



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

Spring 2018 (note *first meeting of the year will be June 2!)

Hello from the Otter Lake Association! As I write this newsletter, gazing out at the frozen lake, it doesn't look much like Spring but I am sure it is right around the corner. Welcome back and welcome also to all our new neighbors!

News and Notes:

- **New Keys:** The old lock on the gate to the boat launch has been changed. A new key is available for Otter Lake Membership owners. If you have a paid membership and need a new key please contact Shari Pronobis 1026 Norton Road (315.532.8818) or June Wellman 1046 Norton Road. If you have an old key it will be replaced free. If you do not have one a new key will be \$10.00.
- **BTI:** 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 the 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.
- **Scholarships:** Thanks to your generous donations we were able to provide scholarships to these 2017 winners: Danielle Commisso, Zachary Commisso, William Johnson, Nora Orancio and Carter Schmitt. All were awarded \$300! Good luck to all in your future endeavors. The 2018 application is included in this mailing. Maybe there will be a winner in your family this year!
- **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 2017 and fun for all. Thanks to all who turned out to support what has become an important annual fundraiser and good time. More information will be available soon. This is a great time to meet all of our new neighbors and reconnect with old friends.
- **CSLAP** (Citizens Statewide Lake Association Program) we have received results from their testing. The reports can be found on the websites of both NYSFOLA and NYSDEC. Results are historically favorable, indicating healthy lake quality. The 2017 report will be uploaded to our website and available to peruse at OLA meetings.

- **Maintenance and Parking:** Construction work 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 2018 Presentations:** Mackay Rippey will be presenting information on Lyme Disease at our May 26th meeting at 10am at the Otter Lake Fire Station. Please plan to attend this important discussion to protect your family and pets.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Otter Lake Association Meeting Dates:** Last Saturday of each month except the first one will be **June 2,** June 30, July 28 and August 25. The meetings are held in the Otter Lake Fire Department promptly at 10am
- **Forestport Town Board Meetings:** May 16, June 20, July 18 and Aug. 15. All meetings are held at 6:30 at the Otter Lake Fire Department.
- **Grievance Day:** May 29

Membership: As you know membership dues are minimal to allow for the involvement of the greatest number of property owners. We have again resisted the urge to increase dues. More than ever we will depend on your individual assistance to fund the programs and endeavors that we provide for 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 the Association. Hope to see you at our first meeting on May 26 at 10 am.

Sincerely,

President: Jim LaFountain Vice-President: Mona Lincoln Secretary: Shari Pronobis Treasurer: June Wellman

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