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Lake Boon Association 2016 Calendar

Friday, August 26-Sunday, August 28 Lake Boon Water Carnival

Our annual end-of-summer bash, with all the traditional events, including Lighting of the Lake and Music Boat on Friday, Water Carnival at the Stow Town Beach on Saturday, and Sunday's boat parade. All events—except for lunch—are free and open to all. Box lunches will be sold to benefit the Lake Boon Association and to support this annual event.

We will also once again offer a Lake Boon History Tour, with Don Hawkes as host. Date and sign-up information will be announced later this summer. Sign up to the Lake Boon email list by sending your info to Dave Gray at grayscale@earthlink.net, or keep an eye on lakeboon.org or the LBA Facebook page.

The Music Boat is supported in part by grants from the Stow Cultural Council a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. You can also make a donation to support the Water Carnival. Please see the membership form at the end of the newsletter, and thank you for your support!

Keep an eye on your email and local papers to see the final schedule for the weekend. And if you've enjoyed participating in past years, **why not volunteer in 2016?** For more information, contact Dave Siewierski at siewierski@darkhold.com.



Saturday, October 15, 11:30 a.m. Lake Boon Walkathon

Bring friends and join neighbors for a fun afternoon walk around Lake Boon to raise funds to support Lake Boon Association programs. Watch www.lakeboon.org or the local papers for more info in the Fall.

Look for new colors and styles of Lake Boon t-shirts, plus sweatshirts and tote bags! Available for purchase at the water carnival and Walkathon!

Lake Boon Food Project and generous neighbors support area food pantries

The Lake Boon Food Project was started by a Lake Boon resident over three years ago and now over 30 Lake Boon households have donated 7400 pounds of food to the Stow and Hudson Food Pantries. This effort is truly about neighbors helping neighbors. Here is how it works: you are given a Lake Boon Food Project green bag and when you go grocery shopping every week you simply pick up an extra item and put it in the bag. Then every other month the bag is picked up from your front stoop and an empty bag is left to refill for next time.

Mary Beth Rogers, Torri Giombetti, Anne LeCourt and Kelly McCausland go around the lake and pick up the bags full of food six times a year. We have been out doing the pick-ups in the scorching sun, subzero weather, torrential rain, snow, and regular ole sunny

days. All the bags are deposited at Barbara Clancy's house where they are weighed and sent on to the Food Pantry. It truly takes a village!

All food collected goes directly to the Stow and Hudson Food Pantries, which are serving almost 200 families. The Lake Boon Food Project participants are really making a difference in the lives of our food insecure neighbors. On pick up day some of the bags are so full one can barely lift them. One household fills two bags! The generosity of the Lake Boon community is incredibly inspiring. Thank you for caring so much!

We are continuing to build this amazing Lake community because we are working together to serve those in need. Please come be a part of our efforts! If you would like to sign up to participate please email kellymccausland@me.com. Also check out our website at www.lakeboonfoodproject.com

What's up with the boating regulations?

There will be some changes to the boating regulations enforced on the lake this year, which will bring Lake enforcement into conformity with stricter Massachusetts state boating rules. It's important that boaters know the state rules, which will be enforced by the Stow Police patrol boat this summer, and by Mass. Environmental Police if they are on the lake, as they were on July 4, checking life jackets and registration.

You can access state boating regulations online. The state Environmental Police site has links to both online and .pdf versions of the Boat Massachusetts handbook, which covers regulations for motorboats, jetskis, and non-motorized watercraft. (You can also access the page using <http://tinyurl.com/BoatRules>). There are also shorter .pdf excerpts of state laws for boating (see "323 CMR 2.00 The Use of Vessels" for the motorboat rules that will be enforced on the lake).

The main change is to the rule regarding minimum distance from shore, docks and swimming areas, and swimmers. Lake Boon's old regulations, which were town bylaws in Hudson and Stow, stated that boats had to operate at headway speed, which the state pegs at 6 miles per hours or less, within 75 feet of shore or another boat. The state regulation says that the headway speed zone is 150 feet from swimmers, waterskiers, and marked swimming areas and shorelines being used as swimming areas. While there are sections of waterfront that are usually not open to swimming, especially around Pine Bluffs, it's possible that people would still be in the water.

Other state regulations to be aware of are the prohibition of water skiing or similar activities, as well as boating faster than headway speed, from sunset to sunrise. Life jackets must be worn by children under 12 and by canoeists and kayakers between Sept 15 and May 15. Boaters are responsible and liable for any damage their wakes as well as their boats may cause to property or persons. At night, all craft must have appropriate lighting as defined by state regulations.

