



A Publication of the Lake Musconetcong Community Association, Inc.

Please join us at our Spring General Meeting April 9th 7pm at the Netcong Borough Hall. We will be going into further detail on the following topics and more!!!

Winter News: A much desired drawdown of the lake took place in the fall of 2013, providing an opportunity for water chestnut seed pods to freeze. The hope is that this will significantly decrease the water chestnut infestation in our lake.

Ice Safety: Please remember that even when portions of the lake are frozen solid, there are areas where underground springs and other anomalies create dangerous conditions.

LMCA Membership Drive: All households and businesses in our surrounding lake communities are invited and encouraged to become members of the LMCA. Annual membership fees for households and businesses are \$25 for 2014. This membership provides access to LMCA publications, updates on lake management, and access to weed control and herbicide treatment info too. Starting this year, your membership will be rewarded with discounts at many popular local businesses. A list of restaurants, salons etc. will be provided shortly. So sign up at **www.lmcaNJ.org**. While we prefer payment by check, we are now also accepting credit card payments on Paypal.

State Funding Application: We are asking everyone to send letters of public support to our local government officials encouraging approval of the Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board's (LMRBP) application for \$50,000 annual funding for herbicide treatment and other weed control efforts. Emails with instructions will be sent. In 2000, a similar letter campaign resulted in a \$190,000 grant for our weed harvesting equipment and a few years later, a petition by students of Netcong School earned \$94,000 for Lake Musconetcong. This can work again. Your efforts make a difference, so show that you care and please send these letters in. For information on how to participate, look for our email, visit our website or email **marsmost@optonline.com**

Volunteers Needed: As we look forward to working to preserve and improve our lake for the 2014 season, volunteers are needed for grant writing, fund raising, communications, lake monitoring, lake clean-up etc. If interested in any of these areas please contact: Jetur Riggs at **info@lmcaNJ.org**

For information on volunteering on the LMRPB's weed harvesting equipment contact Leslie Schack at **weedharvester1@gmail.com**

For information on serving as a "Water Scout" email Pat Marsico at **marsmost@optonline.net**. We will provide canoes, life jackets and maps. This can be a very enjoyable activity for scouting troops, families, and individuals as they help us patrol for water chestnuts, the invasive weeds that have overtaken two of our large coves. They are popping up elsewhere so we want to be pro-active before we lose our whole lake. You can come out once a season, weekly, or whenever you can. Pack a lunch and enjoy the lake in provided canoes as you help the lake in a very important way.

Build a Beach: Discussions about renewing and restoring the former beach in Stanhope continue. Liability is a major concern/obstacle at the present time.

ALSO NEW THIS YEAR: Hydro-raking. Individuals wishing to be part of a self-paid program to employ Allied Biological to hydro-rake their shoreline should contact Jetur Riggs. More info will be available on our website **www.lmcaNJ.org**