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Please become a member of the Lake St. Catherine Association.

Your dues and contributions help fund vital programs for LSC!

Each year, the Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) reaches out to the lake community asking for all who care about Lake St. Catherine to become a member and make contributions to help fund lake management programs in support of our mission: the preservation, protection and maintenance of Lake St. Catherine. Your contributions, donations, state and local government funding, and grants all contribute to our yearly budget.

The LSCA works year-round on our lake management programs, some of which include: stormwater runoff & pollution control (Lake Wise, Stormwater Master Plan), invasive species prevention and control (Greeter Program, VIP Program, Milfoil Control Program), water testing, lake safety, and we've begun work on a comprehensive long-term water quality plan called the Lake St. Catherine Watershed Action Plan. All of which, and much more, you can read about in our 2023 Year In Review which is attached.

We hope you'll join us and offer your support in 2024!

Contributions to Lake St. Catherine Association may qualify as charitable contributions! LSCA is an approved public charity and is exempt from Federal Income Tax under §501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to LSCA (beyond dues) may now be deductible under §170 of the code. LSCA is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under §§2055, 2106 or 2522 of the code.



2024 Membership Application

2024 Dues Schedule

Cottage owner	\$100 per cottage
Business Sponsor	\$200
Unimproved lot owner (no dwelling)	\$50
Supporter of Lake St. Catherine (family members of property owners, renters, recreators)	\$35

Contributions to the LSCA in excess of the annual dues qualify as charitable contributions and may be tax deductible!

Many employers have a matching program for charitable contributions - we encourage you to check into this!

(LSCA is an approved public charity under §501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

There are 2 easy ways to become a member or renew your membership:

1. Visit lakestcatherine.org, click on Membership, and fill in the online form to pay by credit card.
2. Fill out the form below, include your payment, and mail to PO Box 631, Wells, VT 05774.

DUES AMOUNT: _____
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION: _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Owner: _____
Lake 911 Address: _____
Lake Phone: _____
Camp Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Permanent Phone: _____
***Email Address:** _____



2024 Member Gift Embroidered Patch

* Please be sure to provide your email address so we can keep you up-to-date with LSC news and updates! Your email address is also your username to log into your account on the lakestcatherine.org website.

Please complete this form and send along with your check payable to **Lake St. Catherine Association** to:

Lake St. Catherine Association
 PO Box 631
 Wells, VT 05774



2023 LSCA Year In Review Summary

At the end of each season, we like to take some time to recap the efforts of the Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) and our partners during the year. This work is performed on behalf of the lake community and our membership as we endeavor to fulfill our mission of the preservation, protection, and maintenance of Lake St. Catherine. What you'll read below are short summaries of some of the projects and activities from 2023, but we encourage you to visit our website and click on our Blog to read more detailed accounts of all these efforts. We've got a lot to tell you about, so please get comfortable, grab a hot cider, and read on for our 2023 Year In Review.

Membership: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the LSCA this year through memberships and donations! Your contributions are critically important to help fund our numerous lake management programs which you'll read more about below. Our membership continues to grow - which shows that we have a great community of lake stewards who are invested in preserving, protecting, and maintaining beautiful Lake St. Catherine. As of this writing, we have 395 members who contributed a total of \$77,791, giving us an average contribution of \$203. While we did receive just slightly less than last year, we did surpass our 2022 total for active members. Can we crack the 400 member mark next year? This will again be our goal as we continue to reach out to LSC property owners, and hope to expand our reach with membership levels for family members of property owners, renters, and those who use the lake for recreation. We'd also like to thank camp owner Andrew Gioulis for his fantastic design of our 2023 Membership gift, the beautiful 3" x 3" iron-on patch depicting a loon scene from Lake St. Catherine. With this new patch, we are looking to start a bit of a new tradition in which members can collect these patches each year to display, or iron-on or sew onto a hat, shirt, bag, etc. Andrew also designed our 2024 patch, featuring our LSC eagles! We hope to earn your support in 2024.

