

# LAKE MORAINE ASSOCIATION SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## ***President's Message:***

**Hello to all of our LMA Members,**

*If you were a Snowbird this past winter, welcome back to Lake Moraine. If you spent the winter on the lake or somewhere else in the Northeast, I'm pretty sure you're glad that winter is finally over and the better days of spring have finally arrived. The weather of late has been very, very good. Let's hope we have a great summer. I can also confirm that the fishing is off to a good start this year.*

*The LMA Board had its first meeting of 2022 in April and we will be sharing some highlights and important reminders in this newsletter. One topic I wanted to touch base on personally is the Lake Moraine Dam Reconstruction Project. Unfortunately, although there has been some onsite activity of late, there's really not much new information available.*

*I spoke to my contact at the Canal Corp. recently and she tells me a phase of scoping and analysis of the dam and its related components took place here recently. The project is currently in the design phase and the data that was collected will be used to determine requirements and then define the full scope of the rehabilitation project. She was unable to provide a timeline for when the project will commence, or how long it will take, but reassured me there would be no drawdown in 2022 for the Project. Once the design process gains momentum and the Canal Corp. has developed a preliminary schedule and defined the scope of the work, they will engage the community to share those plans.*

*As for concerns about potential water supply issues when the drawdown occurs, she assured me they will address those, and if necessary, find alternate sources to make sure that those who need water are taken care of during the drawdown and construction timeframe. Those plans will also be shared during the community engagement period.*

*We have also asked Canal Corp. to reinstall the chain across the Spillway, as both a visual proximity reminder and safety measure for boaters traveling in that area of the lake.*

*I'd like to recognize two individuals who contributed their time and efforts to lake management projects this past winter. Thanks to Tim Peach for his oversight of lake levels over the course of the winter and interactions with Canal Corp. when water levels got too high or too low. I'd also like to thank Terry Spooner for his planning, oversight and interactions with property owners and contractors to accomplish the East Lake Road and Cook's Cove weir clean outs.*

*Lastly, I'd like to thank all those who contributed to the content of this newsletter, as well as, Michele Howgate, and of course Martha Young for their efforts and professionalism.*

*Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first 2022 full membership meeting on Saturday, May 28th.*

**Mike**

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## **Updates from the Board Meeting:**

### **The General Membership Meeting dates for 2022:**

- Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – **Appley Center** (the brick building on Lake Moraine Road) – 9:30 a.m. coffee – 10:00 a.m. meeting
- Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities**

- Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lighting of the Lake
- Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Boat Parade

### **Social Events**

- Two to three events planned at the Lodge
- Picnic

### **Board Meetings** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

**Pontoon Boat** –A pontoon boat was stolen from the LLC Island parking lot on East Lake Road. If anyone knows anything about it, the owners would like to know. Kate Smith has the information on the situation. Owners should lock their boat and personal items when not in use.

## **WISPA – Watershed Inspection Stewardship Program** – from the Desk of Jane Clement

The Lake Moraine Association is looking for a Boat Launch Leader & Stewards for the Summer 2022 (June 15<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day) See attached for additional details.

- Flexible Hours – early morning and late afternoon, includes weekends and holidays
- Minimum wage administered by Town of Madison
- Duties Include:
  - Examining watercraft for invasive species
  - Educating boaters on the importance of clean/drain/dry off watercraft
  - Collecting data and sending it electronically to WISPA
- Training will be included
- Applicants should be comfortable talking to boaters and fishermen
- Applicants must have – transportation to the launch site & cell phone

## **Lake Moraine CSLAP** – From the Desk of Eileen Fehlner

Soon Lake Moraine CSLAP volunteers will be preparing for the 2022 season. Along with our 8-water sample collection and prep sessions, (which test for chemical, physical and biological water quality issues), we will once again be keeping our eyes open for Harmful Algae Blooms.

In 2021, Lake Moraine had a handful of confirmed HABs and we anticipate their presence again in 2022. While most algae is harmless and actually beneficial to the lake environment, it is best for safety reasons to avoid contact with any green, blue-green, yellow, brown, red or white floating masses in the water in case they are toxic algae or Cyanobacteria. Symptoms from touching, swallowing or inhaling a toxic algae bloom include diarrhea, nausea or vomiting; skin, eye or throat irritation; and allergic reactions or breathing difficulties.

