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Adirondack Easement Lands Opened

Easements Opened for Limited Public Recreation

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has recently announced the opening of public access to 3 parcels to Adirondack conservation easement lands for limited recreational use. The parcels are the 17,125-acre Black Brook Tract in the Town of Black Brook, Clinton County; the 7,870-acre Altamont Tract in the Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County; and the 19,000-acre Kushaqua Tract in the Towns of Brighton and Franklin, Franklin County.

Permitted Recreational Activities

The public will be able to access the lands for non-motorized recreation at this time; e.g., hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking, horseback riding, canoe/kayaking, hunting fishing, and trapping. Until such time that campsites are designated, camping and campfires are prohibited. Motorized access will be provided in the future. (Continues on page 2).

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Aquatic Plant Survey Commissioned

Detection of Invasive Species Sought

Deemed a high priority preemptive measure, the commissioning of an aquatic plant survey of Loon Lake for the possible detection of invasive aquatic plant species (Eurasian Milfoil, Water Chestnut, etc.) was approved by the LLHA Board of Directors at its last meeting. The study will be conducted by Dr. Daniel Kelting, Director of the Adirondack Watershed Institute of Paul Smith's College in mid to late July, 2009 at a cost of \$ 2000.00

The last aquatic plant survey was done in 1995, at which time no invasive species were detected; however, the reporting ecologists advised performing a routine search for invasive species every 2 to 3 years.

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

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Facilities Not Yet Available

Signs have not yet been posted. Facilities such as parking lots, trails routes for motorized recreation will be constructed in the future following a planning process and as funds become available. Properties must be accessed from locations where the properties adjoin public highways.

The public must be aware that these lands are privately owned by the Lyme Timber Company and should be prepared to encounter logging and construction equipment associated with forest management and motorized vehicles, including ATVs belonging to the landowner, their employees or camp lessees.

Interim Recreation Management Plan

A copy of the Interim Recreation Management Plan (IRMP) which details the public uses and management of the publically accessible forest lands encumbered by the Sable Highlands Conservation Easement is available on our website (www.loonlakehoa.org.) This document contains specific information; e.g., maps, etc. .

Town of Franklin News

Town Fined for Illegal Dumping

In August 2008, the Town of Franklin was cited by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for illegal dumping by the Highway Department at a site behind the Town garage on Norman Ridge Road. In this regard the Town recently was served with a \$10,000 Consent Order by the DEC; however, \$7,500 was suspended provided the Town develops a plan to remove the waste by June 15 and until September 1 to complete the removal.

According to Town Board minutes of May 11, the Town contracted with Earth Science Engineering to manage the Consent Order and illegal dumping. To date all requirements of the DEC have been met and the Town has paid \$2,500 to the DEC; i.e., the reduced fine.

No Fine for Spill

According to the *Adirondack Daily Enterprise* in December, 2008 highway workers discovered waste oil and petroleum substances in the Town garage septic tank and its pumping station; however, no fine was levied by the DEC because it was determined that the contaminants were confined to the dry well, septic tank and pumping station.

LLHA Scheduled Events

Membership Annual Meeting

- **Time and Date: 12 Noon Sunday July 12 (Membership Renewal 11:30-12:00**
- **Place: Loon Lake Jewish Center**
- **Speaker: Doug Tichenor, Tax Assessor**
- **Nominations for 3 Board Seats will be accepted for a vote.**

Annual Picnic

- **Time and Date: 1 pm Sunday Aug. 2, [Rain Date Sunday Aug. 9]**
- **Place: Beach.**
- **Bring chairs and/or blankets.**

Canoe/Kayak Race

- **Time and Date: 10:00 am, Aug. 2**
- **Before picnic**
- **Place: Beach**
- **Prizes**

Loon Talk

- **Time and Date: July 15 @ 7 pm**
- **Place: Jewish Center**

Editor's Note. It is not my intention to cast the Town Administration in a negative light. As in previous newsletters, I am reporting Town activities that are good, bad or indifferent in an attempt to inform Loon Lake taxpayers what the town is doing or not doing for its citizens.

