

SINGLETARY SUN

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the other side

It has been quite a voyage for all of us over this past year. It felt like the storms, spawned by the Covid-19 virus, made for a tumultuous ocean we were all forced to navigate. The passage was full of surprises that we were not always prepared for. We had to be ready to change course with a new tack or even come about several times, as our guidance seemed to consist of ever conflicting forecasts and reports on the storms' path and strength. Unfortunately, some of our crew was not able to complete the arduous journey. This will remain as the saddest memory of our trip. Fortunately, most of us have made landfall on the other side. But this "new world" has its own global, national and local challenges we must now contend with.

Luckily, living on the lake gave us a welcome "port in the storm" where we could shelter from some of the heaviest blows, intent on capsizing us. By now, we have all heard that recreational vehicles and boats have remained in very high demand, a trend that started during the pandemic. Everyone wants to "get away" to a place like we call our home. I think this past year has given us all a greater appreciation for what Lake Singletary brings to our life.

One of the much less significant issues we faced this spring was the lack of water in our lake. With all the hope this spring was offering, there was still a bit of concern that we may be left "high and dry". How did we end up with this year's extended "low tide"? As many of you know, the Town of Millbury controls the water level in Lake Singletary. They drop the level in the fall and winter to mitigate shoreline damage that can be caused by ice in the lake as it begins to melt. This year, colder temperatures late in the winter, kept the ice sheet on the lake well into March. As a result, the dam was closed later than normal, and we were unable to take advantage of snow melt and early rains that usually recharge our watershed. To compound the problem, we were experiencing a significant drought in our area. At the end of May, the lake was still 16 inches below the spillway at the dam. Thankfully, Mother Nature finally steered some rain our way, and at the end of June we were only 4 inches under the spillway. That puts us at a good level for all water activities. Now we have all the ingredients to look forward to a great summer on our lake.

While we will never forget the loved ones that were not able to complete the crossing with us, let us look ahead on the horizon to a great season on Lake Singletary. I think we deserve it.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Paul Kawolis, LSWA President

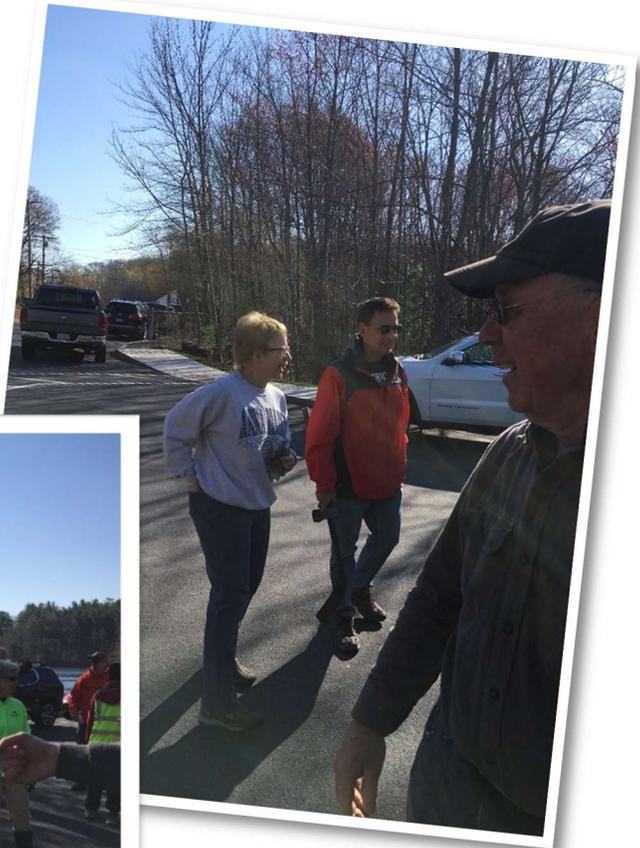


EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Volunteers gathered on Saturday April 24th for our annual Earth Day Cleanup of our watershed. We expected it would take hours due to cancelling last year due to Covid, but as the saying goes, many hands make for light work, and we were done in one and a half hours. Many thanks to all who participated: Linda Carlson, Cindy and John Charest, Ann and Wayne Junnilla, Mona and Paul Kawolis, Jenni and Jim Hull, Robert Kimball, Candy and Mike LeBlanc, Garth Maynard, Kyrenya and Dan McNamara, Karen and Ken Rapp, Heather Sims, Gwen Spencer-Picard, Rick St. Jean, Lynn and Giles Whalen and Tom Wojtkowski.



