



LOON LAKE

PARK DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, INC.

CHESTERTOWN, NY 12817

Summer 2019

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President's Message

Spring is on its way and it is the time of year to look forward to another great summer on Loon Lake.

The Loon Lake Park District Association Inc. Board of Directors and our dedicated volunteers have worked hard at meeting our primary mission of protecting and preserving our lake. You will see their efforts around the lake this summer.

As a benefit to our members, the LLPDA was given 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status by the IRS.

Our invasive management program continues and presently has eradicated the Water Chestnuts from our lake. We are also making very good progress on removing Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curley Leaf Pondweed. We have once again contracted Aqualogic Inc. for a third year. By using their Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting process we have significantly reduced the amount of invasives in our lake. We anticipate that by the end of 2021 we will have made enough progress to be in a management phase of our remediation program. Once we are in a management phase, we will be able to reduce the amount of time the invasives contractor is on the lake, which will reduce our annual expense by 50 percent or more. When you see Aqualogic working on the lake in 2019, please be sure to stay at least 100 feet away from the Aqualogic boat as divers will be under the water while they remove the invasives.

The LLPDA has always been concerned about how we could evaluate our invasive remediation program. We contacted the Adirondack Park Association (APA) and Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) to discuss developing an evaluation program. We are very proud to announce that in 2018 Loon Lake became a test site for the Invasive Plant Remediation Evaluation Program. The Evaluation Program will be used throughout NYS in the future. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make this possible. There will be more about the program later in this newsletter.

Jim and Nancy Fregoe annually conduct our water quality testing program. The quality of our lake water is good but there are some concerns about the levels of sodium and chlo-

rides in the lake. High levels of sodium and chlorides can negatively affect the fish and native vegetation in Loon Lake. We are also working with the Warren County Soil and Water District and NYSDOT to look for ways to reduce the amount of road salt used. The Town of Chester has already significantly reduced the amount of road salt that they use.

The association continues to work with the Town of Chester to make sure that our lake is safe and clean. The Lake Safety Officer will continue to be on the lake helping stranded boaters, removing floating debris and providing safe boating information. The Loon Lake Dam is inspected annually by the Town and State. Based on the results of the inspection the Town has contracted with an engineering firm to evaluate the dam's existing condition and to make recommendations on future changes that need to be done to meet State requirements.

The boat launch and wash station will continue to be operated at the Town launch with the support of Paul Smith's College.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting at 10:00 AM on July 7th in the Town Municipal Center.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

John

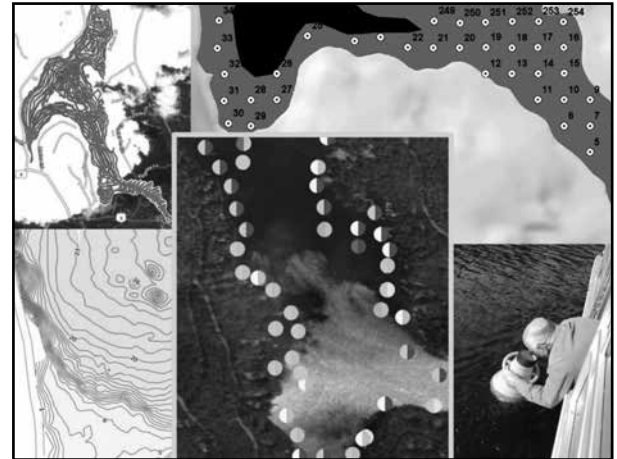
2019 ANNUAL MEETING NOTIFICATION - JULY 7TH

Loon Lakers PLEASE attend YOUR 2019 Annual Meeting on Sunday Morning, July 7th in the Auditorium at the Town Municipal Center. You are invited to an informal social with refreshments starting at 9:30 AM, and the meeting will start promptly at 10:00 AM. We will present the president's, Treasurer and Committee Reports and discuss what is happening on our lake. Our Town Supervisor will attend and both he and our Board will be happy to field your questions.

LOON LAKE – First in the Adirondack Park

The Loon Lake Park District Association (LLPDA) needed an unbiased method of determining Loon Lake’s status with invasive species elimination and that the procedures and contractors we used were getting us to our goals. Are we spending your monies wisely? To accomplish this, a revolutionary new program was initiated, a Citizen Scientist Approach.

The LLPDA in collaboration with NYS Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) developed and implemented the Lake Management Tracker Survey Pilot Program. This survey was developed at the request of the Adirondack Lakes Alliance (Ed Griesmer) and LLPDA and was designed to rapidly assess the invasive and native plant distribution/abundance over time.



