



Eatonbrook Lake Association

Newsletter Summer 2019

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From Rosalyn Bandy:

Our first ELA meeting of the year was held June 1 and we are greatly appreciative of Jim Cunningham who gave us an update on various scientific topics relative to our lake. One topic of key importance from Jim is halting the introduction of aquatic invasive plant species to our lake at the DEC boat launch. This is a big concern because there is no oversight at the boat launch to inspect and prevent boaters from introducing new species into the lake. Jim says that it's only a matter of time before these invasive species get transported to our lake. I have included some images in this newsletter of what to look out for and what to do if you find a suspicious looking aquatic plant. I also want to recognize Mike and Debbie Gleason for their continued volunteer work in the Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). They collect water samples every other week for 15 weeks and send them off to a lab for analysis. The results contribute to water quality management plans and supports many DEC programs. We can't thank Mike and Debbie enough for volunteering their time to this effort.

NYS DEC Grant: Update

In February, ELA President, Rosalyn Bandy, wrote and submitted an application for a state-wide competitive grant offered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to write a Lake Management Plan (LMP) with a focus on aquatic invasive species (AIS). Our grant application did not score high enough to win the grant. We lost points due to the following reasons as noted by the DEC:

1. Waterbody is greater than 5 acres
2. Only 1 group of organized stakeholders
3. No watershed plan
4. More than .5 miles from an invaded waterbody
5. No direct connection to invaded waterbody
6. Not an environmental justice location

Fish Stocking: Update

For many years, we have stocked the lake with predatory fish to reduce the number of panfish in the lake, which we believed would also help reduce the milfoil population. This was recommended to us by SUNY Oneonta professor, Paul Lord. At this point, we need to perform studies to understand if increasing the predatory fish has actually helped. We will be reaching out to SUNY Oneonta and SUNY ESF to see if there are economical ways to have these studies performed by students. At the June 1 ELA meeting, we voted to eliminate the Fish Fund donation on the annual form and encourage ELA members to simply donate what they wish toward a general ELA fund. Communication on this topic will be forthcoming.

ELA Website: Update

The official Eatonbrook Lake Association website is live! Check it out here:

<https://www.eatonbrooklakeassociation.com>

We purchased the domain name for the next 10 years for only \$10 per year. The website hosting runs about \$7 per month. We will be adding sections and information continually and will post the link on our Facebook page as well. For those of you who do not use social media, this is an alternative to get information and is also a place for us to publicly communicate long-term information and strategies for the lake, such as aquatic invasive species awareness and a future lake management plan.

Thanks to everyone who sent photos to use; and if any of you have some favorite photos of the lake that you would like to share for the website image library, or for newsletters, please send to

rosalyn.bandy@hotmail.com

ELA Bylaws:

The ELA bylaws are due to be updated and the Board has submitted a number of relevant changes. The changes are primarily around membership (anyone who owns property or has access to the lake is automatically a member); dues have been changed to donations; and we have built in some flexibility to the dates of our meetings in the event that a venue isn't available or any other type of conflict. Please be sure to review the bylaws prior to the next ELA meeting as we will be voting to pass them at that time. The current and draft bylaws can be found on the website:

<https://www.eatonbrooklakeassociation.com>

ELA Swag:

The ELA swag warehouse is completely depleted of inventory! Given that we have a vast array of diverse talent among our membership, we would like YOU to be our next merch logo designer. Our goal is to begin production in time for the Spring meeting of 2020, so please get your creative juices flowing and send your logo or image ideas by the end of the season while the beauty and fun of our lake is still inspirational.



Aquatic Invasive Species

Think you see one of these on a boat or in the water?
Get a sample and put it in a container of lake water
then contact Jim Cunningham jimcnwt@gmail.com
who will do an analysis.

European Frogbit: resembles a small water lily.
The ½ inch leaves are about the size of a dime.
They are smooth and leathery and have a heart-shaped base.



Hydrilla: also commonly called water thyme, is a submersed perennial herb. The plant is rooted in the bed of the waterbody and has long stems (up to 25 feet in length) that branch at the surface where growth becomes horizontal and forms dense mats.

Save the Dates:

Saturday, August 10th: Annual Picnic 1:00 to 4:00 pm: Hosted by Tillie Coulter (Dowsland Road). Bring your favorite dish to share, drink, and lawn chair. 50/50 raffle to benefit ELA.

****Saturday, August 24th:** Fall ELA Meeting 9:00 am. Meet at the Erieville Firehouse. Tuscarora Lake Association President, David Rezak and I will discuss some collaboration ideas we have between our two lake associations.

Sunday, September 1st: Fourth Annual "Raft-Off" 2:00 pm (rain date is Monday the 2nd). Meet in middle of the lake. Bring dessert or hors d'oeuvres to pass. Don't forget bumper buoys and rope.

Hope to see you at all of these events!

****correction from ELA postcard which stated August 31**