MORE EARTH DAY CLEAN UP



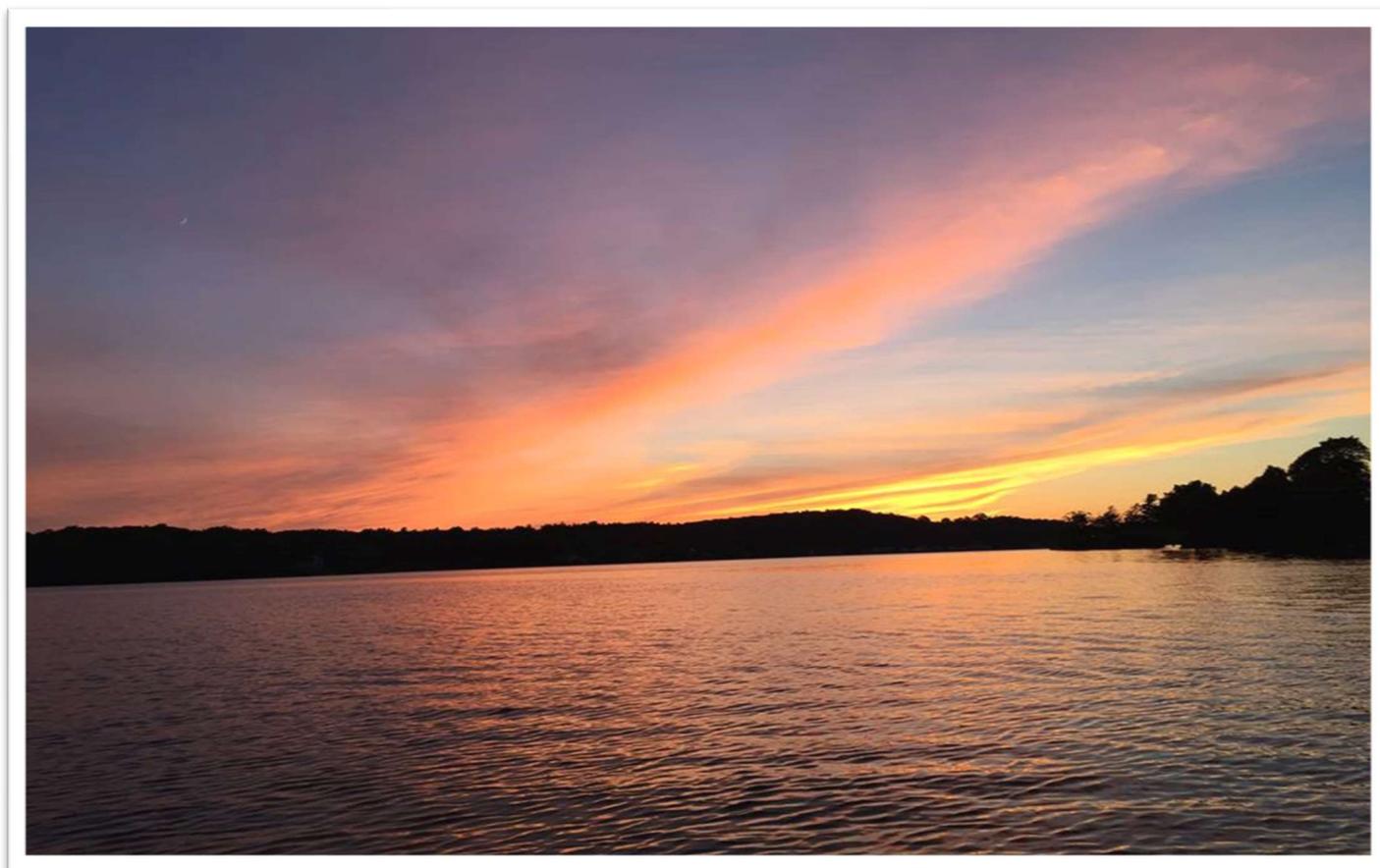
VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Despite the Covid 19 pandemic, our volunteer water monitoring program continued last summer. As we all know, we enjoyed a particularly lovely season, with clear water and limited weed/algae issues. The ability to enjoy our pristine lake when so much of the world was shut down was a gift. Our water testing volunteers last summer included: Ann and Wayne Junnila, Brian Mellon, Diane and John Greenlaw. New volunteers are always welcome.

