

JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter - Spring, 2019

Joe's Pond Association — P. O. Box 111 — West Danville, VT 05873



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We have a winner!!

The Ice-Out Contest Flag went down on April 25 at 5:39 a.m.

Our winner is Robynn Albert of Essex Jct., Vermont

See Page 5 for details.



JPA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, 2019

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| May 25, 2019 | Spring Meeting, Pavilion, 10am |
| May 31, 2019 | Pavilion Rental |
| June 01, 2019 | Pavilion Rental |
| June 08, 2019 | Board Meeting |
| June 23, 2019 | 1 st Sunfish Race |
| June 29, 2019 | Pavilion Rental |
| July 03, 2019 | Fireworks |
| July 04, 2019 | Cabot Parade |
| July 05, 2019 | Fireworks Rain Date |
| July 06, 2019 | Annual Meeting, Pavilion, 10 am |
| July 07, 2019 | Spirits of Vermont |
| July 13, 2019 | Steak Dinner (Larry Rossi 802-684-3923) |
| July 21, 2019 | 2 nd Sunfish Race |
| July 27, 2019 | Italian Dinner (Pam Hebert 802-684-3655) |
| July 28, 2019 | Pavilion Rental |
| Aug. 10, 2019 | Danville Fair |
| Aug. 10, 2019 | Pig Roast (Bill Keach 802-684-3673) |
| Aug. 18, 2019 | Final Sunfish Race |
| Aug. 21, 2019 | Pavilion Rental |
| Aug. 24, 2019 | Fall Meeting, Pavilion, 10am |
| | Cocktail Party (802-498-4225 or 802-684-3673) |
| Aug. 25, 2019 | Rain Date for Final Sunfish Race |
| Aug. 31, 2019 | Pavilion Rental |
| Sept. 07, 2019 | Pavilion Rental |

The placement of the JPA Events is:
 The last Saturday in May - Spring Meeting,
 The first Saturday in July - Annual Meeting: one week later, the Steak
 Dinner; two weeks later, the Italian Dinner; two weeks later, the Pig
 Roast; two weeks later, the Cocktail Party

Joe's Pond Yoga

Mondays, 10-11 a.m. at the pavilion
 July 1—August 5

All levels are welcome.

Wear comfortable clothing, bring a mat or towel.
 Come and enjoy Lyengar, Hatha and Ashtanga based yoga class.
 Children welcome accompanied by an adult.

Questions: andrea.aimi@gmail.com

Sunfish Races

June 23 July 21 August 18
 (Rain date for final race: August 25)
 All races begin at 1pm
 Sailor or Spectator, mark your calendar!
 Race Double or Single

Interested, but you don't own a boat?
 Have a boat, but you don't sail?
 We can help!

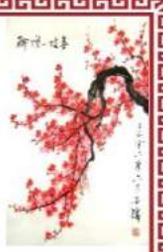
Contact and register with **Susan Bouchard**
chatotbouchard@comcast.net
 978-702-4335 or 802-563-2716

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PICKLEBALL

Joe's Pond Tennis Courts
 June—September, 9am
 weather permitting

Learn to play and meet
 new friends

Mah-Jongg 

Join us
 Wednesdays, 1pm
 Beginning May 31

Joe's Pond Pavillion
 All levels welcome...
 We'll teach new players

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Directors: Ray Rouleau, Larry Rossi, Pam Hebert, Susan Bouchard

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President's Report



There is something beautiful about seeing two very different weather conditions within an easy drive; Joes Pond and Southern New England. After all, how much difference can it be; the distance is less than 200 miles. However, this winter If you were living at Joes Pond or within a few miles, you now know what an old fashion winter is with the winds, snow and just plain D... Cold! However, if you lived in Connecticut we had one of the mildest winters on record. Nice to have the snowy weather going to northern New England! However, Mother Nature got Connecticut on March 4th with a foot of snow! The beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and today near the end of March, we have green grass and flowers peeking their heads up. We were able to follow the winter at Joes Pond thanks to Jane and Fred Brown and the Blog. Jane's detailed description of winter events would make you believe that it was occurring just outside your door. Thank you Fred and Jane!

