

Please join the Lake St. Catherine Association.

Your support helps improve the quality of the lake!

Each year, the Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) reaches out to the lake community asking for contributions to help fund our programs in support of our mission: the preservation, protection and maintenance of Lake St. Catherine. Your contributions, donations, state and local government funding and grants all contribute to our yearly budget.

The LSCA works year-round on our lake management programs, some of which include: stormwater runoff & pollution control, water testing, lake safety, milfoil control, boat launch monitoring (Greeter program) / aquatic invasive species education & prevention.

We had a great 2019 - we hope you'll join us and offer your support in 2020!

Contributions to Lake St. Catherine Association may qualify as charitable contributions! LSCA is an approved public charity and is exempt from Federal Income Tax under §501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to LSCA (beyond dues) may now be deductible under §170 of the code. LSCA is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under §§2055, 2106 or 2522 of the code.



2020 Membership Application

2020 Dues Schedule

Single cottage owner or renter	\$100 per cottage
Unimproved lot owner or co-owner (no dwelling)	\$50
Business Sponsor	\$200
Associate Member (none of the above, supporter of LSC)	\$35

Contributions to Lake St. Catherine Association in excess of the annual dues qualify as charitable contributions and may be tax deductible! Many employers have a matching program for charitable contributions - we encourage you to check into this!

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Please complete this form and send along with your check payable to **Lake St. Catherine Association** to:

Elaine Bagley, Treasurer
48 West Mountain Road
Bernardston MA 01337

DUES AMOUNT: _____
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION: _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Owner: _____
Lake 911 Address: _____
Lake Phone: _____

Do you receive mail at this address? **YES** **NO**

Permanent Address: _____
Permanent Phone:: _____
Email Address: _____

Please indicate how/where you would like to receive information from LSCA:

Email Address Permanent Address Lake 911 Address

**Membership dues and contributions can now be made online at:
www.lakestcatherine.org**



Business Sponsor Membership - 2020

Dear Lake St. Catherine Community Business Owner,

The Lake St. Catherine Association was created as a public charity to receive donations, grants or contributions and to utilize its income and assets for the preservation, protection and maintenance of Lake St. Catherine.

Each year, the Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) reaches out to LSC property owners and local businesses to raise money via membership dues to help fund various projects, including: maintaining lake navigation and protection buoys, conducting free boating safety courses, testing the lake water quality, inspecting boats for invasive species as part of our Greeter program, and our yearly milfoil treatment program. The LSCA also funds special projects like the restoration of the Lily Pond channel, which was completed in September of 2017.

Beginning with the 2018 season, the Lake St. Catherine Association introduced a Business Sponsor Membership to local businesses in the LSC region. We believe this membership level will be mutually beneficial for your business and the LSCA.

The Business Sponsor Membership for \$200 per season will include:

1. A listing on our 'Sponsors' page on www.lakestcatherine.org with your logo, a link to your web or Facebook page, including a brief description of your business and services.
2. The posting of your events and special occasions to our Events & LSC Community Website Calendar.
3. A posting on our Blog and [Facebook](#) page about your business as a 'Sponsor Spotlight' feature.
4. A posting for your business in our Spring and Fall newsletters. Newsletters will be made available to the community in both printed and digital versions.

Last year, our website was viewed by 8,105 unique visitors, generating 66,740 page views. We currently have just under 900 followers of our Facebook page.

If you'd like to become a Business Sponsor Member for the 2020 season, please visit our site at www.lakestcatherine.org and click on Become A Member under the Membership menu. You'll be able to select the Business Sponsor Membership and submit your dues via credit card. Or, you can fill out the attached Business Sponsor Membership form.

After your dues are received, we'll contact you to set up your membership benefits detailed above.

If you have additional questions about this new membership, please email us at info@lakestcatherine.org, or call Jeremy Jones at 518-461-4679 to discuss.

Thank you for your support!



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Business: _____

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Business Sponsor Dues: \$200

Additional Contribution: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

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Thank you for your support of the Lake St. Catherine Association!

LSCA 2019 Year In Review - The Highlights

Membership

Our yearly membership drive kicked off in early 2019 with mailings, emails and postings on our website and Facebook. We are happy to report that we had 342 paid members, which includes 9 Business Sponsors. This generated \$52,550 in membership dues which gives us an average contribution of \$154. Thank you to all of our members! Your membership dues and additional contributions over and above our base \$100 membership level are crucial to funding our important lake programs. We are happy to report that we've increased our membership in both dollars and in individual contributors by around 12% each as compared to last year.

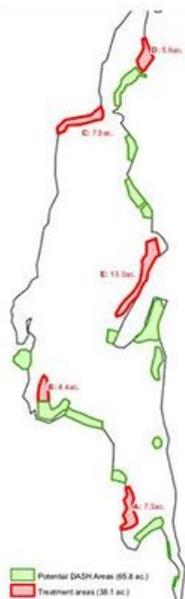
Milfoil Control

Back in December of 2018, we applied for two new permits as part of our milfoil control program. We applied for a 5 year permit to treat milfoil with the new product ProcellaCOR - and a 10 year permit to be able to perform DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting). While both permits were approved, we had to start almost a month later than we would have liked. The approval, comment period, and notice period pushed the date to July 10th. We hope to get back to our usual schedule of an early June treatment date next year.