For swimmers, it's safe and courteous to be as visible as possible. If your swim takes you offshore a swimming buoy will increase your visibility and safety.

Note that except for the changes to the minimum distances for motorboats, the local Lake Boon regulations remain in effect. So, for instance, there is no change to quiet hours, which remain as Sundays and legal holidays from 2 to 6 p.m. The LBC also is asking residents to comply with Lake Boon Rule 10 which requires all docks to have the name of the owner (and/or address) posted in 3" or higher lettering on the dock for identification of location in case of emergency. Not labeling a dock can result in a fine of \$50 per day, and Conray Wharff, chair of the Lake Boon Commission, will be asking the Stow Police to strictly enforce this important safety rule this summer.

You can read more at <https://lakeboon.wordpress.com/lake-rules/>.

In an email, Stow Selectman Don Hawkes said there will be other information-sharing meetings on the state rules once a Stow vacancy on the Lake Boon Commission has been filled. It now has been filled, and Don is the new commissioner, so look for notices on the LBA email list, website, or facebook if an info session takes place. Since the Lake Boon rules are town bylaws we've been informed by the Lake Boon Commission that we shouldn't reprint an edited version reflecting the state laws in the Gazette or on the Lake Boon website. In the meantime, make sure you know both state and local regulations and use common sense and courtesy while out on the lake.

Watch for notices of upcoming Lake Boon Commission meetings at www.lakeboon.org, or on the Lake Boon email list. To subscribe to the list, send a note to Dave Gray at grayscale@earthlink.net, or make a note on your membership form when you send it in.



Lake History archived in Hudson

At the June 5 Lake Boon Association meeting, Lew Halprin made a short presentation on the many pictures, videos and other material relating to Lake Boon which are currently being kept at the Hudson Historical Society's museum. Last year's LBA meeting voted to authorize the loan of historical materials to the museum, and meeting attendees approved continuing to authorize the loan at this year's meeting.

Lew shared some photos from the collection and of the area within the museum where Lake materials are archived. Some new items came to the collection this year, most notably several glass slides that were bought by a collector in Maine and then donated to the Hudson Historical Society and the LBA.

WANTED



INFORMATION OR PICTURES
LEADING TO THE COLLECTION
OF HISTORY OF
OLD LAKE BOON!

CALL LEW HALPRIN, 562-9839

The Lake Boon Association welcomes donations of any artifacts relating to lake history. If you have photos or other memorabilia, please contact Lew at 978-562-9839, or lhalprin@earthlink.net.

The Hudson Historical Society museum is located at the Hudson Mill Business Center, 43 Broad Street, Room C402 on the fourth floor. The museum is open Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. and on the first Saturday of every month, and admission is free. You can see some of the collection online at their website, www.hudsonhistoricalsociety.org

Save some cash and keep your septic system maintained

If you missed the Spring pump out and want to sign up for late summer, the best way to make sure you're contacted when the sign-up begins is to add your name and email to the Lake Boon email list.

To sign up contact Dave Gray at grayscale@earthlink.net.

The program has remained a popular way for lake watershed residents to save a little cash while doing the right thing for their septic systems and cleaner groundwater and a cleaner lake. The more frequently a system is pumped (recommended every 1 - 2 years depending on family size), the longer it will last and work well. The LBA sponsors this program spring and fall each year, and so far Rich Casaceli continues to give us a lower price than other area companies for an excellent job!



Volunteer—the LBA needs you!

The Lake Boon Association is an all-volunteer organization, and we are always looking for people to help with events and programs.

Meet your neighbors and have fun by helping out at the Water Carnival or Walkathon, or other events. Keep the lake clean by working on water quality or weed control issues.

If you have an idea for a new activity, event, or program that will make Lake Boon safer, cleaner, or more fun, we want to hear from you! Contact LBA president Dave Siewierski at 562-2203, or siewierski@darkhold.com

Boating rules, Lake management and officer elections on the agenda at Lake Boon Association meeting

The Lake Boon Association held its annual meeting on June 5 at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge headquarters in Sudbury. About thirty people attended, including a new lake resident. Minutes of last year's meeting were approved and the treasurer's report shows that the LBA is in good financial shape, in part because we are no longer required to put money into an escrow account for the annual drawdown.

