



Hello All,

We hope this letter finds everyone in good health and anxiously awaiting another wonderful summer at beautiful Lake Elmore. The status of the COVID-19 virus, contagious variants, and the vaccine situation continues to be fluid and varies state to state. Therefore, again this summer, there is the potential that we may have to change or cancel some events. If there are any cancellations or changes, they will be posted on the Lake Elmore Association's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/732462333604380/> as well as the Town's website at: www.elmorevt.org . We also plan to put notices regarding our events on *Front Porch Forum*. We will be following the CDC and State recommendations and guidelines at all LEA events this summer and they are "enter at your own risk".

The LEA is continuing with its mission to improve the health of Lake Elmore. We have been busy, 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). Unfortunately, State funding continues to decrease as the need increases. Everyone is welcome to join the LEA, regardless of residency. Your level of participation is entirely up to you. We are always in need of volunteers to help with our fund raisers or other projects. If you are able to give us a couple hours of your time volunteering, please complete the volunteer form at the link below, or let any one of our Board Members know of your interest and someone will be in touch with you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsHDB2bUQIfDWb7ILhUnQdOtkXOrzYfh1HMZLfLitJABUkpQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

The LEA is a 501 (c) (3), nonprofit, meaning any donations you choose to make to the LEA will be tax deductible. We have again hired professional divers who specialize in milfoil removal and will place/remove our bottom barrier mats, if necessary. We will continue with the greeter program at the boat launch where friendly greeters will inspect boats and educate interested boaters. This program will monitor the lake (3) three days per week, 12 hours per day (8:00am – 8:00pm). The program will be open on weekends (Friday through Sunday) and holidays throughout the summer season. We have built and placed loon nesting platforms in the lake and continue to seek and obtain 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 2022. 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 for an assessment.

We continue to work 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.

Attached you will find the Annual Dues notice and the Annual Meeting and BBQ notice. Please complete the forms and return them at your earliest convenience. This year, in an effort to show our appreciation for all of the support you have shown us, the LEA is planning to forgo our usual charge of \$5/pp for attendance at the Annual Meeting and BBQ. We hope you will be able to join us. The Lake Elmore Association's (**Tentative**) Calendar of Events for 2022 is also attached. We hope to see you at some or all of the events. 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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