

THE EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2016

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Celebrating 109 years of responsible lake stewardship.



Tonya Condon: Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Since 1999

2016 marks Tonya Whitford Condon's 17th year of accomplishing the Eagle Lake Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of Route 74 and environs. She first volunteered for the job when she moved to Eagle Lake in 1999, and estimates that over the years she's removed close to 1,000 pounds of trash from the roadside. She polices the entire length of the lake, from the small waterfall just east of the antique store to the snowplow turnaround just west of the DEC boat launch. She also recovers trash from the causeway, the boat launch, the snowplow turnaround, and the diving cliffs east of the boat launch. This year, International Paper's Ticonderoga Mill donated two cleaning tools and two boxes of clear garbage bags. The NYS DOT helps remove larger debris like tires (this photo doesn't show them, but this year Tonya also found and removed three discarded car tires) and contributes the orange plastic bags, and they remove the collected trash free of charge. You can help Tonya by policing the area in front of your property.

Tonya, aided and abetted by her husband Todd, is one of Eagle Lake's most dedicated volunteers. In addition to the annual cleanup, she co-manages the ELPOI Facebook page, using her photography skills to highlight the beauty of the lake and keep us apprised of changes and events that affect the life and environment we all share. Thank you, Tonya!

Annual Meeting & Picnic: July 16

This year's annual meeting and picnic are scheduled for Saturday, July 16th, at the Chilson Volunteer Fire Department Community Center at 60 Putts Pond Road. The annual meeting begins at 10:00 A.M., and the picnic follows at noon. Enclosed with this newsletter are the membership renewal, picnic sign-up and proxy forms for you to complete. A limited number of Eagle Lake-themed souvenirs may be available for sale at the meeting.

Treasurer Rolf Tiedemann reports that income from dues, sales of themed souvenirs, website sponsorships and some generous direct-support donations has enabled ELPOI to cover the expenses of water testing (CSLAP and in-house fecal), member communications, donations to select service organizations, and website and webcam hosting. Full details will be available at the annual meeting, and a printed report is available at EagleLake1.org on the archives page.

The most important part of the annual meeting is that it's our chance to come together as a community to share ideas and work together to solve problems large and small.

And, of course, election of board members and officers is also a critical part of the meeting. While the current officers and board members have all agreed to stand for re-election, nominations from the floor will be welcome – new blood and new ideas have kept ELPOI vital for 109 years!

More than 50 property owners have been dues-paying members this past year, and all paid-up members are eligible to vote as well as to stand for election – and you can pay your \$25 annual dues at the meeting to join or renew your membership.



“Like” Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. on Facebook to keep up with the latest news and share photos & other items of interest.

Lakekeeping: Maintaining the Lake Level, Countering Beaver Activity, Maintaining the Beach, etc.

Jack Mulcahy and Rolf Tiedemann have been keeping watch on the dam, and report that the beavers have rebuilt and reinforced their dam over the winter. The lake level is high even though our human-style dam has been lowered all the way. Since the lake level has to be just right lest it either flood some properties or leave others high and dry, this issue will have to be addressed at the annual meeting. Rolf and Dianne recently located the historical “marker pin in the rock” near the old Luthy boathouse; happily, the depth of that traditional marker pin corresponds to the “zero” benchmark on the new depth gauge at the causeway – so dam-busting volunteer helpers will be sought.

We had some out-of-area campers stay at the beach last summer, and unfortunately they left a mess. We'll all have to try to keep a closer eye on the beach this year, and if problems arise reach out to DEC Forest Ranger Mark St. Claire at (518) 335-3681 for advice. The DEC considers our beach a “primitive camping” site; the rules and regulations for primitive camping are posted at the beach. Oh, and by the way, Charles Island is private land and no camping is allowed there; notify the ranger in this case, too, if you see any violations.



Thanks to Peter Popinchalk who took the time over the winter to refurbish the ELPOI sign for the beach; Rolf Tiedemann and Keith Park mounted it there in May.

Our Newest Enemy: Curly Leaf Pondweed

As you may recall, Dianne and Rolf Tiedemann spotted Curly Leaf Pondweed in the lake in the fall of 2014, removed it, and alerted DEC. The alert triggered a modified Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response Assessment by DEC in the summer of 2015; DEC found only isolated occurrences and didn't recommend further action. But later Dianne and Rolf found a larger patch and removed that, too. The Tiedemanns plan to continue to monitor the areas from which they've removed this dangerous invasive.

