

LAKE MORAINES ASSOCIATION

FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

What a great stretch of weather we've had in September! Summer temperatures finally kicked in and brought some bonus time for enjoying the lake to its fullest. Now we all scurry to get the last of the boats and docks out, clean up leaves and winterize our places. It's always sad to see the end of the season, but we take away new memories of great times with family and friends.

We were lucky once again to enjoy a high level of clarity in the water all summer, and to avoid the blue green algae issues prevalent in many upstate NY lakes. We treated for algae just once this year, in late June. This was the sixth consecutive summer that we avoided chemical treatment of weeds in the lower lake. However we are starting to see some Eurasian milfoil returning in spots to the lower lake. The board will continue to closely monitor plant life.

There are some new sections in the newsletter. Thank you members for contributing!

I hope everyone has a healthy and happy winter. See you in the spring!

Ann

Our most recent Board of Directors meeting was on September 14. Items of interest:

NEW LMA TREASURER

Our new treasurer is Bob Carroll. Our 2017 LMA paid membership was down from prior years. If you neglected to pay your 2017 dues there is still time!! Submit your \$20 membership fee to Bob at 3162 Lake Moraine Rd, Hamilton, N.Y. 13346. PLEASE!! If you can't remember if you paid, submit \$20 anyway and it will be applied to your 2018 dues!!\

WALLEYE STOCKING

We will be purchasing 15,000 fingerlings @ a cost of \$25,000. They will be placed in the lake in early November when water is cooler and survival rates are higher. 5,000 will go into the upper lake, 10,000 in the lower. DEC recently stocked our lake with 800 tiger muskies.

SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADES

There is a new \$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!! Anyone interested should contact Kevin Walsh at [315-263-8850](tel:315-263-8850). The rebates for septic cleanouts are still in effect. Let's take advantage of them.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Lake drawdown will likely begin around November 1. As in past years, we request a 3-4 foot drawdown to allow owners to repair their shoreline and to limit ice damage.

The boat launch dock will be removed by the DEC in late October or early November. It depends on how cold it gets and how soon. They usually put it back into the lake in early April, or pretty soon after the ice goes out. The DEC also mows the launch area, plows it in the winter, and repairs potholes. They do pick up trash left at the site as well.

Leaf Pick-ups are scheduled for November 4 and 18 at the following locations:

North side of Sunny Point Road at East Lake Road
Frank Road opposite the Colgate Boathouse entrance
Opposite John Slater's camp at 4391 East Lake Road by the garage drive

- **LEAVES MUST BE BAGGED... NO STICKS OR OTHER DEBRIS.**
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS!**
- **PICKUP IS THESE TWO DAYS ONLY. DO NOT DROP OFF BAGS IN THE SPRING!**

TIPS FOR A CLEANER LAKE

(Submitted by Kevin Walsh)

Phosphates are banned in New York State laundry detergents but not in dishwasher detergents. Every lake resident should only be using non-phosphate dishwasher detergents.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is urging New Yorkers to be mindful of a new state law that limits the percentage of phosphorus in lawn fertilizers and restricts locations where fertilizers can be used. Application of any fertilizer on lawns or non-agricultural turf within 20 feet of a water body is restricted. Phosphorus is carried to lakes from lawn areas by storm water runoff. Phosphorus in water has been linked to increases in toxic algae blooms.

DID YOU KNOW?

(Submitted by Diane Fenton)

We see a lone loon on the lake for a couple of weeks in the spring and fall as it stops for a bit on its migratory path. One day we watched as an eagle repeatedly swooped toward it, but the loon dove out of harm's way each time. Here are some loony facts:

Loons are water birds, only going ashore to mate and incubate eggs. Their legs are placed far back on their bodies, allowing efficient swimming but only awkward movement on land. Loons are well equipped for their submarine maneuvers to catch fish. Unlike most birds with hollow bones, loons have solid bones

that make them less buoyant and better at diving. They can quickly blow air out of their lungs and flatten their feathers to expel air within their plumage, so they can dive quickly and swim fast underwater. Once below the surface, the loon's heart slows down to conserve oxygen.