

Eagle Lake 2024 mid-winter newsletter

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Hello Eagle Lake Residents,

Presented below is the mid-winter 2024 newsletter. The ELPOI Officers are excited to share the variety of topics presented. These topics are shared below as JPG images and as an attached PDF file. If you want to follow any of the links please use the PDF version as the links are active here, they are not active in the inline images below.

Be sure to reserve the weekend of July 13th to join us and your neighbors at the Annual ELPOI Meeting, so you can hear and be included first hand in what is happening and being planned. (More details in a June update letter)

This information is shared by email with the roughly 90% of residents on EL that have allowed us to contact them through their private email. Thank You for trusting us with the privacy of your information.

We recognize the importance, magnitude and impact that some of the topics covered in this newsletter will have on discussions and decisions that all residents will need to be involved in going forward. As such we are USPS delivering this newsletter to those residents that we cannot contact via email. If you have received this newsletter in paper form, and have an email address that you would feel comfortable having us add to our secure database, please reach out to me, ELPOI President Keith Park, at topnotch@nycap.rr.com

If you do not have an email account, and would like to make sure that you are included in future communications, again, please reach out to me via voice at **518-373-0417** (leave a message after the 2nd beep, I use call screening), and a "special note" will be added to the database to make sure we get you a USPS copy of those communications.

If you are a "new resident", i.e. have made a recent property purchase on EL, **welcome to the lake**. Our database manager tries to keep abreast of properties that change hands, but with only having access to public records as recorded in Essex County, we cannot gather personal contact information, and as such can only send this newsletter to you at the address of record used for the property sale. If you would like to find out what the ELPOI is about or become a member, please follow this link [Eagle Lake Membership | ELPOI](#). You, too, are welcome to add /update your contact information with an email or call to myself.



If you would like a more personal approach or have questions, feel free to reach out to me, Keith, at the email or phone number above or any of the other Officers listed on the "contact us" page. The ELPOI fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30 so an application completed now would be good till June 30, 2024.

Wishing everyone a joyous end of winter and a warm, dry spring/ summer season.
Keith

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Presidents Message:

Holiday greetings to all Eagle Lakers. 2023 has been a crazy busy year with the boat launch issue, Biblical amounts of rain and a new committee formed to take another look at controlling the milfoil. Our summer annual meeting this year was blessed with good weather, a rarity this summer, and the existing officers and board members remained at their posts with the exception of a secretary which we still desperately need. Anybody willing to step up would be greatly appreciated!

The Boat launch issue continues on with a deadline looming, we continue to pursue this but progress would be greatly helped by continued contact from property owners in opposition of the closing in October of 2024. More about this later in the newsletter.

Eagle lake got roughly 2 feet of rain between our annual meeting and Labor day, access roads on the north side of the lake were washed out on several occasions but quick work by the town of Crown Point kept disruptions to a minimum, thanks very much to the hard working highway department! Washouts to route 74 were also seen and disaster was narrowly averted in several spots, thanks to the NYS road crews for their work along the lake, and especially around exit 28 which was nearly washed out! Eagle lake was 19" above normal at its highest point, surpassed only by Hurricane Irene in modern times. All the boards were removed from the dam and remained so for the rest of the season in an attempt to dump as much as we could but the rain continued, and another foot fell between Labor day and my return to clean the fall debris in the middle of November. Ice on the main basin of the lake is forming in the last week of the year.

Milfoil was bad again this summer so a committee was formed by resident Susan Clark and she has already done a considerable amount of preliminary work and applied for a grant to fund the project from the state. More on this effort later in the newsletter as well, Thank you Susan for taking on this monumental task.

