Cossayuna Lake SUMMER NEWSLETTER

2020

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Welcome Summertime!

Lynn LeCours, Social Chair

It's been such a beautiful month on the lake. Whether you are a full-time resident or a weekend dweller, how lucky we are that we get to spend our days here on Cossayuna. Especially now, as the world around us is changing, it's good to be here in our happy place.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our lake at our first Friday Night Food Truck dinner over Memorial Day weekend. About 106 dinners were served. As you know, all profits from our dinners are put towards the care of our beautiful lake. We look forward to seeing more of you at these events. All dinners will be served in take-out containers. But feel free to bring a chair and gather at a distance.

In an effort to keep you safe, we are moving indoor events that can be held outdoors to our new pavilion, and will add rain dates as needed. Please check the events page on cossayunalake.com for updates!

We are still looking for volunteers at events to help with ticket sales, set up and clean up. Give me a call if you wish to volunteer for any or all of the events.

Thank you to all the people who volunteer their time to the association to keep things running smoothly. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to any one of us for more information. We have a few openings on the Board of Directors, and fresh faces and new ideas are vital to keep us moving forward.

Have a safe and healthy Summer! See you on the lake.

Lynn LeCours

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2020 Event Calendar: June - July (be sure to check cossayunalake.com for updates!)





2020 Event Calendar: August - October (be sure to check cossayunalake.com for updates!)



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2020 Herbicide Treatment Update

by Sheila Rappazzo, Herbicide Chair

The chemical treatment of the Lake took place on Thursday May 7th. Weather conditions were good for the treatment, and the application went well. They were out there a good portion of the day; there were two boats working on the treatment. The air boat, which is definitely more noticeable, and loud, was doing the application of the Navigate for Milfoil. Navigate is solid pellets that are distributed from a spreader on the boat. The other boat was doing the Aquathol application for the Curlyleaf Pondweed. Aquathol is a liquid which they put into the water with a hose from the boat. That boat was just a regular boat, similar to a fishing boat. There was just one guy on it, definitely not as noticeable as the air boat. We saw him when walking our dog that afternoon along East Lake Road just south of where the road diverges from the lake shoreline (a Curlyleaf application area). From a distance, at first I wasn't sure if it was the applicator, or just a fisherman. But it was clear, as we got closer and watched him working. Later in the day, the airboat had completed the milfoil treatment areas, and then switched to doing the liquid herbicide for Curlyleaf Pondweed, along with the other boat. That was why we noticed the airboat going back to the same general areas where they had been treating earlier in the day.



Thanks to the donations of many we were able to proceed with the treatment, though at a scaled back level from what had been identified. Ninety-two (92) acres were treated. We did not, unfortunately, raise enough to cover the full cost of the treatment. The Board made the decision to allocate significant funds needed when Solitude bills us for the treatment, from CLIA funds from various fund raising events, and CLIA general fund accounts. Funding is always an issue, and it seems that as the lake has improved, the money dwindles. Keeping Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed in check is a daunting task. Both are very resilient, aggressive, invasive weeds. And it's not too late to donate!

Restrictions on the use of the water for potable purposes and irrigation will be lifted once laboratory analysis is completed. Results are expected shortly.

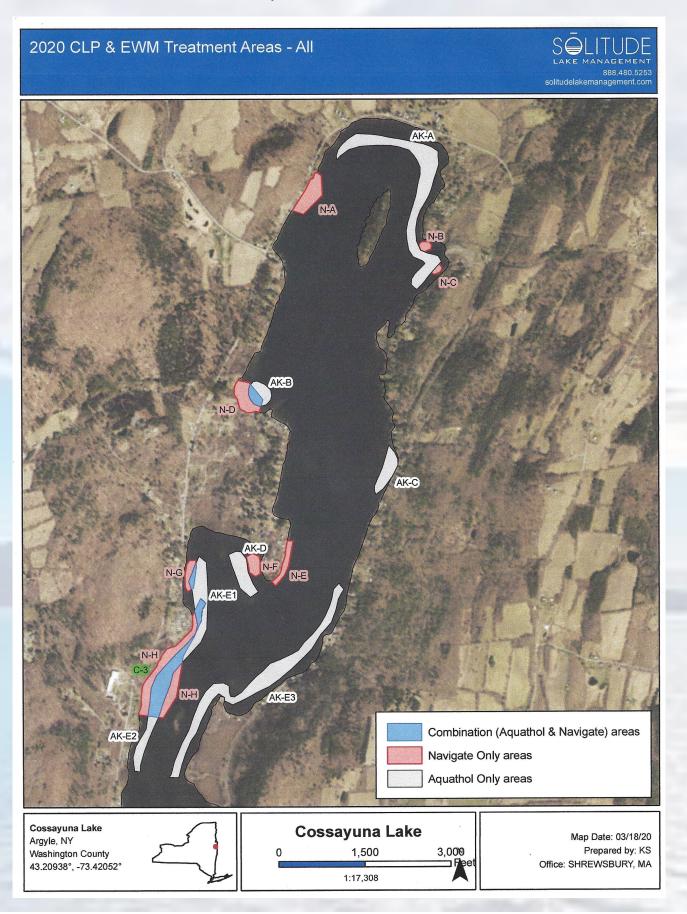
If you have questions (including what kinds of weeds you have by your dock), please contact Sheila Rappazzo at sarappazzo@yahoo.com or 518-429-8312 (call or text).

