



PARTRIDGE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A Lake Preservation Group

Volunteers Day Kicks off Summer 2010

Spring 2010

Now it is time to do something for the lake and have some fun at the same time.
Mark your calendar: June 5, 2010.

Volunteer Day 2010 will be a day of fun and fellowship, and you can pick the activity that suits your time, talents, and interests. Even if you can't make it to the lake that day, keep reading....

Five teams will gather from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to work on projects deemed useful and important:

- 1) Road Cleanup
- 2) Shoreline Plantings
- 3) Neighbor Support Project
- 4) Weed Watcher Program
- 5) Perched Beach Pilot Project

A brief outline of planned activities for each team is found on page 2, with details about leadership, location, and how to sign up and/or get involved.

Association members have been



generous in donating money to help alleviate problems of water quality. A strong commitment of volunteer time is also necessary. The greater the participation, the greater the effects. Every camp is encouraged to participate: approximately 60-70 volunteers are needed, and adult children and junior/senior high school students are welcome.

Some team activities will allow those who cannot make it to the June event to still be of use. The Weed Watcher program will continue throughout the summer.

Sandwiches will be provided to each team at mid-day, and there will be an impromptu gathering for beer and soft drinks at the end of the workday.

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Phone, email, or write your team leader even if you can't make it on June 5.

Roadwork Finishes Off DES Grant Money

The terms of the 2006 DES grant to the Partridge Lake Association were satisfied in the fall with an accounting of over-the-top volunteer hours and a \$10,000 expenditure to improve road drainage around the lake.

With winter coming on and time running out for final accounting of the \$50,000 Partridge Lake Watershed Assistance and Restoration Grant, plans and drawings for proposed road drainage improvements, prepared by Ray Lobdell, PLPOA watershed coordinator, were approved and acted upon at a final cost of \$10,300. The grant reimbursed the association almost all of it—\$10,000—for Lobdell's time and planning and for materials such as ditch lining and crushed stone. The Town of Littleton supplied time and equipment: 4 or 5 men worked 5 or 6 days.



In addition, Lobdell submitted the Final Report for the grant, as required by the Gomez and Sullivan report. It summarized actions taken by the association in accordance with its recommendations and requirements, for example, development of a watershed plan, survey of septic systems, educational material for a Lake Guide, and storm water alleviation in partnership with the Town of Littleton.

Terms of the grant required that PLPOA be responsible for over \$22,000 worth of in-kind match (volunteer time, materials, and a small amount of cash expense). **The final figure the association submitted was more than twice that amount—over \$49,000—almost entirely volunteer time, valued at about \$18 to \$19.50 per hour.**

Further grants (See page 3) are being sought to support efforts to restore the lake's water quality. So far, the association has demonstrated a high level of commitment of time and money from its membership and the ability to get results by coordinating with local government and NH state agencies. ■





Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteer Day - continued from page 1.

TEAM 1: ROAD CLEANUP

Team Leaders:

Steve Hight & Ed Warden

Call Ed (603) 444-2852 or (603) 869-5441

rewarden@roadrunner.com

Ed Warden

466 Longfellow Drive, Bethlehem, NH 03574

Purpose: According to the NH DES, keeping winter road sand out of the lake alleviates one of the greatest threats to its water quality. It also cuts down on dust.

Details: Sweeping, raking, and shoveling June 5 will be a follow-up to Town of Littleton base cleaning of the roads. Steve Hight has offered use of his tractor, truck, and sweeping attachments, but crews of the able-bodied or just-willing are needed. Call Ed, who will tell you about equipment you might bring, and where to gather.

TEAM 2: SHORELINE PLANTING

Team Leaders:

Dayton Goudie & Jayne Johns

Call Dayton (603) 444-2793, or

Jayne (603) 444-2639

Email: dgoudie@roadrunner.com or

jracs@roadrunner.com

Jayne Johns

737 Partridge Lake Road, Littleton, NH 03561

Purpose: With increasing attention to buffer vegetation around the lake, this team will plant native plants in certain areas to demonstrate best management principles. Both as a follow-up to the 2009 workshop and a predecessor to a possible major grant, this will be a showcase of PLPOA volunteer efforts.