Watershed Action Plan: In May of 2021, the LSCA earned a grant from the LCBP to help fund the creation of a Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) for Lake St. Catherine. From the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a Lake Watershed Action Plan is described as: "Watershed planning helps address water quality problems in a holistic manner by fully assessing the potential contributing causes and sources of pollution, then prioritizing restoration and protection strategies to address these problems." In partnership with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD), the LSCA will use this 3-year grant to create an LWAP for Lake St. Catherine. The \$38,224 awarded by the grant will allow the LSCA to hire and partner with lake experts to perform various in-lake and watershed based measurements, testing, and studies to identify current or potential future issues and design a comprehensive, long-term plan to address them. The resulting plan will leverage current LSCA investments in water quality and pollution prevention, be driven by accepted best management practices, elevate under-assessed areas and gaps, and will identify issues, opportunities, and projects to guide locally-led water quality implementation work in the Lake St. Catherine watershed. A Project Team led by Trustees of the Association will engage the following partners: PMNRCD, The Natural Sciences Department at Castleton University, Fitzgerald Environmental, Limnologist Emily Porter-Goff PhD from the Lamoille County Conservation District, lake community stakeholders. Subsequent grants will be requested to implement as many projects as possible and create a culture worthy of emulation that positions Lake St. Catherine for future funding that rewards water quality improvements including phosphorus load reduction. Field work began in May, and will include assessment of current conditions in areas to include: in-lake, shoreline, roads & culverts, tributaries, wetlands, and forested land. The team will also evaluate and consider the characteristics and special needs of unique areas of the Lake like in our bays and channels - and everything in-between, from the Lily Pond, through the Big Lake & Little Lake, to Lake's End. The result will be a long-term lake management plan for Lake St. Catherine.

Boat Launch Monitoring - Greeter Program: Our Greeter Program is very important to the health of Lake St. Catherine. Our Greeters have been trained to identify aquatic invasive species (AIS) - like spiny waterflea, asian clams, water chestnut, starry stonewort and zebra mussels (many of which are only a lake away) - to stop them from entering LSC. Each year, they do a fantastic job checking vessels at the boat launches, and educating the lake community on the dangers of invasive species for Lake St. Catherine. They are on duty from Memorial Day through Labor Day - working on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They also cover holidays and fishing tournaments. In total, our Greeters inspected 1,149 boats this year at the boat launch in Wells, and at the State Park in Poultney. This is around 800 less than the number of vessels they inspected last year. Boat launches were down in 2023, most likely due to numerous rainy weekends this season. Our



Greeter Program is partially funded by a grant from the Vermont DEC, a grant from the LCBP and contributions from our membership. Thank you to our Greeter team! They work hard each season to keep AIS out of Lake St. Catherine.

LSC's Eagles Have Three Eaglets: LSC's nesting pair of eagles had three eaglets in April! Over the course of the past several years, they have parented multiple groups of eaglets, so it was great to see babies in the nest again after they did not have any in 2022.

'Territorial Pair' Of Loons Observed On Lake St. Catherine: For several weeks in late May, lake resident Dawn Smith had been observing a pair of loons that were frequently active in the same area near her camp. Dawn was able to record activity by one of the loons that looked like nest building. We sent this video to loon biologist Eric Hanson from the Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE), and he confirmed that the loons are performing nesting activity. Eric was here at Lake St. Catherine twice in July of 2022, once at our Libraries Love Lakes event, and then again at our Annual Meeting & Dinner. At the Annual Meeting, Eric gave a fantastic presentation about loons, which was recorded - and you can view it on our website. In 2021, Eric also rescued a sub-adult loon on Lake St. Catherine that had been caught up with a lure and fishing line. On May 27th, Eric loaded up loon nesting buoys and headed down from Craftsbury Vermont to the lake. We put 5 signs together and headed out to the site. Although the loons had been performing nesting activity on the site over several days, there was no evidence of a nest yet, so we did not place the signs. So, now that our territorial pair have decided to nest, we'll need to keep an eye out to see if they attempt to nest at the initial site that they were observed at, or somewhere nearby in 2024. Based on this activity, we'll work with Eric to place nesting platforms in the area to give them the best chance to nest next April after ice out. Thanks to Dawn for storing the signs at her camp! Later in August, in partnership with VCE and Vermont Fish & Wildlife, we installed a collection tube provided by VCE at the boat launch in Wells to collect old lead tackle and monofilament fishing line. Even a small lead split shot is 100 percent fatal if swallowed. Every year lead tackle and discarded monofilament line kills aquatic wildlife, including loons, eagles, swans, geese, mammals, and other waterbirds, and nearly 50% of loon deaths from 1989-2022 in Vermont were caused by lead fishing gear, monofilament, and ingestion of hooks. Our Greeters will inform boaters of the new collection tube, and we will monitor it throughout the year. VCE will make pickups and properly dispose of the collected lead and line. Check your tackle box for old lead sinkers, tackle, and old fishing line, and drop it off in the tube!

