

Lake Todd Times

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See You There!



On Sunday, August 18, we will have our annual Lake Todd Social, with

a rain date of the following Sunday, August 25. It is a wonderful way to connect with your neighbors on the lake, sample a favorite dish, and share some laughs.

Once again we are fortunate to hold our annual social at Bill and Margie Weiler's beautiful place at 192 Gillingham Drive.

Mary Lehoullier is coordinating the refreshments this year. Please call her at 938-2406 and let her know what you will be bringing, and if you have any outdoor games, please bring them too.

We hope to see you there!

Norma Murphy

Aquatic Weed Watcher Program for Lake Todd

Since the decision at the annual meeting to form a Weed Watcher program for Lake Todd, approximately 18 association members have volunteered to watch our Lake Todd waters for milfoil and learn how to recognize friendly and unfriendly lake vegetation. A first step was taken when a small group visited Lake Massasecum to observe their efforts to collect variable milfoil using a pontoon boat and paid summer staff. The hosts, Marcia and Richard Keller, described how milfoil was found and how control efforts evolved with assistance from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Town of Bradford. The Kellers emphasized the importance of shoreline patrolling and early detection. Anyone wanting to learn more about Weed Watchers should contact Gerry Gold at 938-6132.

Excellent information and pictures of milfoil and other exotic and native aquatic plants can be found on the website of DES: [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/exoticspecies/) <<http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/exoticspecies/>>. From there, readers can follow links to other sites or to the University of New Hampshire Sea Grant office at www.ceinf@unh.edu <<http://www.ceinf@unh.edu>>.

Gerry Gold

Village District

At our annual meeting, we talked about establishing a Village District in order to provide affordable insurance for our dam. We had a very positive response from all of the attendees at the meeting. On July 24, Alex Azodi, Ray Hamilton, John DeStefano, and I traveled to Granite Lake to meet with three members of the Granite Lake Village District. They were very helpful and answered lots of questions. Of course, there are many more questions, and David Knight, who wrote the article about the Granite Lake experience (which was distributed at the annual meeting), has agreed to come and talk to the residents of Lake Todd. We will notify everyone as soon as we have a date.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of questions and answers that have been asked about the Village District idea. I hope it will clarify some things for you and that you will bring any additional questions you have to our meeting with David Knight.

Neighbors on the Lake



Alex and Susan Azodi and their two sons, Adrian and Alexander, moved from Seattle, Washington to Newbury in 1995. They had always lived in a major metropolitan area and wanted to move to a quieter, simpler place. After extensive research, including a two month, cross-country trip, the Azodi family chose to move to Newbury because of its beautiful setting, strong sense of community, and the close proximity to a wide array of amenities.

Of course, their house had a little bit to do with it as well. Alex and Susan could not pass up the opportunity to purchase this outstanding property, and they hope to finish renovations by the time they are ready to retire in (approximately) the summer of 2025. The house was built by the Fowler brothers in 1860. One of the Fowler brothers was married to a Gillingham, a name familiar to local historians. These brothers were not only loggers, but carpenters as well. They built the benches that are located in the Newbury Town Hall, and their extraordinary skill is evident throughout the house. These brothers must have been on very good terms with each other because they built the house as a two family home. The house is perfectly symmetrical; each side has four rooms on the first floor, three on the second, and one on the third. The property includes 22 acres that the Andrew Brook runs through on its way to Lake Todd. Old pictures of the property show that the

Fowler brothers had a dam and a mill on the brook at one time. Remnants of the dam are quite visible; however, Alex and Susan have not been able to locate the mill site yet.

Alex is a structural engineer and works in New London for Stahlman Engineering. He is on the Newbury Zoning Board and is a Director of the Lake Todd Association. In his spare time, he renovates the house. Last year he installed a new heating system, and he also restores antiques. He is currently working on their dining room table. Susan also works in New London, for Colby-Sawyer College, and if you ask her she will tell you that it is the best job she has ever had. Susan takes at least one class each semester and thoroughly enjoys not only the professors, but the interactions with the students as well. In her spare time, Susan creates leaded glass pieces. She is currently making a mosaic table (with her husband's assistance) from the leftover scraps of glass.

Adrian will be 17 this October, and Alexander turned 14 in June. Both boys enjoy school, computers, sports, and are voracious readers. And then there is Ollie, their white cat with black spots. Ollie is most definitely the king of the house.

The whole family has been very pleased with the move and cannot imagine living anywhere but here.

Planting Shrubs Helps Keep Lake Todd Clear and Clean

Attractive shrubs are a first line of defense against algae blooms and excessive water weeds. University of New Hampshire researchers (www.ceinfo.unh.edu <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/>/waterhome) highly recommend planting woody shrubs such as viburnums, serviceberry, and high bush blueberries and buttonberry near the shoreline and further uphill as an effective and attractive way to prevent phosphates and other organic nutrients from entering the lake. Algae grows dramatically with boosts from phosphates and other fertilizers.

The researchers note that phosphates have an amazing ability to leach from septic tanks and septic fields and find their way downhill to water. Woody shrubs intercept nutrients as rains and sub-surface trickling carries dissolved minerals towards the lake. An additional benefit is that the recommended shrubs provide berries and seeds that attract many bird species.

Gerry Gold

Dues

It's easy to forget to pay your dam and water maintenance dues, but please take a moment from enjoying the beautiful weather on the lake and send a check for \$25.00, payable to the Lake Todd Association, to P.O. Box 169, Bradford, NH 03221. Thank you.