Water Chestnut Pull

by Gene Henry, Water Chestnut Removal Chair

Mark your calendar! This season's pulls are scheduled for July 6th and July 30th, 10:00 am - noon. Places to be announced, once the problem areas become visible.

2020 Herbicide Treatment Map



Call for Nominations - August Election

Rayna Henry, Nominating Chair

The Lake needs help! We need new blood! Are you available or know someone who would be a great CLIA Board member? Each year we have 4 vacancies for 3-year terms for CLIA Directors, along with all Officers who serve one year terms.

Lynn LeCours, Sue Roach, Fran Buck and Elisa Mussi will be finishing out their Director's terms this year at the August 29th Election Meeting. All have decided not to run again for a Director's seat, so we are hoping some new folks will step up.

Here is the information for the Officer positions:

Lynn Wilbur is **not** seeking re-election as President. Kelly Pauley is **not** seeking re-election as Vice President.

Rick Ryan is seeking re-election as Treasurer.

John Felicetti is **not** seeking re-election as Secretary.

Thank you to all the officers who have donated so much of their time to care for the lake that we all share.

Officer Nominations received to date:

Evelyn Costello for President

Lynn LeCours for Vice President

Rick Ryan for Treasurer

Anne Marie Marrone Caliendo for Secretary

Candidates who have been nominated for Director seats (4 positions currently open):

Lynn Wilbur and Edward Costello

Please feel free to nominate yourself or anyone else for any of the Director or Officer positions. Please contact Rayna Henry at 518-7444822 or rhnavigate@roadrunner.com

2015 5 Year Plan Review

Lynn Wilbur, CLIA President

In 2015 a 5 Year Plan was put in place by then President Pat Smith. Below is a summary and results of the plan.

Focus Area	Current Assessment or Recommendation (2015)	Results Through May, 2020
Plumbing	Outdoor pressure tank should be redone as indoor unit able to winterize and shut-off valves.	New Tank installed 2019.
	Septic & Leach Field - (Locate, Test, Service).	We have documentation that a septic system was put in but have been unable to locate tank. Decision made to just install a new system when needed.
Electrical	Check electrical systems.	Licensed electrician Mike Mound re-wired our main electrical box 4/2020 to bring it up to code.
Pavilion	Proposal made for approximately \$12,000. No decision at this time, but will reconsider as other priorities are accomplished.	New pavilion completed 2020 through a member gift.
Dam	Dam Estimates are needed, but project an expense of \$20,000 and up to shore up (rip rap) dam area. This year: clear-cut smaller brush ourselves. Larger tree removal - need professional estimate. Will confer further with Mike Mound.	We spent \$32,000 to repair the dam/spillway in 2017.
Harvesting	Recognition that harvesting needs are evolving. Current harvester is maintained and running well at this time. Cost of replacement: \$110k. Consideration of the EcoHarvester - a smaller, lighter, more versatile harvester able to pull, cut, skim aquatic weeds & removes floating debris. Projected cost - \$58k. Need to investigate first-hand before any more discussion. Frank Smith will arrange site visit soon with Frank G. and Gene to Lake Bomoseen, VT to see one in action.	We received a grant for \$125,000 and purchased a refurbished harvester in 2017.
Roof	Not part of 5 Year Plan, but constant leaks and issues.	Raised sufficient funds to replace roof on Gifford Hall in 2019.

DID YOU KNOW?





In the US, June is regarded as National Candy Month.