Sincerely Keith Park, for the Board



MILFOIL:



The Eagle Lake Property Owners Milfoil Committee was formed in August to spearhead the growing problem

of Eurasian Milfoil in our lake. This is an invasive species which challenges the health and use of Eagle Lake. The committee members are Gary Clark, Susan Clark, Bill Clifton, Deanna DiPofi, John DiPofi, Cole Hickland, Tim McNeely, Steve Meier, Debbie Mulcahy, and Bill Zito. The committee got busy immediately and spent September measuring all the milfoil beds in the lake to start evaluating the growth and concentration of the invasive plant. Some committee members met with Bob Hausmann from Paradox Lake to get suggestions and information on resources available to help in our project. We continued to gain and collect information from various areas and continue reaching out to DEC, APA and APIPP. Susan Clark spent time writing a grant to get a Lake Management plan completed. The grant was submitted and we will find out in January if we receive any funding. In the cold months of winter, the committee will work on education, communication and establishing financial stability. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please call Susan Clark at 845-389-7222

THIS JUST IN!!! The Milfoil committee has just been awarded the Grant of \$30K they applied for! This will fund a lake evaluation plan and start the process of getting milfoil under control in our lake! Kudo's to Susan and the committee for getting this off to a great start!

BOAT LAUNCH CLOSURE:

Unfortunately, the APA's plan to close our boat



launch to Trailered Traffic in October of 2024 is still in effect. We continue to work with the state government to

present compliant solutions to the Unit Management Plan that would keep the launch open but so far they have fallen on deaf ears and their stance is that only closure and implementation of Option 2 (barricading the launch), not the recommended Option 3 (studying the effects of the launch and potentially reclassifying it to intensive use) of the 2019 UMP would be in compliance with the state land master plan.



Several stories have been published in local media outlets and WCAX spent considerable time with us over the summer doing a story on the closure:

<https://www.wcax.com/2023/08/06/battle-over-barricade-eagle-lake/> a petition with over 2000 signatures was created:

https://www.change.org/p/save-the-eagle-lake-boat-launch-from-closing?recruiter=1304265860&recruited_by_id=215e8ac0-d746-11ed-9b3d-f1670022ef1a&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=share_for_starters_page&utm_medium=copylink and hundreds of hours of

research by your ELPOI officers have taken place to understand and provide information on the issue and other barriers that have been installed

around the park. A sign campaign has purchased and distributed a great deal of lawn signs along Rt 74 and in the town of Ticonderoga as well as a post card campaign that distributed many at the boat launch.



A good many Eagle Lake residents have also written to government officials, the APA Executive

director and the APA board chair, senators and congressmen and the Governor directly, but so far only form letter responses have resulted. We continue to press on but it's pretty clear that the APA is not willing to address the issues this causes to lake residents and close the launch because they can, not because they should or they need to.

WATER TESTING:

CSLAP water testing occurred on a 4 cycle basis this year instead of 8, while challenging to get them all in with so many rainy weekends they were complete and the report will be released in the spring, but it appears we continue to have good water quality with no trending other than reduced clarity at times this year due to all the rain. Fecal testing was done again and we once again remain clear of issues.

FISH:



Zach Dorfman reported that 3920 Brown trout stocked from 2 different fish hatcheries this year.

Excessive rains have probably had their effect on what was biting and when but I did see fish getting caught this year!

LOONS:



The Annual New York Loon Census took place on July 15, 2023 (and always takes place on the

third Saturday of July). The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation

<https://www.adkloon.org/> coordinates the census for lakes in the Adirondacks.

Observation only takes place from 8:00 am - 9:00 am to avoid duplication in counting.

This year's Eagle Lake reporting members included Kathy Cerny and Adine Viscusi observing on the launch side of the lake, and Joanne Conley and Franchesca Fonda observing on the main lake. The team is thrilled to share that a total of SEVEN adult loons were observed. Two were swimming on the launch side and Kathy Cerny noted that she floated alongside them in her kayak for about 10 minutes to capture a video and pictures. Main lake loons were scattered, with two near Alden's camp, one just east of Herd Point and two closer to Ti Bay. Observation weather was misty and slightly overcast, after overnight rain.

Results were submitted to the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, including not only the number of loons, but also their location on a map of the lake, weather, and any particular behavior that was observed, such as calling or diving.

BEAVERS AND SPILLWAY:

Three Beavers were removed from the spillway area this year and the spillway has remained clear



ever since, which was good as more water has flown through it this year than many a year in the past. All the boards were removed from the dam in July after the historical rains arrived and have remained out since and the spillway has remained clear, a foot of rain occurred after Labor day over the fall and levels have gone up and down but hopefully rains take a break before the lake freezes up.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS:



Several properties changed hands this year and we want to give our new residents a hearty Welcome! We hope you are finding your first

seasons on the lake enjoyable.

