



# RED CEDAR LAKE POST

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## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT Mike Sidoti

Welcome back to Red Cedar Lake for our **51<sup>th</sup> Season** of summer enjoyment.

Although this winter seems to want to prolong itself, we nonetheless welcome the month of May with thoughts of a warm summer of fun and relaxation at the Lake. To that end, your Board of Directors wants to emphasize that our individual ability to enjoy the Lake is dependent upon our collective efforts to maintain it.

The Board will do its part by maintaining the roads, beaches, monitoring the water quality and by sponsoring social activities. We ask that you do your part by properly maintaining your properties and in particular your septic systems and by volunteering to assist us with maintenance projects and social activities when called upon.

A reminder that the Town of Lebanon has engaged Vision Government Solutions for the reassessment of properties to be completed by October 1, 2018. The new rates will be reflected in tax bills due July 1, 2019. Questions may be directed to the Tax Assessor's Office, 860-642-6141.

Our annual picnic and information meeting is scheduled for **Saturday June 2, 2018** 11AM with lunch. Rain date Sunday June 3, 2018.

See you then



## IN MEMORY OF

The Red Cedar Lake Community lost one of our dear members this past winter season.

**WALTER SEVETZ JR** age 60 of Lebanon formerly of West Hartford passed away on Tuesday February 20, 2018. Walter lived at 12 Lakeside Drive. In years past he was active in the association and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY HE WILL BE MISSED**

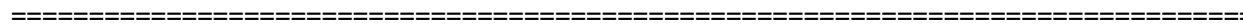


## ROADS by Kevin Vonderkall

The roads on the lake are showing the wear and tear of the long and never ending winter we had this year.

We had a lot of freezing and thawing and several very wet and heavy snow falls. These storms have led to areas where material from the roads have been pushed to the sides and in some places into members properties.

This is unfortunate. I hope everyone will try and understand, this is life on dirt roads. The road grading is planned for being completed by mid May.



## RCL Tax Assessment Committee

The Town of Lebanon hired Vision Government Solutions Inc. to complete the state mandated revaluation of properties which is required every 5 years. The last revaluation was done in 2013.

On November 14, 2017 three members of the Tax Assessment Committee attended a public information meeting conducted by Vision Project Manager Steve Ferreira and Assessor Emma Sousa. We were able to ask questions, voice concerns and present the project manager with a copy of the Summary of Sales Data Analysis 2015/2016 done by Co-Chair Jim Truscio.

On November 15, 2017, the Town began Data Collection (physical inspection) of properties. Vision has 5 Data Collectors performing exterior & interior inspections through October 2018. While it is not mandatory for residents to allow Data Collectors interior access, the Town is respectfully requesting cooperation with Data Collectors to ensure that accurate information is used in the revaluation process.

## URGENT RECYCLING UPDATE FROM F W MAYO RUBBISH REMOVAL

### **PLASTIC BAGS, PLASTIC WRAP, PLASTIC SHEETING AND STYROFOAM ARE NOT RECYCLABLE**

The company that processes your recyclables, does **NOT** recycle these items. Only plastic containers with a recycling emblem on the bottom are accepted. You also **can not** place your recyclables in plastic bags. Place your recyclables loose in a recycling container. Your recyclables are taken to a facility that uses a single stream recycling system. Recyclables are put into conveyor belts to go through the sorting process to separate the different grades. Plastic bags etc. get caught in the conveyor belts and shut the system down. In addition, the machinery cannot process recyclables that are enclosed in plastic bags. Our loads are now subject to inspections that could result in fines and rejection.

In addition, **all boxes** need to have all packing materials **removed** and the boxes **need to be flattened** down. The plastic wrap and Styrofoam should be put with **your regular trash** which can be in plastic bags. If you have any questions, please call us at 860-228-2322.

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## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### **DRIVE CAREFULLY**

Speeding is a concern on our narrow roads. Many children and adults walk and ride bikes on our roads. PLEASE drive slowly. The speed limit is 10 mph. Tell your guests, workers and delivery people to drive slowly when coming to your home.