Loon Lake 2018 – Lakewide Results

	Native		Eurasian Watermilfoil	
None	18	7%	162	66%
Few Plants Widely Scattered	17	7%	63	26%
Trace/Sparse	61	25%	16	7%
Moderate/Dense	149	61%	4	2%
Total	245	100%	245	100%

- Each survey site represents approximately 1 acre.
- 4 Acres of Moderate to Dense Eurasian Watermilfoil
- 16 Acres of Trace to Sparse Eurasian Watermilfoil

35% of Survey Sites found to have Eurasian Watermilfoil

APA /APIPP responded to our request and developed a grid of Loon Lake GPS coordinates based on where the plants were likely to grow. The coordinates were given numbers and our Invasive Remediation Evaluation Team, (much like Tom Cruise and the Impossible Mission Force), comprised of John Coberg, John Hagmann, Rich Konig, Rich McCrum and John Nick, went to work. Each of the 245 sites was surveyed over many days. After collecting the information using numerous tools, the data was sent to APA/APIPP for evaluation. This process established our current status and became the baseline for comparison in upcoming years. In addition, this data can be displayed in many ways, helping us understand our progress or lack thereof, versus the costs involved.

This collaborative exciting pilot program has generated numerous requests from other Adirondack lakes for our help in setting up similar programs. The very good news from this survey is that we seem to be progressing well in our war with milfoil. The LLPDA will continue to assess the health of Loon Lake and tailor our remedial programs accordingly. As stated by President Nick, we hope to be in a maintenance phase of management within a few years.

LAKE SAFETY OFFICER

Our Lake Safety Officer (LSO), Mr. Rich Konig, lives on the north coast of Loon Lake. Rich started last year and has been a welcome and consistent presence around the lake. The town has contracted his service for many weeks this summer. Rich said, “As a member of the Loon Lake community, I am excited for this opportunity to serve, primarily providing education and safety. Last year I had great interactions with my fellow Loon Lakers, removed many floating obstacles like logs and reminded a few folks about the rules on the lake. My mobile phone contact number is 623-251-1393.” Please carry your boat registration and your boating/PWC license (if required).



Remember that the maximum speed limit on Loon Lake is 45 mph, however it is **5 mph for PWC’s within 200’ of the shoreline and 5 mph for all other watercraft within 100’ of the shoreline or any object.** When you leave the dock or shore maintain 5 MPH until well away and stay slow when near other docks, boats or when in narrow parts of the lake.

IF YOU ARE REPORTING A BOATING OR WATER ACCIDENT REQUIRING IMMEDIATE HELP... CALL 911





MAY

- 12 **Mother’s Day - Loon Lake Boat Launch OPENS**
- 16 NW Chamber of Commerce VIP Dinner – Jimbo’s Club
- 18 Barney Barnhart Fishing Derby – Brant Lake
- 19 **LLPDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 9:00 AM Dynamite Hill Ski Hut**
- 19 Friends of Chester Library Wine Tasting 1 PM – Bullhouse, Chestertown
- 27 Memorial Day Parade – Mill Pond

JUNE

- 1 National Trails Day Work or Hike – Dynamite Hill
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Farmers’ Market –Main Street, Chestertown
- 7 Carol Theater 7:30 PM - Student Vocal Concert – NWCS Benefit - Chestertown
- 8 & 9 Adirondack Woofstock – Municipal Center, Chestertown
- 8 Woodstock Revisited Concert - The Hub
- 15 Porsche Show Camp928.com - Municipal Center, Chestertown

JULY

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Farmers’ Market – Main Street, Chestertown
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Horicon Fire Bingo – Brant Lake Firehouse
- 4 5th Anniversary Party – The Hub
- 5-6 **LLPDA NYS BOATING SAFETY COURSE (2 days)**
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Dynamite Hill Ski Hut.
- 6 Summerfest and Fireworks - Municipal Center, Chestertown
- 6 **LLPDA FISHING DERBY (Children up to 16) 9:00 AM, Loon Lake Beach**
- 7 **LLPDA ANNUAL MEETING - 9:30 AM at the Town Hall Auditorium.**
Social 9:30 AM, Meeting begins at 10:00 AM.
- 11 “Birds of Prey” Trish Marki Live Animals – Chestertown Library
- 12 **LLPDA SUMMER SOCIAL – Green Mansions 5-8 PM**

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JULY (continued)