Milfoil Control Program: Each season, the LSCA implements a Milfoil Control Program to keep milfoil in check in Lake St. Catherine using a combination of spot herbicide treatments and DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting). The LSCA's Milfoil Control Program consists of four components:

1. 'Stop The Spread' education and outreach. Our 'Stop The Spread' campaign educates boaters and property owners on best practices to limit the spread of milfoil. Each year, the LSCA holds a lake community meeting to discuss the control plan for the season, answer questions, and hand out a flyer with best practices for lake users to limit the spread of milfoil.
2. Volunteer milfoil cleanup. Throughout the season, we organize volunteers to collect detached floating milfoil from the lake and deposit it on our designated drop off platforms. The milfoil is then picked up from the platforms and disposed of. We also encourage boaters and property owners to remove any milfoil they see in the lake or on their shoreline.
3. DASH - Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting. Our DASH crew suits up in scuba gear and hand-pulls milfoil by the roots from the lakebed. In sections of lower milfoil density, they will swim the area and hand-pull with mesh bags. In higher density areas, they will set up the DASH equipment which allows them to suction the hand-pulled milfoil up through a tube to a catch table on a boat. Milfoil is then placed in 17.5 gallon buckets for transport off the lake.
4. Herbicide spot treatments with ProcettaCOR EC. In order to maximize our DASH crew's time, effectiveness, and number of acres covered, one of our control methods includes spot treatments with the herbicide ProcettaCOR (we did not perform a spot treatment in 2023).

Although not directly related to Milfoil Control, the LSCA's work on Lake Wise on LSC, the LSC Stormwater Master Plan, and the LSC Watershed Action Plan all help to limit phosphorus and other nutrients from entering the lake which can contribute to excessive plant growth, and improves overall water quality.



Our DASH crew started their work early in the summer by swimming and hand-pulling milfoil in less dense areas, and began full DASH operations on July 1st, and worked into September. Over this time, the DASH crew removed 1,057 (17.5 gallon) buckets of milfoil from the lake, covering just over 65 acres in 5 areas of the lake. These efforts led to another successful year of milfoil control on Lake St. Catherine. Also, and just as importantly, we continue to see many species of our native aquatic plants that have been suppressed by milfoil growth like Water stargrass, Tape grass, Thin-leaf pondweed, Illinois pondweed, Common waterweed, and Robbins' pondweed have all increased in frequency of occurrence. These results are exactly what we want to see! Lake St. Catherine has over 30 native aquatic plants which are important and necessary to sustain a healthy lake ecology. Our efforts are focused on reducing the amount of milfoil in the lake so that these native aquatic plants can grow as they normally would. Keeping milfoil under control is helping to return the aquatic plant environment to conditions before milfoil was introduced in the 1970s. Because of our milfoil control efforts, we again have a complex and diverse native aquatic plant community. In September, our contractor Arrowwood Environmental performed a comprehensive lake-wide aquatic vegetation survey taking place over several days to both evaluate the performance of our milfoil control efforts, and to assess the overall state of aquatic plants in Lake St. Catherine. This is the 20th consecutive year a plant survey has been performed on Lake St. Catherine. You can see the 2023 report, and all the previous reports dating back to 2001 in our Links & Downloads section. In early May, the lake will again be surveyed for milfoil growth. Using the data collected during this survey, and the data from the fall survey, areas that need to be addressed will be identified, and a plan will be created.

