

**LAKE MORAINE ASSOCIATION  
Fall 2022 NEWSLETTER**

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***President's Message:***

*Hello to all of our Lake Moraine Association Members,*

*For those of us who own seasonal cottages on Lake Moraine, our days of living on and enjoying the lake, are coming to an end for 2022. Sadly, many of our cottages have already been winterized and buttoned up to survive the long cold winter months. Likewise, our boats have also been winterized and put into storage. Hopefully those that live on the lake year-round will still be able to enjoy some nice sunny days, although your mornings and evenings will undoubtedly become chillier as fall progresses into winter.*

*I think the majority would agree that this past summer was a great one with lots of warm and sunny days to enjoy on the lake. The fishing wasn't great, but more often than not at least one of us caught a couple of decent sized fish every time we went out. And those that cruised the lake in their motorized watercraft religiously, day in and day out, never seemed to tire of enjoying the lake from their boats. Paddle boarders and kayakers were also out and about in great numbers and frequency and let's not forget the skiers, tubers, swimmers and of course the college's crew boats. Everyone seemed to find a way to enjoy their time on the water.*

*Some of you may have noticed a lot of activity on Spillway Road recently, in the area of the lake's Spillway. Our contacts at the NYS Canal Corporation have informed us they have a leak in the Valve House that they have their personnel addressing. They said it's not serious but needs to be addressed at this time. Unfortunately, this is delaying the annual drawdown.*

*The LMA Board of Directors had its last meeting of 2022 on October 20th. We'll resume our regular monthly meetings on April 20, 2023. I'd like to recognize and thank the board members for their commitment and the work they did this past year on the various committees and working groups. I think everyone would agree that our socials and picnic were a huge success and I'd like to thank Kate Smith and Diane Finch respectively for their leadership, as well as all those individuals who assisted Kate and Diane to plan and execute these events. I'd also like to thank Michele Howgate for her ongoing support and contributions to our newsletters.*

*Be safe and enjoy the winter months wherever you spend them. Looking forward to seeing everyone next spring, on the lake for another great season.*

**Mike**

## Updates from the Board Meeting

- **Drawdown for the Dam Restoration** work still targeted for Fall of 2024.
- **Clean Out of the Weirs** – East Lake Road and Cook’s Cove Weir clean outs planned for later this year, once the ground freezes.
- **Leaf Pickup & Disposal** – Due to the expected rain, the leaf pick up was completed on Monday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 9. We moved and emptied 257 bags of leaves. Thank you to Tim Peach, David and Martha Young, Roger and Terry Tanner, Alan Tuttle, Mike Cragnolin and Tom Fitzgerald. Also, thank you to all of the neighbors that volunteered to help, but were unable to due to the last-minute change. We look forward to your help again next year!!!



**Results of the Town of Madison Board’s Vote on Short-Term Rentals/Airbnbs** – After another excellent exchange on personal opinions and feelings at the Public Hearing for the Town of Madison meeting on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Town Board voted unanimously to impose a 12-month moratorium on short-term rentals starting January 1, 2023.

**Greg Reuter**



**Town of Madison Weed Harvester Update** – The weed harvester is currently at the Town of Madison garage and is in good working condition. The harvester will be available on a scheduled basis.

**Greg Reuter**



**CSLAP** - The Lake Moraine CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program), had a successful 2022 season. The test results will add another year of data to Lake Moraine’s legacy of affiliation with the CSLAP Program. This data helps identify changes in water quality so that emerging problems can be detected and management practices to preserve the water quality can be implemented.

Thank you to all of our trained volunteers for everything they do to help with water collection and sample processing, from finding the sweet spot at the sample site to Secchi Disk readings, Kemmerer bottle manipulation to lake perception, HAB assessment, chlorophyll filtering and proper packaging of samples for shipping: Terry Spooner, Ann Palmiter, Janet Walsh, Alan Tuttle, Teena Spooner, Ava Walsh and Tim Peach.

I’d like to give a special thank you to Earl Ewing who retired from the CSLAP Program this past spring. Earl spent many years running the program on Lake Moraine and giving feedback of his and volunteer experiences to NYSFOLA for improvements to the program. Earl also spent many hours training me on the intricacies of the preparation and handling of water samples for shipment to The Freshwater Institute Laboratory for analysis. Thank you, Earl, for all you’ve done for the Lake Moraine CSLAP program!

The number of Harmful Algae Blooms for 2022 on Lake Moraine were fewer than for 2021, but they were still present. This year we had a new purple variety, reported by Al Lash, (thank you), in August. There have been a couple of sightings within the last two weeks of the streaky green variety that floats on

top of the water. Keep your eyes open for the possibility of more. We spotted some last year through November.

Wishing you all a healthy Fall and Winter. See you next Spring!

**Eileen Fehlner**

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**Aquatic Tax District** – Here is a short review of the details of the Aquatic Tax District. Before the tax district, volunteers from the LMA would canvas the lake seeking a \$50 donation for the SAVE THE LAKE fund. Some of the old stickers can still be seen around the lake.

Because of the work of many LMA members led by Greg Reuter, the Town of Madison created a tax district of about 200 parcels of land basically bordering on Lake Moraine. They would collect \$9,000 from the new district with each parcel being assessed the same amount but not to exceed \$50 per parcel. There have been two increases, one to \$18,000 and to where it stands today at \$27,000 with no parcel to exceed \$150. The present assessment is \$131.17. ( $\$27,000 \div 131.17 = \$205$ ). Therefore, there are 205 parcels in the Aquatic Tax District.

It was also agreed upon that the Board of Directors for the Tax District would be the Board of Directors of the LMA. The funds could only be used for the benefit, health and well-being of Lake Moraine.

**Earl Ewing**

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**Human-Powered Boat Parade (Fourth of July Weekend)** A few members of the LMA who use human-powered vehicles on the lake would like to propose organizing a human-powered boat parade for some time on Fourth of July weekend (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, pedal-craft, sculls, etc.). This could possibly be organized as part of the regular boat parade if that's feasible, or at some other time, and it's meant in the spirit of collective patriotic spirit, humor, and fun that the boat parade offers. If anyone is interested in trying to pull this together, and possibly come up with other group activities for human-powered craft on Lake Moraine, please contact Nancy Ries at [nries@colgate.edu](mailto:nries@colgate.edu) or text to 315-750-0007 (please no phone calls).

**Nancy Ries**

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**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 2023.

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>