Well on to the business at hand. Spring has come and with it the Ice-Out. We have a winner Robynn L. Albert of Essex Jct, VT. Congratulations Robynn and thanks to Diane Rossi, Michelle Walker, Mary Anne Cassani, Henretta Splain and Fred Brown for making this another success. Please see the Ice-Out report for more information.

We strive to keep members involved with events and activities. The Steak Dinner, the Italian Dinner and the Pig Roast are the major events and prone to selling out. So, please, get your tickets early. Every year there is a "rush" just before the event date to obtain tickets. If you wait too long, you may find that "THE EVENT IS SOLD OUT!"

We have fun and relaxing events such as the Summer Cocktail Party, a yard sale, a great fireworks event, and

on Mondays, yoga at the Pavilion and Mah-jongg Wednesday afternoons at the Pavilion. On the competitive side, three challenging Sunfish races, tennis, and pickle ball. Oh, and a "playscape" for the little ones. Please see the Events Schedule on the previous page for more information.

Our Association is not all fun events and activities. We take seriously our responsibility as stewards of the water to maintain Joes Pond clean and safe not only for the current residents but for their children, friends and others to enjoy in the future. It is much easier to prevent the growth of invasive plants, replace septic systems and use our watercraft safely than to resurrect the pond after damaging the aquatic ecosystem or having to repair injured human life as a result of anthropogenic actions (negative actions caused by humans). See Pam Hebert's article.

You know all the Board Members so when you see one, THANK her or him for the fine job as a Board Member. Remember activities, events and other items don't just happen without someone planning or taking responsibility -- a Board Member!

Several members have sent cards, prayers or otherwise communicated their good wishes for Camilla. She continues with the strategy developed by the Oncology group here in Connecticut to provide the best opportunity for a positive result. So far things are going as predicted by the strategy, but the road may get rough as we travel further. Thank you everyone, for all the prayers and support. It has been and continues to be a very trying time in our lives but we remain confident for a positive outcome.

Jane Brown and I have been Joes Pond Association Board Members since 1999. However, all good things must come to an end. And this is the year.

The Spring Meeting is May 25, 2019. Come and join us. If traveling, be safe.

Tom Dente

Some of Joe's Pond camps have been in the same family for over 100 years:



Beck, Chase, Hastings/Larrabee, Heiden, Kellogg, Smith

Secretary's Report

The 2018 **Spring Meeting** was brief and varied. Susan Bouchard said three sailboat races were planned; the popular Pope Library Wine Tasting Event was being brought back on July 1 after a few years' absence; Linda Livendale spoke about intentions to publish another Joe's Pond Cookbook; and Nancy Buttura and her committee intend to publish an updated version of Bill Rossi's 2009 publication "Around the Pond."



At the **Annual Meeting** on July 7, Joe Hebert announced there would be a Pickleball Tournament to raise funds for the tennis courts. Treasurer Jack LaGue explained that the extra \$15 raised by dues will be kept in a separate account for the recreation facilities. Changes to bylaws reflecting the increase in dues were accepted by unanimous vote. Larry Rossi thanked the Comstocks for paving the basketball court and the Nicholsons for donating painting the court lines; a new floor had been installed in the kitchen.

The loon count this year was three pairs – a pair in the upper pond with two chicks; a pair in the middle pond with one chick; and another pair with no offspring.

President Tom Dente was absent at the **Fall Meeting** and Vice President Don Sherwood presided. Jenni Lavoie and Jeff Paquet from Danville Planning Commission addressed the meeting briefly saying the commission hoped to rewrite guidelines to make current zoning in Danville easier to work with. They asked for participation and input from those being affected.

Don Sherwood acknowledged the fireworks display had been disappointing and said Northstar Fireworks agreed to make up for the disaster in 2019. Don warned that prices for fireworks have gone up and we will need to make some decisions about how much we wish to spend after we've seen the 2019 display. The final meeting of the season ended with the usual good will and enthusiasm of everyone present.

On a personal note, it has been my pleasure to serve as secretary for the JPA for the past twenty years. Two decades seems like a long time, but it pales when compared to Ray Johnson's epic thirty-two years.

