

LAE ASSOCIATION WINTER NEWSLETTER
LAE Web Site: laeinc.org

TO: LAE Members

FROM: Don Damm, President

DATE: January 21, 2011

UPDATE ON IMPORTANT LAE AND RELATED MATTERS

- 1. LAE Web Site:** The site is up to date. Please go there first if you have a question about LAE activities, policies, procedures and background data. Otherwise, please feel free to contact me or other Officers and Directors. Our names, positions, telephone numbers and addresses can be located on the web site.
- 2. Unlawful Activities within LAE:** We continue to have house break-ins, vandalism and robberies. We have been and continue to work with the Washington Police Department and the Selectmen to increase the police patrols and presence in LAE. Additionally, take extra measures to secure your house / buildings and work with your neighbors to protect your property. Recommend that you make use of the Washington Police Department Vacant House Check Request Form (VHC) so a police officer can check your house. Go to the laeinc.org web site, click on Washington, NH, then Documents, then the Vacant House Check Request Form and then print it out. You then will be instructed to mail it in or fax it to the police department. We are looking into a Neighborhood Watch Program with the police department. If you are interested in helping out or have any ideas, please contact Jim Russell, Chairperson of our Security Committee at 603-495-3193 or email at jcrussell@gsinet.net We need active participation with our members to make this program work. See the next page for some helpful hints to better protect your house and property.
- 3. Dock Space at the Marina for Motor Boats:** Contact Jim MacDougall, Marina Chairperson, if you wish to request LAE Association owned dock space for members who do not have lake/river property. This is an annual requirement, so if you had dock space last year, you must contact Jim as soon as possible to ensure that dock space will be reserved for you. Your email or written request needs to be received by Jim no later than April 1, 2011 and include: (1) length, type, make, model, color and HP of your boat, (2) when you plan to install your dock and put your motor boat in the water...best estimate and (3) email address, mailing address, LAE phone number and home or cell phone. Members who had a dock with a motor boat installed last year (**on a timely basis**) will receive first priority. New members will be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Jim by email 4jmacs@comcast.net or by mail at 71 Roberts Dr, Weymouth, MA 02190.

4. Ashuelot Pond Dam Village District (APDVD): The APDVD is extremely important to LAE Members. As owners of the dam, they are responsible for the operation, maintenance and the repair of the dam. The District is run by three Commissioners, who are elected by the Town of Washington registered voters who live in LAE. Two Commissioners will be completing their service in July. Two new Commissioners are needed to run the District. Please contact Bob Thompson, Chairman of the APDVD, at 495-0691 to learn about the duties and responsibilities. These new Commissioners will keep the District operating and protecting our most important resource, the lake. If you would like to call me first, I will be happy to explain the importance of keeping the APDVD in operation and the huge benefit it is to LAE property owners. I can be reached on my cell at 603-533-5903 or email at dbdamm@juno.com. **This is a most serious matter to keep control of the dam within LAE...so please come forward as a possible Commissioner.**

5. Nominations for the Board of Directors and Officers: If interested, please contact Carolyn Russell, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, at 495-3193 or by email at crvol@gsinet.net by April 1, 2011. Please read more about the positions and requirements in the 2010 and 2009 Winter Newsletters, which can be located on the lae web site.

6. Other Important Matters:

- (a) Motor Boat Operators....save the lake by only high speeding in the middle of the lake. This is a shallow lake and a 50 hp motor stirs up the sediments on the bottom down to 15 feet. Do not tour the lake by being close to the shore line at high speed.
- (b) Check and remove weeds from your boat and trailer before launching your boat. Dispose of these weeds far away from the lake. The lake is free of exotic weeds and with your continued diligence it will stay that way.
- (c) This is an important safety issue! No horseplay or diving off of the raft.
- (d) The private roads in LAE are closed to heavy vehicular traffic on Sat, Sun, Holidays and during mud season.
- (e) Goose Poop on the Beach....Thanks for the help in cleaning it up, keep up the good effort and be proactive in cleaning it up.
- (f) There are no pets allowed on the LAE Beach and Beach Area.. There are members and their guests who are afraid of your "pets".
- (g) Drive slowly and carefully, do not go over 20 MPH...slower the better.
- (h) Ashuelot Women's Group – call Nancy Damm (by cell phone 603-533-5903) for more details.
- (i) **FUN & GAMES is the 4th Sat in July – July 23, 2011. Registration is at 9:30 and the games start promptly at 10 AM.**
- (j) **The Annual Meeting is on Sat, July 9, 2011, 9 AM, Camp Morgan Lodge.**
- (k) **Please update your LAE contact information, phones, (home, cell & LAE), address, name change & emails. Pat's email is patmar@gsinet.net**

HELPFUL HINTS TO BETTER PROTECT YOUR HOUSE & PROPERTY

This information is from Officer John Corrigan of the Washington Police Department.

Most home burglaries occur during the daytime, when most people are at work. However, here in Washington many of the camps and cottages are vulnerable during the winter months, when they are vacant. Most burglaries are looking for items that they can convert into quick cash for living expenses or drugs. The burglars are looking for easy access into homes and garages, where there is little risk of getting caught. Homes with unlocked doors and windows are primary targets. They also look for doors and windows that are poorly reinforced....making it easy to gain access with a screwdriver or small pry bar.

Make Your Home More Difficult to Enter.

1. Lock your house and your car. Use high quality locks and deadbolts.
2. Leave your spare key with a neighbor or in your wallet. Not where it can be found.
3. A solid core metal door is best. Your deadbolt should be one inch.
4. The lock should have a dead bolt latch mechanism to prevent someone gaining access with a credit card.
5. Use a heavy duty four screw plate with 3 inch screws to penetrate the wall framing.
6. The door jam should not flex enough so that it can be pried away from the lock.
7. Use a "charley bar" or wooden dowel to prevent sliding glass doors from opening.
8. Install "in track screws" in the upper track to prevent the sliding glass door from being lifted out of the bottom track.
9. Secure all accessible windows with secondary blocking devices; block accessible windows open to no more than 6 inches for ventilation.
10. Use motion detector sensitive lights or timers around the exterior of your home and timed lights on the interior.
11. Plowing your driveway will give the appearance of activity at your house.
12. Meet your neighbors. Know who they are, what they drive and where they are from. Watch your neighbor's house. Call the police if you see something suspicious.
13. If you see a vehicle that is unfamiliar, but not noteworthy enough for an emergency response, write down the time, and plate number, save it....just incase.
14. Install a security system. Obviously a monitored one would be best. However, a simple interior motion sensor with interior and external horns will often be enough to drive a burglar off. People like peace and quiet in Washington....your alarm will not be ignored for long. Or if a security system is not an option, security system decals on windows and doors may cause the burglar to go elsewhere.

THE POLICE NUMBERS ARE:

EMERGENCY: 911

URGENT: 495-3133 (Dispatch)

REGULAR: 495-3294