- 12 & 13 Chester Library Booksale – Municipal Center, Chestertown
- 13** **LLPDA MEET YOUR LOONEY NEIGHBORS – 7:00-9:00 PM Conservation Club**
- 13 Carol Theater 7:30 PM - The Resolutions - harmony, humor and heart – Chestertown
- 13 Rotary Garage Sale – Municipal Center, Chestertown
- 20 Carol Theater 7:30 PM – Oldies Show 50’s, 60’s & 70’s – Chestertown
- 25 “Homespun Community Dancing with Peter, Paul and George”- Chestertown Library
- 26 Carol Theater 7:30 PM – Hot Club of Saratoga Gypsy Swing Ensemble – Chestertown
- 27** **LLPDA FAMILY WATER CARNIVAL FIELD DAY – 9:00 AM Loon Lake Beach**
- 27** **LLPDA MAGICAL LOON LAKE BOAT PARADE - 4:00 PM Loon Lake**
- 27 Seagle Colony Opera for Kids – Municipal Center, Chestertown
- 28 HHHN Care for Kids 5K Race

AUGUST

- 1 Puppet People “Pirates of Book Island” – Chestertown Library
- 3 Carol Theater 7:30 PM – Memories of Patsy Cline - Chestertown
- 4** **LLPDA FAMILY DAY HIKE - Meet at 9:30 AM at the bottom of DYNAMITE Hill**
- 7, 14, 21, 28..... Farmers’ Market – Main Street, Chestertown
- 7, 14, 21, 28..... Horicon Fire Bingo – Brant Lake Firehouse
- 8 Planetarium Adventures “Life of a Star and Our Sun” – Chestertown Library
- 9** **LLPDA MARV COLE GOLF TOURNAMENT - 8:00 AM at Cronin’s**
- 10 Carol Theater 7:30 PM - Across the Pond/Beatles Tribute – Chestertown
- 15 Magician Joey D with “Book Magic”- Chestertown Library
- 17 Carol Theater 7:30 PM – Beatles After the Band – Chestertown
- 17 Rotary Golf Tournament – Cronin’s
- 24 Carol Theater 7:30 PM – Chicago Total Access - Chestertown
- 25** **LLPDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 9:00 AM Dynamite Hill Ski Hut**
- 30 Carol Theater 7:30 PM – Rolling Stones Tribute - Chestertown

SEPTEMBER

- 4, 11, 18..... Farmers’ Market – Main Street, Chestertown
- 21 Helpers Fund 5K & 10K Race - Chestertown
- 28 Town wide Garage Sale – Various, Brant Lake, Chestertown

OCTOBER

- 12 Great Brant Lake Duck Race – Mill Pond
- 14** **Columbus Day – Loon Lake Boat Launch CLOSES**

DECEMBER

- 3 Taste of Tri-Lakes – Panther Mountain Inn – Chestertown
- 3 Rotary Memory Tree Lighting – Panther Mountain Inn - Chestertown
- 8** **LLPDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - 9:00 AM Dynamite Hill Ski Hut**
- 14 Rotary Christmas with Santa - Municipal Center, Chestertown

2020 - Save the Date

- Feb 15 Brant Lake Winter Carnival - Jimbo’s
- Feb 22 Crazy Downhill Derby - Dynamite Hill
- Mar 14 Saint Patrick Day Parade – Main Street Chestertown



LLPDA 501C3 TAX EXEMPT MEMBERSHIP

The LLPDA was granted '501c3 organizational status and any and all donations are tax deductible. We continue to offer our basic membership annual dues at \$20 but also offer greater choice for sponsors looking to help finance lake stewardship. Membership levels are as follows::

Membership	\$ 20.00
Family Sponsor	\$ 30.00
Gold Sponsor.....	\$ 50.00
Platinum Sponsor	\$100.00

We have printed decals for all levels of membership to allow LLPDA members to showcase their pride in our lake. Members and Family level will continue to receive the logo decal we have used in the past. Donations at the Gold and Platinum sponsors level will be given special 2019 Gold or Platinum stickers. (pictured below) As always, we appreciate everyone's support in protecting our lake for future generations.



Marina Minders

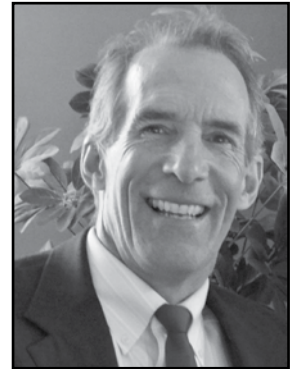
The Loon Lake Marina boat launch is closed to the general public.