Fortunately, Joanne Stewart (North Shore Road) was willing to take over doing the newsletter and the directory. This is Joanne's first newsletter, and she has done a great job. I'm confident I'm leaving those duties in very capable hands. Although I will miss being "in the loop" and part of such a congenial Board of Directors, I look forward to being part of the audience for a change, sitting next to my husband at meetings!

Jane Brown

Vice President's Report



The dates for our Fireworks are set for July 3rd with a rain date of July 5th. We have been fortunate not to have to use our rain date for several years. The 2018 show by NorthStar was a disappointment and it has been addressed. Please read the letter from NorthStar on the JPA website.

For 2019 NorthStar will add to our show an additional \$1500's worth of fireworks at their expense. We, as an association, have kept the price of the fireworks tied to the Ice-Out revenue which has been very consistent through the years. Inflation and wages have also increased through the years and I ask members to view the 2019 show to see if this is an improvement and will we want to increase the dollar amount for 2020? I look forward to this discussion at our August 2019 meeting.

The show will begin after dusk. Please do not bring your boat any further than the two islands during the event. We do not want the remnants of the rockets to land in your boat!! Remember to show running lights when you are on the water; water traffic is heavy on Fireworks Night, so please be respectful of other boaters. Keep your speed down and have adequate life preservers aboard. There are many kayakers observing the show also, so be on the alert for them. Enjoy the event safely.

The best place to observe the fireworks of course is from a boat. But for those who drive to view them, they can best be seen from Route 15 about two miles or so from the beach. Drive up a side road and watch them from up on the hillside. Not much will be seen from the beach.

For your safety, posters will be set up at the beach and along the rail trail requesting that you do not interfere with the men setting up the site near Channel Drive on the day of the event.

Property owners, if you have any concerns regarding grading and brush cutting, attention to aprons, etc., along roads on the Danville side of Joe's Pond, please contact Danville select board member Ted Chase (684-3883) or me (684-3397). We will be happy to pass on your request and concern to Keith Gadapee, Danville Road Foreman. Of course, you can contact Keith directly at 684-3362 about your concerns if you wish. Property owners on the Cabot side of the pond can also contact me with their concerns and I will relay the information to the proper Cabot officials

Here's hoping that everyone has another safe and magical summer at Joe's Pond.

Don Sherwood

Needed: Ponders interested in creating a **Joe's Pond Float** for the Cabot Fourth of July Parade.

Contact Jack LaGue 802-476-4505.



Joe's Pond Association dues payable by July 1. Use the enclosed envelope or your credit card.

Go to joespondvermont.com/dues.php and follow the easy directions.

Signs & Membership



Our signs are in good condition and will be updated and in place by Spring Meeting, in spite of the strange weather going on as I write this. We returned to Joe's Pond in April and found it was still winter here!

We try to keep up with sign changes, but in spite of our best efforts, we sometimes miss a change in ownership or get something wrong, so please notify me if you find an error or if you see that a sign has been damaged.

You can contact me by email, peckyrouleau@aol.com, or by phone, 802-563-9921.

I'm Looking forward to another great summer at Joe's Pond!
Ray Rouleau

Ice-Out Report

After a very long, snowy and cold winter, the cinder block and palette abruptly fell through the ice on Joe's Pond on April 25, 2019 at 5:39 AM. Most Joe's Ponders believed that the ice would last well into May. Despite that belief, Mother Nature had her own plan. The days before the block plunged through the ice, the weather was spring-like with temperatures in the 60's and lots of rain. The lake level rose 8-10 inches which loosened the ice and the warmth softened the ice.



Locals have shared that the ice on Joe's Pond usually skims over and thaws about three times before it settles in for the long haul. Not the case in 2018. By mid-November 2018, the ice settled in for the first and final time on the big pond. By December 1, ice fishermen were braving the cold and ice and shanties followed soon after. The ice depth was measured at 3-4 feet in February. Larry Rossi measured it at 2 feet when setting the palette and block at the end of March.

