

WEST POINT

A LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE COMMUNITY

2009 West Point Newsletter

Dear West Point of Long Island Association member,

The long and cold months of winter are quickly becoming a memory. It will soon be time to pack the vehicle and head to the lake for those enjoyable weekends in beautiful New Hampshire. Hopefully the summer of 2009 will be a great and enjoyable season for all of us.

Your Board of Directors wishes to make you aware of several events on the 2009 calendar. As always, you are urged to let us know of any items of concern or suggestions you might have to improve our neighborhood.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BEACH CLEANUP

The beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM. The work is generally light with some raking and lots of talking. The more hands we have the faster the job is done, so come one and all. The task is usually completed by noon with a cleaned beach and parking lot the result. The rain date is Sunday May 24, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 10:00 AM, on the beach. Per our By-laws, you are invited to nominate members "in good standing" who would like to serve a three year 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 1st, 2009. Please send any nominations to our secretary, Stephen Gentile, 15 Ernie's Dr. Littleton, MA 01460

DOCKS & MOORINGS

At the time of this writing our docks have not suffered any winter ice damage. Let us hope the same statement is still true at the time of "ice out" in April. We wish to remind all dock users that you are required to remove all dock lines and bumpers from the docks when you take your boat out in the fall. These items, when left behind, get caught in the ice and become a hindrance to the ice bubbler operation during the winter. Anyone assigned to a dock may put their boat at that dock in May. The dock user fee remains unchanged at \$300 per year.

Our moorings are put into and removed from the lake by Dive Winnepesaukee each season. During that process they inspect the equipment for tired material and replace as required. However, all mooring users should be alert for the need to replace or repair their assigned equipment. The ten boats moored in our bay face many heavy winds during the season and that equipment is under severe strain. If you are required to replace any mooring equipment, simply present your invoice to the mooring master for repayment. Every year we must register each of our moorings with the State of New Hampshire. In order to obtain the required mooring sticker, a copy of the registration for the boat assigned to the mooring must be presented to the State. You are reminded that each and every year you must send to Tony Gasbarro, by April 1st, a copy of your boat registration. Please send them to Tony at 1145 Elm St, Leominster, MA 01453-3918. We will make every effort to have our moorings installed by Memorial Day. The mooring user fee remains unchanged at \$150 per year.

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BEACH, SHED, BOAT RACKS

The shed and boat racks are intended for the member's use. Both are on a first-come first-serve basis and are intended for all to use. There are no assigned or permanently designated spots for these convenient storage areas. However, if your planned use is infrequent, or you plan to be away for an extended period, you should consider that when storing your equipment. Taking your chairs home or moving your boat or canoe to the rear would be the proper thing to do. Please remember to remove your personal belongings from these areas by Columbus Day each season because we require space to store the mooring hardware and gain access to the dock bubblers for winter operations.

On several occasions last season our beach had severe deep washes from heavy rain. Each time we were required to obtain sand and equipment to reconstruct the beach area. After checking the water runoff and flow both during and after these heavy rain events we feel we have diagnosed the problem. During the fall of 2006 we enlarged the beach area by relocating the berm that was installed many years ago. It is this relocation which now causes water to collect at the top of the beach and then erode the sand as it travels to the lake. We plan to remedy this runoff problem this season by directing the water to the sides of the beach.

ANNUAL DUES

We have two items which continue to be our largest expenses each year. This year we have budgeted road maintenance costs at \$7,300.00. This is approximately \$1,000.00 less than what was spent in 2008; hopefully, some work accomplished last year won't be required to be done again this year.

Our trash collection is the biggest item within our budget. We have budgeted expenses at \$10,000.00 for 2009. That is approx. \$1,750.00 more than our costs in 2008. Our trash hauler has implemented "energy surcharges" which are applied to our monthly invoice. These charges, although they vary each month, have been as high as 20% of the monthly invoice for hauling our trash.

The combined budget expense for these two items is \$17,300.00 or 49.5% of our \$34,925.00 total budgeted expenses.

In order to cover expenses, our annual dues have been increased by \$10.00 (\$390.00 to \$400.00).

Your Board of Directors wishes to thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at the beach cleanup on May 23rd at 10:00 AM. Remember, if it rains we shall try for Sunday the 24th.

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