly.

In addition, the DES has developed new hardware to measure the level of chloride in the lake via a sensing device attached to a DES boat. In other words, this method will allow the DES to “map” the chloride level in the entire lake giving us a much better understanding of not only the level but also potential sources.

We expect the DES to map the lake in late May or early June. We look forward to giving you updates throughout the summer.

PLEASE...SAVE THE DATE...

CLPA ANNUAL MEETING/SOCIAL---SUNDAY, JULY 17

Please mark your calendars for our annual meeting and social to be held at the Searles School and Chapel starting at 6:30 PM. Please come to the “party” and enjoy desert and light adult beverages. The agenda details will be announced and will include; the election of officers, update on current issues of concern, and refreshments and socializing with fellow CLPA members. PLEASE NOTE: There will be openings on the board. We encourage anyone who is interested in serving on the board of CLPA to contact any current board member prior to the meeting and come to the annual meeting.

Proposed commercial development in Canobie Lake Watershed

Much has happened in the past year regarding the proposed developments in the watershed of Canobie Lake around Exit 3 on 193. On a few occasions we sent emails to our members and friends to help in the political process. One good outcome was that the proposed Ledgeview development was withdrawn. Unfortunately there was a confusing Planning Board ballot Citizen’s Petition that did pass and will potentially create serious harm to the watersheds of Canobie and Cobbetts. We will actively be encouraging the Windham Planning Board to improve the regulation in the election in March 2017. We will be more proactive in informing the voters and encouraging everyone to support regulations which better protect our watersheds, and our lakes.

We spent more than \$5,000 on environmental engineering consultants and attorney fees. We may need to spend more in the coming months. This unplanned expense has put a dent in our treasury. If you are able, please consider making a generous contribution to the CLPA this year. We are not conducting a special fund-raising campaign at this time, but we'll let you know if events require it.

Got Invasive Aquatic Weeds. Who Ya Gonna Call? Weed Watchers!

As you may know, invasive species are everywhere. They can cause irreparable harm to natural biological systems. Non-native aquatic weeds, once they invade a water body, can permanently alter the environment and usually, not for the better. So far – and unlike nearby Cobbetts Pond, Canobie Lake has been fortunate in that no invasive aquatic weeds have been reported from its waters or shores.

Under the direction of the Canobie Lake Protection Association, a group of locals are aiming to keep Canobie Lake free of invasive species. The local group, nicknamed the Weed Watchers, are in the process of becoming trained to detect and report any invasive aquatic weed they find. With training supplied by Amy Smagula of New Hampshire’s Department of Environmental Services, the band of stalwart Weed Watchers will soon begin their monthly surveys of the shoreline and nearshore for any evidence of invasive aquatic weeds.

The surveys, usually conducted from a boat (canoe, kayak, or motorboat), take each surveyor a couple of hours to complete each month. The aim is to survey the entire shore area of Canobie Lake from May to September for evidence of invasive aquatic weeds. While identifying invasive aquatic weeds can be tricky, the expert training the group is receiving, with follow-up verification by experts for questionable invaders, will insure those nasty plants will be detected in time to prevent an ecological catastrophe. If, and when, an invasive weed is detected, a team from NH-DES will be quick to respond and eliminate the “foreigners” to thwart a successful invasion.

If you are interested in helping out with the survey, please contact Steve Bortone (steve.bortone@gmail.com or 813.390.1667). Steve is coordinating the training, which only takes about an hour. Don’t be afraid to participate just because you don’t have a degree in Aquatic Botany. With a little training, patience, and diligence, you too can become an invasive aquatic weed buster.

Our new and improved website: www.Canobelake.org

Please visit the website for more information on Canobie Lake. There are photos, maps, depth charts and all sorts of information relevant to protecting our beautiful lake! Plus there are archives of previous newsletters and a downloadable version of our new Welcome brochure (under Lake Info). We will continue to add new information to it. Please let us know if there's something you'd like added. Bill Schroeder for his efforts to re-establish our website. We can't thank him enough for his dedication and countless hours of work.

West Shore Road "Boat Launch" Area Restricted

The Windham Board of Selectmen recently voted to restrict the use of the area on West Shore Road where people have launched boats. While the area will be blocked for use by trailer launching it will still be available for launching of boats that can be carried to the shore and launched without a trailer. A sign will be posted showing the new regulations.

4th of JULY 2015



Our 4th of July boat parade will be held as usual. Watch for details in the pre 4th of July Newsletter. Also, the Canobie Lake Park fireworks are scheduled for July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 9:30PM (weather permitting).



THANK YOU to Canobie Lake Park for their generous support of our association. Again, this year they have provided complimentary guest passes which will be used for membership. Any passes leftover will be used as prizes for the 4th of July parade and other incentives for CLPA members as publicized in later newsletters. Canobie Lake Park is a beautiful facility with over 85 rides, games, shows, and attractions which include; "SummahPalooza", Tributes to Michael and One Direction, Magic Show, New Shanghai Circus, and Comedy juggling.

For hours of operation and more information about Canobie Lake Park visit;

**www.Canobie.com
or call: (603) 893 3506**



A welcomed sign of summer...The Canobie Park Boat

Canobie Lake Protective Association

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