This year's closest guess came from Robynn Albert from Essex Junction, Vermont. Her guess was April 25, 2019 at 6:01 AM. Just 22 minutes from the actual Ice Out. She will receive a check for \$5,866. Her entry was purchased on line; one of 3,800 tickets sold on line. This is the most on-line tickets sold since the option was offered. The Joe's Pond Association will deposit \$5,866 into the coffers to support water quality efforts and association events.

A total of 13,140 were sold thanks to the terrific efforts of our local vendors and Joe's Pond Association members. Over 10,000 of those guesses were for on or after April 24, attesting to the thought that the ice would go later than usual.

The student newscasters from Northern Vermont University in Lyndon were quite interested in this year's Ice-Out contest. They did several news briefs about the event and are working on a feature on climate change using some of the Ice-Out data.

The Ice-Out Committee would like to extend a big thank you to Fred and Jane Brown for their assistance with this year's contest. Fred managed our on-line ticket sales and kept the Joe's Pond Ice-Out web page up to date. Jane's Joe's Pond blog kept the Ice-Out in forefront of its reader's minds.

Next year's tickets will be available at JPA meetings and from the Ice-Out Committee members beginning May 25, 2019.

Diane Rossi, MaryAnne Casani, Henretta Splain,
Michelle Walker and Larry Rossi

LVRT Update

Not much has changed on the LVRT since last fall. The construction contract was awarded for the section on the west end of the line in the Swanton area which will continue for the next two years. Maintenance will continue on the open sections. After the snow finally melts, an inspection will be held and repairs scheduled.



Thanks for the continued support from the JPA.

Ron Gauthier

RECIPES

Submission forms at
Hastings Store, ask a
committee member
or

Submit on line at
morriscookbooks.com
Click on "typensave"

Login: Joespond
Password: celery088
(Use recipe writing tips!)
Must be in by July 31

JOE'S POND

NEEDED!

Committee:
Nancy Buttura
Patty Coffrin
Bo Keach
Linda Livendale
Jan Towne
Michelle Walker
Sue Yesalonia
Questions?
Nancy Buttura
802-279-4146

COOKBOOK



Pick up your copy of the **NEW DIRECTORY**
and your supply of printed **ICE-OUT TICKETS**
at an Association meeting this summer.



Aquatic Invasive Species Report



Our greeters, Rose Nunn, Cameron Somers, and Susan Hatch inspected over two hundred boats from thirty different water bodies this past summer with no unusual findings. We thank the towns of Danville, Cabot and Walden for their continued support. We've already received a grant for summer 2019 from

the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) Aquatic Nuisance Control Program.

An aquatic vegetation survey was conducted in August by two Solitude Lake Management biologists. A throw-rake, underwater camera and view-scope were used to collect and identify vegetation. A total of twenty-eight native aquatic species were observed and no invasive plants were detected.

We need to replace our shelter this year as the State requires it be removed from the State Fishing Access Area at the end of each summer.

Josh Mulhollem, aquatic invasive species management coordinator for the VTDEC, reports that there were no new confirmations of Eurasian watermilfoil in any Vermont waterbodies in 2018. He credits greeter programs such as ours for curbing the spread of Eurasian watermilfoil and other aquatic invasive species and emphasizes we all must continue our efforts to keep our waters free of unwanted invaders.

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) which is found naturally in fresh water can release toxins into the water and should be avoided. Cyanobacteria blooms have been reported from Joe's Pond in the past, most recently this past fall. When blooms are reported the VT Health Department contacts local health officials to inform the public. I plan to attend a training workshop in the spring to become a cyanobacterial monitor. Please contact me at 684-3655 if you would be interested in becoming a cyanobacterial monitor.

Joe's Pond is a unique and special place. Thank you to all for your continued support and watchfulness.

Pam Hebert

The writers and researchers for The West Danville History Book are beginning to see a glimmer of light at the end of the long tunnel of information we have been navigating for several years. We thank all those that have shared facts and stories about the people and events regarding the village, railroad, church, stone sheds, etc., and of course, Joe's Pond. We appreciate your patience and understanding—it has taken longer than any of us imagined, but we hope by next year at this time you will be enjoying the collection of facts, stories, and photos that make up this history of West Danville and Joe's Pond. We are confident that the book will be well worth the wait!