Our program includes in-lake measurements for clarity (Secchi depth), pH, dissolved oxygen (DO), temperature profiles, alkalinity, and total phosphorus. In addition, we monitor pH, DO, and temperature, and phosphorus at 3 upstream locations in the Merrill Ponds. These locations are Arnold and Welsh inlets and the Schoolhouse outlet.

The LSWA continues to provide information to Geosyntec, the consulting company we contracted with to complete the Management Plan update, for their analysis with the goal of improving water quality of our lake.

If interested in learning more about our sampling program, check out the web site at www.lakesingletary.org. Click on Maintenance/ Water Quality to explore our program.



4th OF JULY BOAT PARADE

In a year of great adversity, the Lake Singletary community joined together to celebrate the 4th of July with our annual boat parade.



DON'T YOU JUST LOVE A GREAT PARADE!



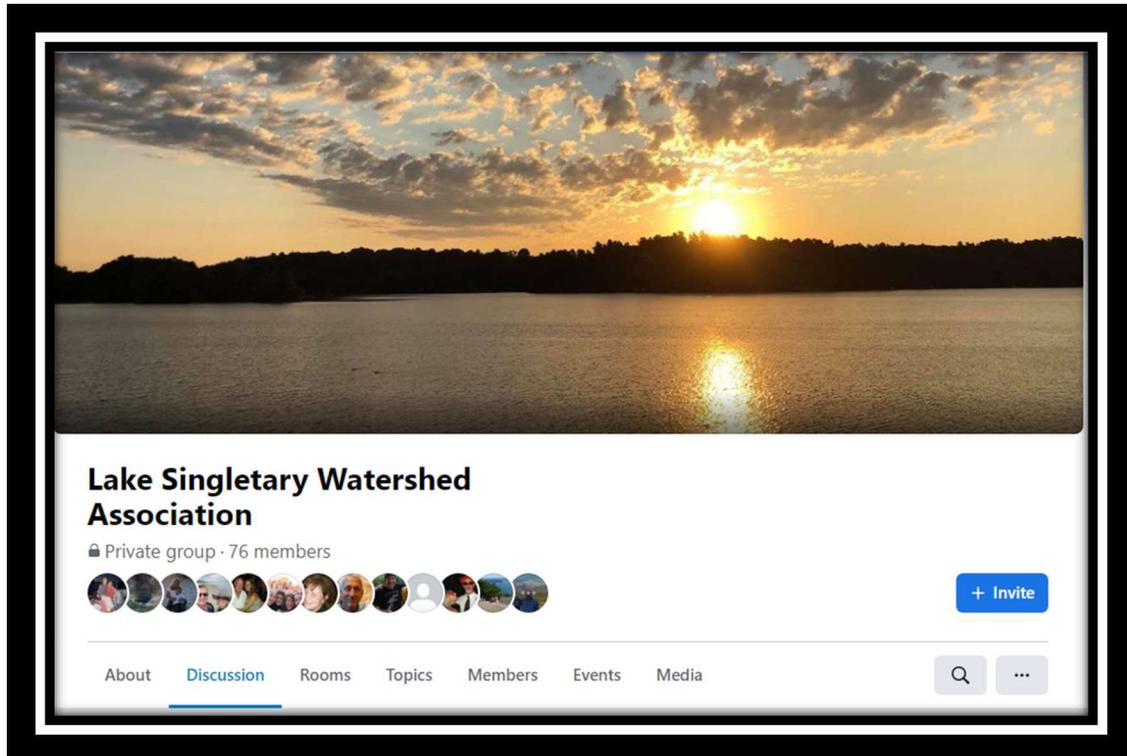
CELEBRATIONS FROM THE SHORE!





LSWA IS ON FACEBOOK!

