



Glen Lake Protective Association Newsletter, December 2023

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GLPA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 4 at 6 p.m. at the
The Docksider Restaurant. \$30/person.
RSVP to Sue Herlihy at 518-793-5261

Thank you for participating in the Lake User Survey: In August, Glen lakers were asked to take a “Lake User Survey” as the final piece of our revised Watershed Management Plan. Glen Lakers have shown once again that they love and care for our lake and our community. 160 Glen Lakers responded, as a professional social scientist I can tell you that is an incredible response rate. Here is a brief recap of some of the findings: When asked “What do you enjoy most about Glen Lake,” most described their love of the quiet peacefulness and serenity of life on Glen Lake and their appreciation of the natural beauty of the lake, the wildlife, and its surroundings. When asked to identify all the ways you utilize the lake, responses included a variety of activities including swimming, boating, kayaking, fishing, water sports, winter sports, and just plan enjoying the scenery. When asked about the greatest threats to the water quality of Glen Lake, 90% of respondents answered aquatic invasives and 56% septic system failures; these, too, are the primary concerns of the GLPA. When asked to identify problems at the lake, the most common responses were unsafe watercraft operation, boats and wakes becoming too large, and problems caused by off-lakers like noise or a lack of public restrooms. When respondents were asked if they feel the GLPA is fulfilling its mission to protect and enhance the water quality of Glen Lake and the community, 82% reported excellent or satisfactory. As one person stated at a recent meeting to discuss these results, “any corporation would love to get these kinds of positive numbers.” When the management plan is completed in early 2024, the full results of the survey will be released along with a comprehensive compilation of the 30 plus years of lake studies and recommendations to better protect and enhance our most precious resource, Glen Lake.

Recap of Public Hearing at Town: Again, thank you to Glen Lakers for attending the Public Hearing on Nov 20 about proposed changes to septic and sewer regulations at waterfront properties in Queensbury. While the GLPA supported many of the proposed changes such as moving toward enhanced wastewater treatment systems rather than conventional septics within our critical environmental area, we also cautioned the Town that making the codes too restrictive and costly would dissuade some from upgrading their septic systems, which many Glen

Lakers are voluntarily doing. Our voices were heard and appreciated by the Town Board. No action was taken, and the Board stated it would revise its proposal based upon public input.

2024 Lake Management: although the summer 2024 season seems along winters-way off, it is time to start the process of lake management for next year. Based upon the results of our survey, aquatic invasives and septic system were identified as the greatest threats to our water quality. We agree. Over the winter, the GLPA will be working with lake ecologists to develop a comprehensive management plan to control aquatic invasives. If you know of problem areas of aquatic invasives, please let me know at glenlake@roadrunner.com or give me a call 518-761-7015. We will also be reaching out with a form letter to our local and state politicians to help us secure grant funding to upgrade our septic systems.

See you at the Christmas Party on Dec 4 at the Docksider!

Please bring an unwrapped toy for Local Marine's Toys for Girls and Boys.

Respectfully,
Paul Derby, president Glen Lake Protective Association