

Lake Waramaug Association

August 2018

Celebrating Our Centennial
1917 - 2017

End-of-Summer Community Gathering and Meeting Sunday, September 9th, 2018 2:00 P.M. Lake Waramaug Country Club



We look forward to seeing you at our twelfth annual meeting held jointly with the Lake Waramaug Task Force, a good opportunity for the Task Force to discuss its programs and achievements directly with Association members.

Sean Hayden, the Executive Director of the Lake Waramaug Task Force, will lead a discussion about the Task Force initiatives under his leadership, as well as update the community on the challenges facing the Lake presently.

Please join us and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about important matters affecting the protection and preservation of Lake Waramaug.

Dam Repair Update:

As of August 1st, the Town of Washington has no firm start date for the dam repairs, but Mark Lyon, First Selectman, "expects it will be fairly soon." Currently, Leonard Engineering is working with New England Infrastructure on submittals, and the possibility of doing the work without a draw down of the water is currently being discussed. As plans progress for the work, the Association will be in contact with our constituents via e-mail and social media.

A Note About Air B & B and VRBO Rentals:

It has become commonplace for individual property owners to rent out their properties for extra income, and this trend has seen an upturn on our shores, as well. The Association recommends that renters be advised of the rules and regulations as they pertain to safety and environmental concerns of our community, perhaps by including appropriate links to Lake organizations in their on-line listings.

The Gunn Historical Museum:

The Gunn Historical Museum is busy finalizing the permanent Washington history exhibit, including a section on Lake Waramaug, which is slated to open in February 2019. Details of the opening will follow in the New Year.

The Lake Waramaug Association is on Facebook!

Please "like" us to receive up-to-date information relating to the Lake.



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Dues Reminder

If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues or wish to make an additional contribution to the Lake Waramaug Association, please do so via enclosed envelope or online at www.lakewaramaugassoc.org as soon as possible.



Community Picnic:

Please join your friends and neighbors on the shores of our mutual interest! The Lake Waramaug Country Club has graciously opened their Beach for use by the Lake Waramaug Association to come together and connect with our neighbors, prior to our return to autumnal reality. Please bring your own picnic and your dancing shoes, as Eight to the Bar, this year's winner of Best Overall Band in Connecticut by CTNOW Best of Hartford Readers' Poll, will be back to entertain us, compliments of the Lake Waramaug Association. We will also sponsor an ice cream truck, so dessert is on us! Festivities will take place on Saturday evening, August 25th at 6 o'clock PM, and wrap up at nightfall. We ask that you please dispose of your rubbish upon departure.



The Community Picnic will feature - Eight to the Bar, this year's winner of Best Overall Band in Connecticut - Photo Credit: Cynthia Lyon

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Concerning this Year's Independence Day Spectacular:

We enjoyed a lovely evening of fireworks, an event sponsored solely by the Association as a reminder to our members and neighbors of the importance of protecting and preserving our beautiful Lake Waramaug. Special thanks again to the Vance Family for allowing us to use their property as launch site.

However, due to administrative error on the part of our fireworks company, there was a failure to deliver the correct pyrotechnics to our launching site, and, as a result, one third of our display was missing. The Association is therefore in the process of renegotiating our contract, and has formed a Committee to continue to look into alternative launch sites.

We thank you all for continuing to contribute to the display, and welcome your input.



Photographed here is Rudy Montgelas, Chair of the LWA's Fireworks Committee, along with Stan Macmillan, Fire Marshall, Roger Tanner, Deputy Fire Chief of Warren and the rest of the crew of volunteers who worked hard to make our event a success.

Then and Now:

Somewhere in the area of 63 West Shore Road stood the Wilson House Hotel, another thread in a tightly woven fabric of the now-defunct hospitality industry which encompassed Lake Waramaug. J.B. Wilson was the proprietor, and his wife, Agnes, was a suffragette who organized a "literary" group of women there. The Hotel, once boasted as the "Largest Hotel on the Most Beautiful Lake in Connecticut," burned down during the early part of the 20th Century. Now it is a private residence for which a driveway has been added and part of the exposed rock ledge has been removed. The horizontal overhang is found in the center part of the boulder in the old photo, a portion having been removed for the driveway.



*Photo Credit:
The Gunn Historic Museum (Then)
and
Richard Kleinberg (Now)*