Consider joining ELPOI as members, joining us at our July Annual Meeting and Picnic, sending us your comments/ thoughts/ questions and joining as an officer.

THANKS AND RECOGNITION:



Big Thanks for our Volunteers and Officers/ Board Members, thank you notes went out to each in appreciation of

their considerable donation of time or funds this year.

Michael Tiedemann web guru.

Katie Tiedemann database wizard.

Alden's for website hosting costs.

Shultz's network bandwidth and camera support.

Zito network bandwidth and beaver dam clearing.

Wickes' for supporting the causeway camera.

Zach and Adine Dorfman for covering our donations to Fire and EMS this year.

Quite a few members also made donations above and beyond their membership and that is much appreciated, THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISING:



Jack and Debbie Mulcahy have been leading in the fundraising this year and have several offerings. To date, Debbie has raised \$126 through the affiliation with Adirondack Etching. The website

is "Adirondacketching.com" Use the referral code adk103 to give our efforts the 20% commission and to get a discount on your order.

The discount code is **SAVE20ADK103**. You can go to the Make My Lake to have Eagle Lake etched on your choice of glassware, mugs, tumblers, etc... Be sure to specify the Ticonderoga Eagle Lake for location. In person pick up in Glens Falls will be suspended for a period after Christmas but you can still get items delivered to you until pick up resumes.

More information regarding sweatshirts and hoodies will be forthcoming.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING:



Next year's annual meeting will again be held at the Chilson Fire Department Pavilion, 60

Putts Pond Rd, on **July 13th, 2024.**

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<http://eaglelake1.org/html/sponsorship/sponsorship.php#Jims%20Day%20Lilies1>

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

We want to thank those residents that year after year have financially supported the ELPOI, More information about the benefits of membership is on the ELPOI website link below.

<http://eaglelake1.org/html/membership.shtml>

LABOR DAY WEEKEND ELPOI PICNIC:



This year was the first of hopefully many annual social gathering picnic's and was held at

the public beach to a huge success. We will plan to do that again next year as many residents had a great time socializing and mingling. Thanks to all who brought food, supplies, and equipment! See you this summer!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

ELPOI is still in desperate need of a secretary, and a newsletter editor if we're going for that golden Quill award! Anyone that can help out will be greatly appreciated!

VINTAGE AERIAL IMAGES 1989:

These are on the web following this link. This is



a collection of images of Eagle Lake and surrounding areas taken during 1989. These images come from both Essex County Roll 12 and Essex County Roll 13. The following photos have been selected for knowingly relating to Eagle Lake, and are not inclusive of the whole set of images. Used with permission.

http://eaglelake1.org/html/photo_album/1980-1989/1989_photos/1989_vintage_aerial.shtml

FIRST ICE DECEMBER 26th 2023:

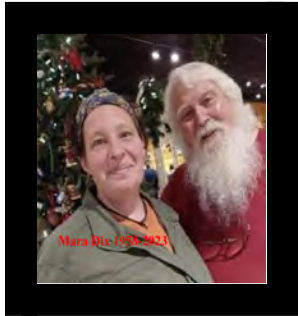


First ice showed up on the large basin of the lake on the 26th. The camera looking out at the

causeway from the small basin showed ice from

the end of November. As of today there is about 12" of snow and the lake is fully frozen with several ice fishing folks taking advantage of the frozen lake.

IN MEMORY: Mara Dix



Long time Eagle Lake summer resident Mara Dix passed away unexpectedly 2023-12-30 from a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. She will be missed

here on the lake. (Tonya C.)

