

Cossayuna Lake

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The President's Letter

by Albina Grianon

Wow, it is hard to believe that the summer has ended. The CLIA building is closed, and the leaves are turning color. We had a fantastic summer.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make the lake a better community. The harvesting team did a great job trying to keep up with the outbreak of the filamentous algae.

Our Friday night calypso events averaged 70 people each week. The different menu entrees

were a real treat. A good time was had by all who attended the dances. Thank you to Randy and Sharon for coming out of retirement to make this a fun event.

The chicken barbeque was a huge success serving 96 dinners. We even had to turn people away. Our 2012 calendar is available and is absolutely beautiful.

The pictures of the lake are awesome.

Congratulations to Rose Bain for submitting this years winning photo.

Thanks to Steve and Ora Frenchak for donating the calendars to the Association. I hope many of you will buy them and show off our beautiful lake.

We have several new board members this year who bring enthusiasm and new ideas for next year. Watch for new events in the spring newsletter. I hope everyone has a great fall season and enjoys the apples and pumpkins.

2012 Calendars On Sale

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Winning Photo Submitted by Rose Bain





2012 Cossayuna Lake Calendar



A special calendar has been compiled featuring some spectacular photos of Cossayuna Lake. The calendar includes a photo for each month of the year and features submissions from the 2011 Annual Photo Contest. Order yours for the holiday gift giving season!

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Eliminate the postage fee by picking up calendars directly from Leslie in Cossayuna.
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Please complete the information above and submit with check made payable to CLIA to:

Cossayuna Lake Calendar
PO Box 26
Cossayuna, NY 12823



Submitted By:
Ginnie Matino



Spillway

by Marie Rokjer

We realize that there are many new homeowners in the community and we would like to explain the procedure and the reasoning for drawing down the lake in the fall. Our 2012 Lake Management Plan states that we are to begin winter draw down by removing the board from the spillway the day after Columbus Day and slowly drawing down the lake through October and completely opening the gates on the spillway by November 30th of each year. The reasons for drawing down the lake are two-fold. First, when the lake is drawn down any milfoil or curly-leafed pondweed that is exposed to the frost will be killed on the shorelines. Secondly, when the ice goes out in the spring

erosion of the shoreline is less likely if the lake is at the draw down level. We monitor the level of the lake throughout the year by opening or closing the spillway when necessary to maintain the proper water table so that septic systems around the lake can function more efficiently. If you have any questions on the spillway please feel free to contact Larry Varney @ 692-7495 or varneygail@yahoo.com; or Frank Gabianelli @ 531-4121 fgabianelli@roadrunner.com Once the board is removed and the spillway is opened completely on Nov. 30th it remains that way for the entire winter until after the spring thaw. The CLIA only checks to make sure there are no blockages in the outlet or

spillway throughout the late fall and early winter months until the ice forms. We have no control over the ice pulling away from the shorelines throughout the winter months due to snow cover and melting conditions



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FALL CLEAN UP - SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank the volunteers who came to help. There were over 20 people who came to put the grounds and building to rest for the year. Thanks for your support!

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2011 Election Results

New Officers and Directors were chosen at the August Election Meeting. The Officers and Directors with their committee assignments are listed below. Please feel free to contact anyone of them if you have any questions or concerns:

Officers:

President:	Albina Grignon	692-8376 (Education - Boaters' Safety Course)
Vice President:	Kelly Pauley	326-8083(H) 522-6330 (C) (By-Laws, Newsletter & Lake Management)
Secretary:	Marie Rokjer	692-9270 (Website & Advertising)
Treasurer:	Dick Hutchinson	374-5788 (H) 692-3195(C) (Insurance)

Directors

Dan Rokjer	692-9270	(Harvesting Chair)
Stephanie Harwood	692-9390	(Social Comm & Cleaning)
Butch Grignon	692-8376	(Building & Grounds Chair)
Leslie Lant	692-1203	(Newsletter & Promo Items)
Nancy Hieber	692-9206	(Asst Treasurer, Membership)
Nora Jepson	692-2944	(Social Chair)
Larry Varney	692-7495	(Spillway & Harvesting Comm)
Frank Gabianelli	531-4121	(Spillway & Harvesting Comm)
Mike Mound	361-2454	(Harvesting Committee)
Elisa Mussi	222-7064	(Fundraising Chair)
Patricia Smith	531-4140	(Rentals & Fundraising Comm)
Ron Remillard	570-807-0534	(Harvesting Committee)

Although no longer on the Board, Steve Frenchak has volunteered to continue to make the signs that announce the CLIA activities and Tom Schultz has volunteered to mow the lawns at the CLIA building.