### **KEEPING THE LAKE AND ROADS CLEAN**

Please remember to close trash cans tightly when you leave your property each week. Trash will be picked up each Wednesday. So any trash barrels left unsecured before that are likely to be ransacked by animals, infested with bugs, blown over in a storm or all of the above. Lets keep our lake properties clean and be good neighbors.

### **RECREATION / SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need volunteers to assist with planning and staffing all recreation activities and social events for the season. Please email our President Mike Sidoti at [michaelsidoti@gmail.com](mailto:michaelsidoti@gmail.com)

**POST YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS CLEARLY SO EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN EASILY FIND YOUR COTTAGE.**

### **SAVE THE DATE SPRING MEETING**

**Saturday JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be the spring meeting at Main Beach at **11am** followed by Lunch.

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### BEACH AND BOATS by Peter Van Steeden

Welcome back to Spring. I've been keeping an eye on the beaches and marker buoys this past winter and preliminarily things look pretty good. We may need to form a rescue party to look for one of the anchor buoys, but not too bad. I never got the No Wake Buoy out last year, but it's still floating so that's all good.

Late last year I was finally able to put up two of the four new signs. One of the two private property signs at Little Beach and a PWC rules sign. One more pp sign goes up at Little Beach and PWC rules sign at Main Beach.

In the coming weeks I'll be reviewing the sand at both beaches as well as the kayak racks at Little Beach to see what needs doing this year if anything. Ideas and thoughts are always welcome, but be warned that I may then ask you to volunteer to help make it happen. The portals should be up and running by the beginning of May. They should be on a weekly cleaning schedule. If you experience issues, please let me know and I'll contact the service provider.

Spring cleanup is being provided by Lakeside Landscape this year, and should commence the beginning or so in May. I am asking for everyone's help in watching the beaches. Please keep the gates locked and the combination amongst residents. If you see something or someone that doesn't look right, call the police. Please also let someone on the board know so we can work on local solutions.

Here are a few things to remember:

1. No smoking allowed on main or little beach.
2. CLOSE and LOCK gates when you leave.
3. Dogs are NOT allowed in the sand areas of Main & Little Beaches.
4. NO CHILD under 14 of age is allowed in the swimming area of either beach without the supervision of an adult 14 years or older.
5. A sign has been placed at Main Beach to announce upcoming events
6. SAFE USE OF THE SWIMMING PLATFORM – Excessive rocking and otherwise rough use of the swimming platform at Mai Beach can result in its damage. Please take care when using the platform so it remains in good condition for years to come.
7. Please use the garbage cans that have been placed on Main and Little Beach.
8. NO BOATS shall be launched on the MAIN BEACH between 11AM and 4PM on weekends and holidays.

**RED CEDAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS WEB SITE**

<http://www.redcedarlake.org>

Check out the web site for any general information, dates of event, current bylaws, annual membership meeting minutes and announcements. Rules and Regulations are also posted on the website. Send electronic copies of your Red Cedar Lake photos for the website to Sherri Gill ~ [sagemail67@yahoo.com](mailto:sagemail67@yahoo.com)

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 18<sup>th</sup>** Trash pick-up starts every Wednesday until October 18<sup>th</sup>
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** Dock and Swim Line installations. Volunteers needed to set up both beaches.
- May 1st** Locks will have their combinations changed.
- June 2nd** 11AM Spring Informational meeting and Lunch. Rain Date June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- July 1<sup>st</sup>** Sailboat races begin



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BINGO**

**Saturday 6PM at Main Beach July 21st and August 11<sup>th</sup>**



**WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

*Daniel and Claire Niziankiewicz 176 Lakeside Drive  
John and Karen Woodmanssee 358 Lakeside Drive*

## HOW TO HELP & PREVENT EUTROPHICATION

Eutrophication is the process by which a body of water becomes enriched in dissolved nutrients (such as phosphates) that stimulate the growth of aquatic plant life usually resulting in the depletion of dissolved oxygen.