Boating Safety Classes & Lake Safety: The LSCA was happy to be able to again provide free boating safety classes for those in the lake community who wanted to get their boating license. Anyone born after January 1st, 1974 must successfully complete an approved boating safety education course to legally operate any motorized vessel - including personal watercraft. The LSCA conducted 2 free courses in June. 16 lake community members earned their boating safety education card. We hope to be able to offer these classes again in 2024. Keep an eye out for an announcement in the spring. The LSCA also places and maintains no-wake zone and marker buoys throughout the lake. In 2023, the Lake Safety Committee deployed multiple new markers to replace the aging ones, and a few more will be replaced in 2024. Thank you to our 'Buoy Buddies' around the lake who assist us each year with the spring installation and fall removal of the markers and buoys. We'd also like to thank our Game Warden Justin Turner who provided the lake community with six updates throughout the season - keeping us informed of Warden activity at the lake. Thanks Justin!

The Lake Wise Program: It was the 5th season for Lake Wise on Lake St. Catherine! Lake Wise is a program developed by Vermont's Lakes and Ponds Program to recognize outstanding efforts by homeowners who live along a lakeshore to protect the water quality and habitat along the shoreline and within the near-shore area of the lake. Stormwater has a widespread environmental impact which makes it a growing concern in Vermont. Excess nutrients in the water contribute to problems which affect both human and wildlife health including; lower oxygen levels in the water, toxic algae blooms, and excessive plant growth. This season, the LSCA again earned a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) to perform Lake Wise assessments, and to help property owners with projects on their land to mitigate stormwater runoff into the lake. The LSCA was happy to again partner with PMNRCD on this project. The PMNRCD crew completed a tremendous amount of work in support of the Lake Wise Program this season. 20 properties were assessed (15 new and 5 re-assessments) and 15 Lake Wise projects were implemented. Three additional projects were also implemented via the Lake Education Action Program (LEAP). There were no award winners this season, but numerous properties came very close. With the guidance and assistance of the PMNRCD, these properties, and properties assessed in previous years, will have the opportunity to earn the award in the future. Thank you to all the participants for the work they have put into their property in an effort to become Lake Wise. This work represents a model of what all LSC lakeshore owners should strive for, as these projects are both beautiful and lake friendly. In July, at the DEC's Lake Wise training which occurred at Lake St. Catherine, we learned that since the program's inception in 2014, 780 Lake Wise assessments have been performed, and 81 of those have taken place on Lake St. Catherine! That's over 10% of all the Lake Wise assessments in the State! This is a fantastic testament to the commitment of our lakeshore owners to work to preserve and protect beautiful Lake St. Catherine. The LSCA would like to help other LSC property owners implement best practices to mitigate stormwater on their properties, and help them to earn the Lake Wise award. Including this season, approximately 100 properties have participated in the Lake Wise Program, and have at least received an initial assessment. If you would like to participate, or have your property reassessed, please email us at info@lakestcatherine.org. In early December, we learned that we'd earned a grant from the LCBP for \$18,952 for the 2024 Lake Wise Program!



LSCA Receives Generous Land Donation: Back in August of 2021, the LSCA received a letter from someone who wanted to make a land donation to us to help support our mission for Lake St. Catherine. They said: "I am aware of the work the LSCA does in preserving Lake St. Catherine and hope this donation furthers your ability to continue that work." After all associated costs from the sale of the property have been accounted for, the proceeds from this donation will total just over \$42,000 dollars. Two of our trustees donated their professional time to minimize the expenses of LSCA related to this real estate transaction. This donation will help to fund important water quality improvements like the creation of the LSC Watershed Action Plan, and the projects that will result from it. In addition, this large supplement to our cash reserve will help LSCA bridge the timing gap that often exists between the expenses incurred to preserve the lake and various municipal grants awarded for this purpose. Sometimes the timing gap is as long as one year. Please join us in thanking the donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) for this extremely generous donation which will greatly benefit LSC!

