Cossayuna Lake SPRING NEWSLETTER

2020

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A note about the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)... we are living in unprecedented times, and all of us have been affected by the pandemic which has swept the world. We are hopeful for a return to more familiar times during the warmer months, and it is with this spirit that we publish our newsletter. Circumstances may change, of course, and we will let everyone know as soon as possible if events and activities must be modified or cancelled. Be safe, take all needed precautions, and we hope to see you at our happy place, our beloved lake.

A Gift of the Heart...

Our beautiful new outdoor Pavilion was donated to the CLIA by a very special and generous Cossayuna family, Sue and Mike Roach. The Pavilion was given in memory of Mike's sisters Diane Gannon and Kathleen O'Hara.

A wonderful way to honor their memories and make new memories for all Cossayuna families for years to come!



Photo courtesy of Evelyn Costello

Notes from the Social Chair... Lynn LeCours, Social Co-Chair

Spring is in the air, and we have lots of new events on our already busy social calendar this year! Clip and save the calendar in this newsletter, and check our event page on the website for updates and details @cossayunalake.com and watch for our frequent email blasts!

We have added a MEGA 50/50 this year! Tickets are \$2 each (\$5 for 3 and \$10 for 7). We will sell them all season starting at the Memorial Day weekend All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast. The winner will be drawn at the "Love Our Lake" chicken BBQ fundraiser.

We will also open a new online clothing store on Memorial Day weekend with some fun new designs, styles and colors! Look for links in the email blast and on our Facebook pages. Lynn E. will be teaching Yoga again on Friday mornings. Watch the calendar for dates.

We'd love to see some new faces at the CLIA this year. We have a lot of fun, and all events are family-friendly. Give me a call if you'd like to volunteer at any of our events, or if you have any ideas for new events that you'd like to bring in. Would you like to hold a workshop or teach a class? It's a fun way to get involved and meet a really great bunch of people.

Looking forward to a fun and HEALTHY season at the lake. Be well everyone!

Lynn LeCours 518-253-9377 lynnllecours@gmail.com

Harvesting Update

Fran Buck, Harvesting Co-Chair

Summer will be here before you know it and we will be putting the harvester in the water around the 3rd week of May. We will start with open water to fulfill our contracts with the towns of Argyle and Greenwich and then we will start on the southern end of the lake doing properties and work our way around.

The schedule will be posted on our website on a weekly basis. Please check to see where we will be and when you will be harvested. Have a great summer and be safe. See you on the water.

Fran Buck Harvesting Co-Chair

Boating Safety

Jason Fedler, Assistant Chief, Cossayuna Fire Department

Spring has arrived! And with that comes warmer air temperatures, sunshine, and you are ready to get out onto the water. But are you really ready? First let's talk about safety. From November 1st through May 1st, all boaters and passengers in watercraft less than 21 feet in length must be wearing a lifejacket. This includes kayaks & canoes. Children under the age of 12 and on a watercraft of less than 65 feet in length must wear a lifejacket year-round.

Research from the U.S. Coast Guard revealed that in 2018 there were 4,145 boating accidents that resulted in 633 deaths. Of the 633 deaths, 77% were a result of drowning in which 84% of the victims were **NOT WEARING LIFEJACKETS** at the time. Further investigation into these incidents found that 74% of the people involved had **NO BOATER SAFETY** instruction at all.

So, the next time Law Enforcement, DEC, Fire Department or Coast Guard is checking your vessel for proper safety equipment or to ensure safe and sober operation, please remember one thing. We are not out to issue tickets or give you a hard time; we are trying to save lives. Have a happy and safe 2020 boating season.



Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely



If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, check out the in classroom (seminar) version of our popular online boating course.

This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safely.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Introduction to Boating - Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.

Boating Law - Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements,

Boat Safety Equipment - Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment. About Boating Safety

Safe Boating - Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.

Navigation - The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."

Boating Problems - Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers: emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.

Trailering, Storing and Protecting Your Boat - Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.

Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating - Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

Presented by Flotilla 014-15-10 Lake George, NY

Course: About Boating Safely

Start Date: Sat, 06 Jun 2020 Hours: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Duration: 8 Hs

Location: Cossayuna Lake Improvement

Assn

314 E Lake Road Cossayuna, NY 12823

Contact: Lynn Enny

glanenny@aol.com (518) 499-2883

Course Cost: \$20

Comments: Students should report At 8:30 am

with class to start 9 am sharp; Age 10 years or older - Under 14 yrs must be accompanied by an adult; must attend all 8 hours of class to obtain certificate; certificate is recognized by NYS Parks & Recreation as meeting state boating education requirement

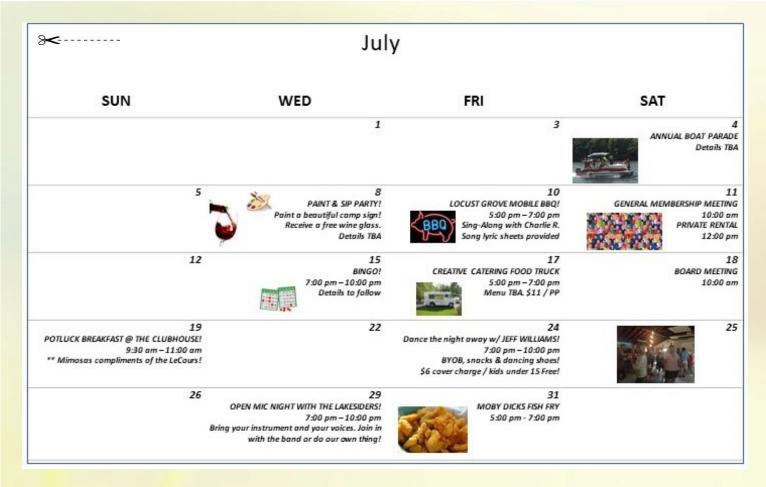
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7	10	LOCUST GROVE MOBILE BBQ! 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Check-in 10:30 am, event 12 – 3:30 pr Prizes, Baskets, 50/50, BYOB after the run
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21 Br	24 OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH THE LAKESIDERS! 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm ing your instrument and your voices. Join in with the band or do our own thing!	MOBY DICKS FISH FRY 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	2.' BOARD MEETING - 9:30 ar TRIVIA NIGHT - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pr Bring your teams and try to bea

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





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Photo courtesy of Jack Newton

Membership!

Peg Pahoulis, Membership Chair

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in membership dues, either by using our new online system (LOVE it!) or by putting a check in the mail. Either way, we are grateful for your support of our efforts to maintain the beauty of Cossayuna Lake.

Some of you have requested a contact list of fellow members and that will be available via email shortly. Only folks who agreed to list their information will receive this directory. If you've changed your mind and would like to be included, just drop me an email and you'll be included in the next email distribution.

I'm personally looking forward to seeing many of you at our Memorial Day weekend breakfast.

P.S....my email address has changed; you can reach me at pegP413@gmail.com, 518.692.9328 in season, 757.635.9891 any time.

2020 Herbicide Treatment Update

Sheila Rappazzo, Herbicide Chair

We have identified 120 acres of the lake that need treatment with herbicides this year. Of that total, 90 acres are targeted for the treatment of Curlyleaf Pondweed. After 2 years of not treating for Curlyleaf, last year it was back with a vengeance, with thick beds throughout the lake. The remaining approximately 30 acres is to keep the Milfoil in check. Last year's Milfoil treatment was very successful, but there are still some areas that were not treated last year that need treatment now.

The application for the permit for herbicide treatment was filed with DEC in February. We had hoped to use a different herbicide for the Curlyleaf Pondweed which is less expensive than the one we have used in the past. However, that herbicide will not be viable for our use at this point due to DEC regulations. We hope to get approval for the permit in very early May in order to treat prior to when the Curlyleaf seeds mature and drop.

The 120 acres that have been identified to be treated this year is a substantial acreage; we have not treated that much in several years. The cost is \$51,000 we have only collected \$7,990 so far. Your generous support for treatment of these non-native invasive weed beds is what has brought our lake back towards health. It is really important to be vigilant; if we don't keep it in check, the Milfoil will re-root all around the lake again, and as we've experienced, the Curlyleaf is quick to reemerge as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Rappazzo at sarappazzo@yahoo.com or 518-429-8312 (call or text).