What can you do to help prevent HAB outbreaks? Algae and plant growth in water bodies require nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus. Rain leaches nutrients into the lake from the entire watershed, which includes the properties on the shoreline. The first thing property owners can do to lessen the leaching of nutrients into the water is to make sure your septic system is maintained and to have the tank pumped out on a regular basis. Trees or shrubs planted between the septic system and the shoreline can help capture some of the nutrients before they enter the water. Another action property owners can consider is to avoid the use of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides on your lake property to reduce leaching of nutrients and chemicals into the water. The nutrients feed the algae growth and the chemicals reduce the water quality.

What to do if you suspect a harmful algae bloom on the lake:

First, **Know It** – As we learn to identify recurring algae, it will become recognizable to us.

Second, **Avoid It** – As stated above.

Third, **Report It**.

It helps to take couple of pictures if you see a bloom, one up close and one from further away. Then send the pictures along with some information off to:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/66337b887ccd465ab7645c0a9c1bc5c0>

If the photos can be identified by the DEC scientists as a HAB, within a couple of days the report will show upon the DEC HABs location map <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/83310.html>

Information taken from: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/83310.html>  
<https://www.health.ny.gov/drinking>

Many informative links here: <https://NYSFOLA.org>HABs>

## **Avian Flu detected in New Yorks Wild Birds** - From the Desk of Eileen Fehlner

The NYS Department of Conservation announced on April 20, 2022, that the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenzas (HPAI) virus has been found in multiple wild bird species in NYS. These do not present an immediate public health concern.

Outbreaks in wild birds are often cyclical and tied to migration when birds are concentrated in large numbers. As birds spread out during the nesting season, disease transmission is expected to decrease.

Wild birds confirmed as infected include snow geese, Canada geese, tundra swan, mute swan, sanderling, mallard duck, redhead duck, ring-necked duck, wood duck, hooded merganser, great blue heron, bald eagle, great horned owl, snowy owl, Cooper's hawk, red-tailed hawk, fish crow, and turkey vulture. Gulls and cranes are also vulnerable. Small songbirds have not been affected. Confirmed wild bird cases are listed on the USDA website and on the U.S. Geological Survey map.

Please report any suspicious deaths of species above to your local DEC Wildlife Regional Office: email: [R7Wildlife@dec.ny.gov](mailto:R7Wildlife@dec.ny.gov), Madison County area Wildlife Office (607) 753-3095x247

## **REMINDERS:**

### **2022 LMA Membership Dues**

- Regular Membership - \$20
- Associate - \$10

**Regular Membership** is available to any individual, family, group, institution, or association owning lakefront property. Regular membership entitles the property owner to speak and vote at meetings of the Association, provided current dues have been paid.

**Associate Membership** is available to any individual, family, group, institution, or association not owning property fronting Lake Moraine, but with an interest in the affairs and condition of Lake Moraine. Associate members have no voting power in meetings of the Lake Moraine

Association, but may speak at meetings of the Association, provided current dues have been paid.

Dues can be paid at the General Meetings or mailed to:

Kate Smith, LMA Treasurer  
215 Salt Springs Road  
Fayetteville, NY 13066.

Checks should be made payable to the Lake Moraine Association. If you are mailing a check or sending cash, send a self-addressed envelope if you would like your membership sticker or you can pick up your sticker at the next General Meeting.

### **Septic Update**

- Rebates for electric/gas/compost toilets will be 30% of the cost of the unit, but not the cost of installation. The refund would not be more than \$1,200.
- Septic clean-out rebates are \$150 per clean out, available once a year.
- Contacts: Craig Lawson 607-226-4214 or Martha Young 315-796-7023
- JS Septic & Sewer Services from Rome, NY pumped 5 or 6 septic tanks on the islands May 13. It sounds like both the property owners and the company were happy with the process and the results. JS Septic reminds those with camps on the islands that their septic tanks should be pumped every 7 years. If you're interested in using JS Septic, their phone number is 315-982-3838. We aren't endorsing this company; it has just come to our attention they provide a service for pumping septic systems on islands.

**No Wake Zones** – If you have been out in your boat lately, you may have noticed that many parts of our shorelines are eroding. Please be sure to follow the “No Wake Zones” when you are traveling between the islands, when you are close to shore and especially in Cook’s cove. There are many island residents that use Cook’s cove to get to the mainland. When you are traveling in that area (beginning at Greg Reuter’s camp) be sure you do not have a wake behind you. If you do, you are going too fast and eroding the shorelines. We are asking you to be respectful of your neighbor’s shoreline.

### **Boater Safety Courses – Who needs a New York Boating Safety Certificate**

If you were born after January 1, 1988, you are required to obtain a Boating Safety Certificate to operate a motorized boat or PWC in 2022. As of January 1, 2025, all operators of motorized boats or PWCs in New York are required to be certified. The regulation, education class information, and more information can be found at:

<https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx>

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