Town Property Assessment Update

The following is an excerpt taken from the minutes of the May 11 Town Board Meeting :

“Data collectors will begin reviewing property record cards to update the Town’s data. They will have identification badges and if property owners do not want them to enter their property, the property owner should notify Assessor Tichenor at 891-0436, and the data collectors will not enter the property. By September 1st the parcel inventory mailers will be sent to property owners. Assessor Tichenor can be reached Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30 at the Harrietstown Hall, 39 Main Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983 (Telephone 518-891-0436.)”

Note. For complete set of past minutes of Town Board Meetings log on to the Town’s website: www.townoffranklin.com .

Fishing Derby

On Saturday, June 20, the first day of trout season, young and old anglers gave it their best "cast" in a competition for the largest and/or the most small mouth bass and northern pike caught. The day was overcast but rain was kept at bay. Adult participants approached the task revealing seasoned skills, while the kids were casting and reeling with the fervor of Captain Ahab in pursuit of Moby Dick. Prizes of one Loon Lake Hat were awarded for winners in each category. *Editor's note: Because of small number of attendees (limited competition) and the appearance of a conflict of interest, this grandfather contributed the price of the hats won by his grandson.*

The Results were as follows:

Largest Fish (Adult): Results pending
Most Fish (Adult): Results pending

Largest Fish (Child) Vincent Pagano (Vince's grandson). 18" small mouth bass.

Most Fish (Child) 3 fish, total of 50" Vincent



Hats, Visors, T-Shirts

LLHA hats, visors and a limited number of t-shirts are available for donations as follows: \$15 ea. or any combination for 2/\$25 plus \$4.00 packaging and shipping, or delivered to your camp or pick up at Vince and Nancy Pagano's house, 3466 County Rt 26, Loon Lake, NY

Hats and visors are one size fits all. Available t-shirt sizes are (1) SM, (5) L, (7) XL, (3) XXL.

Check or Money orders only made out to LLHA.

Send requests to: Vince Pagano, Pres. LLHA 3466 County Rt.26, Loon Lake, NY 12989



All About Loons Talk

Why are we fascinated by Loons with their unique plumage, interesting behavior and chorus of calls that echo into the night.? What is the meaning of their different patterns of behavior and various calls? What about their nesting and breeding requirements and their migratory patterns? What do they tell us about the condition of our environment? Come and find out at a slide show talk presented by Dr. Nina Schoch of the Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program (ACLP) (www.adkscience.org/loons) at the Loon Lake Jewish Center in July. Time & Date: 7pm July 15.

Invitation

You are cordially invited to a slide show talk "All About Loons" given by Dr. Nina Schoch at the Jewish Center on July 15 at 7 pm

www.adkscience.org/loons

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Presidents Message

By Vince Pagano

What would Loon Lake be like if the Loons did not return because of changes or disturbances in the Lake environment that rendered it uninhabitable for these creatures and marginalized their breeding habitat requirements? No longer would we be blessed with the sight of their foraging maneuvers and the haunting calls that enhance the therapeutic stillness of nightfall. There would be a void in that part of us which resonates with the wild. No longer could we claim that icon that declares that our Lake is priceless pristine!

You may think that the notion of no loons in Loon Lake is far fetched, and maybe so, but let us be reminded that loons need an environment that enables them to thrive and reproduce. We can help preserve their habitat by observing some simple guidelines set forth by the Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program (www.adkscience.org/loons) and an organization called Wild Gift (www.wildgift.org) as follows:

- Keep your distance (> 100 ft.) from loons and other wildlife, so you don't disturb them.
- Observe no wake zones and speed limits.
- When paddling a canoe or Kayak, keep away from the shoreline to avoid flushing the loon off its nest.
- Fish responsibly. Use non-lead fishing tackle and pick up abandoned fishing line.
- Don't pollute the environment.