Donate to Support Lake Management

We know that the current situation that our country faces is very stressful and many people are currently experiencing financial uncertainty. So, it is a troubling and uncertain time. We would like to ask that people who are able, to please donate to support the Lake Management program for herbicide treatment. We supported treatment of 120 acres in 2013 and 2014. But in recent years, we've raised less money and treated fewer acres. If everyone contributed we would have adequate funds; however, this year in particular, we know that some people will not be able to give.

Donations of \$100, \$200, \$300, would be greatly appreciated. For those that are able to give more, please consider making a significant donation to help cover for many families and friends around the lake who are not in a position to do so. If we are not able to raise enough funds, we will be unable to treat all the non-native invasive weed beds that we have identified. Insufficient funding means more damaging weed beds will spread throughout the lake.

Please make the choice to donate, and help keep Cossayuna Lake healthy.

Please donate generously to the Lake Management fund found on the Membership form.

You can also donate online by going to our website: cossayunalake.com,

click on the "Online Sign-up" page and click on the Lake Management projects link.

THANK YOU!!!







DID YOU KNOW?





As of **March 28th**, 39 CLIA members have renewed their memberships online.

Tim Hopkins is looking for a few good men (and women!) to help with the Memorial Day weekend All You Can Eat Breakfast. He is especially in need of a clean up crew. If you'd like to help, contact Tim @ 518.466.8653.

> The birth flower of April is the daisy.





April 24th is national pigs-in-ablanket dav.

Spring is here....please mind the posted speed limits around the lake and slow down! It will not only make it safer for all, but it's

SPEED LIMIT

easier on the roads!

This year's winner of the Ice Out Contest is Zachary Johnson!



Congratulations - you are the 2020 Cossayuna Lake Ice King!

Ice Out occurred on March 16th this year. Thanks to Tim Hopkins for keeping watch and providing the official announcement. Thanks also to David Smith for tracking the entrants.

The month of May is officially

celebrated as "Zombie **Awareness** Month" in the U.S.



America's first astronauts were announced



by NASA on April 9th, 1959.

Rent a **porta potty** for a busy weekend, a party or all summer!

Stone Industries (800.446.6331) comes to empty, clean & sanitize



them on a weekly basis. Great deal and it saves the lake!

It's not too early to be thinking about the Boat Parade! This year's parade will be held on July 4th. There will be prizes given out this year, in addition to the usual bragging rights. Let's make this year's parade one to remember!

We currently produce four newsletters per year. The cost for our January mailing was \$817, including printing and postage costs. We print and mail 500 copies, which results in a cost of \$1.63 for each newsletter per mailing. For members who would like to receive the newsletter by email or by going directly to the website, please notify Board Member Nancy Hieber.

If half of our membership chose a paperless option (although you would still be able to print some or all of each issue as you like), we would save \$1,634 per year, which could be used for other initiatives. Please consider "going green" to save money for our association and to help the environment. Rick Ryan, Treasurer

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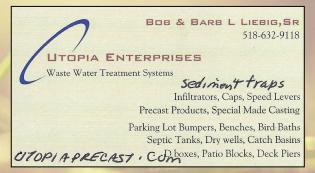
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Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association 2020 Participation Form

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

Name				
Address of Lake Property				
Primary mailing address				
Seasonal mailing address				
	Alternate contact phone #			
Email Address				
(Email is for messages relating to CLIA news and alerts only)				
Membership Level Members must own property with				
\$80 SINGLE - 1 vote / membership -1 or2names				
\$100 JOINT - 2 votes / memberships -2 names				
	Enclosed is my membership dues \$			
Harvesting Participant \$125 per lot 50 feet wid	e by 75 feet out from shoreline			
I would like to be harvested each time the crew circles the lake.	Enclosed is my harvesting dues \$			
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available from the Charities Registry on the New York State Attorney General's website (www.charitiesnyc.com) or, upon request, by contacting the New York State Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 28 Liberty Street, New York NY 10005 or the CLIA at PO Box 81, Cossayuna NY 12823.

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