

Glen Lake Protective Association



December 2020 Newsletter

Dear GLPA Members,

I wanted to let you know that we received the end of year Report from Solitude, our environmental consultant. The Report shows that the lake is in great shape. The plans that we have developed in conjunction with them and have been putting into place over the past number of years has us in a favorable position regarding eurasian milfoil and other invasive species. What you have all seen with your own eyes this year should confirm their findings. It is also important to be aware that we do not control this situation. We manage it depending on the circumstances and that strategy will continue to be the case going forward. The next step is to meet with DEC and work on mitigation and control for 2021. Everyone can be optimistic as to the state of our lake versus invasive species.

There are a few other items that I wanted to keep you informed of. There have been some nuisance issues brought up at our Membership meeting and I want you to know that we are working on trying to address them. One of the issues brought to our attention is “after hours” access at the Town of Queensbury Access site. I have spoken to Steve Lovering of the Town’s Parks and Recreation Department about the concerns expressed by our Membership. We agreed that while it is difficult to control the behavior of access users while they are on the lake we would try to emphasize by signage that the rest of the lake is totally private and there is no other property on the lake that can be accessed by canoe or kayak. We did agree that we can and will

attempt to control the parking of vehicles and the use of the access site after posted hours. Mr. Lovering said he would assist us in coordinating with the Warren County Sheriff to enforce the Rules of the Park. I subsequently spoke with Sergeant Joshua Lopez of the Warren County Sheriff Department and filled him in on our discussions with Queensbury Parks and Recreation. Sergeant Lopez said he would bring this issue to his road patrol for review. This effort might take a little work, time and tweaking but we all agreed it would not be a good thing, for any one of us, to have someone who had accessed the lake after hours from the Town's site to be run over in the dark by a motor boat on Glen Lake.

One other nuisance issue that was raised by membership was trespassing and garbage on the little island. I had written a letter to the Owner of the little island indicating that she may have a trespassing problem on her property and as a courtesy and wish to be a good neighbor we wanted to make sure she was aware of it. She was very thankful that we brought it to her attention and we are going to work on posting no trespassing signs on the little island next year. We can't be sure how much this might help but we are trying to do whatever we can to mitigate the problem.

Finally, we have completed our third year of water testing on Glen Lake with SUNY Adirondack. Our SUNY partners are currently working on putting these results together into a presentation form that we can all review and make sense of at our May Membership meeting. We can say that when the results are put together in an understandable format they will show that the lake is in great shape. We will continue the water testing program with SUNY ADK in order to have a baseline to use which will help us objectively keep track that the lake continues to be the safe recreational jewel it is today.

Hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a great New Year. Paul McPhillips.