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ASSOCIATION

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ACTIVITY UPDATE...

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WINTER 2008

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friend of Lake Luzerne:

Happy New Year! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to those whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. I am the new President of the LLA and I need to convey the enthusiasm I have for assuming this position of leadership for our members.

Over the years, as this association has evolved, there have been many committed volunteers from both the full and part-time residents of Lake Luzerne, each of whom has made a tremendous difference in our wonderful community. Now more than ever the efforts of volunteers have been, and must continue to be seen in Lake Luzerne. The milfoil reduction program, under a permit given by the APA to the Town, is a bold step forward in eradicating nuisance species and returning the Lake to its majesty. But the real work lies ahead; there is plenty of detail on this later in the newsletter — so read on!

This Association began as a social organization, a way for the seasonal residents to ensure they would get together and enjoy each other's company during the summer. But like all things, your Association has evolved, and the LLA must now serve the community in many ways: as a vehicle for communication (check the LLA website frequently for updates); to provide volunteers and financial support for critical goals; as a liaison to the Town's governing body on issues important to a large portion of its taxpayers (YOU!), and; watershed management to protect the health and beauty of the Lake. These important tasks all unite in a project now being undertaken by the Town – an update of its Master Plan.

The Master Plan is a guiding document that will serve as the "blueprint" for the future of Lake Luzerne. Everything from zoning and land use to business development and open space preservation will be controlled by this

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Congratulations to our '08-09 Town Leadership

WORKING TOGETHER...MOVING FORWARD

The November '07 Elections are now history. Supervisor Gene Merlino, Incumbent Town Board Members Bob Shiel and Tom Diehl were re-elected, as was Incumbent Cindy Sherwood as Town Clerk. Joining them is newly elected Highway Superintendent Dan Clute, who has worked with the Town Highway Operations for the bulk of his career. The Lake Luzerne Association membership extends its congratulations to all and looks forward to strengthening our relationship with each of our Town's elected officials.

Lake Luzerne officials and volunteers alike are gaining more attention from New York State Government with the milfoil project, which is being closely monitored by the Adirondack Park Agency. When the benthic barriers were installed over the summer, APA Project Analyst Ed Snizek was on hand during the planning and noted that the watershed's organizational efforts combining the private and local governmental efforts "...could be a role model for other Adirondack communities fighting milfoil. The Lake Luzerne ecosystem will be healthier for these efforts to reduce invasive nuisance species", observed Snizek.

The Town's '08-09 budget, which was recently adopted, includes an allocation for \$7,500 for milfoil reduction; this will be combined with \$2,500 that your Association has committed to raise. This base amount of \$10,000 for the upcoming season will build on the previous year's efforts and can supplement items such as the benthic barriers donated by International Paper.



Lake Luzerne Town Supervisor Gene Merlino is joined by Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand in discussing local issues this fall at one of the Congressional "Listen-In" tours held in the 20th Congressional District. Supervisor Merlino has hosted the Congresswoman and her staff in Lake Luzerne to discuss issues concerning our area of Warren County, including economic development, environmental concerns and grant development.

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**Town of Lake Luzerne
Leadership Directory
2008 - 2009**

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Hadley-Luzerne

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EMERGENCY

FIRE - POLICE - MEDICAL

911

A BIG ADIRONDACK THANK YOU!

This past summer and fall there were numerous volunteers from throughout the community who contributed time, equipment donations, expertise and money to help prepare the benthic barriers for milfoil eradication.

On behalf of the LLA, the Board would like to express the Association's sincere thanks to the many volunteers from the Town, the community and the Association who assisted in the construction, placement, movement, and removal of the benthic barrier matting in the lake. As a result of these efforts, the Town has begun a remediation process that will help clean up the invasive weed known as Eurasian Watermilfoil. This invasive plant grows in dense, fibrous strands that foul paddles and small boat props, entangle swimmers, crowd out the native plant species, endanger future recreational use of the lake and potentially damage the Lake Luzerne economy.

We also want to give special thanks to the Lake Luzerne Town Board and Supervisor Gene Merlino. Without their commitment and support this project would never have been undertaken. We want to note that this project is just beginning and must continue in the future to have positive lasting consequences for our beautiful lake. The support of the current Town Board deserves this public thank you.

Indeed, the Board would be remiss if it did not single out for its appreciation the dedicated efforts of Luzerne's own band of "Pirates". The leadership and efforts of Mike Schaffer, Bob Forte, Bob Sherman and Bill Campbell have without

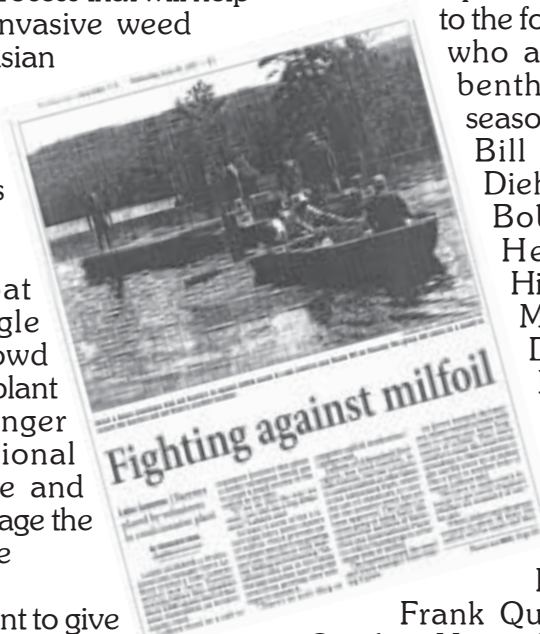


question put the Lake on the path to a healthier future and have taught all of us the importance of volunteer efforts in our community.