After review and approval of the minutes and treasurer's report, Detective Sergeant Michael Sallesse of the Stow Police Department made a short presentation on the new boating rules and took questions from attendees (see related article, page 3). Stow and Hudson residents should both call the Stow police to report boating violations. While Lee Heron is the primary patrol officer, the Stow PD is training other officers to use the boat and to respond to calls.

Stow Selectman Don Hawkes noted that because Lee is a patrol officer, he is no longer going to serve as a member of the Lake Boon Commission.

Theresa O'Riorden gave a report on this winter's drawdown—even though we barely had winter, the boards were removed and replaced with no issues. Andy Pollock gave a report on the ongoing weed treatment. As of June 5, the first round of herbicide applications have been made, and follow up inspections were done. Spot treatments were planned, so if you live outside the first basin, irrigating your property from the lake is still not advisable, and will result in a brown lawn.

Finally, the LBA has new officers: by unanimous vote of those present, Dave Siewierski is the new LBA president, while Dan Nicholson is Vice President. Dave Gray continues as treasurer and Karen Gray is the new secretary. Outgoing president Kent Seith joins Lew Halprin, Pat Sorn, Lori Hawkes and Barbara Clancy as a director.

Stow TV brings Lake Boon to your computer

Thanks to the many volunteers and staff at Stow TV, especially Lew Halprin, you can access historical and current Lake Boon events on Youtube. Note the last listing is the recent Lake Boon Commission meeting about boating regulation and enforcement.

Life on Lake Boon: Then and Now, Sept 2015
illustrated talk by Dick Gelpke, 1:12:07
<https://youtu.be/UOwQQNjVRM8>

1952 Lake Boon Water Carnival and Boat Parade, home movies (including water skiing with 25 hp motor!), 3:42 <https://youtu.be/XJmcIvn8W6c>

Murder, Merriment & Monahans: Life at Lake Boon 1850-1950, illustrated talk by Dick Gelpke, June 2014 1:24:00 <https://youtu.be/TDbX7BND-mk>

The Evolution of the Lake Boon Community, June 2014 illustrated talk by Dick Gelpke, 36:53
<https://youtu.be/Q7B1XVJf-O8>

2014 Lake Boon Boat Parade, 16:02
<https://youtu.be/sV86lAR0n-w>

LBC Meeting: Lake Boon Boat Safety Enforcement with State & Local Police, 2nd half, June 2016, 1:50:41: <https://youtu.be/Ah8wc8TSfMc>

Seasonal activities from other local groups

OARS, formerly the Organization for the Assabet River, is an environmental group concerned with protecting water quality and habitat for the Assabet, Sudbury and Concord rivers. This summer they are hosting a free series of Water Wise Workshops for children 6-10 in Westborough, and planning the annual river cleanup for September 17. Find out more at <http://www.oars3rivers.org/event>.

The Friends of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge host several events every month, which might include a hike, a "Fledgling Hour" for young children, volunteering to remove invasive plants, and talks on aspects of New England's environment and history. Find out more at www.farnwr.org.

You have a stake in the lake—support the Lake Boon Association!

Join Now! Extra contributions to help with the projects listed below are **tax-deductible**.

Memberships run through the end of 2016, and you must be a member to vote at LBA meetings, hold office, or serve as volunteers in the name of LBA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Winter Address (if different): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ **Add me to the LBA email list**

Membership (circle one): Family: \$20 Single: \$10

Additional contribution(s): Lake Mgmt. Fund: \$_____ Ronnie Fund: \$_____
Herbicide Fund: \$_____ Water Carnival: \$_____ Entertainment (Music at the Beach): \$_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Membership plus contributions): \$_____

Make checks payable to: Lake Boon Improvement Assoc. Inc., or LBA.

Mail to Dave Gray, Treasurer, 12 Pine Point Rd., Stow, MA 01775

(The Ronnie Fund was established in memory of Ronald Pastuck, age 3, to provide water safety and educational programs to residents of homes on the Lake Boon waterfront or with deeded lake access aged 16 and under.)

I'd like to Volunteer for:

- Water Carnival Septic Pumping Program Membership Committee
 Lake Boon Walkathon Street Cleanup

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Current LBA officers and directors:

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Stay in the know! Sign up for the Lake Boon email list!



The Lake Boon email list is the fastest way to stay informed about water quality, upcoming meetings, events and water quality reports, share wildlife sightings, post or receive lost and found notices, and find out about volunteer opportunities.

Be sure to let Dave Gray at grayscale@earthlink.net know your current email address if you want to get news fast through the LBA e-mailing list.

The Lake Boon Association is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lakeboonstow>