

WEST POINT

A LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE COMMUNITY

2014 West Point Newsletter

Dear West Point of Long Island Association member,

What a long white winter it's been and we hope the arrival of the WP newsletter helps assure you that Spring is just around the corner.

As always, your Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to advise you of several updates and events as we head into a new year. If you have any items of concern or suggestions you wish to share with the Board, you are encouraged to send them to our Secretary, Stephen Gentile (sgentile@insyde.com).

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BEACH CLEANUP

Our annual beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Our goal, as always, is to achieve 100% member participation. The 2 hours spent is worthwhile for the beach and it's a nice chance to catch up with friends. The rain date is Sunday May 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

In case you're hesitant about clean-up, just check out this link to see how much fun beach clean-up can be: http://www.wplinh.com/Beach_Cleanup_2013.htm

ANNUAL DUES

The WP Board is pleased to report that the 2014 annual dues remains unchanged at \$460.

Special Note: Invoices for the annual dues are included each year with the postal mailing of the Spring Newsletter and as a measure of fairness to all members who make timely payments, the Board must enforce without exception the long-established 10% late fee for payments received beyond the 60-day time period. The 60-day period starts from the postmark date of dues/newsletter mailing.

2nd Annual West Point Golf Cart Parade



A newly added West Point tradition continues. The 2nd annual WP golf cart parade took place on Sunday, September 1st with over 12 families participating and every one of them showcasing a uniquely decorated golf cart. The overall creativity is a treat to see.

Don't be Alarmed!

No need to worry, there's no fire. That's just the Cheney family showing off their "contest winning" golf cart or better yet, fire cart. Just look at the detail and those firefighters certainly look prepared for any emergency. Captain Mike Cheney of the W.P.F.D. was thrilled with his team's effort; "We knew it was going to take a special design to compete with the rest of the WP carters. We're just glad there was no real fire we had to attend to."

For more West Point photos, check out http://www.wplinh.com/Labor_Day_Beach_Party_2013.htm

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2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2014 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 10:00 AM, on the beach. Our By-laws provide for the nomination of members "in good standing" who desire 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 2nd, 2014. Please send any nominations to our secretary, Stephen Gentile, 15 Ernie's Dr. Littleton, MA 01460.

NEW CONTRACT SIGNED WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT

As you all know, trash pick-up is one of the Association's single largest annual expenses. Our contract with Waste Management (WM) expired in September and with some careful negotiations and competitive quote in hand, we were able to sign a new 3-year agreement with substantial savings. For example, our WM fees for 2014 will be less than what we paid in 2007. WM's 2015 and 2016 rates include nominal increases.

NEW BEACH SHED TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Leveraging some of the savings from our new trash pick-up fees, the Board agreed to have a new beach chair shed constructed this Spring. Assuming the snow stops falling soon, it should be ready by Memorial Day. WP members Chuckie Aiello and Jim Comeau have graciously volunteered their time for this project. The current shed will be dismantled and removed.

DOCKS & MOORINGS

At the BOD meeting (11-18-13) the 2014 dock and mooring expenses and user fees were reviewed. Due to a current dock fund shortfall and anticipated normal expenses, the Board voted unanimously to increase the dock use fee \$50 to a total of \$350. The mooring fee remains unchanged at \$250.00.

Attention mooring users: Please send a copy of your 2014 boat registration to Tony Gasbarro, 1145 Elm Street, Leominster, MA 01453 so that he can comply with the State of New Hampshire's mooring registration laws.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE...

Board member Lou Whittemore continues to work with our roads contractor to improve the condition of our roads on a continuous basis. One might say *"it's like a well-oiled machine."*

BEACH SHED & BOAT RACKS ARE EACH MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our storage shed and boat racks are offered on a first-come first-serve basis. You are reminded that both the shed and the boat racks should have all of your personal equipment removed by Columbus Day weekend; additionally, we ask that your items on the boat rack carry your name for identification purposes.

Special note: All boats, canoes, kayaks and the like must be stored on the boat racks and not on the ground directly on the right side of the beach area (near the well heads). This will be strictly enforced going forward.

As always, we encourage you to read the WP meeting minutes at http://www.wplinh.com/Board_Notes.htm where all meeting minutes are posted, and please do not hesitate to provide your suggestions, comments and concerns to the board at any time.

In summary, your Board of Directors wishes to thank you for your continued support. We plan to see you on the beach for the cleanup May 24th at 10:00 AM, if not before.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
The West Point of Long Island Association, Inc.
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