



LLHA COMMUNICATOR

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New APA Boathouse Rules Update

Second Proposal Fails to Pass

In response to a public outcry, the Adirondack Park Agency Board (APA) recently voted to revise currently proposed boathouse regulations; however, the vote resulted in 5 to 5 split. The new proposal sought to approve a revised definition that would cap a boathouse at 1,200 square feet in size and 15 feet in height and allow flat or pitched roofs. Because of the stalemate the proposal is being sent back to the APA's Legal Affairs Committee for further review.

. Public hearings on this issue held in January elicited hundreds of letters of opposition to the original proposal that would have a boathouse be no larger than 900 square feet and 15 feet or less in height. In addition, all rigid roof surfaces would have a minimum pitch of four on 12. These regulations would apply to new structures and existing structures planned for expansion. Modifications of existing structures exceeding the proposed parameters would require a variance.

APA Redefines "Dock"

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Board recently voted to change the definition of the term "dock." The new regulation now requires that hoisted docks, suspended in the air, remain parallel to the water during the winter months and be no larger than 100 square feet in size.



Loon Lake Architectural Heritage

Cottages and Camps Revisited

In its heyday, the Loon Lake Resort, set in a natural paradise, operated by Mary and Ferd Chase, with its grand hotel, annexes, cottages and camps, golf course, tennis courts and pristine lake for swimming, boating, and fishing, offered the quintessential vacation experience.

Old photographs depict a time and place of elegance and good taste, which was reflected by guests who were affluent and socially prominent, including three U.S presidents. Today Loon Lakers are also blessed with Loon Lake's quality living and are beneficiaries of the beauty and unique architectural designs of the original buildings, each with its individual personality and name - names which have been retained to this day.

A testament to the appreciation of Loon Lake homeowners' preservation of their architectural treasures, is mirrored by Adirondack Architectural Heritage's (AARCH) inclusion of Loon Lake in its schedule of architectural tours for several years. In this connection, a small ad hoc committee of Loon Lake homeowners has been active in preparing for this year's tour, which, as in previous years, will include approximately 25-30 paying attendees. The Loon Lake Homeowners' Association (LLHA) will receive \$8.00 per person from the proceeds garnered by AARCH for this tour. This money is earmarked for addition to the LLHA's Invasive Species Monitoring Fund.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, a successful tour is dependent on the willingness of a certain number of owners of original Loon Lake cottages to open their historic edifices to the tour. The tour has been scheduled for Thursday, July 15.

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Town of Franklin News

Subdivision Law Repealed. Planning Board Abolished

After two public hearings, the Town Board on two separate occasions voted to repeal the contentious subdivision law enacted by the previous Board last fall and to abolish the related planning board. The subdivision law required approval of any subdivision of five lots or more within a 10-year period. Consequently, Town subdivisions now remain largely regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency as previously.

Opponents of the subdivision law maintain that the law is unnecessary because it would be a duplication of Adirondack Park Agency (APA) regulations and would be costly for the Town to implement. Whereas, proponents point out that the APA does not have jurisdiction over hamlets regarding subdivisions.

A major item in the new Town board members' election campaign platform was their promise to review, revise or rescind the law.

Town Roadside Cleanup Day Held

The town of Franklin had a roadside litter cleanup from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 15.

Forty volunteers, young and old, met at the Franklin Town Hall on state Route 3 at 8:45 a.m., and returned at the town hall at 1 p.m. after having covered the area in and around the Vermontville and other areas, not including Loon Lake. It has been proposed by LLHA President Vince Pagano that volunteers from the Loon Lake Community participate in a roadside litter cleanup day in Loon Lake sometime during the summer season when more residents are available to join in the effort.

Coffee and donuts were available in the morning and hot dogs in the afternoon.

Editor's Note: For more information and minutes of Town Board meetings and the Town's Newsletter, check its website: www.townoffranklin.com.

Loon Lake Beach Area Maintained

There is a time of year in these parts that is an interlude between winter and spring – a time when brown and gray days await the blessings of sunlit green trees and sparkling water. To hasten the advent of a breath of spring, Florence Gilmore, with her son's assistance, took it upon herself to unceremoniously sweep and rake away lifeless leaves devoid of their brilliant autumn resonance and other natural debris, thereby awakening the terrace and grass at the beach for another vacation season; and she once again restored striking colorful silk flowers which refresh the landscape-not to mention the replenishment of potting soil for planting and the filling of holes that compromised safety at the beach.

