



# Droplets

**Our Mission: To preserve the health, beauty and welfare of our lake, not only today, but for future generations.**

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## Prez' Perspective

As we watch, the lake goes from white to blue. The trees slowly turn from brown to green. Bird chirping escalates from silence to a cacophony of sound. Spring explodes in front of us! It puts the harsh winter behind us and we look ahead to the warm summer.

OLPA is also awakening from a long winter sleep. We kick off the year with an **Earth Day Clean-up** this Saturday. **Dumpster Day** returns in mid-May with a second end-of summer Dumpster Day in late August.

Our weed monitoring and control continues with the **Matting Program**, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. High volume areas will continue to be harvested, as in the past.

One of the tenants OLPA was formed on was to monitor and educate about control of the weeds. We will be starting to monitor and educate boaters about the new invasive weed varieties that we need to be wary of spreading to or

from our lake. We will assist boaters with advancing their knowledge of how to protect all the lakes of the region from being overwhelmed with these new varieties.

We look to have an **Annual Meeting** event with a speaker in early July. We will again coordinate the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Watershed Shuffle**, the run/walk to support our programs. All this to help protect the lake and our watershed!!

Water is a precious commodity that needs to be protected. Over the winter, the issues out in Los Angeles as well as contaminations

that occurred in Ohio and that continue in Pennsylvania as well as leaks and breaks in an aging infrastructure for water distribution all demonstrated this need.

Water is necessary for life and therefore can be defined as life itself.

If you hear of or see a project of interest, let us know. Contact us and stay up with current info, meetings & events via our website at [OtiscoLakePreservation.org](http://OtiscoLakePreservation.org).



## DUMPSTER

## DAY!!



### Saturday, May 23rd

8:30am to 5pm

**Dumpster will be at Otisco Lake Park**

**Earth Day** is an annual event, celebrated nationally on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970 and is now coordinated globally, celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

In 1969 at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be celebrated on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. A month later a separate Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970. Nelson was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award in recognition of his work. While this April 22 Earth Day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, who was the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations.

OLPA will celebrate Earth Day on **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **9:30am** at the Otisco Lake Community Center. A presentation on **Stream Ecology** will be followed by a roadside trash pick-up. A pizza lunch will be served to cap the day!! Many thanks go out to lake resident Bill Ayling of the CNY section of the American Chemical Society for his leadership in coordinating the event. Individuals and volunteers from all interested groups are welcome. Look for details on our website, [oticolakepreservation.org](http://oticolakepreservation.org).



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## Event Schedule

- April 25<sup>th</sup>—Earth Day — Community Center — 9:30am
- May 6<sup>th</sup>—OLPA Meeting—Spafford Town Hall—6pm
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>—Dumpster Day I—Otisco Lake Park—8:30am
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>—OLPA Meeting—Otisco Town Hall—6pm
- July 1<sup>st</sup>—OLPA Meeting—Community Center—6pm
- July 20<sup>th</sup>—DEC Water Chestnut Pull—9:30am
- July 25<sup>th</sup>—Watershed Shuffle—Otisco Lake Park—9am
- August 5<sup>th</sup>—OLPA Meeting—Otisco Fire House—6pm
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>—Dumpster Day II—Otisco Lake Park—8:30am
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>—OLPA Meeting—TBD—6pm

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**Join us for discussion, education and planning to protect the present & future health of our lake!!**

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