The West Danville History Book Committee
Patty Conly, Dorothy Larabee, Jane Brown,
Jane Larrabee, Linda Bishop, editor

JPA Buoy Report



Photo by Patty Ward

I think 2018 boating season on our lake, had it all. We had fair weather, hot days (with a few rainy days) and also comfortable cool nights. The JPA buoys out on the lake, gave little trouble last season. But, cooperative weather was hard to

come by late season. We barely managed to retrieve all the buoys, before the all leaves were on the ground.

Also last year, the new 'No Wake' decals were miserably back-ordered until mid August. So it was determined, it would be best (easier) to wait for 2019 season to apply decals. During May, anchor chains were replaced on the most suspect buoys, before going into position.

As always, I look forward to another boating season and being out on the water. Remember, please don't moor your boat to JPA buoys. Feel free to contact me, if you discover a missing buoy or have other concerns.

Jamie Dimick

Maintenance Report

Maintenance work for 2018 included a newly painted Pavilion sign, new basketball court with new paving (courtesy of Dana & Joanne Comstock) and new striping (courtesy of Mark & Robin Nicholson), a new kitchen floor and general routine maintenance. Work for 2019 will be replacing the old heavy wooden tables and other general maintenance.

Regular maintenance is on-going, and we always appreciate input from members, so if you notice something that needs attention or think of a way to improve our facility, please don't hesitate to let me know. I can be reached at 802-684-3923, or contact any Board Member.

Larry Rossi



Tom Dente joined our Board in 1999 and in 2005 became President of the Joe's Pond Association. That turned out to be a two-for-one windfall. We benefitted from Tom's steady guidance and dedication, and from Camilla's quiet, behind-the scene support.

Together, Tom and Camilla have contributed endless time, energy and enthusiasm that made JPA stronger and better in every way. Words such as thorough, honest and fair come to mind in describing Tom's tenure. His kindness, quick wit and sense of humor, along with Camilla's friendliness and caring nature make everyone feel like family. **We thank Tom and Camilla** for their commitment to the Association and their love for Joe's Pond.

JPA Board of Directors

Friends We've Lost



Baker, Dorothy Arlene, 93, died July 7, 2018 peacefully knowing she was loved. Dot was the mother of Kate (Martin) Bertolini. "Grammie Dot" will be missed by all her family and friends.



Cahoon, George, passed away on July 19, 2018. George was a long-time Ponder who enjoyed time at his camp on Old Homestead Road (Brown Road). His son, Barry (Alicia Hingston) continues the Joe's Pond tradition.



Dente, Jack, 75, passed away on September 5, 2018. He and his wife, Collette, enjoyed their camp on Old Homestead Road for many years. Jack, survived by 3 children and 3 brothers, will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



Desrochers, Aleda Dorothy (Dot), 92, passed away on Feb. 19, 2019. Fondly remembered as a kind and loving lady, Dot was the mother of James (Karen) Desrochers.



Guilmette-Fitts, Margaret L., 89, passed away on October 11, 2018. Always cheerful and energetic, Margaret was an accomplished singer, deeply devoted to her family and church. All Joe's Ponders were deeply saddened by her passing.



Mureta, Theresa (Terry), died on April 6, 2019, in Barre. Terry, who often spent time with family at Joe's Pond, is survived by six children. She was the mother of Michele Parker.



Perreault, Marie, 91, passed away on April 2, 2019, on the eve of her 92nd birthday. Marie and her late husband, Delphis, owned Injun Joe Court from 1971 until 2016. She is survived by five children and two grandchildren.



Reid-Carpenter, Lynne G. (Patrick), 76, passed away on December 10, 2018 in Barre after a brave two-year battle with cancer. Lynne and her husband Don, enjoyed spending time with their family at their camp on Otis Drive. She was a very special lady with many loving friends who will miss her.



Ritche, Margaret (Milne), 90, died on January 5, 2019. Margaret has been a Joe's Ponder at Milne Point (North Shore Road) from 1947. She is survived by her husband Alban (married 68 years) and two sons, David and John.



