



Droplets

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

Prez' Perspective

Times are a changing... I look back on the many moments in my life where the world around me has changed. Healthcare has changed. How we communicate as clearly changed. And most important to us at OLPA, the lake has changed.

So, what's happened? Many things have happened. Zebra mussels entered our world. Streams that used to be open beds for fish spawning are now shallow with run-off. Weeds have thrived to the point of choking certain areas of our lake. Fresh water that we used to take for granted now has new enemies in the form of **harmful algal blooms (HABS)**.

At our Annual Meeting this year, **Dr. Neil Murphy**, former president of SUNY College of Environmental Science, will discuss the changing lake environments and how we can help slow the changes that occur. **Dr. Lew McCaffrey**, of the DEC Hub group, will bring a video of the bottom of our lake and again begin to suggest what we can do to help and preserve what we have.

Knowing helps us to understand what the best paths are to a safe and plentiful water source. A water source that doubles as a functional rec-

reation area and to keep that area as pleasant & clean as possible.

Through your contributions, OLPA is able to be responsive to the needs of the lake including adding an extra day of weed harvesting based on the high level of bogs floating on the Lake. Our contribution letter was sent out earlier this week. Please reflect on your ability to help us continue to intervene, act on & protect the watershed.

Let's all have a great and safe July 3rd!!

Dr. Neil Murphy

Changing Lake Environments

Dr. Lewis McCaffery

What Lurks Beneath?

Underwater Video of Otisco Lake

Wednesday, July 5th

6:00pm

Marietta House

2819 NY-174, Marietta, NY

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Care of the Environment Scholarships - 2018

Otisco Lake Preservation Association and its continuing effort to educate the community about the importance of our water resources and watershed, once again made scholarships available to the high schools in the Otisco Lake watershed.

The Care of the Environment Award is given to a deserving graduating senior student who plans to enroll in post-graduate education in the environmental or health sciences. Distribution of the \$250 award was at the discretion of the individual school administrative staff.

This year's winners include **Julia Corrente** from Onondaga Jr/Sr High School, **Emily Lanteigne** from Tully Jr/Sr High School and **Madeline Mahoney** from Marcellus Sr High School.



OTISCO LAKE PRESERVE MANAGEMENT DAY

OLPA has valued partners in the protection and preservation of the watershed. The Finger Lakes Land Trust continues its efforts on Otisco Lake with

Preservation Management Day.

Join Land Trust staff and volunteers on the first Friday of the month, July 6th, at the Otisco Lake Preserve, for nature preserve management activities and socializing. Help is needed with a variety of trail building, maintenance, clean-up, and more. The Work session will be held from 2:00-4:30pm, followed by a social hour from 4:30-5:30. Tools, work gloves, light refreshments, and snacks will be provided!

Get a sneak peek of the new **Otisco Lake Preserve** and help with the final preparations for public access. Your help is needed to install a new preserve sign, trim and mark the hiking trail, and clear brush around the parking area. This preserve contains a section of steep terrain but some tasks will be conducted in and around the parking area. Please wear sturdy footwear and clothes that you do not mind getting dirty.

Another way to help the lake! See you there!!



Events Schedule

July 5th—Annual Meeting—Marietta House—6:00pm

July 21st—Watershed Shuffle—Otisco Lake Park—9:00am

August 1st—OLPA Meeting—Amber Inn—6:30pm

August 6th—Water Chestnut Pull—Otisco Lake Park—9:00am

August 18th—Dumpster Day II—Frost Hauling—9am-4pm

September 6th—OLPA Meeting—TBD—6:30pm

All meetings are open!!

**Questions & Concerns addressed as open agenda item!
Email to us through the website your thoughts & ideas for how to make
the lake a better place!!**
