

Hello All,

We hope this letter finds everyone in good health. **SADLY, the COVID-19 virus has forced us to CANCEL ALL of our events scheduled for the summer of 2020, with the exception of the July 4th Boat Parade and our Annual meeting.** We have changed the format of this year's annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will be held on July 25th, as scheduled, but at 10:00 AM via ZOOM. A week or so before the Annual Meeting date, you will receive an email with information on how to join the ZOOM meeting. The Lake Elmore Association (LEA) believes your safety has to be the first priority.

Since we have had to cancel fundraising events, please know that your support in the form of your membership and/or donations will be needed more than ever. Your membership dues and any donation you may be able to make will greatly assist us in our continuing efforts to protect the Lake. For instance, we plan to continue with the divers beginning in July and we have already started the greeter program at the boat ramp. In the past, we have supplemented the income generated by the membership dues with monies raised at the various LEA sponsored fundraisers. Since we are unable to continue with our fundraising events this summer, your membership dues and continued support are needed more than ever. At the same time, we understand that many are experiencing financial difficulties during these unprecedented times. If you are able, we would appreciate you renewing your membership, if you have not already done so. Furthermore, as mentioned in my earlier letter, the LEA has successfully obtained 501c3, nonprofit status, meaning any donations you choose to make to the LEA will now be tax deductible.

Any lakefront property owners who have not already done so and are interested in a Lake Wise assessment will have the opportunity to have their property evaluated during the summer of 2020. The Lake Wise assessments identify areas that will benefit from shoreland Best Management Practices (BMP's) such as water bars, rain gardens, and buffer planting to name a few. These lake friendly practices help maintain the health of the Lake. The assessment is free of charge and participants may choose to do all, part, or none of the BMP's recommended. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Barkley at cherylbarkley53@gmail.com, with your contact information. The assessments have already begun, so if you are interested please notify us as soon as possible.

Attached you will find the Annual Dues notice. Please complete the form and return it at your earliest convenience.

We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, The Executive Board of the Lake Elmore Association

President: Glenn Schwartz, Vice President: Cheryl Barkley, Secretary: Bruce Olsson, Treasurer: Cheryl Schwartz
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LAKE ELMORE ASSOCIATION (LEA) 2020 ANNUAL DUES--\$25

Name _____

Address _____

EMAIL _____ Phone _____ (Required
if available)

Membership Dues \$ 25.00

Donation to Milfoil Removal Fund \$25____ \$50____ \$100____ or Other Amount \$_____ Total \$_____

Make checks payable to the **LAKE ELMORE ASSOCIATION**

Mail your dues plus any additional **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation to: Cheryl Schwartz, Treasurer, PO Box 61, Lake Elmore, VT 05657