Toll, David, 93, beloved pediatrician in St. Johnsbury, passed away on December 18, 2018. He practiced until he was 90 years old and was well known and admired by the community and the medical profession. He was the father of Abel (Kitty) Toll.



Walker, Audrey (Tower), 90, passed away on August 10, 2018. Audrey and her husband, Don thoroughly enjoyed the peace and quiet of Joe's Pond for fifty-three summers. Daughter, Michelle, now resides at the family's West Shore Road location.



Walsh, Edward 91, (Ed), died on January 14, 2019 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He and his late wife, Kay, loved coming to Joe's Pond every summer, spending time at the Clubhouse Circle cottage. He shared Kay's view that "Joe's Pond is like a little heaven."



Wheeler, Claire E., 76, passed away Sept. 21, 2018. Claire, a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and Bryant College, was the sister of Richard (Carmen) Gagne on Sandy Beach Road.

*"A great soul serves everyone all the time.
A great soul never dies.
It brings us together again and again."
—Maya Angelou*

Jane Brown has been an outstanding Joe's Pond Association secretary since 1999. She is at a minimum creative, thoughtful, compassionate and persistent. Jane and Fred initiated and will continue to maintain the widely popular blog and JPA website. For many years, Jane co-chaired the Ice-Out. She published this newsletter annually and updated the directory. Jane had a significant impact on making JPA what it is today. Both Jane and Fred have a great passion for creating solutions to problems, and are always willing to help others. **We thank you, Jane and Fred**, for your dedication, can do attitude, creativity and the skills you brought to the Joe's Pond Community.

JPA Board of Directors



News Items



David and Marti Talbot (West Shore Rd. and N. Woodstock N.H.) have been traveling again! This time to Antarctica. Great to see them both happy and healthy. Marti writes a great traveling blog. I think you will enjoy it. martitalbot.blogspot.com

Congratulations to **Jim Morris** (Old Homestead Road and Wildwood, FL.) , who shot a deer in Maine that made the Big Buck Book! It dressed out at 190 lbs. and had nine points. The impressive deer made the Maine Antler Skull Trophy Club (MASTIC) and scored 150 points green (140 & 2/8th dried).



Congratulations also to **Jaffray and Peace Baxter** (North Shore Road and Westminster, PA) celebrating 60 years of marriage on March 21st. We look forward to having our neighbors enjoy another summer season at Joe's Pond.

Julie Hendrickson and Thierry Guerlain report last summer's group of pickle ball players at Joe's Pond grew to thirty people. They look forward to more joining this year. Julie and Thierry will gladly give beginner lessons



and will break out the group play into beginner and intermediate play, so don't be afraid to give it a try! Contact Julie (802-279-0079) or Thierry (802-343-6566) with questions. The first annual Pickle Ball Tournament was held last year and raised \$2,360 towards the pickleball/tennis courts fund.

Chris Hebert, son of Pam & Joe Hebert, ran in the 123rd Boston Marathon and placed 5th of all Vermont men who competed in the race. Congratulations, Chris!

Winter away from the Pond provides some time for Joe's Ponders to get together. Here's some West Shore Joe's Ponders enjoying the west shore of Florida. **Butch and Sue Bouchard, Jack and Sue LaGue, Rich and Carmen Gagne.**



Another group of Joes Ponders getting together in Jupiter, Florida. Pictured are: **Larry Rossi and Michelle Parker, Billy and Bo Keach, Robin and Mark Nicholson, Ernie and Barb Thurston, Fella and Nancy (taking the picture) Buttura and Patty Coburn.**



Have you seen the new **Little Free Library** located behind the Charles D. Brainerd Library and adjacent to the LVRT? It's the creation of **Jim Morris**. This structure will house donated adult and children's books. We welcome you to use it: take a book, return a book. Also, keep on the lookout for a new Library sign along Route 15. Thanks to **Geri and Scott Pelok** for donating their time and talents for creating this beautiful sign. The Library will be open Monday thru Friday, 2pm—4pm throughout the summer.