The Town Boat Launch is open to the General Public and enables boaters to be inspected for invasives, cleaned if needed and launched all free of charge.

TOWN BOAT LAUNCH OPENS
Mother's Day – May 12th
Open 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Daily
TOWN BOAT LAUNCH CLOSES
Columbus Day – October 14th

SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

The Town of Chester and the Loon Lake Park District Association continue to partner on special projects that preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of Loon Lake and the quality of life we enjoy by being on and around the Lake. Special thanks go out to LLPDA's directors and members for their direct involvement with managing projects and for providing a voice on important issues.



Because of LLDA's management of the free boat wash station & launch and the Eurasian milfoil remediation program, the District has been able to reduce the cost of these important actions by 17% since 2017. Further cost reductions for the milfoil harvest program are projected because of the aggressive and consistent effort that has been made over the past 4 years.

In January, the Town Board received a Preliminary Alternative Analysis for the Rehabilitation of Loon Lake Dam, prepared by Civil Dynamics Engineering. They outlined several alternatives to stabilize the dam and increase spillway capacity, as required by NYS DEC. The Board has directed the engineers to develop preliminary constructions costs and finalize the results of the alternative analysis. We expect a report in May.

New this year, the Town and the YMCA Adirondack Center are partnering to provide a fitness room in the Town Municipal Center and to renovate the old gymnasium for indoor sports. Grand opening is scheduled for early May and monthly memberships are available to the public. The Town also continues to expand and improve the popular Chester Challenge trail system.

From all of us at the Town we wish you a great summer season and look forward to seeing you around town and on the Lake. Enjoy – we have it good here!

Craig Leggett, Supervisor.

The LLPDA Summer Social

We are celebrating at Green Mansions on Friday, July 12th from 5 to 8PM. This is your chance to meet and socialize with your **Adult** Loon Lake neighbors. The Association will provide appetizers and finger foods, while Green Mansions will offer a cash bar. Dress is comfortable and casual and we anticipate having background music suitable for conversation. Because we are providing the appetizers, we will need a confirmed count of people attending.

Please reserve **RSVP** by July 1st via email to John Nick (jmnick52@hotmail.com).



Time to Strut your Stuff!



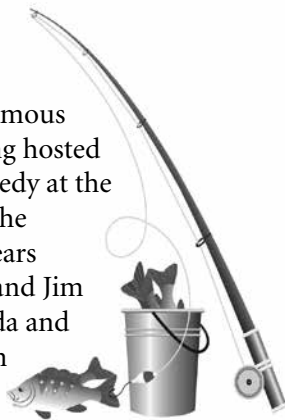
Our boat parade HAS been the summer highlight for Loon Lake. Unfortunately, participation has been dropping off in past years and we are questioning whether to continue this event. Well the proof is in the participation, which is fun, easy and whimsical. Decorate your boat – join the fun and VOTE with that participation to keep this as an Annual Loon Lake event.

Show up in your boat on July 27th at 4PM near the Loon Lake Marina buoy. We will motor counterclockwise around the lake. A special thanks to the Vogel Family for organizing this magical event for many years.



LOON LAKE FISHING DERBY

On Saturday, July 6th, the world famous LOON LAKE FISHING DERBY is being hosted by John MacMillen and Howard Kennedy at the public beach. Sign-up is at 9 AM and the event is open to all children up to 16 years of age. Our outstanding Chefs, Nancy and Jim Fregoe, are providing free hot dogs, soda and chips for all attendees. The competition ends at noon with prizes awarded in various categories.



MEET YOUR LOONY NEIGHBORS

MEET YOUR LOONEY NEIGHBORS is designed as an enjoyable gathering reaching out to our younger generations. Saturday July 13th, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Conservation Club, the LLPDA invites you to mingle and enjoy s'mores and ice cream around a roaring campfire. RSVP to Ellen at 914-494-2581. We will have fun at the event and plan summer youth activities. Let's get the kids off of the video games and active in our Loon Lake community.



NEW YORK FREE FISHING

During these Free Fishing Days/Weekends, anyone can fish the fresh waters of New York State and no fishing license is required! June 29-30, 2019; September 28, 2019; November 11, 2019

LLPDA FAMILY DAY HIKE



Our famous family day hike, this year will be Sunday, August 4th and ages 4 and up are welcome with family members. We will adventure up Kipp mountain and enjoy the spectacular views of Loon Lake. This is a moderate 2 mile but very doable and fun hike. Bring water and snacks. We will meet for the outing at 9:30 AM at the bottom of DYNAMITE Hill.

