

# Lake Todd Times

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## Where Were You, and What Did You See?

To everyone who spent the winter in a warmer climate, welcome back! And to those hardy souls who spend unpredictable New England winters on the lake, we would love to hear from you. What did you notice about the lake this winter? How was it different from other winters? How was the ice fishing? When was the ice-out? We hope you will share your observations and experiences, either by phone or by mail, or a note at the annual meeting. We will put them together for our next newsletter. Thank you!

Norma Murphy

## Milfoil

Everyone knows that Lake Massesecum has a serious milfoil problem and Lake Sunapee has also reported milfoil. To help prevent Lake Todd from being next, please **MAKE SURE YOUR BOAT AND MOTOR ARE THOROUGHLY CLEAN BEFORE PUTTING THEM INTO LAKE TODD**. Milfoil is a submerged aquatic plant with fine, densely packed narrow leaves whorled around a main stem. It can grow up to 10 feet and may exhibit a 3-inch green spike-like flower above the water line. A cross section of the stem reveals "pie shaped" air chambers. It reproduces and spreads primarily through fragmentation: plant fragments break off from the parent plant through wind action or boat traffic, settle in a new location, take root and establish a new plant.

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## Time For Our Annual Meeting



The Lake Todd Association Board of Directors has set the date for the annual meeting. It will take place on Saturday, June 29, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., with a social time from 8:30 to 9:00. It will be held at the Bradford Baptist Church on Main Street, and refreshments will be served. Come and meet with your neighbors, old and new! We have several new neighbors we want to welcome to our lake.

Pat Dugdale is working on a map of the properties around the lake, with a list of corresponding names. We hope to have this available to distribute at the meeting. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend, as there are many important issues to be discussed, including milfoil, weed control, water testing, and our Emergency Action Plan. We also have 25 boat decals which we will hand out to the first 25 families or individuals that arrive. We may have more decals in the future if others want them.

See you all there!

Carol Tonkin

## Emergency Action Plan

We have received notice from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that our Emergency Action Plan for the dam has never been tested. Our deadline was March 15, 2002, after which time we would be subject to a fine. I requested an extension until the end of the summer; their response was to extend the deadline only until June 30, 2002. The notification flow chart for our plan is supposed to be tested yearly, and our original plan is dated 12/15/93. Patty Dugdale and I are currently revising the flow chart and are hopeful that we will be able to comply with the testing requirements prior to June 30. We will explain further at the annual meeting.

Carol Tonkin

## Neighbors on the Lake

Vernon and Marion Hall live in Bradford, and also have a place on Gillingham Drive on Lake Todd. The property has belonged to the hall family for over 75 years. Originally, it was used for Hall's ice house and ice business. Vernon and Marion met in high school and will have been married 55 years on June 1, 2002.

Vernon was born and grew up in Bradford, where he worked on the family farm. He also worked for Ken Holt, the funeral director, for about seven years. Vernon then worked for the post office as a substitute rural carrier for 14 years before becoming the Bradford Postmaster, a position he held for 20 years, from 1964 to 1984. He is now a volunteer substitute for Meals on Wheels.

Marion was born in Warner and worked for Merrimack Farmers Exchange for many years, as well as for Cressy and Williams Farm Machinery Dealers. She then worked for Sugar River Savings Bank for over 13 years before retirement.

Vernon and Marion love spending time with their family. They have two children, Jean Hall Dumm, who lives in Manchester, and Phillip Hamilton Hall, who



Lives here in Bradford. Phillip has two sons and Jean has two daughters and a two-year old son, Andrew.

Almost everyone in Bradford knows Vernon and Marion. They are willing volunteers for any good cause. They are active in the Masons and Eastern Star, as well as the Rainbow Girls. They are also volunteers for the Bradford Bridge. Vernon has been in several local theatrical productions, and Marion enjoys many types of crafts. I've seen the baskets she has made, and they are beautiful!