Jenny Larrabee Rafuse now owns **Hastings Store**, carrying on the tradition of it being a family-owned store for over 100 years. Her great grandparents, Gilbert and Jeannie Hastings purchased the store in 1913. Jenny, who is also working as a Postal Clerk in Peacham, plans to have a sandwich bar and a creemee machine ready for this summer's trade. Her father, Gary, will stay on to help and make the doughnuts every morning. We wish Jenny the very best in her new venture.



We welcome new "year-rounders": **Cathy and Tom Dodge** on Channel Drive and **Albert and Alice Towle** on Point Comfort Road.

Property Transfers

Amidon—Property at 20 Cove Road, sold to Jeremy & Lori Grenier, Graniteville VT.

Conley, Mark & Karen sold their cottage at 108 Narrows Dr. to Bruce & Marilyn Heinrich, Marco Island, FL.

Crawford, Geoffrey & Leslie transferred their ownership at 184 N Shore Rd., to Ben & Amber Tillson, Somerville MA.

Deforge, John & Jeannette sold their cottage at 175 Barre Ave. to Mark & Heidi Gerrish, Williamstown VT.

Gardner, Pat & Mo sold their cottage at 1225 W Shore Rd. to Nick & Brooke (Molinaroli) Robertson, Larchmont, NY.

Greaves, Marjorie sold her cottage at 3376 Rte 2W to Valerie Beaudet, Berlin, VT.

Keene, Dan & Karen sold their 1123 W Shore Rd. cottage to Jerome & Lauren Keating, Waitsfield, VT.

Kurrle, Gina, transferred her cottage at 64 Meadow Ln. to James & Lindsay Kurrle, Middlesex, VT.

Larrabee, Garey & Jane sold their Hastings/Larrabee cottage at 3402 Rte 2W to their daughter, Jenny Larrabee Rafuse, West Danville, VT.

Livendale, Charles & Linda have sold their cottage at 3448 Rte 2W to Rob & Nicole Begin of Waterford, VT. and now own the cottage **Allan & Peggy Rodgers** had at 3504 Rte 2W.

Lucenti, Robert sold 1639 W Shore Rd. to Randall & Andrea Carbonneau of Plainfield Vt., and Steve and Sarah Somerville, Barre, VT.

Martin, Eric sold his cottage at 3932 Rte 2W to Geoffrey & Jennie Carnes, Concord, MA.

Mason, Kent & Chereese sold their cottage at 68 Edgewood Ave. to Larry & Lois Riegert, Milton, VT.

The **McKeever/Svec** property at 475 Chatot Rd., has been purchased by Jay & Kate Chatot, abutting neighbors.

Eileen Morrison's cottage, 703 Channel Dr. is now owned by her daughter, Catherine Dodge, Williston, VT.

Welcome New Property Owners!

If you have not already joined the Joe's Pond Association, we hope you will do so. Look for a remittance envelope within this newsletter. Dues are \$40/yr. per cottage.

Ray Rouleau is our official "greeter", so expect a personal visit from him, and in the meantime, any questions you have may be directed to any board member or sent to: JPA, P.O. Box 111, West Danville, VT 05873.

We look forward to meeting each of you and urge you to attend our meetings and events. See the Schedule of Events on page 2.

Joe's Pond is a special place—a community with solid values and lasting friendships that make wonderful memories through the years. We are happy you are here and wish you a wonderful summer.

Joe's Pond Beach—Did you know?

Did you know that while the Town of Danville owns and supervises the public beach and is responsible for making and enforcing Beach Rules it does not manage the space? The smooth operation of the public beach and the Vermont State Park & Ride is managed by the **West Danville Community Club (WDCC)** and run by volunteers. They pay for the lawn care, portable toilets, trash pick-up and the dumpster; they also maintain both locations.

WDCC get the funds from memberships, town appropriations and donations (Hastings Store and donation boxes at the Beach and Park & Ride). They have an annual pot-luck dinner in June, and all are welcomed. Contact Deborah Stressing at Joe's Pond Craft Store, Pam Hebert or Mary Anne Cassani.

Thank you WDCC!