The LSCA's Annual Meeting & Dinner: The LSCA held our Annual Meeting & Dinner on Saturday, July 22nd, at the Lake St. Catherine Country Club. We had a packed house of approximately 100 attendees! It was great to see so many folks interested in preserving, protecting, and maintaining beautiful Lake St. Catherine. Thank you to all who were able to attend! We hope you enjoyed our guest speakers Pat Suozzi from FOVLAP and our Game Warden Justin Turner's presentations, our presentation, your dinner, and catching up with your lake neighbors. Thanks to the LSC Country Club and their staff for hosting us - and providing a wonderful dinner, Justin and Pat for their informative presentations, and our State and local government officials: Senators Collamore and Williams, Representative Chesnut-Tangerman, and Don Preuss from the Wells Select Board for joining us. You can view a recording of the meeting on our website or YouTube.

Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIP) Program: On August 19th, the first Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIP) paddle took place on Lake St. Catherine. The focus of this program is early detection of aquatic invasive species (AIS) before they can become established in a waterbody. On this first introductory paddle, we used underwater viewers to find and identify many of our native plants, while keeping an eye out for invasive plants or animals around the boat launch. Patrolling the boat launch is a great place to kickoff this program, as it is a high-risk area for invasive species introduction. We of course found some of our common natives like elodea, Robbins' pondweed, and white water lily, and the invasive eurasian watermilfoil. But we also found some of our more interesting ones like: american eel-grass, watershield, and ribbon-leaf pondweed. As part of this Vermont DEC program, we filled out a report with our findings for the day. We'll plan VIP paddles in 2024. If you enjoy paddling, and would like to learn more about LSC's native plants, and help to keep an eye out for new invasive species, we hope you'll join us. If you'd like to learn more about this new program on LSC, please visit our website, and let us know if you'd like to participate next season by emailing us at info@lakestcatherine.org. This is a GREAT addition to our invasive species control and prevention initiatives which includes our Greeter Program.

LSCA Marks 70th Anniversary: August 31st, 2023 marked the Lake St. Catherine Association's 70th anniversary! A lot has changed over those 70 years, and the LSCA has evolved to meet new challenges over that time. As you'll read below, the LSCA has updated its original stated purpose a few times as the needs of the lake have changed, and to focus on the responsibility of stewardship. Back on August 31st, 1953, the founding Trustees of the Lake St. Catherine Association submitted our Articles of Association with the stated purpose of "...encouraging, and promoting the development and beautifying of the grounds, cottages, beaches and roads of privately owned homes and cottages on or near Lake St. Catherine..." On August 28th, 1980, the LSCA's Trustees submitted an Amendment of Articles of Association to update our purpose. It was changed to "The purpose of this corporation is the promotion of the common good, general welfare and civic betterment of the Lake St. Catherine community by restoring and maintaining the quality of Lake St. Catherine, a public body of water, and the surrounding area, for the benefit of all those people who visit and use the lake and for the benefit of the total environment of all people." Then on July 30th, 2011, the LSCA's Trustees submitted another Amendment of Articles of Association which updated our purpose to what it is today, and instituting our 501c3 non-profit status: "The purpose of this corporation is to be a public charity to receive donations, grants or contributions and to utilize its income and assets for the preservation, protection, and maintenance of Lake St. Catherine, a public body of water in the State of Vermont, and its environs." What started in 1953 as a well-intentioned group of folks promoting the beautification of the grounds of Lake St. Catherine has evolved into an association of dedicated volunteers planning for the long-term future and health of the lake. As we acknowledge this occasion, we also reflect back to think of those who started this great organization. We sincerely hope that they would be proud to see what the Association has grown into.



So, as we mark our 70th anniversary, cheers to those founding members of the LSCA, to those who have served in the past, and to our current 15 Trustees who continue to work to preserve, protect, and maintain beautiful Lake St. Catherine!

