



# Lake Nipmuc Newsletter

The Lake Nipmuc  
Association

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## A Few Words From The President

Welcome to the Summer edition of the newsletter. With the water level being so high we bring you an update on the clearing of the Meadow Brook outlet. We understand that this work is to begin August 12th. We also have several fund raisers this summer. We provided pontoon boat

rides on the lake with the opening of the Town Beach at the Beach Blast held on June 22nd. We also have our second Annual Bottle drive coming up on July 27th which will be held in the Town Beach parking lot. Enjoy your Summer!

**Thanks, Ted King, President, LNA**

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## Are Ice Related Activities a Thing of the Past?

For the second year in a row, the popular Lake Nipmuc Ice Fishing Derby had to be cancelled for lack of ice. Old Man Winter did make an attempt to keep his lonely vigil while awaiting the spring ice melt. But by the time enough ice formed to support his weight, it was very late in the season. There was a week for people to less to say, ticket Old Man Winter ice there was on make matters worse, weather, although form ice, called into ity of Old Man Win- about the beginning Puxatawney Phil false prediction.



One can only Nipmuc Ice Fishing Man Winter Ice- Out skating have fallen Warming? Massa-

Deval Patrick has recently signed into law three global warming and energy related bills. Mendon has been designated as a Green Community and has made substantial progress in this area.

was little more than buy tickets. Need-sales were dismal. went through what March 7, 2013. To the continued cold not cold enough to question the valid- ter's message of spring. Even was indicted for a

wonder if the Lake Derby, the Old Contest and ice victim to Global chusetts Governor

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### Please NOTE:

Meetings will be held at 7 pm on the second Friday of the month in the summer

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## Meadow Brook Outlet Progress Report

The first step in the winter long process of getting funding to clear the outlet was to request a Determination of Applicability to see if it would be necessary to file with the Mendon Conservation Commission for a Notice of Intent. Although the work was within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act, it did not involve filling or dredging so, by mid-December, the Commission authorized the work. Then the Lake Nipmuc Association undertook the task of writing and sending out requests for proposals for a hydro-rake/harvester combo to remove and dispose of the Button Bush, water lilies, and root masses from in front of and on either side of the Meadow Brook outlet. One of our members, Fred Phipps, is generously allowing the vegetation to be deposited on his land that borders the outlet. This resulted in a substantial savings and the Association would like to express its sincere appreciation to Fred. The contract was awarded to Lycott Environmental and we are in contact with Jeff Castellani of Lycott to have the work done as soon as possible.

Since we needed \$15,500 to pay for the project, our next step was to apply for Community Preservation funding and approval at the March 19th Special Town Meeting. This was successful and the Lake Nipmuc Association would like to thank the Community Preservation Committee and the voters of Mendon for helping the clearing of the Meadow Brook outlet become a reality.

## Are Ice Related Activities a Thing of the Past?

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No one can report similar little or no ice years in recent memory. Dan Malloy's Hopedale website shows a February 20, 2012 picture of Hopedale Pond with no visible ice.

It may well be that Global Warming and Climate Change is here to stay and our winter activities may be only distant memories. The Lake Nipmuc Association, however, has not yet ceded defeat. On the chance that this is a fluke of nature, we have not given up.



## Wildlife Corner Loons and Ospreys

There were two Loon sightings in early April, one off Uxbridge Road and another on Kinsley Lane. Although Loon numbers were drastically reduced during the early 1900's, they became reestablished with the creation of Quabbin Reservoir. Small numbers of Loons also nest in isolated bodies of water in Worcester County. We would be most fortunate if a pair of these strikingly beautiful birds were to nest on the shores of Lake Nipmuc.



Ospreys were also sighted during the month of March.



A baby Common Loon hitches a ride on its mother's back

A red fox was seen crossing lake front properties on Taft Avenue. It may or may not have been the fox that was seen casing out a chicken coop on Kinsley Lane. But there is little doubt that the fox near the chicken coop was the same red fox that was later observed trotting up Kinsley Lane with a chicken in its mouth.

The Red Fox



### Beach Blast Pontoon Boat Rides

The Lake Nipmuc Association provided pontoon boat rides around the lake at this fun-filled event held on Saturday, June 22 at the Town Beach.

### Bottle Drive



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The Lake Nipmuc Association will be holding a can and bottle collection day at the Town Beach parking lot on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Since we were not able to have our winter fund raisers this is especially important so please save your cans and bottles for this date. It should also be noted that the Lake Nipmuc Association has contributed the sum of \$800 toward weed control on Lake Nipmuc.

#### Editor's Note:

**We Welcome  
Letters on is-  
sues affecting  
the Lake.**

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## Lake Nipmuc Association - Membership Form

The Lake Nipmuc Association is a volunteer organization. We rely on grants, donations and membership dues to support our programs.

Student	\$ 10.00
Individual	\$ 20.00
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Business	\$ 60.00
Patron	\$100.00
Benefactor	\$200.00
Steward	\$500.00

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### Yearly Dues Are Due Jan 1, 2013 Membership Renewal

#### **Why Join the Lake Nipmuc Association?**

- Water Quality Monitoring- The LNA monitors conditions, identifies areas of concern and engages local citizens in the protection and enjoyment of Mendon's most valuable natural resource.
- Educational Forums- The LNA provides public workshops to increase public understanding and community stewardship of Lake Nipmuc.
- Newsletter- The LNA publishes four newsletters a year in the summer, fall, winter and spring, plus email alerts.
- Meetings- The LNA holds monthly meetings on the second Friday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Mendon Senior Center on Providence Rd.

Meetings are open to the public. The LNA is a volunteer organization. We rely on donations and membership dues to support our programs. Donations are tax deductible.