WDCC Shelter photo by Deb Stressing

TOWN OF CABOT TO BE A POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Let's follow Cabot's lead to become more pollinators friendly by adopting the following practices:

- Committing to avoiding use of insecticides, including systemic insecticides on their property wherever possible;
- Avoid the planting of flowering plants which are treated with systemic insecticides;
- Planting more pollinator-supporting forage on their property, and adopting organic or chemical free lawn and landscaping practices;
- Reducing mowing frequency to allow for more native plants to flower and provide food sources for pollinators;
- Focusing on planting native species wherever possible to promote pollinator food and habitat.

Help us protect Vermont's natural splendor: learn about invasive terrestrial plants in our area. Plants that have been seen around Joe's Pond include Wild parsnips, Giant hogweed, and Japanese knotweed. <https://www.vtinvasives.org/>



Take in your birdfeeders

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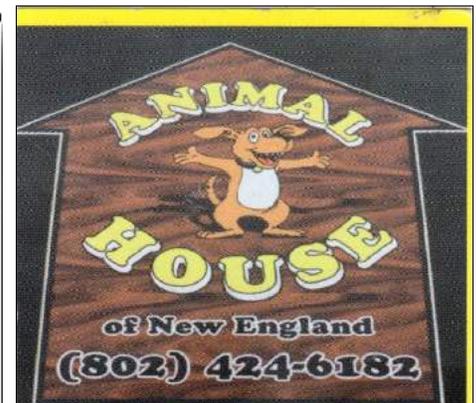
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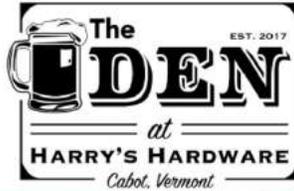
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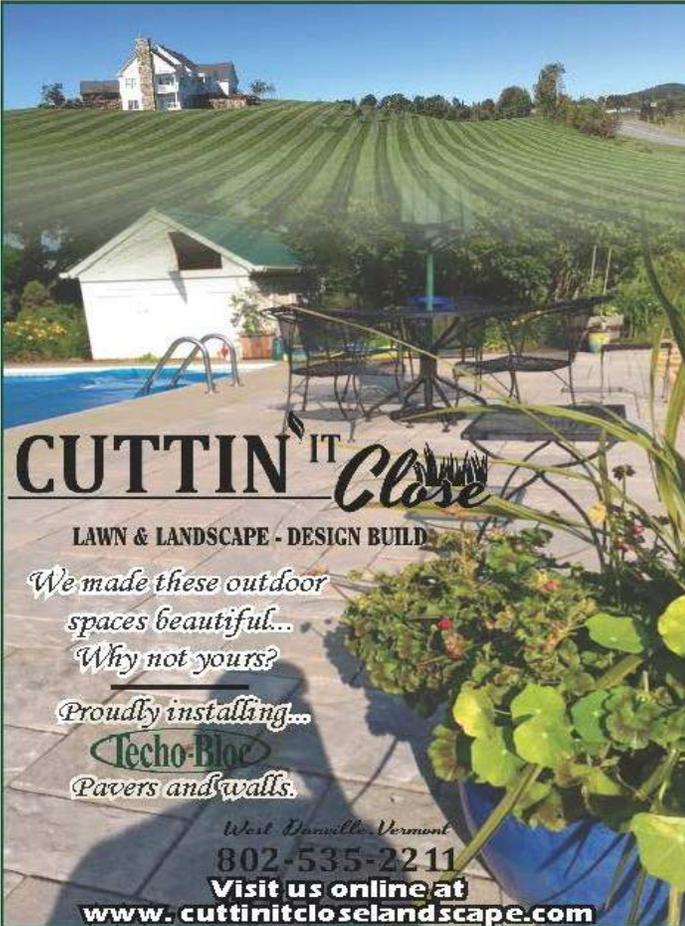
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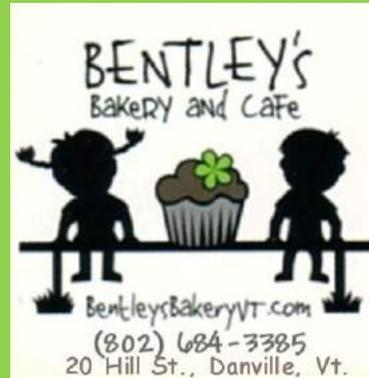
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