



*Otter Lake Association, Inc.*  
*Otter Lake, NY 13338*

**Spring 2017**

Greetings from your lake association.....

It has been another unusual spring.....but Here Comes Summer. To those of you who winter away....welcome back. To those who only get to spend weekends and vacations.....we look forward to seeing you again. And, to those not fortunate enough to visit very often.....rest assured that we are working hard to preserve the Otter Lake you remember.

**News and Notes:**


- **Bti Fundraiser:** The winners of the annual Holiday Raffle were 1<sup>st</sup> David Coons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Jaworski, 3<sup>rd</sup> Krissey Goebel. Congratulations to them all.. Bti application to inhibit the dreaded nuisance black fly population will continue to be a large expense for this small community. An expense (currently \$6500) for which your association has taken on the full burden of raising. Your continued generosity in supporting this fund-raising effort and annual donations with your dues are keeping this valuable program alive.
- **Scholarship:** Thanks to your generous donations seven scholarships were awarded in 2016. The winners were: Danielle Commisso, William Johnson, Emma Kohler, John Scheuermann, Carter Schmitz, Jennifer Tasco and Alexander Velepec. Congratulations! We wish them the best in their academic endeavors. See 2017 Annual Scholarship application included in this mailing. Maybe there will be a winner in your family in 2017.
- **Grass Carp:** The life expectancy of our Grass Carp has run out and one shouldn't be alarmed to see dead carp washing up on shore. (They can be safely buried and make great fertilizer) Remember that by order of the DEC and APA, fishing for grass carp is prohibited. Accidental catches must be safely released.
- The **Meet and Greet** was well attended in 2016 and fun for all.. Thanks to all who turned out to support what has become an important annual fundraiser and good time. Join us in planning another get-together this summer to meet and greet, and get to know your Otter Lake neighbors.
- **CSLAP** (Citizens Statewide Lake Association Program) Last summer we were included in CSLAP testing; results have been received. Reports can be found on the website of both NYSFOLA and NYSDEC. Results are historically favorable, indicating healthy lake quality. The 2016 report will be uploaded to our website and available to peruse at OLA meetings.
- **Maintenance and Improved Parking** was the purpose of construction work last fall which included insertion of a drainage pipe, and repaving of the lower section of the road to the Boat Launch. Please do not park below the indicated markers.
- **Summer 2017 Presentations** following the Association meeting.....  
**Water Rules and Regulations** by Oneida County Deputy Snider on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** (Please remember to practice safe boating)  
**Otter Lake History** by John Norton on **June 24<sup>th</sup>** Come and learn something new about your hamlet.

**Important Dates to Remember.....**

- **Otter Lake Association Meeting Dates:** Last Saturday of each month - May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, and August 26<sup>th</sup> Courtesy of the Otter Lake Fire Department, meetings are held in the conference room in the NEW Fire Hall, starting promptly at 10 am.
- **Forestport Town Board Meetings:** Third Wednesday of each month – May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> (May, June and July meetings will be @ OLFM Meeting Room, August will be @ Woodgate Fire Hall)
- **Grievance Day:** May 23<sup>th</sup> at Forestport Town Hall 4-8 PM. Call 315-392-5547 for more details.
- **Town Wide Trash Day:** July 15<sup>th</sup> at Town Highway Garage 8 AM-4PM

**Membership:** Last, but not least. As you know membership dues are minimal to allow for the involvement of the greatest number of property owners. We have once again resisted the urge to increase dues. More than ever, however, we will depend on your individual additional assistance to fund the programs and endeavors that we provide for on your behalf. When renewing your membership, please be generous with your contributions so that we may continue to do so. Never been a member? Please consider joining now. Mail the membership form in the envelope provided, or bring to the meeting.

Properties often change hands over the winter. Extend a Warm Welcome to your new neighbors and invite them to take part in the community, and join your Association. Hope to see you at our first meeting on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

Sincerely, 

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*President: Mona Lincoln*

*Vice-President: Hubert Velepec*

*Secretary: Wendy Eden*

*Treasurer: June Wellman*

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