Please join us on Facebook! This group is another forum to share our appreciation and camaraderie for our beloved Lake Singletary. We encourage you to use this group to get to know one another a little better and to share your thoughts and photos. We currently have 76 members. This is a private group and is limited to current dues paying members. To join, simply go to the LSWA Facebook page and request to join. We look forward to sharing with you!





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MASSACHUSETTS BOATING LAW SUMMARY

Minimum Age Restrictions: No person under 12 years of age may operate a motorboat, unless accompanied on-board and directly supervised by a competent person 18 years of age or older. Personal watercraft (PWC) users must still be at least 16 years of age in order to operate, with no exceptions.

Safety Education Certification: Youth who are between 12 and 15 years of age must complete an approved basic boating course in order to operate a motorboat without adult supervision. Upon successful completion of such a course, students are issued a state "boating safety certificate" which must be in the possession of the certified operator when underway. Personal watercraft users who are 16 or 17 years of age must also complete such a boating course. Youth less than 16 years of age are not allowed to operate personal watercraft.

Accident Reporting: The operator of any motorboat involved in an accident which results in personal injury, death, or property damage (over \$500) shall immediately notify the MA Environmental Police and file the appropriate accident report within the required time frame. (2 days-fatality; 5 days - all other accidents)

Safety Equipment: Most of the state equipment carriage requirements are similar to federal laws. This primary list includes life preservers, fire extinguishers, signaling devices, visual distress signals, and navigation lights. In Massachusetts, life preservers are required to be worn by: (1) youth less than 12 years of age (2) personal watercraft users (3) waterskiers (4) canoeists/kayakers from September 15 - May 15. A boat owner or a boat's operator is responsible to ensure that passengers on-board wear life preservers as required. Additionally, the state requires that all motorboats (with the exception of personal watercraft) be equipped with an anchor, manual bailer, and line. A paddle or an oar is required on boats less than 16 feet in length. Motorboats towing skiers must also be equipped with a boarding ladder. Registration and numbering of all boats powered by machinery is required.

Prohibited Operation: The following types of operation are extremely unsafe and are prohibited:

Operating any vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A blood alcohol concentration of .08 BAC is the current standard of intoxication in Massachusetts.

Operating a motorboat within 150 feet of a swimming area, whether public or private.

Operating at an excessive speed considering weather conditions, boat traffic, and other hazards.

For inland waters, operating at a speed greater than 45 mph is considered negligent operation.

Operating a motorboat without properly working lights.

Operating a motorboat during the nighttime while towing waterskiers, tubers, etc.

Operating at greater than headway speed (6 mph or less) within 150 feet of a swimmer, waterskier, mooring area, marina, boat launch, or when the operator's vision is obscured in any way.

Operating in an overloaded condition (carrying total weight that exceeds capacity plate recommendations or is excessive considering water conditions)

Operating with passengers on the bow, gunwales, or any other place where there may be a chance of falling overboard.

Personal Watercraft Operation : Personal watercraft (PWC) are considered motorboats by law and must comply with all boating laws and navigation rules, including the speed and operation provisions above. Additionally, PWC users must adhere to state regulations specific to personal watercraft operation including:

Wear an approved life jacket (PFD) at all times (operator and passengers).

Attach the safety lanyard to the operator and the cutoff/kill switch.

Always operate at slow, no-wake speed (6 mph or less) within 150 feet of a swimmer, the shoreline, waterskiers, a boat launch, a raft or float or a moored or docked boat. You must not operate a PWC: If less than 16 years old; Under the influence of alcohol;

Between sunset and sunrise; At high speed in congested areas; On waters under 75 acres; While towing persons on skis, tubes, etc.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-boating-law-summary-0>

2020 HONOR ROLL

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THANKS to all LSWA Members!

It's not too late to be a member
 for the 2021 season!

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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Earth Day Cleanup	Saturday, April 24rd	8:00 AM Meet at the boat ramp
Wing Ding	cancelled	cancelled
Boat Parade	Sunday, July 4th	8:00 PM Meet at the Southwest end of the lake
Rafting Party	Saturday, August 7th	3:00 PM Gull Island
Annual Meeting Open to all members	Wednesday, August 25th	7:00 PM St. Mark's Church



A sincere THANK YOU to all the Lake Singletary Watershed Association's members. Your continued membership and volunteer support enables us to enjoy and protect this beautiful watershed.