



Dear Friends and Neighbors

Fall has officially arrived, and the trees have started to turn. Here are some Bolton Lake things that have happened and will be happening.

**2022 9th Annual Fall Community Forum:**

We are back to in-person forums. Our annual fall forum will be **October 11th** from 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm at the Newhoca Lodge, 185 Grier Rd., Vernon. There will be a short business meeting at which we will approve members for the Board of Directors and go over our budget. That will be followed by our forum which will include a “state of the lakes” presentation from the Board and a presentation from a Northeast Aquatic Research limnologist on the content of the Bolton Lakes Watershed Management Plan and how to move forward with its planned objectives. As time permits there will be a discussion on aquatic invasive species and the potential use of ProcellaCORE in mitigating variable milfoil. A Q&A session is planned as well.

**Friends of Bolton Lake (FBL) Board of Directors:**

The nominating committee, consisting of Leona Crosskey and Shelly Jewel, is seeking candidates to fill the 2023 Board positions. If you are interested or would like information on what being on the Board entails, please contact [Leona Crosskey](mailto:Leona Crosskey) at [lcrosskey@gmail.com](mailto:lcrosskey@gmail.com) or Shelly Jewell at [20lakesidelane@gmail.com](mailto:20lakesidelane@gmail.com).

**Membership:**

FBL relies on membership to meet its goals and objectives. For the past several years, membership counts have been trending downward. We encourage those who seek worthwhile updates to lake activities and seek an active role in a solid organization to please complete an application at the forum or on the FBL website, [www.friendsofboltonlakes.org](http://www.friendsofboltonlakes.org). Only members in good standing can vote in matters that involve FBL and receive its regular updates (such as this one).

**Watershed Signs and Invasive Species Signs:** The towns of Bolton, Vernon, Tolland and Coventry have installed signs marking the boundaries of our watershed. Look for them; the first person to contact FBL (at [fbl@friendsofboltonlakes.org](mailto:fbl@friendsofboltonlakes.org)) with the location of each of the signs will win a prize. Additionally, the Department of Environment and Energy Protection has installed signs at each boat launch listing our invasive species and urging boaters to keep their boats clean to prevent the spread of invasive species.

**Curly Pondweed on Lower Lake:** Lower Lake was treated for curly pondweed this summer and the treatments seem to have been successful.

**Milfoil and Fanwort on Middle Lake:** Middle Lake was not treated for milfoil this year. There is a plan to use a new herbicide with better and longer effectiveness next year. The town of

Vernon is working with its herbicide contractor to treat the fanwort at the boat launch this fall. Both of these issues will be addressed by the limnologist at our forum on October 11th.

**Libraries Love Lakes:** FBL worked with Rockville Public Library in Vernon and the Bentley Public Library in Bolton on a national program called Libraries Love Lakes. We purchased children's books on lake ecology and sponsored presentations by a limnologist at each library. The first one was held at Bentley Library on Monday, September 19th and was well attended. The second presentation at Rockville Library is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at 5:30. Please see a picture from the first talk below.