The Connecticut Federation of Lakes has put the following chart for your consideration.

### MANAGING WASTE

Regularly pump, inspect and upgrade (as needed) the septic system.

Stop using septic tank additives that falsely claim septic benefits.

Implement a code compliant septic system (no more 1950's systems, cesspools or outhouse).

### LANDSCAPING THE WATERFRONT

Don't use chemical lawn fertilizers and weed killers recognizing that going 'organic' is best.

Have a 'barrier' lakeside buffer zone of tall grasses, flowers, shrubs, trees, etc.

(The wider the better so that the lawn size is reduced.)

Restore a natural shoreline.

Have a natural lake bottom or plan no more additions of sand.

### MANAGING RAIN RUNOFF

Have a rain garden(s).

Use rain barrels to collect roof gutter runoff.

Have a catch basin(s) where indicated which directs its water discharge into absorptive, vegetated areas.

Have a pervious driveway,

Have less than 10% impervious lot coverage.

Have landscaped swales, water bars, etc to divert water to planted areas thereby reducing sheet runoff.

### LAKE LIVING

Use non-phosphate soaps and detergents inside and outside.

Reduce water consumption thereby not flooding the leach field.

Regularly pick up litter and floating invasive weed fragments.

Follow 'no wake' signage.

Inform our guests and renters the code of lake friendly living.

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## SUNDAY MORNING SAILING by Larry Berglund

The long windy, mild, destructive winter is finally over with its minimal lake ice that made it difficult for winter activities of ice fishing, skating and ice boat sailing. The lake level is now a little higher and getting warm again, and good for summer lake activities like sailing. Sailing is a great way to enjoy our beautiful lake and nature. Plus, if you are not a sailor Red Cedar is a particularly good lake to learn sailing, with no big waves, boats always close to shore and good visibility. So if have an interest or inclination try it.

The Sunday morning sailing races will start Sunday July 1 at 11:00 am and continue every Sunday thru September 2 of Labor Day weekend. The races are simple and informal, and right after each there is a social gathering with awards and treats at 152 Lakeside.

Usually every boat earns a ribbon. This summer there will be a youth division to make competition more fun, fair and rewarding for young, less experienced sailors. Sunfish, Snark, Laser and Large boats are some of the sailing classes, but all sailboats are accommodated and encouraged to participate.

If you have questions, suggestions or comments contact Larry Berglund at 860 887 4972 or stop by 152 Lakeside. On Saturday morning June 23rd at 10 a.m. there will be an informal orientation at 152 Lakeside with special assistance to those unfamiliar with the races and boats. If you don't have a boat, there will be some available for you to try that day and also sailing instruction.

Please join in the fun and camaraderie.

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Have mower trouble? Just want your weekends back? Tired of always having to rake up those leaves, pick up the sticks and branches? Spring clean-up is really bringing you down? Why spend your summers mowing your lawn and doing endless yard work, when someone will do it for you for less than the cost of a new mower and gas to do it? They are dependable and reliable with a professional service at affordable rates. They are insured for your protection. Even the estimate is free .... Take your summers back and make your yard work disappear. Try it for a one time job or all weekly maintenance .... Call for a free estimate **LAKE SIDE LANDSCAPE AND LAWN CARE 860 889 7280**

## We have added a new Want and Sell Section to our Newsletter.

If you have something you would like to purchase or sell to our Red Cedar Lake Community please email me with the information. We will post it in the next **RED CEDAR LAKE POST**

Send information to [rragaglia@snet.net](mailto:rragaglia@snet.net)

**For Sale**      **FORCE 5 SAILBOAT call Jim Truscio 272 Lakeside Drive 860 303 1020**

**Wanted**      **SUNFISH SAILBOAT call Jim Truscio 272 Lakeside Drive 860 303 1020**

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