



Otter Lake Association, Inc.
Otter Lake, NY 13338

Spring 2014

Greetings from your lake association.....

We are finally starting to see promising signs of summer approaching. 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 winner of the annual Holiday Raffle was Rick DeVolder of Newark, NY and Otter Lake. Congratulations! I'm sure we all wish him many hours of water fun. Bti application to inhibit the dreaded nuisance black fly population will continue to be a large expense for this small community. An expense (\$6500) for which your association has taken on the full burden of raising. Your continued generosity in supporting fund-raising efforts and annual donations with your dues are keeping this valuable program alive.
- **Scholarship:** Thanks to your generous donations four substantial scholarships were awarded in 2013. The winners were Caroline Arancio, Colleen Kearney, Casey Kohler and Trevor Tighe. Congratulations! We wish them best in their academic endeavors. See 2014 Annual Scholarship application included in this mailing.
- **Electro Fishing Survey:** DEC conducted the survey in July 2012 to assess the fish population, health and general lake quality at the five-year anniversary of the introduction of grass carp to our lake.. A similar test was done in 1999 as a prelude to their introduction. While we have been in touch with DEC; the results are still pending. The life-expectancy of the carp is running out and one shouldn't be alarmed to see dead fish washing up in some cases. Remember that by order of the DEC and APA, fishing for grass carp is prohibited. Accidental catches must be safely released.
- **Loon Presentation:** negotiations are ongoing to have a Wildlife Veterinarian from the Biodiversity Research Institute's, Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation as our visiting lecture this summer. Update at May meeting
- Our 2013 **Meet and Greet** event sponsored by the Otter Lake Station was well attended and fun for all.. Thanks to all who turned out to support what is becoming an annual event. 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) Over the winter the results were received from our 2013 lake testing. The 2013 Report can currently be found on the website of both NYSFOLA and NYSDEC. Results were again favorable, indicating healthy lake quality. Report will also be uploaded to our website.
- Replacement and some additional **Otter Lake Welcome Flags** have been purchased and we hope to find helping hands to raise them early this season.
- Check out the **drainage improvements** made on the entry road to the boat launch. These early rains are testing it. A survey was done of the property and more changes in that area are under consideration.

Important Dates to Remember.....

- **Otter Lake Association Meeting Dates:** Last Saturday of each month - May 31st, June 28th, July 26th, and August 30th. Courtesy of the Otter Lake Fire Department, meetings are held in the conference room in the OLD Fire Hall, starting promptly at 10 am.
- **Forestport Town Board Meetings:** Third Wednesday of each month – June 18th (Woodgate), July 16th (TBA) and August 20th (TBA).
- **Grievance Day:** May 27th Hours 4–8 PM Call 315-392-5547 for more details.
- **Town Dumpster Collection Dates:** Not yet announced

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 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 31st.

Sincerely, 

President: Mona Lincoln

Vice-President: Hubert Velepec

Secretary: Wendy Eden

Treasurer: June Wellman