Our intrepid leaders are Marti Townley and Roxy Griesmer. Call Marti, 518-301-3712 or email mdksshea@aol.com with any questions. Look forward to seeing everyone!

FAMILY WATER CARNIVAL & FIELD DAY

Fun and festivities for children ages 3-15 on Saturday the 27 July at the Loon Lake Public Beach. Thank you to Doris Gargan and her Family for organizing the Family Water Carnival. Games start at 9AM with Prizes, Soda and Hot Dogs at noon, to conclude the event.



NEW YORK STATE BOATING SAFETY COURSE

ATTENTION - Boaters, ages 10 and above. Want/need a boating license? The LLPDA is conducting the NEW YORK STATE BOATING SAFETY COURSE, July 5 & 6, 2019 (2 days) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Dynamite Hill Recreation Center (Ski Hut), 3 Dynamite Hill, Chestertown. Class size is limited so sign up early. Register at the Marina (518-494-3410) and leave a contact phone # and e-mail address. Bring a pen and a snack.





2019 MEMBERSHIP to the LOON LAKE PARK DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, INC.

To join or renew your membership, please visit the Loon Lake Park District website at <http://www.loonlakeassociation.com> and use PayPal or return this form with your check payable to "LLPDA, Inc." Remember, membership levels are: Membership - \$20.00, Family Sponsor - \$30.00, Gold Sponsor - \$50.00, Platinum Sponsor - \$100.00. Please add or update us on your contact information including your e-mail address. We have 501C3 status and all dues amounts are tax deductible. A SPECIAL REMINDER!!! . . . and thanks to the residents of Chester Shores, Loon Lake Club, Loon Lake Heights, Forest Shores and Pine Ridge Associations. Your basic 2019 LLPDA Membership Dues are included in your Home Owners Association Fees and will be paid by your HMO. Should you wish to become a higher level sponsor, simply send in the amount for that level minus the \$20.00 which has been provided by your HMO.

- MEMBERSHIP\$ 20.00
- FAMILY SPONSOR.....\$ 30.00
- GOLD SPONSOR.....\$ 50.00
- PLATINUM SPONSOR..... \$100.00

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME/MAILING ADDRESS: _____

SUMMER ADDRESS (include house number and street): _____

PHONE (LOCAL) _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

CELL _____

Loon Lake Park District Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 301, Chestertown, New York 12817
(please send Golf Checks separately)



LLPDA MARV COLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

This tournament is always a huge success with a full complement of 144 golfers. Not only do we have fun, but we raise several thousand dollars each year for local Town of Chester scholarships and charities. As in prior years only the first 144 **PAID** golfers will be included. **PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION AND CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

DETAILS: The tournament is Friday, August 9, 2019 at Cronin's Golf Resort. **PLAYERS MUST ARRIVE BY 8.00 AM** for check in and an 8:30 AM shotgun start. Cost is **\$80 PER PERSON**. Cronin's members can deduct \$15.00, Cart Members deduct \$25.00. Fee includes green fees, cart, beverages on the course, lunch, golf give away and prizes.



REGISTRATION FORM

Send a separate check payable to: "LLPDA-GOLF TOURNAMENT" and send it to LLPDA, Inc., PO Box 294, Chestertown, NY 12817.

LLPDA Member's Name _____

Total # in group: Men _____ Women _____

List Team Members:

Phone: Local _____

Home _____

Cell _____

E-mail: _____



LOOSE LEAD SINKS LOONS

The Loon's presence on our lake is an important sign of its overall health and fortunately our Loon population continues to grow. Loons have long lives, most to twenty-five years, but many are tragically cut short due to ingesting lead used in sinkers and jigs. Even a small amount of lead can cause painful and fatal poisoning. NY State has a ban on lead sinkers and we ask that you do not use lead fishing tackle of any kind. Let's keep these beautiful and melodic birds healthy and allow them to welcome us with their calls each morning at Loon Lake.

PAYPAL

Again, for your convenience, the LLPDA is providing an "on line pay option" using PayPal online payment systems. On the LLPDA website, click on the following link: http://loonlakeassociation.com/new_application.html. No need to download the application, write a check and mail the letter. Your online payment information is safe and secure as it is against our policy to share any information about our members to other organizations. Of course, you can still pay by mail and check. The Loon Lake Park District Association appreciates your support and membership.



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