



Waukewan Shore Owners Association
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WOSA Members and Friends,

The WSOA Board of Directors wants to tell you about the important events that have occurred since our annual meeting.

On September 3, 2010 the WSOA purchased the Spear property along the Snake River in New Hampton and transferred title to the town of New Hampton for permanent conservation protection.

Many WSOA members contributed to our Conservation Fund; your generous gifts made this purchase possible. The Meredith Select Board and the Meredith Conservation Commission provided essential financial support. The town of New Hampton, its Conservation Commission and the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee also supported the purchase.

This acquisition is an important step in preserving the water quality of Lake Waukewan. Finally, special thanks go to WSOA member and attorney, Stanley Wallerstein, for his many efforts toward completing the transfer.

Please find enclosed a dues envelope; we hope you will return it with your dues payment quickly so we have a firm financial base for our activities this year and next.

We have made important changes to our membership year and our dues. Our membership year will now coincide with the calendar year January 1 through December 31. Your dues, payable this spring, will cover the period from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. The next dues period will cover the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

We have raised our dues from \$35.00 to \$50.00 to cover increases in our operating expenses. We have carefully reviewed our income and expenses in anticipation of increases in major categories. The price of stationary, printing and postage are rising; we expect that they will continue to rise.

Because of the cost of preparation and printing, we have replaced our printed newsletters with a web site, wsoa.waukewan.org, which contains information about our activities. We will post important and up-to-date information there for you.

Another important program, the Lake Host Program, is a critically important effort to protect our lake from invasive plants brought in by visitors to our lake. We are certain that you all are aware of the crushing expense the invasive weeds can inflict on the local economy and environmental health. We eliminated milfoil from our waters once in the 1990s; we must never face that threat again. The WSOA and the town of Meredith share the cost of this program. Our volunteers act as Lake Hosts.

We strongly encourage our members and summer/seasonal residents to volunteer as Lake Hosts during the summer months. Please call Lake Host Coordinator, Tim Whiting, at 603-279-7834 or email him at tlwhiting@aol.com for more information.

The town of Meredith's Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee and the New Hampshire Lakes Association are also offering a program to provide landscaping modifications to select shore front properties to reduce runoff into the lake. If you are interested in this program, contact Tim Whiting at the phone number or email address above.

The Waukewan Shore Owners is committed to protecting the Waukewan watershed. We are involved in many projects to preserve the water quality of Lake Waukewan. Among other activities we are pursuing a formal management plan for the watershed; this plan will serve as the foundation for remediation of the Monkey Pond sub-watershed. We welcome your support for these important projects.

We encourage all of our members to include their winter addresses, seasonal and winter phone numbers and email addresses on the membership envelope. Your email address is our link to you. You can be confident that we will not ever share your personal information with anyone.

Our WSOA annual membership meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the Meredith Community Center. Please mark your calendar.

WSOA Directors