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WEED HARVESTING INFO

The harvester entered the lake on June 1st. It will be cutting open waters first before addressing individual customer properties. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Buck (802-558-1948) or go to the Harvesting Info page on cossayunalake.com.

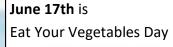
This year the holiday boat parade will be on **Saturday**, **July 4**th starting at the CLIA dock at 2:00 pm. The parade will set off and go up the east side around the island, and then down the west side to the lower tip of the Oaks peninsula, before it crosses back to the east side to head back up to the CLIA for the judges' decisions. We will have prizes for the winners of each category (funniest, most patriotic and most original)!

John Hancock was the only member of the Continental Congress to formally sign the Declaration of Independence on **July 4th**, 1776.



The Board of Directors would like to thank the 73 folks who have elected to receive our newsletter by email or via link to our website. This not only saves money for other activities, but helps our environment. If you would like to go paperless, please contact Board Member Nancy Hieber at whiebersr@aol.com or 518-692-9206







July is National Watermelon Month!



July 7–13: National Farriers Week



July 8: International Town Criers Day



July 17: World Emoji Day



• Jul 20–28: National Moth Week



July 22: Spooner's Day



• July 27: Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day



Be Safe on the Lake!

Nicer weather means more people out enjoying Cossayuna Lake. So, now is the perfect time to remind ourselves of the following:

First... did you know that as of January 1, 2020, New York State law requires boat operators (including motorized boats and jet skis) to pass a boater safety course and to carry a New York State boater card? This law is being phased in over six years. In Phase 1, all motorized boat operators born on or after January 1, 1993 will be required to carry the New York State boater card as of January 1, 2020.

The state offers a convenient way to complete the required safety course online. Please check the attached link for more information. If you are a boater or a jet skier, please do your part to make our lake a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

https://www.boat-ed.com/newyork/?kme=boat+fresh&campaign=ny+reviewsV1

Second... If you are out on a boat or jet ski, please remember to be safe, responsible and courteous while operating your watercraft. Check out the attached link to the NYS Boater's Guide, which has all the rules, regulations and resources you need to know in order to boat safely and legally.

https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/resources.aspx

NYSFOLA - A Good Organization for our Lake



What Is NYSFOLA? The goals and objectives of the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) are to protect the water resources of New York through public outreach, education, sharing information, and partnerships. NYSFOLA is a non-profit group of lake associations, individual citizens, park districts, lake managers, environmental organizations, and consultants dedicated to the preservation and restoration of NYS lakes and watersheds.

There are over 200 lake associations throughout NYS actively involved in NYSFOLA

NYSFOLA was founded in 1983 to address water quality concerns and invasive species issues for concerned lake associations. DEC collaborated with NYSFOLA to initiate Citizen Scientist Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) and the program continues to be managed through this partnership. Cossayuna Lake has been involved in the CSLAP program since its inception. The scientific data that it provides us drives our lake management plan.

What Services Does NYSFOLA Provide?

NYSFOLA is involved in many activities in lake communities:

- provides annual training for CSLAP volunteers
- hosts an annual lake management conference for government, academic, and lake managers
- organizes regional conferences to focus on local topics
- promotes educational projects and distributes Diet for a Small Lake, a lake management book written in collaboration with DEC
- participates in advisory groups
- represents New York State lake associations as an affiliate of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS)

If you want to learn more about lake management, joining this organization is a great place to start.

Pictured above: CSLAP volunteers processing aquatic vegetation samples for the aquatic plant survey

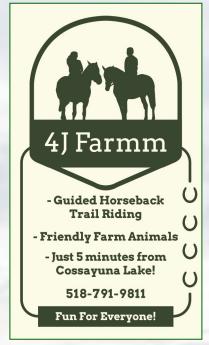
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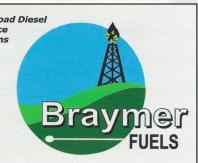
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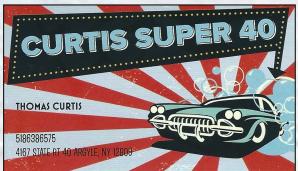


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Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association 2020 Participation Form

In order to receive harvesting and pavilion rental options, membership is required

Name	
Address of Lake Property	
Primary mailing address	
Seasonal mailing address	
Contact phone #Alternate contact	et phone #
Email Address	
(Email is for messages relating to CLIA news and alerts only)	
Membership Level Members must own property with	in one mile of the lake.
\$80 SINGLE - 1 vote / membership -1 or2names	
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Questions can be directed to the following

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