Lake St. Catherine Stormwater Master Plan: In 2018 and 2019, extensive field work by the PMNRCD and Fitzgerald Environmental Associates took place in the LSC watershed. The goal was to identify sources of increased stormwater runoff and associated sediments and nutrients flowing into the lake. Phosphorus reducing projects are of particular importance given the water quality concerns within the watershed. The work involved identifying sources of stormwater, prioritizing sources based on various environmental, economic, and social criteria, and designing projects to mitigate those sources. This resulted in the creation of the Lake St. Catherine Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP). 50 potential sites were identified, and as of today, 6 projects have been implemented. Projects have recently been completed on Quinn Cove and Ferncliff Road. In 2022, we were informed that we had earned part of a \$100k grant being administered by the PMNRCD from the LCBP. \$50,000 of this grant will be used directly for Lake St. Catherine to design Stormwater Master Plan Projects on LSC. The goal of this grant is to develop 10-12 projects identified in the Lake St. Catherine Stormwater Master Plan to be ready for implementation and submitted to our region's Clean Water Service Provider for funding. Our Project Team, consisting of the LSCA, PMNRCD, Fitzgerald Environmental, and local partners, identified a list of the remaining high and medium priority projects and presented those to the lake community at a meeting at the Wells Town Hall in September. 12 projects from the SWMP were selected by attendees and will move ahead into the design phase. They include projects on: Clayton Tract, RT 30 (near Cluckin' Chicken), the end of Cones Point Road, Lochlea Lane, West Lake Road, (south of the Lighthouse), West Lake Road (near Idylwild), Channel Drive, and a grouping of issues on Ferncliff Road. This was an extremely productive meeting, and we thank all attendees for your participation, input and enthusiasm to make this project a success! Fitzgerald Environmental will now develop 30% conceptual designs to address these issues. Included with the conceptual designs will be detailed budget estimates, anticipated permitting needs, and preliminary landowner agreements or letters of interest. You can read more about the SWMP, and view an interactive map with the identified sites by visiting our Stormwater Master Plan page on our website.

Grants: The LSCA has been working hard throughout 2023 to bring grant funds to Lake St. Catherine for 2024. In July, we learned that the Libraries Love Lakes initiative at Lake St. Catherine will continue. Based on the FANTASTIC ideas and grant proposal created by Wells Village Librarian Gina Ellis, the Lake St. Catherine Association and the Wells Village Library were awarded an Education & Outreach grant for \$20,360 by the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) for a series of initiatives and events in support of Libraries Love Lakes! Libraries Love Lakes is an outreach project which pairs school and public libraries with lake scientists to provide collaborative programming emphasizing the importance of lakes in our everyday lives. Last year, the inaugural Libraries Love Lakes event took place on July 3rd at the Wells Lakeside Park. Nine presenters offered opportunities for stewardship-based, hands-on, lake-related learning, and families were given lake-themed kits that included numerous books and activities. Boat tours were also provided to get attendees out on the lake to learn more about beautiful Lake St. Catherine. This effort also led to the creation of a new section in the Wells Village Library called "The Lake St. Catherine Collection." This new Libraries Love Lakes project is entitled: "Libraries Love Lakes II: Conveying an Understanding of How Lake St. Catherine Fits to the Broader Watershed in order to Promote Inter/Intra-Community Collaboration and Sound Stewardship," and it is chock-full of fun and educational activities! Libraries Love Lakes II includes: the creation of an interactive watershed model of Lake St. Catherine, the creation of a Lake St. Catherine mascot through community participation, expanding "The Lake St. Catherine Collection" at the library, and four seasonal themed, hands-on, fun & educational events for winter, spring summer & fall, which will include a larger summer event at the Lake St. Catherine State Park. Work on this project will begin in December, with the first event based on the winter theme taking place in February / March 2024. As you read earlier, in early December, we learned that we earned a grant for \$18,592 for the 2024 Lake Wise Program from the LCBP, which will be our 6th year for Lake Wise on Lake St. Catherine. We will also be applying for a grant from the State of Vermont for AIS prevention and control to help fund our Greeter and Milfoil Control Programs, and an Organizational grant from the LCBP to purchase water testing equipment. This new equipment will allow us to take additional and constant water readings, along with macroinvertebrate monitoring. This data, along with the Lay Monitoring data from the State, will be analyzed and reported on by our limnologist. We'll let you know how we do!