Details: After getting permission from two or three landowners, we will plant small exposed areas along their shoreline with young native plant material. Anticipated sources of plants are the NH State Nursery, E.C. Brown's Nursery, and other regional growers. A five-to-eight person team would work well. Meet at Dayton's camp; call well ahead for final details and bring a round-pointed shovel and a five gallon pail. Time permitting, we may survey existing native plants along the shore.

TEAM 3: NEIGHBOR SUPPORT PROJECT

Team Leaders:

Stan Parker III & Dave Ernsberger

Call: Stan (603) 444-3163 or

Dave (210) 387-4627

Email: sbpbuilders@gmail.com or

dernsberger@pop.net

Stan Parker III

702 Partridge Lake Road, Littleton, NH 03561

Purpose: Spring cleanup and repair problems can be difficult for some of our senior neighbors. This team will take on as many waterfront projects as they can reasonably complete on Volunteer Day.

Details: You can nominate projects such as repairing docks and decks, trimming lakeside bushes/weeds, and tree cleanup; the team will gain approval and go to work. Send project nominations to Stan or Dave. A good many willing volunteers are needed to help improve life on the lake for our seniors; several teams could work simultaneously if turnout is high. Early reply is helpful in planning the projects.

TEAM 4: WEED WATCHERS

Team Leaders:

Nancy Ernsberger & Kate Vaughan

Call: Kate (603) 444-2659 or

Nancy (603) 444-7269 (after May 23rd)

email: nancyernsberger@gmail.com

Kate Vaughan

PO 234, Littleton, NH 03561

Purpose: The danger of invasive weeds requires monitoring of the perimeter of the lake. This program will help volunteers know what to look for, how to sample, and where to send suspicious plants.

Details: Amy Smagula from DES—well known for her work on the first lake water quality report—will come June 5 and teach how to recognize and collect samples. Volunteer pairs are needed (one to paddle, the other to collect) 3 times per summer; others may be needed later.

Time & Place: The timing June 5 will depend on Smagula's schedule. Meet at Ernsberger's; call for information. The day may well include lemonade and a tour of the lake via a party boat!

Perched Beach Workshop

TEAM 5: PERCHED BEACH PILOT PROJECT

Team Leader: Mark Meau

Call: (603) 934-6320

email: mmeau@riverbendcmhc.org

Mark Meau

P.O. Box 214, Franklin, NH 03235

Purpose: Got sand? Want sand? Learn about DES beach permitting, have some fun, and help construct a permitted perched beach at the uninhabited beach camp at the Vaughans'.

Details: The Vaughans and Ray Lobdell have developed and obtained permits and materials for a demonstration Perched Beach Project. Volunteers will construct a beach that will satisfy permit requirements—size, location, amount of sand, shoreline protection measures—in order to reduce sediment and phosphorous loading and the risk of cyanobacteria in the lake.

IMPORTANT: This project points toward a Perched Beach Workshop, to be held June 19, 2-4 p.m. at Ernsbergers' camp.

Ray Lobdell and a speaker from DES will outline requirements and recommendations for improving beach areas so important to summer enjoyment for the whole family. There will be time for questions and for a viewing of perched beaches around the lake.



**Circle the date: June 19, 2010.
This should be a popular workshop of importance to everyone.**

Picnic Volunteers Make It Happen Every Year— Even in the Rain

It never rains on the Partridge Lake Picnic. Well..... it did. And it brought out the best in picnic volunteers.

Year after year, as if by magic the tent goes up, tables and chairs are brought in and set up, together with cooking equipment, drink containers, a microphone, and even a mosquito controller. Plastic tubs appear with T-shirts; name tags and pens are found; the dues table is set up. And, again by magic, they disappear until next year.

This year, tarps, umbrellas, and extra tents saved the day!

**Where does it all come from?
How does it happen?**

Answer: A very long list of volunteers, most of whom have been doing it for years... and years. Another answer: Random acts of kindness. Helping others get under cover. Grabbing the dessert table and getting it under a tent before the icing and brownies washed away. Tipping water from the tent. Seeing a need—and doing something about it.

