



Otisco Lake Preservation Association

# 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

The lake is beautiful this time of year. Especially in the morning hours. The flat surface reflecting the houses on the west side of the lake. A solitary skier breaks across the west side of the lake rippling the mirror and starting the day. We are **fortunate** to live here. I usually like to have the first issue of the Droplets out before this, but life is like that. Sometimes you have to delay the rest and relaxation for events either expected or unexpected.

We start this year looking to complete the tasks laid out in our first large grant. We look to do some harvesting on the west side of the lake as well as some suctioning. We will have our usual harvesting in the Narrows. More importantly this year our theme is:

**"How do we prevent it."**

One thing we found out from our research grant was that we don't have a number of the invasive species that we were concerned about presently in our lake. This is a good

thing. The grant we have for this year supports our steward program, continuing the funding over the next 3 years. This primary prevention has been found to be the most effective intervention for invasive species control. Another thing we discovered out of the steward data collected is that boats coming to our lake have come to us from a wide variety of water bodies, including lakes miles away & even the Atlantic Ocean! We can help by being sure people that visit have cleaned their boat, including emptying any bait containers. Another way to limit weed growth is to be sure we are not adding **phosphorus** to the lake. As a project, OLPA will look into mapping the major contributing streams. We then will look to control nutrient flow with settling ponds discussed by Dr. Murphy at last year's Annual Meeting.

This years **Annual Meeting** will look to address runoff. A representative of Onondaga County Soil & Water will discuss what contributes to plant growth. This talk along with a grant update and our annual Q&A will fill up our July 11<sup>th</sup> event.

The **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Watershed Shuffle** will be July 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign up an participate in a highlight event of the summer, complete with the basket raffle and a special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirt!

All-in-all a busy year! Come to a meeting & let us know what is on your mind. The lake needs our help to continue to be the place we love. All the best.



## Dumpster Day!!

**Saturday, June 15th**

9am to 4pm

**R.J. Frost, Co**

**2388 Otisco Valley Rd., Amber, NY**

*No electronics, tires or hazardous waste*



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## Sadly, We Say Goodbye

We bid a fond farewell to **Mary Bean**, former supervisor of Spafford and member of the OLPA board. She has moved on to warmer climates in Florida.

Mary was active as a representative of the west side of the lake, keeping the board informed of issues specific to that side of the lake.

She also helped out with the Shuffle as well as Dumpster Days.

Her contributions & efforts have been appreciated & will be remembered.

## Happily, We Say Hello

OLPA is pleased to announce the expansion of their Board of Directors.

Previously, the number of board members was set at five. It was decided by the present board to expand to seven to better accommodate the projects and grants that OLPA anticipates in the upcoming years. **Ben Hardwick and Bill Ayling** have accepted these new positions.

Ben Hardwick has been involved with our CSLAP program, monitoring the lake in conjunction with the New York State Federation of Lakes. We hope to have him continue citizen science initiatives for OLPA.

Bill Ayling is an environmental consultant who is been involved with OLPA, specifically coordinating our yearly Earth Day event. Bill is a chemistry teacher at Bishop Grimes High School. He brings an interest in assisting with grant production and helping out with our with updating and advancing our Nine Element Watershed Plan.



## Watershed Shuffle turns 10!!

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The 10th anniversary of our Watershed Shuffle will be **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019!!**

The Shuffle has been the primary fundraising event at OLPA. It has evolved into a community event for the morning hours. Its hard to believe it now enters its 10th year of existence!

Specifically needed are **sponsors**, Anyone interested in helping in any way with the event, please contact us through the website at **[oticolakepreservation.org](http://oticolakepreservation.org)**.



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## **Event Schedule**

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Earth Day - Otisco Lake Park – 9:30am-12:30pm

May 15<sup>th</sup> - OLPA Meeting - Amber Inn - 6:30pm

June 5<sup>th</sup> - OLPA Meeting - Amber Inn - 6:30pm

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Dumpster Day I - RJ Frost - 9am-4pm

July 9<sup>th</sup> – HABs ID Training – Marcellus Library—6:30pm

July 11<sup>th</sup> - Annual Meeting - Marietta House - 6:30pm

Mid July - Water Chestnut Pull - Otisco Lake Park - 9:00am

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Watershed Shuffle - Otisco Lake Park—9:00am

August 7<sup>th</sup> - OLPA Meeting - Amber Inn - 6:30pm

August 10<sup>th</sup> - Dumpster Day II - **TBD** - 9am-4pm

August 10<sup>th</sup>-Water Chestnut Pull-Otisco Lake Park— 9am-Noon

September 4<sup>th</sup> - OLPA Meeting - Amber Inn - 6:30pm