



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

Spring 2019

Hello from the Otter Lake Association! The lake ice has melted and ready for a summer of fun. Welcome back and welcome also to all our new neighbors!

News and Notes:

- **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 who were awarded \$300! Good luck to all in your future endeavors. The 2019 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 2018 and fun for all. Thanks to all who turned out to support what has become an important annual fundraiser and good time. The date for the **2019 Meet and Greet is July 27** **location and details will be provided soon.**
- **NYS Boater's Guide** is included in this year's information packet. Please take a moment to review. We want everyone to have a safe summer this year on the lake. Please also share with your renters. If you rent your property it is your responsibility to make sure anyone who will be using a motorized boat has a boat license and has a copy of the guide.

- **Culvert at the boat launch** -Last fall the State Department of Transportation cleaned out the large catch basin on the downstream side of the culvert. They were able to expose the opening of the pipe leading from this catch basin to the lake. The water is now running into this outlet pipe. If it appears that the culvert is not working, the DOT indicated they would be willing to perform any pipe replacement within the highway boundary, and we would be responsible for the work from the highway boundary to the lake.
- **Algae Bloom:** Last year there was a concern regarding algae blooms on the lake. Blooms may occur by run off of pesticides or from septic systems. There will be free dye tablets available at Association meetings and from any board member. We strongly encourage all owners to use these tablets as described. It is in the best interests of all of us to keep our lake clean of these blooms.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Otter Lake Association Meeting Dates:** Last Saturday of each month except the first one will be **JUNE 1st**, June 29, July 31 and August 31. The meetings are held in the Otter Lake Fire Department promptly at 10am.
- **2019 Forestport Town Board Meetings:** May 15, June 19, July 17 and August 21. All meetings are held at 6:30 alternating between Otter Lake and Woodgate Fire Departments.

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 JUNE 1st.

Sincerely,

Shari Pronobis

OLA Secretary

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