The pictures tell the story. But no story is complete without names, and—trite but true— there are too many to name. We will try to highlight a few of the many who deserve "Spotlight on Volunteers" recognition, particularly the long-time servers, but everyone pitched in; everyone brought wonderful food; everyone came—and stayed—and enjoyed themselves—at a memorable picnic.

Above all, special kudos to our remarkable chefs, John Aja and Dawna Clifford, with guidance and aid from Stan Parker and Myrna Colicchio who, with her husband, Tony, preceded them in the biggest volunteer job of all.

Chief Executive Officer: Dave Ernsberger

Set-up Crew: Dayton Goudie, Stan Parker, Scotty Farquharson, Glen Hadwen, Mark Meau, Randall Loiacono, Paul Burdette, Jeff Corey, and Gerard Landry

Dues and T-shirts: Judy Warden, Jeanne Burdette, Eileen Goodrich

Cooking Crew: John Aja, Dawna Clifford, Myrna Colicchio, Stan (who held the umbrella) & Cathy Parker

Hosts: Florence and Bob Fogelin, Jeff and Jill Corey

General aid when needed: You know who you are, and we thank you!





2009 Year In Review

NON PROFIT STATUS APPROVED BY IRS FOR PLPOA: Allowing for tax-deductible charitable donations to the association.

PARTRIDGE LAKE FUNDRAISER: A great success with over \$22,000 collected from over 35 camps. To date PLPOA has received—and spent—over \$50,000 in grants to support lake quality improvement actions.

DAYTON GOUDIE was named the State of NH Lake Volunteer of the Year at a statewide meeting in May hosted by the NH DES.

PLPOA BOARD AND LAKE QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS were held in June, September and October to review and decide on priorities for lake conservation and water quality education efforts at the Lake.

JULY 4TH FAMILY PICNIC was held at the Fogelin camp with another big turnout of over 100 people, in spite of the rain storm!

SHORELAND PROTECTION ACT AND SHORELINE PLANTINGS WORKSHOP was held at the Johns' camp and was attended by over 30 residents.

ANNUAL MEETING of Partridge Lake residents was held on July 25th at the Ernsberger camp. The Board of Directors and Officers for 2010 were elected. A presentation was made by Ray Lobdell, a consultant who specializes in environmental issues planning and resolution. He reviewed the Lake Quality Engineering Study recommendations and suggested priorities for follow-up efforts. Members then approved the use of PLPOA funds for the hiring of Mr. Lobdell to serve as watershed coordinator and to help with lake quality improvements plans and implementation.

STORM WATER RUNOFF DITCHING PROJECT: The project—to install rock filtration systems for storm water runoff at key spots along the lake on Partridge Lake Road— was planned, permitted and completed in the October/November timeframe.

SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADES, REPLACEMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND PUMPING were implemented at several camps around the lake. This is one of the highest priorities for improvement of water quality on Partridge Lake.

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LAKE QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE ERNSBERGER CAMP, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009.
L-R: Ray Lobdell, Wetlands Consultant; Jeff Corey, Mark Meau, Nancy Ernsberger, Gerry Landry, Kate Vaughan, Dave Ernsberger, Paul Burdette, Wayne Morello, Peter Gauthier, Nancy Landry, Dayton Goudie, Steve Hight.

IF IT FLOATS..... STAY AWAY!

There are many ways to enjoy the lake. On a hot day, traffic is dense.

With the growing popularity of kayaks and other boats ranging from fast motor boats to slow-but-large party boats and everything in between, there is a very real danger of a collision out on the lake on a hot summer afternoon.

Remember the 150-foot law, yes — *law*. Motor boats must stay that far away from other boats, docks, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats, inner tubes, and swimmers. And those in the small craft should be thoughtful and not deliberately interfere with the pleasure of others in the motor boats. We have been very fortunate so far.

*Be a good neighbor
in and on the lake!
Keep your distance
from others.*



We note the loss of three long-term residents, Pauline Goudie, Robert Allen, and Wesley Haynes, all of whom spent decades at the lake, as well as Jesse Asher Howes, son of Albert Howes. With deepest sympathy, our condolences go to their families and friends.