

BURDEN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



Spring 2018



President's Message



Spring seems to come and go depending on the day. Hopefully summer will come and stay for a while. The Paint-N-Sip event was the last event for the 2017 season but the first time that Pay Pal was made available for payment. The overwhelming response and attendance attributed to this payment method made it a permanent option for paying dues, water quality and this years events.

The observed clarity of the water can only be maintained through each members continued donations to water quality. We need a donation from every household in order to sustain the quality of the water as it is now.

Several repairs, especially the restrooms, have been made to the Clubhouse, which are a welcome achievement. A special thanks to Paul Ashline and Dennis Ryan for spearheading this work. Our Facebook page has spurred interest from several venues. I would like to thank Alea Ashline for her continued effort in maintaining and updating this resource. I would also like to thank Donna Kopcho for her continued willingness to prepare this newsletter.

It appears that every year there is an issue or a project that needs to be addressed. A few years ago, it was the installation of sewers, then it was the Compressor Station and now our focus is on the Second Dyke Culvert. I just want everyone to know that the BLIA is part of all discussions regarding the culvert with the Town of Sand Lake. We will keep everyone informed on this matter as information becomes available.

As part of the Membership application notice, a request was made for you to verify and update any missing personal information and email addresses.

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The response to date has been excellent! Our thanks to all who responded as we try to improve and facilitate our communication efforts with Members.

The BLIA Board of Directors is comprised of nine members. We currently have only seven directors. If you would be interested in filling one of these vacancies, please send us an email (burdenlakeny@gmail.com).

This is an important reminder about Personal Water Craft (Jet skis). No person under the age of 14 is permitted by state law to ride a PWC by themselves. Everybody 14 and above must have a PWC Certificate to legally ride a PWC in New York. Please visit the BLIA website at (www.burdenlakeny.org) where we have posted Association rules and regulations governing boating and water safety on the Third Burden Lake.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Board members for their continued work and effort put forth to maintain and promote our association.

Tony Ilacqua

BLIA President

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2018 Water Quality information



The long winter which extended well into March is finally over and we were recently able to get out on the lake to get a preliminary look at water conditions. While it is still early in the season, we were pleasantly surprised to see minimal weed development, aside from those shallow water areas that typically exhibit the heaviest infestations. The predominant invasive weed observed in those areas was Curly Pond Weed. While it is too late to treat for Curly Pond Weed this season this weed is an early season nuisance which will die back in early to mid-July when water temperatures climb into the upper 70's. On a more somber note, we are seeing evidence of Eurasian Milfoil in the Brook Spring Cove.

Our goal this season will be to accurately map the extent of invasive weed infestations around the lake and develop a multi-year plan for treating specific areas of the lake on a rotating basis, beginning in 2019. Why this approach? From a funding standpoint, we feel it will be easier to budget and acquire funding for smaller projects identified on a yearly cycle. Members will be able to see where their donations are going on a more current basis, rather than building a large fund of money that only gets spent every 3-4 years.

Another important aspect of this plan will be to identify and concentrate on specific areas in the lake where boat traffic may be responsible for spreading invasive plants around the entire lake. Finally, we hope that when targeting specific areas, the options for controlling invasive plants may be enhanced by having residents of those areas become involved with observation, harvesting, raking, etc.

Please remember that to support these goals of maintaining the quality of our water resource, we need your monetary support of the Water Quality Fund!

The Water Quality Committee is comprised of residents from all geographic areas of the lake. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Water Quality Committee, please contact Dennis Ryan at 518-727-2019 or email dsryan03@gmail.com



Jewelry on the Lake



During 3 weeks in July and again in August, a **BASIC COSTUME JEWELRY CLASS** will be given by and held at the studio of Judy Scarlata, 14 Helenwood Lane, 3rd Burden Lake. Nancy Smith Fresina, a year round resident of Burden Lake will be assisting Judy with this class. In class you will learn to make a set of simple costume jewelry using basic techniques of stringing with beads, accenting with findings and choosing colors that you enjoy working with.

WEEK ONE - We will complete a bracelet

WEEK TWO - We will complete a necklace

WEEK THREE - We will complete a set of earrings

The three week **JULY course** will be held on Wednesday evenings, July 11, 18 & 25 from 7-9pm. The fee is \$40 and will be donated to the BLIA Water Quality Fund.

The three week **August course** will be held on Wednesday evenings, August 8, 15 & 25 from 7-9pm. The fee is \$40 and will be donated to the BLIA Water Quality Fund.

Persons may sign up for ONE course only. All supplies are included and are donated by the instructor. For BOTH courses, class size is limited to a total of SIX participants so that the instructor may give quality time to each student. Please call Judy to sign up, as class size is limited and spaces will fill quickly!

Payment for the course may be made by check to the BLIA and can be given to the instructor on the first night of class. Any questions, call Judy at 518-674-6071.

Come and enjoy having fun with your neighbors on the lake...no one has to be a "Cartier" to participate!

Judy taught art at Averill Park High School for 22 years and some of her former students are Burden Lakers! Upon retirement from A.P., she was tapped to teach in the Art Education program at St. Rose, which she did for 9 years, prepping art student teachers for their future careers. She has recently dabbled in costume jewelry and annually exhibits and sells her pieces at the St. Henry's Fall Festival in Averill Park. She is married to Steven Scarlata, a Burden Lake "long timer" and is a grandma to two beautiful little girls. She loves being back on Burden Lake after being away for 15 years.

Nancy Smith Fresina is also another Burden Lake "long timer" and has created interesting jewelry pieces for many years. She has had fundraisers at St. Henry's Church for various causes selling her jewelry creations. She is married to Mike Fresina and is grandma to a sweet granddaughter.

Nancy and Mike live on Lakeshore Drive, Burden Lake.

TREASURER'S COMMENTS - The initial response to the 2018 Membership mailing has been encouraging, both in number of memberships and donations to the Water Quality Fund. However, we have yet to hear from many faithful members, and overall Water Quality donations are still short of the annual minimum goal of \$15,000. If you have not yet done so, please take a minute to return your membership dues and Water Quality donation. New this season, we can accept Membership dues and Water Quality donations online through PayPal. Visit our website (www.burdenlakeny.org) for a direct link to this option. The ability to prepay online for our seasonal events will also be available for those who wish to avail themselves of this convenience.

Finally, please continue to support BLIA activities throughout the season. While you will see many traditional events, this season you will be treated to several new activities....check the Schedule of Events. As always, our gratitude goes out to all who have donated their time and talents to make these memorable occasions successful. Burden Lake is truly a special place. Please help us grow by stepping up and becoming involved...you will be glad you did!

Thanks, Dennis Ryan, Interim Treasurer