Bill Demong Makes History

By Art Willman

As you may know, Vermontville's own Bill Demong and his teammates put an end to our 68 year medal drought in the Nordic Combined events at the Vancouver Winter Olympics. Teammate Johnny Spillane won a silver medal in the small hill event, the entire team scored silver medals in the team event, and Bill capped off the Olympics with a tremendous gold medal performance in the large hill event. Congratulations to these guys and all our Olympic athletes for a job well done



Bill Demong

Photo by Rick Gonyea

LLHA History Committee Seeks Input

Joe LeMay has volunteered to serve as Chairman of a Loon Lake History Committee. Anyone interested in helping the committee should contact him at: Lemayjm@aol.com. He would like to interview anyone regarding history of the area. Also, anyone who has any material or photos on Loon Lake history should contact him.



Membership on Rise

In recent years there has been a steady rise in LLHA membership - peaking with 97 memberships during the 2009 - 2010 period! One might say that this was due to LLHA's outreach efforts via e-mail, website, newsletter and telephone contact by Len Wisse.; but these factors are only the means of communication. The incentive to join and renew memberships is the fact that LLHA members and the leadership working together get the job done; that is, maintaining and preserving the excellent quality of life enjoyed by the Loon Lake community via our untiring efforts to protect the lake and its surrounds; and the fostering of cultural and social functions.

Continuing membership is vital to our mission.

Please fill out the membership form and send in your dues of \$40 at your earliest convenience to LLHA PO Box 219, Vermontville, NY 12989. Membership forms can be found in this mailing and also on our website: www.loonlakehoa.org. Last year's record-breaking 97 membership enrollments were a tremendous help in enabling us to carry out our activities and vital projects. Let's make it a nice round 100 this time.

NOTE: The dues increase will help minimize the extent to which we may have to raise additional funds for various contingencies.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

**Sunday, July 11 at 12:00 noon
11:30 am – noon: new memberships and renewals.**

PICNIC:

**Sunday, August 1 at 1 pm – 4 pm
at the beach, rain or shine. Bring chairs.**

Note: At the Membership Meeting, please let Jennifer Dalch or Jane Carroll know what dish, if any, you will be providing for the picnic.

3rd ANNUAL KAYAK and CANOE RACES

DATE: Sunday, August 1st

TIME: 10 AM (before 1 pm Picnic)

PLACE: THE BEACH



- There will be many race categories, AND there will be Awards! 😊
- We can offer both a short and long race course.
- At 9:00 a.m. we will offer a clinic on canoe and kayak paddling techniques.
- Bring your boats and have some fun!

******We are looking for a safety boat to assist paddlers if needed.******

Email or phone Clyde and Carol Yarnell if you plan to attend and have any questions.

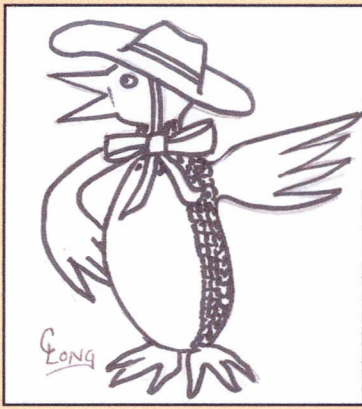
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Don't Pick up Hitchhikers

Aquatic nuisance species can hitch a ride on our clothing, boats, and items used in the water. Before bringing boats or other items used in another body of water to Loon Lake, employ the following simple procedure:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting
- Clean and dry anything that came in contact with water (Boats, trailers, equipment, clothes, dogs,

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water



Lucy Loon

Please be considerate by:

- Steering Clear of us, especially if we have chicks, when boating.
- Not driving us away from sheltered areas into open areas where boat traffic is heavy.
- Using non-lead fishing sinkers and jigs.
- Packing out your line. Invisible in the water, lost or cut fishing line can entangle us and other wildlife, often with fatal results.

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Presidents Message

By Vince Pagano

If you have not already read Karl Smith's Loon Lake article found in the history section of our website, I recommend reading it, not only for historical background, but for an appreciation of what Mary and Ferd Chase created and that of their legacy - a legacy which has been enjoyed and preserved to this day by Loon Lake home and property owners. Another recommended reading is a chapter about Loon Lake in Maitland Desormo's book Heydays of the Adirondacks.

Yet Loon Lake history is not limited to its heyday. In 1958, after the demise of the hotel resort, separate properties were auctioned off - thus the beginning of another Loon Lake period of history. Since then many good memories were created by Loon Lakers - some by original families who are still here and some who came later and/or went. Accounts of these experiences and memories are tomorrow's history. This would be part of your legacy. Tell your stories to Joe Lemay, Chairman of LLHA History Committee. lemay@aol.com

All the Best to you.



Photo by Steve Blendowski

The birth of a new day at Loon Lake brings the promise of mirth and play for young and old who have much to tell about yesterday





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**2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES
\$40.00**

NAME: _____

CAMP NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

(CHECK PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS)

PLEASE CHECK TOPICS FOR WHICH YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME:

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| _____ | ENVIRONMENT (WATER QUALITY & CONSERVATION) | _____ | COMMUNICATIONS |
| _____ | LEGAL/ACCOUNTING | _____ | BEACH |