We are very happy with the results of the new product ProcellaCOR. As compared to Renovate, ProcellaCOR allows us to use 200x - 400x less, has significantly less water use restrictions, and it is highly targeted to milfoil - promising longer lasting results. For example, the recommended water use restrictions this season were only the day of treatment for recreational use (vs. 2 days) and 7 days for using lake water for irrigation (vs. 120 days). We hope the effectiveness of ProcellaCOR will allow us to continue to emphasize DASH for milfoil control.

Our hard working DASH team also had a great season combating milfoil. They worked on 10+ locations around the lake and removed 1,293 buckets of milfoil by suction harvesting. This balanced approach has kept the milfoil in treated areas in check for 15 years.

This season, we received many reports of milfoil in areas of the lake, asking if it will be addressed by our DASH team. We inspected all the areas being reported, and we discovered that many folks were confusing Illinois Pondweed with milfoil. Pondweed, which is considered native, cannot be removed by our DASH team. However, if you'd like to clear your swimming or dock area of pondweed - you are allowed to do so by raking or hand pulling. Please see the graphic below showing our 2019 treatment areas and the difference between milfoil and pondweed.



Eurasian watermilfoil - *Myriophyllum spicatum*



Illinois Pondweed - *Potamogeton illinoensis*

Greeter Program: An extremely important program that helps to protect LSC!

This season, we were happy to be selected for a grant from the Vermont DEC's Watershed Grant Program for \$4,942. This allowed us to expand our daily Greeter hours, add coverage for fishing tournaments and to further expand hours around holidays. This resulted in inspecting 1,779 boats, a 21% increase from 2018.

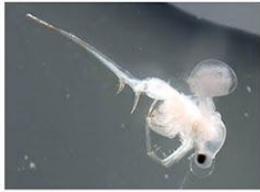


All are encouraged to consider switching your current license plate to a Vermont Conservation license plate. Applications to do so can be found at the [Conservation License Plate website](#). Currently, there are 3 plate options to choose from: Deer, Loon, Trout.

Our Greeter program is very important to the health of LSC. Greeters do not just check boats and trailers for milfoil - they are checking for many invasive species that are just a lake or two away from us.



Zebra Mussels (attached to a native mussel)



Spiny Waterflea



Asian Clams



Water Chestnut



Starry Stonewort

These invasives include zebra mussels, spiny waterflea, asian clams, water chestnuts and starry stonewort. For example, spiny waterflea were just found in Lake Champlain and zebra mussels were recently discovered in Lake Dunmore. Our Greeters are hard working young adults who have been trained to identify these invasive species to stop them from entering LSC. They also educate boaters about the importance of looking for these invasives on their boat or trailer so they are not spread to LSC or another lake.

- Lake Safety - Free Boating Classes

The LSCA provides two free boating safety classes each year - one in Wells and one in

Poultney. Anyone born after Jan 1st, 1974 must successfully complete a boating safety class to be able to legally operate a motorized watercraft. In 2019, 25 people passed the course and received their boating license. If you'd like to earn your boating license next year, keep an eye out for our announcement of the classes (usually taking place in June).

7th Annual Boat Parade



On Saturday, July 7th, we had 15 boats participate in the 7th Annual LSCA Boat Parade - and the creativity was on full display! We hope you enjoyed watching it - and we were thankful for all the participants and our sponsors.

Our Best Overall winner was the "Loon Pontoon"

LSCA Annual Meeting & Dinner

We had a great turnout at the Annual Meeting at the LSC Country Club on July 27th. Trustees gave reports from their committees and answered questions from attendees. We then all enjoyed an excellent dinner with our lake neighbors. You can read a full recap of the meeting, including our presentation on our website. We hope you'll join us this year!

The First Lake Wise Award on LSC



In early September, we and the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) were excited to announce that the first property on Lake St. Catherine has been selected for a Lake Wise award.

"The goal of Lake Wise is to establish a new normal, a new culture of lakeshore landscaping that is proven to help protect the lake. A property that earns the award will represent a 'model' shoreland property. The award certifies a property is well managed, using shoreland Best Management Practices, and is maintained to care for the lake."

On 9/8/19, representatives from the LSCA and PMNRCD gathered at Sylvia and Harry Bingham's camp on Peninsula Drive to present them with the first Lake Wise award on LSC.

We'd like to help other Lake St. Catherine property owners earn the Lake Wise award. If you would like to have your property assessed, please email us at info@lakestcatherine.org.

For all the latest LSC news, visit our website: www.lakestcatherine.org and follow us on facebook.com/lakestcatherineassociation