

Greetings Halfmoon Lake Association Members,

With a gloomy early spring drifting from our memory, summer is finally on its way at Halfmoon Lake. Slowly but steadily docks are going in, boats are launched, and we've seen an uptick boat traffic since the Memorial weekend.

Below is important information about our upcoming July Association meetings as well as a reminder about dues, and other news items. Please be sure to join us at the June 29 meeting. We need your support and participation; also, this is a time to meet your lake neighbors.

2019 JUNE/JULY MEETING is June 29 at 9 AM: Our biannual meetings not only cover the governance of our lake community but offer an opportunity to meet neighbors and catch up on the latest news. This June meeting will be held at Fernhill Beach (community building if it rains) on June 29 at 9 am. **Note, this is an hour earlier than previous meetings.** We are starting a tradition of holding meetings at different venues around our lake to encourage greater member participation and, in this instance, an opportunity to meet more Fernhill neighbors. Directions will follow. Minutes from the August meeting and the Marine Patrol Officer's presentation are attached. Please bring the minutes with you. We will be sending out the June 29 agenda prior to the meeting date.

Also remember to bring your favorite chair!

NEWS ITEMS

STORM WATER RUNOFF: Stormwater runoff is a problem for many lakes including Halfmoon. A management program provided by the Lake Winnepesaukee Association wants to help landowners identify and provide suggestions to combat runoff issues. The program provides AmeriCorps volunteers to observe and make simple, do-it-yourself type suggestions on how to improve measures against runoff. The participating homeowner will be given a summary of the visit, with issues noted and recommendations. This free program is for a limited time. This is a voluntary program, with no regulatory component.

As you know, Halfmoon Lake has over past years, like many neighboring lakes, suffered cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms. Phosphorus from runoff contributes to these blooms.

If you are interested in participating in this program, send me an email with your contact information: WPMATLAKE@AIM.COM or Webmaster@halfmoonlakenh.org.

AUGUST MEETING: Our second HMLA Association meeting of the 2019 season will, as usual, be held at Camp Mi-Te-Na. As of this writing no date or time has been confirmed. More details will follow.

LOON UPDATE: We have not abandoned hope for another successful effort to nurture a loon family. Our man-made nest has repeatedly attracted a loon pair investigating the

site; however, as yet the couple has not taken up residency. According to the Loon Preservation Committee, we still have about week; so, let's keep our fingers crossed. There are signs posted around the nest warning boaters to keep a distance so please let's not discourage the loon from setting up residence.

BOATING SAFETY: Please follow boating etiquette keeping a safe distant from other boater, swimmers, shorelines, and remember travel counter-clockwise.

FOURTH OF JULY & FIREWORKS: Everyone loves a fireworks display. It's what makes the 4th so much fun, so we do not want to discourage anyone from putting on a show. Please observe your Alton or Barnstead regulations. We would like to ask that you clean up any debris left over on the shore or in the water following your display. We also ask that you respect your neighbors by stopping any fireworks by 10 PM. Your cooperation will be much appreciated!

DUES ARE DUE, only \$15: As you are aware, every year we ask each lake front household to contribute dues that fund efforts to keep our lake clean, monitor invasive species, and advocate safety for all users. The fee is nominal—only \$15—and if everyone contributes, we will have enough in our reserve for milfoil activity and other lake endeavors. **Please assist us by paying your dues.** You may do so at the June meeting or mail them using the attached form.

SECRETARY POSITION OPEN: The Secretary position on the board is open. Please share your talent and know-how by joining the board. Also, please note that without a secretary we have no recording secretary for the upcoming meeting. Without a recording secretary, I will only take simple executive notes.

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Sincerely,
Bill Mannion, for your Halfmoon Lake Association Board