

WEST POINT

A LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE COMMUNITY

2008 West Point Newsletter

Dear West Point of Long Island Association member,

The busy Holiday's have come and gone and we are well into the New Year. Hopefully you and your families have had an enjoyable winter season and are looking forward to a warming spring and another fun filled summer at the lake.

Please take a few minutes to review the key issues we addressed in 2007 as well as updates and plans affecting 2008 at West Point. As always, we urge you to let us know what else we can do to make our neighborhood and Association a better place for all.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BEACH CLEANUP

The date for this gala affair is Saturday May 24, 2008 at 10:00 AM. Our goal as always is to have a turnout of 100%. The more hands we have means less work for each individual. It is a worthwhile 2 hours for both the beach area and the opportunity to swap those winter stories about the kids and grandchildren. The rain date is Sunday May 25, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

This years WPLI Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday August 2, 2008 at 10:00 AM on the beach. Per the By-laws you are invited to nominate members "in good standing" who would like to serve a three term as a director of the Association. If you wish to nominate a member, who desires to serve, their name must be received by the secretary in writing by June 1, 2008. Please send any nominations to our secretary Stephen Gentile, 15 Ernie's Dr, Littleton, MA 01460.

DOCKS & MOORINGS

Our long awaited repair to the docks was accomplished last fall by Docks Unlimited. As you may know, Lou Whittemore took the lead role for replacing the dock's decking material last summer. The remainder of the new decking material will be installed this spring. A "big thanks" to Lou Whittemore and his willing team of volunteers for their hard work. Our dock fee will remain unchanged at \$300.00 this season.

The company Dive Winnepesauke installs and removes our mooring hardware from the lake each season. They have indicated that some of our equipment has reached the end of its useful life and requires repair or replacement. Additionally, the State of New Hampshire increased the annual cost of each mooring registration sticker from \$25.00 to \$50.00 last season. As a result of these actual and anticipated costs the mooring usage fee has been increased from \$130.00 to \$150.00 annually. This is the first increase since 2002.

On another important note regarding dock and mooring utilization, we call your attention to the letter enclosed with this newsletter. Given our observations from the past few boating seasons, the Board decided to clarify its position for dock/mooring users and those on the waiting lists.

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ROADS & DITCHES

During the 2007 season our road contractor worked on the drainage ditch system. It had been several years since this costly and necessary work had been last accomplished. In addition the contractor identified several driveway culverts that require replacing. These home owners have been contacted and advised of the costs with the work scheduled for the 2008 season.

STORAGE SHED

The storage shed is for member's personal beach chairs. Due to the small amount of storage space please limit the number of chairs placed in the shed.

NOTE: All beach chairs must be removed from the shed by Columbus Day weekend. Any chairs still in the shed at that time will be removed as we must have space to store the mooring hardware and gain access to the dock bubblers for winter operations.

TRASH DUMPSTER

Last season we had a very difficult year with the amount of trash deposited at the parking lot dumpster. On many occasions it was a disgusting sight to say the least. The subject was discussed quite extensively at the 2007 annual meeting. After considering all of the helpful input the Board of Directors decided to obtain a second dumpster during the summer season. During the approximate period of Memorial Day thru Labor Day the two dumpsters will be emptied Tuesday and Friday of each week. Experience during the short time last summer with the second dumpster seemed to solve our problems. Trash remains one of our most expensive line items in the budget. If you see someone you don't know using this costly asset you are urged to approach, introduce yourself and politely ask them if they are a member of WPLI Association; if they are not members, please inform them that the dumpster is exclusively for the use of Association members and that use by anyone else is a misdemeanor under New Hampshire law and will be reported to the police.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES

Two items remain the largest contributors of our annual budgetary expenses. They are the cost to maintain our roads & drainage system and the increased costs of trash collection. Both are important and necessary based on input from our membership. Last year the road and trash costs were \$13,472.00 and \$5,926.90 respectively. The road maintenance costs were approximately \$9,000.00 more than previous years and that increase severely reduced our cash on hand reserves. This year the addition of the second dumpster will increase the trash costs to approximately \$8,000.00.

The Board of Directors has reviewed this years budgeted expenses very thoroughly. The resulting budget and expense plan is conservative and reflects only essential items. That is the good news because; as the enclosed invoice indicates the bad news is that we must increase our annual dues from \$325.00 annually to \$390.00 annually to cover our costs.

In conclusion, The Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at the beach cleanup on May 24, 2008 at 10:00 AM and if it rains we will try for Sunday the 25th.

Board of Directors
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