

LAKE MORAINES ASSOCIATION

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Hi again! Sadly, this beautiful summer is coming to an end. Since we can't have a general meeting (again), I'm sending out this newsletter. Although I don't have much news, I do want to thank those on the board and the lake who helped make this summer an especially great one despite the obvious issue. We are truly fortunate to have the lake as our playground.

It was very obvious to me that this was a summer for families. Anything other than enjoying the lake and family was largely cancelled out. We had some great fun with the socially distanced events on the lake. The boat parade was terrific! We had around 40 boats by my count and the crowds on the waterfront were large, boisterous and appreciative! Thanks to Tod Hoffman and his crew who led us around the lake for the first time. I want to thank everyone for the wonderful cooperation in keeping non parade boat traffic to a minimum during the parade. Our ride was far smoother and safer for it!

The Association sponsored a nice concert at Willow Wind by Shawn Smith. A good crowd gathered by boat and on shore to enjoy the concert, float about, and enjoy free hot dogs passed out by Zach Wendt. Kate Smith lined up this concert for us, and also lined up another one for last weekend that was unfortunately cancelled due to weather.

Another boat parade was held to celebrate Earl Ewing's 80th birthday. Earl was happily dancing and waving to those wishing him a great birthday from the boats. Good job participants! Some of us stayed around to enjoy music sponsored by Earl. Another great day!

The water clarity was the best ever this summer. I've been told this is largely due to our algae treatment in the spring. Once the pondweeds died off, the lake was just wonderful for swimming. As one lake resident put it, "the water feels like silk" and I certainly agree!

As always, I want to thank all of the volunteers helping to keep our lake enjoyable for everyone. The CSLAP group was whittled down to 3 this summer so that we didn't mix families on the boat taking samples. Terry and Teena Spooner did all of the collecting this summer. Eileen Fehlnner prepared the samples and Earl Ewing sent them in for analysis. The results have been good so far.

Martha Young is our amazing communications coordinator. She sends all of the emails, and keeps things posted on our website. Please visit our page at www.lakemoraineny.org. Did you know we have a classified section on the web page? We also have event notices, news updates, etc. Check it out!

We had many boats on the lake this year as people looked for public access to COVID safe recreational opportunities. More kayaks than I've ever seen. The causeway and boat launch handled more traffic than

ever. Unfortunately, we were unable to run our steward program at the boat launch this year due to COVID. We hope to reinstate it next year. This is a valuable educational effort with a goal of keeping additional invasive species (plant and animal) from appearing in our lake. Until this summer we had been successful in partnering with the Town of Madison in attracting some paid participants to provide some tracking of boat traffic and education to boaters on keeping boats clean.

The board has been hard at work year-round. Getting the wakeboat ban in place was an all-out effort that required attendance at many town board meetings. Numerous lake residents participated as well. We have members that are continuing to work with the town board and attorney, the sheriff and the code enforcement officer on enforcing this new ordinance.

We have been very fortunate to have outdoor public dining options on the lake this summer! The White Eagle Lodge has been serving up great meals on the deck and lawn Friday and Saturday nights. If you haven't been there yet, I can attest that the burgers, steaks, fried fish, coconut shrimp, mac and cheese, fries, sausage sandwich, salads, and several specials have been absolutely excellent. The view isn't terrible either! They have supplied take out meals that can be picked up by boat or car. They deliver right to the dock! Thanks to Tammy Wendt and the staff at the White Eagle Lodge for many memorable good times on their deck this summer.

Zach Wendt got going with his food truck at Willow Wind Beach (The WEW Shack). He is serving up great sandwiches every day except Monday. The Ladies of the Lake are meeting there weekly on Thursdays from 1-3 to enjoy good conversation and food. A book club has met there too. It's a great meet and greet spot to enjoy a wonderful view and a meal. Of course, you can take it with you too. Thanks Zach!

We have a number of new people on the lake as properties are changing hands. If you see someone new, welcome them to our community! We do have a welcome committee. If you hear of someone new, let Jane Clement or Diane Finch or Jean Smith know and we will give them a package.

Have a good fall/winter, and we look forward to seeing all of you next spring!

Dam project

Unfortunately, I don't have anything to report. I went to DeRuyter Lake on Thursday. That lake was taken down 12 feet. Most of the work is completed, except the road that crosses the dam. The lake is coming back up now. Residents were able to put docks out further than usual, and there was some recreational boat traffic all summer for those that could get their docks into deep enough water.

As we've been told, our lake is next. Whether the funding is in place, and bidding and contract work gets completed in time to start our project after Labor Day 2021 is still in question. I will keep you informed as I learn anything.

Spillway Road

The town board has put the bridge work out for bid and accepted one of the bids. The last I heard was that construction should start "soon" and possibly be completed by mid November.

Town of Madison

We urge our Lake residents to attend the Town of Madison Board meetings the second Thursdays of each month. We appreciate having Lake representation at the meetings, on committees, and even on the Town Board.

LMA TREASURER

Our treasurer is Bob Carroll. Please submit your \$20 membership fee to Bob at 3162 Lake Moraine Rd, Hamilton, N.Y. 13346.

SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADES

There is now \$300.00 rebate from the Lake Moraine Association to any riparian landowner toward the cost of a newly installed burn/compost toilet. Reduce the need for expensive holding tank pump outs!! There is a pre-existing condition and anyone interested should contact Kevin Walsh at [315-263-8850](tel:315-263-8850). The rebates for septic cleanouts are also still in effect. Let's take advantage of them.

SEPTIC CLEANOUT

Remember to get your septic tanks cleaned out. LMA covers ½ of the bill up to \$100 for mainland work, up to \$150 for island work. Send a copy of your receipt to Bob Carroll (address above.)

REMINDERS

Never swim in or let pets drink or swim in algae blooms. We have been much more fortunate than other NYS lakes that have experienced large HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS (HABs). Sometimes we see blue/green algae in September. We do not necessarily know if these are HABs, as the lab closes in mid-September.

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