



The Oquaga Lake Improvement Association

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Dear Fellow Oquaga Lakers,

Finally, after a long winter we have some good lake weather.

Enclosed is the Schedule of Events for the 2013 season. We look forward to meeting new members and reacquainting with our neighbors.

OLIA:

The Oquaga Lake Improvement Association, made up of property owners, businesses and interested individuals, promotes the interests of the entire Lake community. The Association seeks increased participation from the lake community

Over the decades the OLIA has focused on protecting the lake environment, preserving water quality and assuring our enjoyment of the lake. The organization is concerned with much more than parties and picnics. You may be interested to know the OLIA:

- Promotes safe boating and pushed for the local ordinance banning jet skis.
- Worked with the Town to implement zoning and creation of the Lake Overlay Zone.
- Protected water quality through implementation of the sewer project.
- Performed annual monitoring of lake water quality.
- Maintained and repaired of the outlet structure
- Arranged for trapping and removal of beaver
- Conducts annual fish stocking.

Over the last two years the OLIA helped steer the Sewer District to consider an enhanced maintenance program rather than pursue the large capital construction project recommended by the Town's consultants. This saved every property owner in the sewer district thousands of dollars annually.

OPENING PARTY

The Adult Opening Cocktail Party will be held on Saturday July 6 at Scott's on the waterfront. See the enclosed event schedule for details and more information will follow in a postcard reminder..

Please make your reservations with Barbara Marko at 467-1897 by June 29th.

THE FOURTH OF JULY

This year the 4th falls on Thursday and therefore requires our Ring of Fire event to be held on Thursday evening. The lighting of the flares will be at 9:30 PM. Flares will be available from Koen and Annelie Gieskes (Yellow Bird) 48 Hanson Rd, as was last year flares will be \$6.00 a piece or three for \$15.00. The flares will be by the garage on starting Sunday, July 1.

THE ELMER CROWLEY MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

The Eleventh Annual Elmer Crowley Memorial Fishing Derby will be held on Thursday, July 4th starting at 7AM with registration at Koen Gieskes dock. Koen will be there to judge the fish and award the prizes. Remember there are both adult and child categories with world class prizes for the winners.

Please call Koen at 467-4969 if you have any questions.

ANNUAL FAMILY FIELD DAY AND PICNIC

The annual Family Day activities are scheduled for Saturday, August 3 to start at 9 AM with a family event, followed by a 10:00 start for the kids' field events and water events starting at 1:30. All events will be held at Scotts. Larry Tremonti has again this year put together a special day with trophies for the winners to be awarded at the Family picnic. The picnic will begin at 5:45 PM at "Lookout Cookout".

Volunteers are necessary, so please call Larry for the morning events at 467-5198 and Jim Bennett for the picnic at 467-5575.

LAUNCHING YOUR BOAT

Scott's will allow lake residents and their guest access to the lake through their boat launch area. The Scott's have requested that we follow a few simple rules:

1. Please stop at the lobby of the hotel to pay the launch fee, pick up the key to the launch and sign the launch log book.
2. Bring your boat and trailer to the launch by going along Playhouse Road and backing into the launch.
3. The gate must be locked when you finish launching your boat.
4. Exit the launch area by driving by the farm house to the main road.
5. Please stay off the grass on either side of the launch access.
6. Do not leave your trailer in the launch area.
7. Please return the key to the lobby of the hotel.

LAKE MONITORING

The 2013 water quality monitoring program is uncertain at present due to the federal budget sequestration. The NYSDEC relies on federal subsidies to fund the majority of the Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). Oquaga Lake has participated in this program since the early 1990s. Stay tuned.

BOAT STICKERS

Don't forget to place your orange stickers on your boat for identification. If you need new stickers contact Barbara Marko at 467-1897 and she will assist you. We will also have stickers available at the opening party.

We have had some uninvited fishermen on the lake. Remember crossing private property to access the lake is trespassing and against the law. We stock the lake at our expense for the benefit of the lake residents, not for poachers who fish illegally. Check for their boat stickers and ask the violators to leave.

SEWER SYSTEM UPDATE

The Town Sewer District reports that the enhanced maintenance program is ahead of schedule. At this point all electrical upgrades are complete. This has significantly reduced to repair calls to Brad and Wayne.

Each resident has received all new wiring coming from the electrical box over to the pump tank. New conduit was installed where needed. All old components have been removed with only the breaker and the heater remaining. A new water proof electrical box has been installed in each tank to protect the new wiring.

Two new floats have been installed while removing three floats from the old system, simplifying the system dramatically (one float turns the pump on and off, the other works the alarm system). .

The county and the town have located all the access man hole covers in the road way and a project is started to install risers to bring them up to roadway grade. When this is done, the inspection of the pipe system can be accomplished by running cameras thru the 6" pipes to determine necessary repairs.

OLIA has expressed our appreciation to the Sanford Town Board for their strong support.

FRIDAY NIGHTS

The Friday night tradition of gathering for a social hour of fun and frivolity continues at Scott's or River Run at 5pm until whenever. There will be a message on Barbara's answering machine (467-1897) with this week's venue, and you can find it at the top of the NEWS page on the website: Oquaga.com. Come and join with your Lake friends and neighbors for an hour or two of fun.

DUES

Enclosed with this letter is the invoice for your Lake Association dues. Your prompt attention to this invoice will help to control expenses and insure our financial security. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

For the Board of Directors
Mark Millspaugh
President