



Otter Lake Association, Inc.
Otter Lake, NY 13338

Spring 2009

Greetings and News from Otter Lake,

Hooray for Spring! I think we are all anxious to start enjoying one of the best reasons to own property in Otter Lake.....SUMMER. Now, you snowmobilers, don't get all up in arms. I think, you probably will concede, Otter Lake shows her best face with the sun shining on it. To those of you who winter away....welcome back. To those of you who only get to spend weekends and vacations.....we look forward to seeing you again. And, to those who are not fortunate to visit very often.....rest assured that we are working to preserve the Otter Lake you remember.

BTI Fundraiser Successful: The fall Holiday Raffle accomplished it's purpose raising enough funds to enable us to once again contract for BTI (Black Fly Control) application this spring. Thanks to all who participated, making up for the shortfall in contributions to support the program. Congratulations to raffle winners, Rosemary and Francis Gerace. Look for them to be paddling about in their new kayak. The bad news is that BTI application will continue to be a large expense for this small community. Please, keep in mind the \$6000+ expense that must be met, and be generous with your contributions to keep the program alive.

Otter Lake Memories: Many of you will be pleased to hear that Otter Lake Memories is currently being reprinted. Back by popular demand, it is a favored gift item for extended family, frequent visitors and the coffee table. Copies will once again be available for sale at the first meeting at a cost of \$20

Garlic Mustard plant presentation: Questions arose last summer regarding the impact that rapidly expanding garlic mustard plant was having on the plant life in the area. As requested by the membership an invitation was extended to have an expert talk at a future date. Steven Flint from The Nature Conservancy has agreed to attend our May 30th meeting. Please take this opportunity to learn about this invasive plant.

Scholarship: Annual Scholarship will be awarded again in 2009. Please refer to eligibility requirements on the enclosed scholarship application form to see if you have a family member who might be eligible to enter the contest. Deadline has been extended to June 15th to facilitate participation.

Route 28 Construction: The Hanging Flower Basket program continues to be suspended pending completion of road construction on Rte. 28. We'll have an update on the status of the road construction timetable at the May meeting.

Grass Carp Reminder: The grass carp have made a phenomenal difference in lake quality since introduced. Please remember that by order of the DEC and APA, fishing for them is prohibited. Accidental catches must be safely released.

Important Dates to Remember.....

Association Meeting Dates: Saturdays May 30th, June 27th, July 25th and August 29th

Courtesy of the Otter Lake Fire Department, meetings are held in their conference room, starting promptly at 10 am.

Dumpster Trash Collection Dates:

Woodgate (old schoolhouse) June 6, 8 am – 2 pm

Forestport (town garage) August 22, 8 am – 2 pm

Forestport (town garage) September 12, 8 am – 2 pm

Accepting: White goods, refrigerators, appliances, furniture, bags of clothes, construction materials, tires off rims

Not Allowed: Garbage, vehicle parts, batteries, hazardous waste

Membership: Last, but not least, enclosed you will find this years membership application. As you know membership dues are minimal; we depend on your 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. We welcome your participation, and need your help. Hope to see you at our first meeting on Saturday, May 30th at 10 am.

Sincerely,

President: Mona Lincoln Vice-President: Hubert Velepéc Secretary: Sharon Engle Treasurer: June Wellman
