

LAKE JOHN ASSOCIATION

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2nd Annual Paddle Board Parade

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2nd annual paddle board/kayak parade. The parade will depart from the golf ball at 9:30 am Saturday, June 19th. Costumes are encouraged, but



not required. We hope to see you there!

From The Lake Improvement District President

We have made progress over the last two years with our Lake John Improvement District. We have treated Curly Leaf Pondweed in both 2020 and 2021 with great success. We did not have any large concentrations of Eurasian Water Milfoil in 2020. We don't normally treat areas less than 5 acre in size for EWM. This is because it is not very effective in most cases. We were going to treat one small patch of EWM in the bay because the bay is much more protected, but to get approval we needed to wait until the Water lilies and Spatter Dock died back. Those plants did not die back early enough and the treatment window past us by. If the EWM survey indicates enough EWM we will treat EWM in 2021.

No Starry Stonewort was found in the 2020 search. We intend to go from one search per summer to two searches per summer, this will be done by professional divers. The only way to have success battling Starry Stonewort is to catch and treat it early. SSW can be much more prolific and harmful than the CLP and EWM we have now. SSW is called, by some, the "Lake Killer."

Some people commented that we had more plant growth than normal last year, and we did. This is because our water is getting clearer due to the zebra mussels filtering the water. The clearer water allows the light to penetrate the water to greater depths and enhances the plant growth. Our treatments target specific plant species, CLP and EWM. Diverse plant species are what makes a healthy lake and we are very fortunate to have maintained a diverse group of plants in Lake John. If you kill off all plants in an area you are likely to get the worst and most aggressive species taking over.

Hope to see you on the lake,

Steve Benzschawel

Kids Corner

The number of kids on the lake seems to be growing, and I thought it would be fun to give them a voice in the newsletter. For this first edition I asked a simple question; What do you love most about life on Lake John?

“Everyone gets along. It’s like our lake is a community.”
~Emma Goessl

“Wakeboarding, friends, and fires! ~Tucker Fournier

“There is always something to do and somebody to do it with. Whether it’s being on the lake or watching movies. It’s never boring.” ~Isabelle Owens

“I love that on a weeknight I can go out with my brother and skim board.” ~Sidney O’Conner

“We are all like family and we can all have fun no matter the age difference.” ~Molly Goessl

“I love the weekend when all my friends are here.” ~Quinn O’Conner



We Love Our Loons!

The loons are one of my favorite things about lake living. From the anticipation of how many chicks we will watch grow, to the calls heard across the lake, I never tire of our state bird. They are an iconic symbol of lake country. Maybe you know what the different calls mean, but I thought it’d be nice to share.

***Yodel** (long rising call with repetitive notes) Given by male loons when declaring or defending its territory.

***Wail** (similar to a wolf’s howl) This is the most eerie and haunting of all the calls. Used during social interactions between loons or to find other’s location.

***Hoot** (short low note) Mostly given between adult loons and chicks or sometimes to other loons in close proximity.

Some other fun Loon trivia:

*Did you know that there are approximately 12,000 loons across this state?

*Loons can dive over 200 feet for fish, and they can stay underwater for up to five minutes.

*A loons heavy body and short wingspan mean they they can require a 600 foot runway to take flight from a lake. Once airborne they can fly over 70 mph.

*Loons migrate to the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts for the winter.



Independence Day

If you've been at the lake on the 4th of July, I'm sure you're aware of the festivities my family enjoys. I'd like to formally welcome everyone to come enjoy live music Saturday July 3rd from 6pm to 10pm and a fireworks display at sundown Sunday July 4th from either watercraft or from our beach aka Sandy Point.

Volunteers Needed!!

Up for election at the 2021 annual meeting are; Vice President, Secretary, Section 1, 3 and 5 reps. Please reach out if you're interested in filling a position.

In Loving Memory

Joyce Bartels died peacefully on Friday, March 19, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. Joyce will always be the matriarch to each of us on Section One and for many others as well. She was the caretaker and the light to any gathering. I don't know anyone that knew her that doesn't have a story of how she showed up with a comforting meal or snack at just the right time. She always made sure we had sustenance on our late nights of fun, and it was always the best thing any of us had ever eaten. She was honorary grandma for many Lake John kids, a wealth of history and vivid tails of a full life, and a beloved friend to all who knew her. She will remain in our hearts always.

Lake Board

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Mark your calendars!!!

Annual Meeting

Date June 26th at 9:00am

South Haven Hall

521 Oak Ave, South Haven

This year we will have a sweatshirt and t-shirt for sale at the meeting. Special thanks to Kim Droegemueller for the designs!



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