



# LAKE QUINSIGAMOND WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

## LQWA Member

**Meeting**—Dec 13

7:00 -8:00 pm

65 Lake Ave,  
Lake Shore Con-  
dos, park on the  
street level.

Come & get  
involved or just  
talk to other lake  
residents.

Refreshments will  
be offered.

LQ Commission  
meets the last  
Wednesday of  
every month.  
Shrewsbury Town  
Hall, 100 Maple  
Ave.

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## Lincoln E. Pearson - Recipient of LQC Award

The Lake Quinsigamond Commission (LQC) posthumously named Linc Pearson “Friend of the Lake, for Years of Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Lake.” Linc, a life-long resident of Lake Quinsigamond, passed away February 16, 2011 at age 86. At the June LQC meeting, in Shrewsbury Town Hall, the award was presented to Linc’s wife, Susan. As Susan said, “Lincoln would have been very pleased.”

Lincoln worked tirelessly on behalf of the Lake. He chaired the Lake Quinsigamond newsletter for the last 10 years getting the word out on happenings on and near the Lake. He served eight years as a Worcester Conservation Commission member, was a member of the Massachusetts Environmental Trust, attended monthly LQC meetings, assisted the LQC with sending out the yearly dock stickers and helped deploy and recover marker buoys every year. He organized annual spring clean ups around the Lake, organized groups to paint stencils on catch basins with “*Don’t Dump, Drains to the Lake,*” and assisted with the annual fish stocking of the Lake.



Lincoln had many stories about the lake that he loved to share. One story he told was of his paper route that included delivery on ice skates to one of the islands. Linc spent his boyhood exploring the Lake, swimming, boating, and water skiing. As an adult he continued sharing his love of the Lake with his family and friends. Linc’s meticulous attention to his 75 hp Evinrude out-board motor can be seen as it is displayed in the show room at USA Marine on Route 20 in Worcester. Beside Susan, his wife of 63 years, Lincoln leaves his daughter and son-in law Linda and Stephen Thibodeau of Rochester, MN and three grandsons, Matthew, Andrew, and Eric.

## DEDICATION OF EAST SIDE TRAIL

Ribbon cutting ceremony opening the East Side Trail was held on September 28, 2011 with City Manager Michael O’Brien and Colin Novick of the Great Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) officiating. Although many non-profits groups were involved in the conception and creation of the trail, the GWLT spearheaded the final push of the 14-year effort to create the walking trail. The 3.5 mile long hiking trail begins at stone lions at the entrance of East Park (Cristoforo Colombo Park) on Shrews-

## EAST SIDE TRAIL CONTINUED FROM PG 1



bury Street, Worcester. The trail climbs up to Bell Hill, follows along on the westerly side of Bell Pond, crosses Route 9 and enters Green Hill Park. The trail winds through Green Hill Park, offering several spurs to walk including one to the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial. The trail passes vernal pools, a granite quarry and an historic coal mine



shaft. The trail follows Coal Mine Brook which supports a Native Trout spawning run. The trail crosses Plantation Street, ending at the North Lake Ave. boat ramp. Parking is available at the beginning and the end of the trail. For a map of the trail: <http://eastsidetrail.blogspot.com/>

## SEWER OVERFLOWS TO LAKE, AGAIN

Heavy rainfall on September 8, 2011 brought yet another sewer overflow into the Lake. High bacteria levels caused beach closings and warning to avoid contact with lake water. Why does this keep happening? The sewer system in this section of Worcester is designed to flow by gravity to the bottom of Belmont Hill at Route 9 and the Lake. Sewage is then pumped back up the hill and eventually makes it to the Upper Blackstone Wastewater Treatment Plant (UBWWTP) where it is treated. During heavy rainfall, the sewage system is overwhelmed by stormwater leaking into the pipes and both the stormwater and the sewage overflows into Lake Quinsigamond. On the Worcester side of the Route 9 Bridge, a vortex separator has been in place since the 1990's, to remove grit, trash, oil and grease from stormwater before it flows into the Lake.

## LQWA Earth Day Clean up

The Pope John XXIII, Knights of Columbus, along with neighbors and friends, conducted their annual Earth Day Clean up in the Coal Mine Brook area on April 30, 2011. The volunteers dedicated their efforts in Lincoln Pearson's Memory. Those in attendance were: John and Kathy Bianchi, Phil Brunelle, Nick and Paul Marrier, Jim Miller, Ed Radik, Mara Pentlarge, Carah Weismann, George Duquette, and Miriam and Mohamed (neighborhood children who joined in the effort).

The Blackstone River  
Coalition presents  
**Blackstone River  
Revival!**

**November 16, 3 to 8 PM, Northbridge Town Hall**  
Watershed Conference to Return Life to the Blackstone River  
Speakers and panel discussions on improving water quality,  
recreation and restoration of the Blackstone River,  
\$10, includes pizza dinner, For more info contact Peter Coffin at  
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