The Board would also like to express our appreciation to the following members who assisted with the benthic barriers this season: Rich Austin, Bill Campbell, Tom Diehl, Bob English, Bob Forte, Rich Henry, Eileen Hickey, Bill Hyatt, Melissa LaBelle, Dechen Lipman, Kurt Malgieri, Mark McLain, Kevin McGuinn, Gene Merlino, J a n e Oppenlander, Karen Phillips,

Frank Quackenbush, Art Quinlan, Howard Schaffer, Linda Schaffer, Mike Schaffer, Bob Sherman, Bob Shiel, Glen Shiel, Bob Stern, Jim Tilton, Liz Tilton, Mike Tracy-Ireland, Dan Waterhouse, Arden Weeks, Frank Wickham, Nancy Wickham and Josie Wolk. Thanks to you all and congratulations on a job well done!! And, if we left any Association volunteers off this list we apologize. Please let us know so we can add your names.

Many Association members also made financial and in-kind contributions as well, and the Board wishes to acknowledge these efforts. Privacy considerations prevent us from listing their names, but you know who you are. Thanks!



Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand recently recognized the dedicated Lake Luzerne volunteers, Town officials, donors and Association members for all their efforts in initiating the Lake Luzerne Milfoil Removal Project, which is a solid step in the right direction to reduce Adirondack aquatic nuisance plants. Gillibrand noted, "These voluntary efforts are indeed a fine example of government, commerce and local volunteers working together toward a common cause. I am more confident than ever that this aquatic hazard will be beaten – and beaten within a foreseeable time frame to help preserve our Adirondack lakes, rivers and streams. I salute the people and leadership of the Town of Lake Luzerne in attacking this problem head-on. This is an ideal example of just what can be accomplished with proper planning and dedication." The first-term Congresswoman has spent a considerable amount of time in Lake Luzerne since taking office. Her Congressional District Director Mike Russo, who participated in the LLA annual membership meeting in July, has met with LLA and Town officials to offer assistance with grant planning. The LLA Board is grateful to Congresswoman Gillibrand for taking the initiative for working with and for our town to develop opportunities that will generate long-term solutions for environmental preservation through projects such as the milfoil reduction program.

WEAR YOUR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY!

What will your \$100 Contribution Buy?

- 1) Your 2008 Individual Annual Dues membership for the Lake Luzerne Association
- 2) Your own personal Lake Luzerne Association 60th Anniversary Commemorative Sweatshirt
- 3) A donation to the Lake Luzerne Milfoil Committee to fight milfoil in Lake Luzerne

The Lake Luzerne Association is proud to offer its membership the 2008 custom sweatshirt including the emblem of the Lake Luzerne Association, which commemorates sixty years of service. This navy blue hooded sweatshirt will keep you warm and comfortable while you dream of those summer days. The LLA logo is cleanly imprinted on the left chest area in a crisp white on blue design.

Best of all, you will be supporting our efforts to fight milfoil. After costs, all funds earned from this special contribution will go to the Lake Luzerne Milfoil Fund, managed by the Town of Lake Luzerne, to help stop the spread of milfoil in the Lake Luzerne watershed. Makes a great gift! Send your \$100 check and the form below to: Lake Luzerne Association, P.O. 276, Lake Luzerne, New York 12846. If you contribute \$100, additional sweatshirts can be purchased for \$35 each.



SUPPORT YOUR LAKE LUZERNE ASSOCIATION TODAY!

(Check which address to which future mailers should be sent)



Name _____

Today's Date _____

E-mail _____

Annual dues are \$25 per individual membership.

Home Address _____

\$100 donors indicate size of sweatshirt and any extra sweatshirts at \$35 each:

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Sm. Med. Lrg. Ex. Lrg.

Seasonal Address _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

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Phone(s) _____

Please call me to discuss an endowment to preserve our lake.

Seasonal Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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document. The LLA has participated in this process to represent its members. We will continue to monitor the Plan's progress and provide both input and advocacy. This work is still in its infancy, but you can educate yourself on the process by going to the Town's website (www.townoflakeluzerne.com) and read all the information posted there.

While you are on the website, review the other information available, and see if there is anything you think the LLA should comment on. The Town is doing a commendable job in keeping information on its website current and relevant; so please use this resource to protect your investment in Lake Luzerne's future.

Since the summer ended, the LLA Board has met regularly to work on these issues and update the Association's Bylaws. As I mentioned already, all things must evolve and our Bylaws certainly needed to! With the capable assistance of our consultant, Mike Tracy-Ireland, the Board revised the Bylaws to meet the intricacies of operating in this new world of technology, rapid change and growth. We have streamlined practices and adapted outdated sections to the current legal environment. Of course, we will have the updated Bylaws available on the website as soon as possible and up for adoption at the 2008 general meeting.

In closing, I need to emphasize the continued dedication shown by your Board members: Howard Schaffer, Bob Stern, Eileen Hickey and Teri Franco. Without their time and effort over the years evolution would never have occurred, and it would have been our collective loss. They deserve our gratitude.

Please let me and the other Board members hear from you. That is the only way we will know what is on your mind and how we can best serve the interests of our membership. You can email me at arthavighorst@gmail.com; don't be shy!

Yours for the best Lake Luzerne,



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