



RED CEDAR LAKE POST

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NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT Mike Sidoti

It feels great to be turning on the water for our cottage once again. The anticipation of another summer season at Red Cedar even makes the prospect of raking the leaves somewhat bearable – almost. Welcome back!

Here are a few things for you to note as we start our new summer season.

There has been a change to the membership of your Board of Directors. Roy Piper has resigned from the Board due to time constraints. Kevin Vonderkall has accepted the appointment to fill the balance of Roy's term. He will once again serve as Chair of our Roads Committee. Welcome back Kevin. Kevin has arranged for the roads to receive a rough "scraping" in April and a final grading in May.

Once again the Board wants to remind you to pay particular attention to the proper maintenance of your septic systems. It is recommended that tanks be pumped out every three years. Maintaining a healthy Red Cedar Lake is all of our responsibility.

The transition to Willimantic Waste for our garbage and recycling collection is going well. Please remember to call Willimantic Waste at **860-423-4527** to order your carts. New carts are delivered on Thursdays. Garbage collection is on Wednesdays beginning April 17. See page 6 and 7 for more info.

Our annual information meeting and picnic will be on Saturday June 1, 2019 at 11:00am. Rain date Sunday June 2, 2019. See you at the Lake

SUNDAY MORNING SAILING by Larry Berglund



The long windy, mild 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, ready 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 are always close to shore and good visibility. So if you have an interest or inclination try it.

The Sunday morning sailing races will start Sunday June 30 at 11:00 am and continue every Sunday thru September 1 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. Last summer, the sailor's ages ranged from 10 to 80.

If you have questions, suggestions or comments contact Larry Berglund at 860 887 4972 or stop by 152 Lakeside. On Saturday morning June 22, 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.

RED CEDAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TAX ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Tax Assessment Committee is to give a physical presence to the tax concerns of association members. The committee was formed in November 2014 and is currently co-chaired by Jim Truscio & Honey Ragaglia.

Jim Truscio & Brian Gill spent countless hours developing a detailed data base of residential property sales in Lebanon for 2015/2016 in preparation for the Town of Lebanon's most recent 2018 Revaluation of Properties. In 2017 committee members were able to present findings and concerns to the First Selectman, the Assessor and the Vision Appraisal Project Manager.

The committee will hold its first meeting of 2019 immediately after the annual spring picnic and information meeting on Saturday June 1. All association members are welcome to become active members of this group!

If you are not able to attend the spring picnic but you are interested in joining the RCLPOA Tax Assessment Committee kindly email (honeyr@snet.net) or call Honey at 860-748-0112 (cell).

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. Let's 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 contact Mike Sidoti if you wish to volunteer in any capacity.

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

SAVE THE DATE SPRING MEETING

Saturday June 1ST will be the spring meeting at Main Beach at 11am.

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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

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**BEACH AND BOATS by Peter Van Steeden**

I took a brief tour of the beaches a week ago and they look like they made it through the winter in pretty good shape.

We had one mishap at the end of the season at Main Beach where a boat motor cut one of the swim buoy/lane marker lines. This will need replacing prior to my being able to set out the markers. I need to go out and assess what we will need to replace and as a consequence it may take a bit longer than planned to set up those marker lines. Early on the dock escaped its tether but was retrieved and re-secured. The last time I looked, it was still there.

Little beach did ok, the marker line buoys are still in place. The no wake zone buoy spent winter in the water and was pushed around by the ice but is still floating. It will be pulled at some point this spring for maintenance.

Also at Little Beach I've been thinking on moving and/or changing the gate system on Stacy Lane to help with security and keep the actual road open year-round. More on that as I get closer to an answer.

The porta potties should be up and running by mid-April. They should be on a weekly cleaning schedule. If you experience issues, please let me know and I'll contact the service provider.

Please remember to keep the gates closed, and enjoy the season!

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#### Here are a few other things to remember:

1. New gate combination effective May 1<sup>st</sup>
2. No smoking allowed on main or little beach.
3. CLOSE and LOCK gates when you leave.
4. Dogs are NOT allowed in the sand areas of Main & Little Beaches.
5. NO CHILD under 14 years of age is allowed in the swimming area at either beach without the supervision of an adult 14 years or older.
6. A sign has been placed at Main Beach to announce upcoming events.
7. SAFE USE OF THE SWIMMING PLATFORM - Excessive rocking and otherwise rough use of the swimming platform at Main Beach can result in its damage. Please take care when using the platform so it remains in good condition for years to come.
8. Please use the garbage cans that have been placed on Main and Little Beach.
9. NO BOATS shall be launched on the MAIN BEACH between 11:00am and 4:00pm on weekends and holidays.





### GARBAGE COLLECTION CHANGE NOTICE

Over this winter, Mayo Rubbish Removal turned over its business operation to Willimantic Waste Paper Co. Inc. The Board of Directors has agreed to contract with Willimantic Waste for seasonal garbage collection in the same manner as we had with Mayo Brothers. This year they will provide collection service beginning **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** and each **Wednesday thereafter through October 16<sup>th</sup>**.

