

Hello All,

We hope this letter finds everyone in good health and anxiously awaiting another wonderful summer at beautiful Lake Elmore. **Unfortunately, the COVID-19 virus has forced us to cancel many events.** The Lake Elmore Association (LEA) continues with our efforts to ensure that you will have the best experience our lake community can offer.

The LEA is continuing with its mission is to improve the health of Lake Elmore. We have been busy sponsoring fundraisers, utilizing volunteers, and working with State of VT and the Town of Elmore officials to secure grants and appropriations to help eradicate invasive species (e.g. milfoil). Everyone is welcome to join the LEA, regardless of residency. Your level of participation is entirely up to you. You are always welcome to volunteer to help with any of our fund raisers or other projects.

The LEA has successfully obtained 501c3, nonprofit status, meaning any donations you choose to make to the LEA will now be tax deductible. We have again hired professional divers who specialize in milfoil removal and who will move our bottom barrier mats. We will continue with the greeter program at the boat launch where friendly greeters will inspect boats and educate interested boaters. Our volunteers have built and placed loon nesting platforms in the lake. We are also currently working on obtaining grants for lakeshore erosion control. Your membership helps support these efforts.

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 Lake Elmore. The Lake Wise assessment is free of charge and those who choose to participate 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, as soon as possible, with your contact information and she will submit your request.

Additionally, we are working with the state and county in an effort to obtain grants for assessments and implementation of road projects on areas of roads, both public and private. The goal is to control erosion that eventually makes its way into the lake and negatively impacts its health.

You are encouraged to check out the Lake Association's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/732462333604380/>

We thank you for your support and are looking forward to another fun filled summer at the lake.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of the Lake Elmore Association

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