Marion likes to swim in Lake Todd, and for Vernon Lake Todd has always been part of his life. Vernon and Marion love the lake and enjoy just sitting and watching it and the wonderful wildlife it supports.

Carol Tonkin

## Milfoil

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The tiniest piece of this exotic weed will spread rapidly and will quickly inhabit our valuable shoreline, impairing recreational activities. If you think you see milfoil in the lake, please call one of the board members or Gerry Gold (938-2406), our Milfoil Representative on a newly formed committee that includes Lake Massesecum and Lake Sunapee. Call immediately, even if you are not sure what the plant is; it's always better to play it safe! If it can be spotted before it has spread too far, there are actions that can be tried to possibly control it. We will be discussing this issue and our annual meeting. It is vitally important, so please do your best to attend!

Carol Tonkin

## Lakefront Property Owners—We Own The Dam!

We are asking once again that all Lakefront Property Owners help pay for the cost of registering and maintaining the dam by paying their Maintenance Dues. The dues will remain at \$25.00 per property; they have not increased in sixteen years, thanks to the wonderful volunteers that we have in the Lake Todd Association. In addition to the registration, we must pay for the cost of repairs and for the water tests at the Department of Environmental Services. The registration is \$300, and may go up, but if all the lakefront property owners pay their fair share and there is not any really major construction needed at the dam, we may not have to increase the amount of the dues for many years to come.

Please send your \$25.00 Maintenance Dues to the Lake Todd Association, P.O. Box 169, Bradford, NH 03221, or bring them to the annual meeting on June 29.

We hope we can count on you!

The Lake Todd Association

## Products That Pollute

The question was raised at the Annual Meeting about which products can increase the phosphorus level in the lake. Our Treasurer, Daphne Lessard is currently researching this subject, but when I was at the Walmart recently, I checked out some of the dishwasher detergents. What I found surprised me. I have been using one of the worst products in terms of phosphorus. Look at these figures and decide for yourself, but I am going to change to Palmolive Gel.

| <u>Product</u>          | <u>% of Phosphorus</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Cascade Complete—powder | 7.74                   |
| Cascade Complete—gel    | 6.5                    |
| Cascade—powder          | 7.4                    |
| Cascade—gel             | 4.5                    |
| Electrosol—powder       | 6.1                    |
| Electrosol—gel          | 4.5                    |
| Sunlight—powder         | 4.5                    |
| Sunlight—gel            | 4.3                    |
| Palmolive—gel           | 1.6                    |

Next month we will give a more complete report on products that are safest for the lake.

Carol Tonkin

### Steele Road Problem

At the Annual Meeting, concern was expressed about the project on Steele Road to control the flooding. A year ago last winter, Steele Road was so flooded that the town of Bradford put in a 15" pipe under the road and raised the road by a considerable amount. This moved more of the flooding into the Vitale yard and his 4" pipe did not control it. I attended a meeting at the property on the Monday morning after our annual meeting. Peter Fenton, Selectman from Bradford; Tony Vitale, owner of the property; Kenny Lyman, KDL Construction; and Earl Chase, Wetlands Bureau, attended this meeting. Mr. Vitale had been told last year that he didn't need a permit to put in the pipe to pump water from his flooded yard into the lake as long as he didn't penetrate the banking with the pipe. He wants to install a 15" pipe, the same size as the town put in under the road. Mr. Chase told him he did have to have a permit, and he cannot continue with the project until he does. Also, he cannot pump the wetland dry, and there are several other requirements involved in getting the permit. Mr. Vitale can, however, try to unplug the existing 4" pipe as a temporary measure until he gets the permit, which can take up to three months. Please be assured that Mr. Vitale will work with the Wetlands Bureau to try to complete this project within their guidelines.

If you see anyone you think is violating the wetlands laws, you may call the Wetlands Bureau at the Department of Environmental Services at 603-271-1969.

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It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast

meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

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