The major change for us is that Willimantic Waste does not do “by hand” collections. They utilize the Green Rubbish and Blue Recycling carts that are lifted mechanically by their trucks. **Therefore it will be necessary for members wishing to use this service to order carts from Willimantic Waste.** To do so you need to contact Willimantic Waste Customer Service Department at **860-423-4527** or by email at **info@williwaste.com**. Please allow at least a week lead time for delivery of the carts. The carts are assigned (each has a serial number) to your specific property and cannot be transferred to another address.

Year round residents who contract with Willimantic Waste can suspend their private subscription for the period covered by the Association (there is a \$15 Restart Fee when the service is restarted).

**NOTE:** As with Mayo Rubbish, Willimantic Waste will not be able to pick up on all side roads at the Lake. Therefore, owners on these non-serviceable roads will still need to bring their garbage and recycling to Lakeside Drive. Roads currently scheduled for direct pick up are Stewart Lane, Lakeside Drive, Ruth Lane, Diane Road, Camp Mooween Road and member’s properties on Congdon Road.

Attached to this email, you will find fliers provided by Willimantic Waste. Please review them carefully and follow these guidelines.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me or the Willimantic Waste Customer Service Department

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### Single Stream Recyclables

Acceptable items: Newspapers and inserts Magazines / brochures Cardboard Chipboard Paper bags Paperboard boxes (cereal, egg cartons) Junk mail Phone books / catalogs Hard and soft cover books White and color paper Envelopes (window ok) File folders School paper Multi 3 ply paper Aluminum foil (clean, balled) Aluminum pots and pans (clean) Rinsed White, Green and brown glass Rinsed Tin cans Rinsed Aluminum cans Rinsed Juice and milk cartons Rinsed Plastic milk jugs Rinsed Plastic soda bottles Rinsed #1-7 plastic tubs & screw-top jars Detergent bottles Empty aerosol cans Plastic buckets and crates (clean)

Prohibited items: All other non-recyclable items Plastic Bags Trash/Food Waste/Garbage Unacceptable Paper – Wax paper, soiled paper, soiled napkins, pet food bags & dryer sheets, shredded paper Unacceptable Plastics – Non Bottled Plastics (Examples: Garden hose, trash & zip lock bags, cereal box bags, bubble wrap, potato chip bags, single cheese wrappers, soiled plastic bottles & bags, Styrofoam, coolers, straws, silverware Unacceptable Aluminum – Soiled aluminum foil, soiled tin cans Unacceptable Cardboard – Soiled pizza boxes & soiled cardboard (examples: Grease, mold, paint) Unacceptable Glass – Windowpane glass, plated glass, windshield glass, ceramics, candle glass, drinking glass Unacceptable Items Miscellaneous – Pillows, clothing items, furniture, sheet rock, wood, yard waste, electronics, needles & syringes

Prohibited items in single stream affects recyclability

### UNACCEPTABLE RECYCABLE ITEMS

No PLASTIC BAGS/ Plastic Wrap • No Material in plastic bags • No Shredded paper\* • No Scrap metal • No Hazardous waste • No Diapers or Other Bio-Hazardous Waste • No Liquids • No Frozen food containers • No Food waste • No Ceramic mugs & plates • No Dishware, ovenware, & decorative items • No Drinking glasses • No Candle or window glass • No Lightbulbs • No Foil tops from yogurt containers • No Paint cans or batteries • No Pots & pans • No Small pieces of scrap metal • No Spiral wound containers • No Loose bottle caps

• No Plastic plates, bowls & utensils • No Prescription bottles • No Single-use coffee containers • No Styrofoam cups, containers (#6) • No Packaging peanuts/air pockets • No Coffee lids or any straws • No Wrapping paper & gift bags • No Ice cream containers • No Paper cups (hot or cold) • No Shredded paper • No Take-out food containers • No Tissue or toilet paper • No Paper towels • No Paper hot coffee cups • No Plastic one-use cups, like iced coffee cups • No plastic • No Aerosol containers (deodorizers, cleaners, pesticides, etc.) • No Pizza boxes • No Garden pots • No Batteries or electronics

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### ADVERTISING

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? We are dependable and reliable with a professional service at affordable rates. We 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](tel:8608897280)

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Hello Red Cedar Lake, Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I'm Cathy Hinckley your friend and neighbor and I've recently joined a dynamic real estate agency, Countryside realty in Hebron CT. I just want to let you know that I'm available to help with any buying or selling you'd like to do or just to answer any realty questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me at [860-908-5407](tel:8609085407). Thank you for your time. Best wishes for another great season on the lake. Sincerely, Cathy

**IF YOU ARE A RED CEDAR LAKE RESIDENT AND HAVE ANY THING TO SELL OR SERVICE YOU CAN PROVIDE TO OUR MEMBERS, YOU MAY PLACE A FREE AD IN OUR NEWSLETTER.**

**SEND YOUR REQUESTS TO Bob Ragaglia at [rragaglia@snet.net](mailto:rragaglia@snet.net)**

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