<https://obits.callahanfay.com/mara-dix>

IN MEMORY: Kenneth Smith

Keith Park lost his uncle, Kenneth Smith, (prior owner of R. Fraize's place) on January 5th. Ken and his parents Mason and Etta Smith were residents of Ticonderoga. His dad's hobby was taking pictures in and around Ticonderoga and his name can be seen on many of the old photographs. Ken had a fond love for Eagle Lake



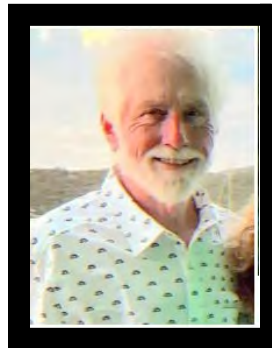
and spent many summers as a youth with his parents, sister and the rest of his extended family at EL. Ken ultimately purchased his "yellow" cabin "Brigadoon" and spent many summers working

on it and enjoying family time. When Ken sold his place it was slated for demolition as a new house was planned for the site. Ken was shocked, amazed, and very pleased when he

heard through Keith that his place was dismantled and moved to the other side of the lake to be used as a shop for Rolf T, and many of the items in and around the camp were sprinkled around the lake for further life.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/dailygazette/name/kenneth-smith-obituary?id=54036959>

IN MEMORY: David W. Schatz



David purchased the former Forrest Lisle property in the Fall of 2023. Talking with his son he had a short time of wonderful enjoyment here, but in some ways it may have been a way of "coming home". David had long time roots in

Ticonderoga as is captured in this line from his obituary Tribute Wall. *"I want to express my great appreciation for the work that David accomplished regarding my grandparents' farm in Ticonderoga, NY. He did so many renovations of the farm that both my sister and I enjoyed during our youth David made the place available to us."*

<https://www.scogginsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/David-Wayne-Schatz?obId=30291660>

PARTING SHOT:



The moon sets over the north west end of the large basin 2024-1-21 at 3:20 AM. Should you have not been there to see

it personally. See the web if you want more.

http://www.eaglelake1.org/html/video/cameras/camera_select.php

News from the Milfoil Committee

The newly formed Milfoil Committee is anxious to meet you and deliver exciting information about improving the quality of our lake for swimming and boating. We received a grant for implementing a Lake Management Plan, which will happen in 2024. We also plan to hold several educational/social events this summer to keep everyone apprised of our efforts. Dates will follow with a letter to all Owners on the lake. 2024 plans are to educate the lake owners as to our treatment plans and implement a lake tracker program to measure the plant inventory through Brian Greene at the APIPP. 2025 will bring a fundraising campaign and continued care and tracking of the Milfoil. 2026 will be the treatment year. We are doing lots of research and seeking out top professionals to advise us on our journey. We are using history from past procedures and taking advantage of new technology. We have met with Schroon Lake and Paradox Lake Associations and plan to work with them in the future. That being said, we are always looking for volunteers and any interested people because we are a small but mighty lake association. There are many different ways you all can help. The Milfoil Committee is made up of ten dedicated people; Gary and Susan Clark, Bill Clifton, Deanna DiPofi, John DiPofi, Cole Hickland, Tim McNeely, Steve Meier, Debbie Mulcahy, Bill Zito. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Clark at 845-389-7222 or sclark8@twc.com Thank you Susan

Update from the Milfoil Committee 2024-2-7

Hey guys - Gary and I met with the Schroon Lake Association. I love the structure of the committees and would love to share it with you. I know everyone is saying they don't have time. Maybe with this milfoil project getting going the lake community will want to get more involved. Remember, I'm an optimist!!!

I'm working on the grant money situation a little more, because their suggestion was to try to go through a Town or the County.

They agreed about our tentative schedule for treatment.

They do suggest getting a Liability Insurance policy. They use Carpenter Insurance in Schroon Lake.

They are members of the ADK Center for Loon Preservation. They suggested we get involved because everyone loves the Loons. Great PR. I know there are people on the lake that do the counting, but are they members of this organization? Just an idea

The Committee breakdown that they use is as follows: The center of the chart is Lake Association Best Practices. All lead to that. Their committees are Membership, Government, Events, Financial, Fundraising and Marketing. I am going to try to do this with the Milfoil Committee to see if it will work. It makes sense so no one person has to do it all. It's all reported back to the President. Maybe this is something to try starting our new year, which I think is August.

I had to postpone our Milfoil meeting set for tomorrow. It is now Tuesday at 7:09pm. I will keep you posted on our conversations.

I understand that Schroon and Paradox are much bigger, but we've got such a special lake. How lucky are we? Have a great day. Susan