The Milfoil Project

The milfoil project has effectively been on hold since last year's meeting when the membership elected to both monitor milfoil growth and continue to explore our options for controlling the infestation. One option we used in the past, with some limited success, was the installation of benthic barriers (a/k/a seaweed mats or lake-bottom blankets) – but that method is now effectively out of our reach under new DEC regulations. Such mats are now authorized only for eradicating new infestations identified within the past two years; may not be installed over active spawning beds, or between March 15 and June 30 unless area is confirmed by DEC to not include active spawning beds; must be anchored (but NOT with natural stone from the lake bottom); must be removed within three months from the date of installation; must be limited to a one-acre area. The cost of deploying mats under these conditions would obviously be prohibitive for us. Another option, vacuuming, is equally expensive – and also banned under DEC regulations. Recent reports, however, are that Minerva Lake has successfully used a method called “suction removal” that is APA-approved – but also expensive. What it would take to get approval for this method is a subject for study. And there's the one eradication-and-control methodology that we know for sure is available to us: hand harvesting. We still have some \$30,000 in eradication monies held in trust for us by Crown Point – but that's not nearly enough to effectively deploy any of these methods. Obviously this will have to be an item for discussion at the July 16th annual meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER that when raking or otherwise harvesting milfoil or any invasive, if you let fragments float away they may re-root and further harm the lake. Same goes for power boating: don't drive through milfoil patches!

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the passing of John Culley, our neighbor and friend of more than 40 years. When John moved to the area in the 1970s he worked as a carpet installer and school bus driver, and joined Chilson Volunteer Fire Department where he was a former chief and long-serving board member. His work, his volunteerism, and his personality made him one of Chilson's and Eagle Lake's best-known figures, and he will be missed. Our condolences to his family and his many close friends for their loss.

www.eaglelake1.org

Traffic on the web site continues to average about 600 page views per month. Thanks to Carlos Alden for 16 years of financial support of hosting the site; thanks also to Shultzes for sharing the bandwidth needed to host the live-action Eagle Lake video cameras this summer. The two cameras are now located on the Tiedemann property – you can view their views at the “Photo Album” page of the web site.

Thanks to Lauren Phillips, friend of Mike Tiedemann, all of the historical ELPOI paper documents that have been archived in the Burroughs’ basement over the years have now been lovingly digitized. She and Mike are now working to categorize it all prior to posting on the web site. Remember that vintage photographs and historical documents of all kinds from camps around the lake can be digitized and shared on the web site (originals will be carefully handled and returned to you after scanning); contact Rolf at camptouchstone@yahoo.com to make arrangements.

Letter to Ticonderoga Supervisor about Route 74 Speeders

Following up on a motion passed by the members at last year’s meeting, ELPOI Secretary Keith Parks has sent a letter to new Ticonderoga Town Supervisor Joe Giordano asking for, “...assistance for increased summer police presence along the Eagle Lake corridor to enforce the speed limit, which would increase residents’ safety along that unique stretch of Route 74. Numerous efforts have been made with the DOT in the past to reduce the speed limit along the lake but the conclusion is always that it is an enforcement issue rather than a speed limit issue. Some residents have offered their driveways for law enforcement to use as parking spots while enforcing the speed limit as well, and perhaps enforcement can be shared with the New York State Police.”

We’re awaiting Mr. Giordano’s response and will update the members at the July 16th meeting. If Mr. Giordano is able to act on this request, please remember that we too will be being watched – so always drive safely! And if you’re willing to make your driveway available for police to use, let Keith know at the annual meeting.

Adirondack Lakes Alliance Symposium Set for July 29

The Adirondack Lakes Alliance’s second annual symposium will be held in the Pine Room at Paul Smith’s College from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29. It’s a one-day conference for lake and river association members on the many aspects of watershed and lake/river management that will address regional and local issues including aquatic invasive species, storm water runoff, program funding, and what associations can do to protect their waterways. Keynote speakers will be Hilary Smith, U.S Department of the Interior

Invasive Species Coordinator and Cornelius "Neil" Murphy, Senior Fellow for Environmental and Sustainable Systems at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Check the ALA web site at adirondacklakesalliance.org for the full agenda and registration forms.

REMINDER: New Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations

New Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) regulations are in effect in New York, requiring boaters to take reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of invasives before launching into any public waterbody. The regulations apply to all watercraft, motorized and non-motorized, as well as floating docks, and call for reasonable precautions including cleaning, draining, and treating (drying or washing). Information and a Q&A about the regulations can be found on the NYS DEC website.

Electric Shock Danger to Swimmers

When electric devices on boats and docks are not properly installed or maintained, they can “leak” electricity into the water and cause electric shock drowning, or ESD. It’s estimated that ESD is likely responsible for most unexplained drownings around boats and marinas.

- Test your boat to make sure it’s not leaking electricity.
- Have a qualified electrician take care of all electric work needed on your boat or dock.
- Never use household extension cords to power a docked boat.
- Don’t swim within 100 yards of a dock that has electrical power.

If you think someone has been shocked, call emergency services immediately. Don’t go into the water to attempt a rescue, instead try to reach out with an oar or boat hook, or throw a lifesaver or rope, etc. Try CPR on someone who appears unresponsive and DO NOT STOP until emergency responders arrive.