Dockside Chats: Dockside Chats began in 2020 as a way to have safe, face-to-face interactions with members around LSC to discuss lake related issues during COVID. We invited lake residents to schedule a Dockside Chat with a LSCA Trustee



who would meet you at your dock to chat about the lake. These were again very popular in 2022, so we continued the program this year. 7 Dockside Chats were scheduled this year. Let us know if you'd like to get a chat scheduled for next season by emailing us at info@lakestcatherine.org.

Sponsor Spotlight: We'd like to thank the 16 businesses who were LSCA Business Sponsors in 2023! Our \$200 Business Sponsor membership includes a listing on the Sponsors page of our website, a listing in our spring and fall newsletters, and a Sponsor Spotlight in June on our website and Facebook pages. Thank you: A-1 Sewer & Drain Service, A113 Productions, Aerus Water and Air Purification, Bird Dog Home Inspection, Catherine Capers, Haun Welding Supply, Lake St. Catherine Cottages, Lake St. Catherine Country Club, Merritt Environmental Consulting, New England Lakeside Realty, North Adams Sheet Metal, Inc., Rathbun's Maple Sugar House, Realty One Group Lakes & Homes, VT Lakehouse, Williams Hardware, Woodard Marine. We'd also like to give a special thank you to the LSC Country Club for providing a discount to LSCA members by offering 10% discount off daily rates, and cart rentals at membership rates, and to Aerus Water and Air Purification who offered a free arsenic and bacteria test of your water. If you'd like to become a Business Sponsor in 2024, please let us know!

LSCA & PMNRCD Interviewed For Public Affairs Show Catamount Community Connection: The LSCA was happy to be asked to participate in a public affairs show hosted by Senator Brian Collamore called Catamount Community Connection. This edition featured an interview with the Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) and Poultney Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) and it aired the morning of October 1st, on 98.1 WJJR Rutland. Jeremy Jones from the LSCA and Hilary Solomon from the PMNRCD had a great discussion with Senator Collamore about the projects and programs our organizations are working on, and how we are working together on numerous preservation and protection initiatives for the lake and the Lake St. Catherine watershed. Thank you to Senator Collamore and to Catamount Radio for this opportunity to speak about these important topics for the lake community and all in the Poultney Mettowee conservation district. You can listen to the interview on our website or on YouTube.

Keeping You Up-To-Date Via Our Website & Facebook Pages: When we have Lake St. Catherine news, we like to inform the lake community as soon as possible by posting it on our website Blog, and on our Facebook page. So, keep an eye on these sites for all the latest information on LSC. We also send out news summaries via email updates to our members who have shared their email with us - so please be sure to provide your email address when you become a member!

Website: <https://lakestcatherine.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeStCatherineAssociation>

If you are not a Facebook user, you can still view our Facebook posts on the homepage of our website.

Other Initiatives: Other initiatives included: the 11th Annual LSCA Boat Parade, our Spring & Fall newsletters, organizing volunteers for community events like Green Up Vermont Day & and Milfoil Cleanup Community Day, participating in community events like East Poultney Day, the Town To Trails Open House, and a Wells Village School presentation.

Thank You For Your Support

Finally, thank you to all those in the lake community who showed their support of the LSCA in 2023 by being a member, or making a donation, or volunteering, or participating in Lake Wise, or attending meetings, or helping to clean up milfoil - there are so many ways we can all contribute! We hope you found our efforts in 2023 for Lake St. Catherine to be worthy of that support.

2024 is going to be another busy year, and LSCA Trustees are hard at work getting ready. We hope to earn your support so we can continue to all work together to preserve, protect, and maintain beautiful Lake St. Catherine.

Thank you, and we'll see you at the lake soon,

- The Trustees of The Lake St. Catherine Association