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Greetings Westmore Association Members,

The past few years have brought us unique challenges and although we're not fully out of the woods yet, we are slowly resuming some normalcy. If we've learned anything, it's the importance of community and we are both eager and grateful to provide an opportunity for our community to reconnect this summer.

As a Board, we've been busy organizing our summer activities and we wanted to provide our members with an update. First, we have a fun lineup for summer events. We invite you to join us this summer (see events list) and we encourage you to bring your kids, neighbors and even friends visiting from out of town. We've also entered in a partnership with [Northwoods Stewardship Center](#) to support trail restoration and education over the next several years. Additionally, we have increased scholarship awards to support our local youth. We're excited to be able to support beautification of our garden plots and cemetery flower containers as well, with support from the Cemetery Commission and Wayne Libby.

With lake quality being an Association priority, we've also been working with the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Agency of Natural Resources, and the Orleans County NRCD in developing a Lake Watershed Action Plan, promoting the [Lake Wise Program](#), and formulating a petition to reclassify Willoughby as a class A1 waterbody. The Association has committed to at least 40 volunteer hours and up to \$1,000 towards these efforts this summer. Continued support of the Boat Greeter Program with the Town of Westmore is also a significant component to preserve our lake. The Greeter Program is a critical program aimed at educating lake visitors about invasive species, providing watercraft inspections, and STOPPING invasive species introductions. This work is invaluable to our Lake, and we encourage folks to help recruit individuals to staff the Program to sustain this effort, as this has been challenging to recruit for in recent years. Please contact Katherine Busby (802-525-3625) with interest or recommendations.

As we move forward with our summer activities, we want to invite everyone in the Westmore community who may be interested in maintaining and preserving our beautiful lake and town to consider joining us as a Board member. Board members serve three-year terms, attending one monthly Board Meeting from Spring to Fall, and can serve as an officer, chair, or co-chair of the Association's various committees, depending on your interest.

In ending, we would like to thank you for your continued membership, support, and involvement. We have included membership forms and we hope you consider renewing. Make sure to let us know if you have any suggestions. We'd love to hear your feedback and we hope to see you at our Annual Meeting in July!

**Westmore Association Board**

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