Chilson Volunteer Fire Department Thanks ELPOI Members

Long-time ELPOI member Jim Davis is also chairman of the board of Chilson Volunteer Fire Department. In a letter to ELPOI President Chris Hyde back in March, Jim thanked ELPOI members for our support of the fire department’s annual fund-raising dinner dance: “ELPOI members’ donations will help provide new Automated External Defibrillators used to correct cardiac arrhythmias... new hoses and nozzles, fire extinguishers and hand tools that will replace obsolescent equipment... new portable scene lights and cab-mounted emergency-light bars that will improve safety. Your generosity is no less important than the rescue and firefighting work of our highly trained volunteers.”

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS!

There's a sponsor page on our web site at <http://eaglelake1.org> – just click on one of the ad thumbnails on the front page. Sponsorship includes a business-card ad in the newsletter (distributed to 150+ lake residents and friends and viewed by 10,000 plus yearly web page loads), rotating business-card banner ads on web pages, and larger ads on the sponsor page itself, with links to sponsors' own web sites. Contact Chris Hyde 518-210-9031 or Rolf Tiedemann 585-647-2514 with any questions, or to become a sponsor. Thanks to our sponsors.



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 ELPOI needs your help to solicit local businesses to buy advertising space in this newsletter and on the web site. Talk to Chris or Rolf at the annual meeting if you can help.

MEMBERSHIP 2016

Below are your membership renewal form, picnic sign-up form, and proxy form. We need, welcome and value your ideas, support and leadership. Please take a moment today to renew your membership. Full property owner membership remains at \$25.00 per year; associate membership (for those committed to but not owning property on Eagle Lake) is \$15.00. We have added a business membership level, which will allow community businesses to support ELPOI. In return for their support, businesses receive a sponsor "badge" on the ELPOI web site, a sponsor "ad" in this newsletter, each issue of which reaches more than 120 motivated families. Business membership is \$120.00 per year. See ELPOI sponsor web page for details. To sign up for a business membership contact Chris Hyde at Cdhyde1@gmail.com.

Your membership dues and all other contributions to Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., are tax deductible under rules governing not-for-profit 501(c)3 status. Membership dues provide for the day to day operating expenses of ELPOI including minimal stationery, telephone and mailing costs (although most of these are donated by International Paper and our members, very occasional conference costs and travel, annual lake water testing by both CSLAP (analytical) and additional non-CSLAP (fecal), donations to local emergency services, and a limited amount to milfoil control. The officers of ELPOI serve in a voluntary capacity. Dues alone cannot pay for the expense of invasive control; if you can make an additional contribution towards the project, please indicate your intention on the membership form below.

Current ELPOI Board Members: Peter Popinchalk (thru 2018); Mary Lloyd Burroughs (thru 2017); Jack Mulcahy (thru 2016)
ELPOI Officers 2015-2016: Chris Hyde, President; Stephen Phelps, Vice President; Keith Park, Secretary; Rolf Tiedemann, Treasurer

2016 Membership Application/ Renewal, and Proxy Form

Please return dues by June 30, the date of record for the Annual Meeting, or as soon as possible. **Membership dues may also be paid at the annual meeting, before the 10:00 a.m. start.** (Our by-laws state that only paid-up members may vote at the meeting.)

Picnic prices are listed below – burgers, hot dogs, soda, water and place settings provided; covered dishes, desserts, etc. are welcome!

Cut here: Return Lower Portion to: ELPOI, c/o Chris Hyde, 64 Blue Barns Road, Rexford, NY 12148



Name _____

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 (Includes Member/Associate dues)

Picnic Reservations July 16 @ Noon

_____ # Adults x \$6.00 \$ _____
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 _____ #Families x \$18.00 \$ _____

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Total Enclosed \$ _____
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Member Proxy

I, _____, as a member in good standing of ELPOI, do hereby designate

_____, who is also a member in good standing or who is another owner of record of the same membership parcel of said corporation, to vote and act on my behalf on all matters that come before the meeting to be held on **July 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

Signed: _____ Date _____

Witnessed: _____ Date _____

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Mission Statement

Whereas the property owners on Eagle Lake, Essex County, New York, organized themselves, their associates and their successors into an Association on September 13, 1907 for the purposes and objects set forth below,

First, for the protection of the mutual interest and property of the members. Second, for the re-stocking of Eagle Lake from hatcheries. Third, for the regulation and control of a uniform water level in Eagle Lake. Fourth, for the prevention of the pollution of the water in Eagle Lake. Fifth, for the protection of spawning beds in Eagle Lake. Sixth, and for such other objects and purposes as may from time to time be determined upon by the members of the organization for protecting the mutual interests and property of the members.