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Item Description	Color	Size	Remaining Quantity	Cost
Cossayuna Hat	Beige		13	\$12
Ladies Visors	Navy Blue		3	\$10
Adult Sweatshirt	Gray	SM	1	\$15
Child Sweatshirt	Gray	MD	1	\$15
	Gray	LG	4	
	Blue	MD	2	
	Blue	LG	2	
	Pink	LG	4	
Adult Tee Shirt	Lilac	SM	1	\$11
	Lilac	XL	1	
	Lilac	XXL	1	
	Green	SM	1	
	Blue/Gray	MD	1	
	Gray	MD	1	

Advertising by Marie Rokjer

Do you know anyone that needs to expand community awareness of their business? What better way to advertise than a low cost local newsletter. Quarterly mailings go to every resident within one mile of the lake. Marie

Rokjer, CLIA Secretary is also sending out approximately 90 letters to area businesses soliciting ads for our newsletters. The donation requested for having your ad included in 4 newsletter mailings per year is \$30.00.

Anyone who would like to have their ad included could do so by sending their business card electronically to Kelly Pauley, Newsletter Editor, at sydsfun@nycap.rr.com or, for those of you who don't have computer

access, by enclosing their business card along with a check for \$30.00 made payable to the CLIA and mail to PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823. All ads have to be submitted by November 30, 2011 for inclusion in the 2012 newsletters.

Algae Bloom by Marie Rokjer

Some of you are probably aware of the algae bloom that is present on the lake at this time. Here is an explanation taken from **THE COSSAYUNA STATE OF THE LAKE REPORT** that was prepared in conjunction with the New York State Federation of Lake Associations Watershed Management Planning Project. "As the summer progresses, there is an increase in algae growth, as measured by

chlorophyll a, and an increase in phosphorus, with slightly decreased clarity. This increase in productivity is likely due to the mixing of nutrient-rich bottom waters with the lake surface waters when the lake de-stratifies in the fall. This enrichment of lake bottom waters, in turn, is likely due to the release of phosphorus from bottom sediments when oxygen levels fall to near zero in the lake bottom." Cossayuna Lake is an eutrophic lake and

normally experiences an algae bloom at this time every year. However, the bloom that is present now encompasses the entire lake. There are two sources of nutrient loading; internal and external. The internal is the phosphorus that is trapped on the lake bottom that has accumulated over the years and that is released when the oxygen is depleted from the bottom waters. The external nutrient loading comes from our entire

watershed through runoff. We just received 5+ inches of rain from Tropical Storm Irene and another 3 inches of rain the following week. The sudden increase in external nutrient loading from this extreme weather pattern only compounded our de-stratification that we normally experience this time of the year.

Membership Report by Nancy Hieber

We would like to thank all of this year's members for taking responsibility for our lake by joining the CLIA. We concluded the membership drive with 221 members this year. The CLIA supports lake management efforts, organizes social events, and promotes a family friendly atmosphere for all of the lake residents

and neighbors to enjoy. We hope that next year you will encourage your neighbors to participate by joining too. Your membership contribution and donations to the CLIA are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

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Fall Fertilizing by M. Rokjer

Everyone lives in a watershed whether you live close to a body of water or not. A watershed is the surrounding land that drains into a lake, stream, or river. It includes drainage systems such as ditches and storm sewers, which mean you have a direct effect on water quality.

As we welcome fall, many homeowners realize it is time to fertilize your lawn. The grass has endured the

summer stresses and the cool temperatures provide the perfect opportunity for recovery. The benefits of fall fertilization include a healthier turf before winter along with a healthier root system. **Before you fertilize however, think responsibly.** Phosphates are a major source of pollution in lakes and streams, and high phosphate levels support over-production of algae

and water weeds. Phosphorous comes from many sources such as leaves, lawn clippings, animal waste, and it is in most lawn fertilizers.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has some wonderful videos and publications on [Healthy Lawn Care Practices](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/lawncares/) (<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/lawncares/>) that you can apply to reduce the amount of runoff pollutants in your watershed.



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