



Lake Anasagunticook Association Newsletter

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WELCOME TO SPRING 2015!


The dam is finished. The boat ramp park is nearing completion and now your Lake Association will return its focus to our mission of preserving the water quality of the lake and work to maintain the quality of environmental diversity within the watershed.

Aldo Leonold wrote,
"We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong we may begin to use it with love and respect."

We know what happens in the watershed directly effects the quality of the lake. Some of you may recall an event that happened last year in Toledo, Ohio and the southern shore of Lake Erie, when the townspeople were warned not to drink the water. In addition, some residents

couldn't use the water even for brushing teeth. The problem was not unexpected as water plant operators had been warning of such an event due to the growing number of algae blooms that turned the shoreline waters to a "pea soup color" in recent summers. The bloom leaves behind "toxins that can sicken people and kill pets." Why mention the problem of Lake Erie here? Farm runoff, chemical (lawn) fertilizers, leaky septic tanks, storm water drains, phosphorous leaching from soil exacerbated by poor grading of camp roads can cause the blooms. Water testing of our lake indicates that we are getting closer to conditions, which will support a bloom. And once a bloom occurs it is very difficult to prevent further blooms from happening. What can we, as watershed residents, do to prevent a disaster?

with phosphorus. Second, participate in **LakeSmart**.

Many of our shoreline property owners have already participated and learned how they can control rain run-off, prevent erosion and change some habits to benefit the lake. The program is free, a local resident will walk your property then make suggestions for improvement. No reports are given to any enforcement agency, and you are free to follow the advice or ignore it. Contact one of the LAA board members if you want to help our lake. And third, check your septic system. You've never had to pump it you say? Well, the fluids are going somewhere. Maybe leaching into the lake. You are the  to a clean clear lake.



*Biff Atwater, Editor, LAA
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Please for the sake of
the Lake have a
Lake Smart Evaluation



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LAA Party August 8, 2015
Watch for news of
new events through the
summer.

ANNUAL MEETING AUG. 8th
Hartford Town Hall 10:00

Websites of note

Synthetic Fish and Other Stocking
Mistakes In Maine

Submitted by George Smith on 11/02/2010
<http://downeast.com/blog/mainenature>

[www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgw/
septic_systems.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docgw/septic_systems.pdf)

[http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docwatershed/
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www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org

[www.mainecola.org/maine
_filfoil_initiative_long.htm](http://www.mainecola.org/maine_filfoil_initiative_long.htm)

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR INFO

WWW.LAKEANASAGUNTI.COOK.ORG

READ THE LATEST

“High quality water is more than the dream of the conservationists, more than a political slogan; high quality water, in the right quantity at the right place at the right time, is essential to health, recreation, and economic growth.”

Edmund Muskie

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Dues are \$10 per person per year. Please join the Lake Association. We have a lot of interesting projects.

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