

BOONE NEWS

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LAKE"

Spring 2017

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Learn how to **Limit Phosphorous Inputs that Enter Boone Lake**. See **page 3**. Run-off into Boone Lake can have serious effects and a long-lasting impact on water quality. Every effort to reduce and control the situation will help.

Read about the **Annual Boone Lake Cleanup** on **this page** in the next column. This event will be on Saturday, April 29, beginning in the morning. Walk the streets and pick up road-side trash. Drive your truck around and look for other materials that need to be disposed of. For those who help, there will be pizza served after the event.

We have again this year made arrangements to have septic systems pumped at a reduced charge. This is an important project because a failed septic system can have an immediate impact on the quality of the water. If you have not had your system pumped in the last two years you should take advantage of this opportunity to do so. Read about the **Septic Pumping** project on **this page** in the next column.

Make sure you read and keep a copy handy of the **Water Safety information** on **page 2** of this newsletter. These are not just common sense rules, but they are also requirements that need to be observed under state and local rules and regulations.

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ANNUAL BOONE LAKE CLEANUP **Saturday, April 29th "Clean It Up"**

We need trucks and people-power.
If you can help out, please call Gary at 392-0588.

Restrictions: Acceptable Materials

- Place all items at edge of street
- Separate all metal
- Cut all lumber to 4-foot lengths
- **NO leaves, NO brush, NO trees**
- **NO tires**
- **NO mattresses**
- **NO paint or other hazardous materials**

There is a **fee** for the following items.

- Washers and refrigerators
- Water heaters

Call Gary (392-0588) for details.

Freon and compressors must be properly removed from all refrigerators. Save a child's life—*remove the door too!*

Note: Other information and any changes will appear on the Bulletin Board at the entrance and on www.boonelakeri.org.

SEPTIC PUMPING

\$180.00 up to 1,000 gallons

>>Pumping will begin in June or July<<

Covers must be exposed & visible at time of service

You need to be on the list by June to get this

SPECIAL PRICE

Contact Gary: 392-0588 or boonelakeri@gmail.com

WATER SAFETY

STATE AND TOWN BOATING REGULATIONS THAT MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED:

TOWN OF EXETER BOATING ORDINANCES:

1. Horsepower: 50 horsepower maximum (per town ordinance adopted in 2011)
2. Direction of Travel: Counter-clockwise operation for all powerboats
3. Speed:
 - a. 32 mph maximum speed limit
 - b. Speed limit for all traffic shall be 5 mph in Main Beach Cove except when taking off or dropping off a water skier. Water skiing is not allowed in Main Cove Beach
4. Nighttime Operation:
 - a. All boats over 16 feet must have proper running lights
 - b. Smaller boats must have a hand-held lantern
 - c. 5 mph maximum speed limit

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS:

1. Registration: All motorized boats MUST display current and valid registration and numbers. This includes electric motorized boats
2. Life Preservers:
 - a. One wearable Coast Guard approved life jacket per person in every powerboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboat, sailboat, etc.
 - b. Children 10 years of age and under must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times
3. Spotters: Any boat pulling one or more water skiers, watertubes, surfboards, wakeboards, etc. MUST have a spotter 12 years of age or older who is qualified to observe
4. Extinguishers and Equipment: Fire extinguishers and flares are required where applicable
5. Right of Way: Motorized boats must give right of way to all unmotorized boats

BOONE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS:

1. Swimming: All swimming must take place within 50 feet of shoreline or be accompanied by a boat
2. Scuba Diving: Scuba diving is permitted in the main beach cove area only, except in the case of emergencies
3. Jet Skis, etc.: Jet Skis cannot be operated on Boone Lake due to requirements of state statutes governing clearance from boats, the shoreline and swimmers.

REPORT TOWN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS TO:

STATE POLICE EXETER PATROL (401) 267-0145
STATE POLICE HOPE VALLEY (401) 539-2323

REPORT ALL RHODE ISLAND DEM VIOLATIONS TO: BUSINESS HOURS: (401) 222-6800 • AFTER HOURS: (401) 222-3070

**PLEASE PRACTICE RESPONSIBLE BOATING AND WATER SAFETY
MAKE SURE YOUR GUESTS AND TENANTS ARE AWARE OF THESE REGULATIONS**

What YOU Can Do to Limit Phosphorus Inputs to Boone Lake

Reprinted from the *University of Rhode Island Watershed Watch Monitoring Procedures Manual*

- * Maintain your septic system.
 - Have it inspected every year or two
 - Have it pumped regularly, usually every 1-3 years.
 - Old systems should be replaced to meet new systems standards.
 - Avoid using garbage disposals which add excessive solids and grease to septic systems.

- * Don't pour chemicals (pesticides, disinfectants, acids, medicines, paint thinner, etc.) down the drain. These chemicals harm septic system bacteria and can contaminate groundwater.

- * Manage lawn and garden fertilizer use. (Most fertilizers contain phosphorus.)
 - Have your soil tested to determine exactly how much fertilizer your lawn needs.
 - Use a mulching lawnmower; grass clippings recycle nutrients to your lawn.
 - Avoid fertilizer application just before a heavy rain.
 - Use slow-release fertilizers.
 - Do not rinse spilled fertilizer off paved surfaces, but sweep excess up or onto lawn.
 - Use native and adapted plants with lower fertilizer needs.
 - Store fertilizer in a location with a concrete floor.

- * Plant a buffer strip of plants or shrubs (a greenbelt) between your lawn and lake; this zone will absorb excess phosphorus before it can enter the lake.

- * Rake and remove leaves from lakeside property in the fall (leaves contain phosphorus). Do not dispose of them in the lake.

- * Use no-phosphorus detergents (check labels). Most liquid laundry detergents do not contain phosphorus, but some powdered laundry detergents and dishwasher detergents still do.

- * Support maintaining wetlands in their natural states. Wetland areas help to filter nutrients and many other pollutants.

- * Do NOT feed the waterfowl. Waterfowl, along with all animals and humans, excrete phosphorus in their wastes. Feeding waterfowl encourages them to congregate in your lake.

- * Direct roof downspouts to broad, grassy areas so the rain water has a chance to seep into the ground rather than run off, carrying sediments and nutrients with it.

- * Conserve water. For example, use low-flow shower heads and place a brick in the toilet tank.

- * Correct soil erosion problems immediately! Steep, sloping banks and exposed soil should be seeded and terraced to prevent erosion.

- * Join your local lake, pond, or watershed association.

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