



# LLHA COMMUNICATOR

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## “Communicator” New LLHA Newsletter

### *News You Can Use*

Whether you are at your camp or away, this newsletter is intended to be a source of information regarding events and/or matters that affect you, your property, and quality of life at Loon Lake. It will be published on an as needed basis and be conveyed via e-mail or by regular mail if you don't have e-mail.

### TOPICS

More specifically, it will include details of membership meetings, policies adopted by the Board of Directors, events such as annual picnics, and recreational activities such as kayak races; educational activities such as CPR course offerings; souvenir items such as T-Shirts; Loon Gulf property development, Lake access, Lake water quality, water safety, loons, etc. In addition, it will inform you about Town of Franklin and Franklin County events and policies that affect Loon Lake; e.g., property taxes, land use plans, etc.

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## LLHA Takes Steps to Protect Lake Integrity

After sightings of unauthorized boats being launched at the Blue Spruce Drive boat launch site, some LLHA members became alarmed at the thought of possible contamination of the Lake by invasive species. As a result, they took immediate action by circulating a petition urging restricted access.

Consequently the LLHA Board appointed a committee of 7 to lock the gate, after timely notification to affected parties, and to distribute keys to them. (See Notice in the news section of our website: [www.loonlakehoa.org](http://www.loonlakehoa.org).)

### *Educational Materials being Prepared*

LLHA member Moira Lemay is preparing an informational package which points out the serious adverse consequence of lake contamination by invasive species; e.g., Eurasian milfoil, water chestnut, zebra mussels, etc. In addition, it will detail proper procedures for decontamination of watercraft and carriers that have been in other bodies of water. In this connection, property owners who rent out their camps are urged to make sure their renters take appropriate steps to prevent contamination by outside watercraft.

### **Lake Water Monitored for Quality**

Monitoring yearly by the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College, with the help of volunteers, including our own (Stuart Lucks and others), we have seen that the water has improved significantly over the past 10 years and currently is considered to be in good standing; i.e., low levels of phosphorus, chlorophyll-2a, high transparencies, alkalinity values consistent with low levels of acidity, resulting in sustained satisfactory pH levels.

## Interim News Via LLHA Website and E-Mail

LLHA website: [www.loonlakehoa.org](http://www.loonlakehoa.org), in addition to its normal contents, will report current items of interest; however, matters of immediate importance will be communicated via e-mail or regular mail

**Please note:** If you have an e-mail address and never received e-mails from us, please send your e-mail address to [president@loonlakehoa.org](mailto:president@loonlakehoa.org) or [secretary@loonlakehoa.org](mailto:secretary@loonlakehoa.org).

## Annual Picnic a Huge Success

“Mouth-watering” Don Pearson hamburgers and hotdogs, an array of tempting dishes brought by members, LLHA members and invited guests “catching up”, getting to know new comers, children involved at the sandy beach, the sound of beautiful *Loon Lake Live* music, and cooperative weather – these are the elements that make for an enjoyable and memorable day.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Diane, Tom, Jennifer, Nancy, Don, Brenda, Eli, Murray, *Loon Lake Live*, and other volunteers for giving their time and effort to once again bring about this wonderful tradition.

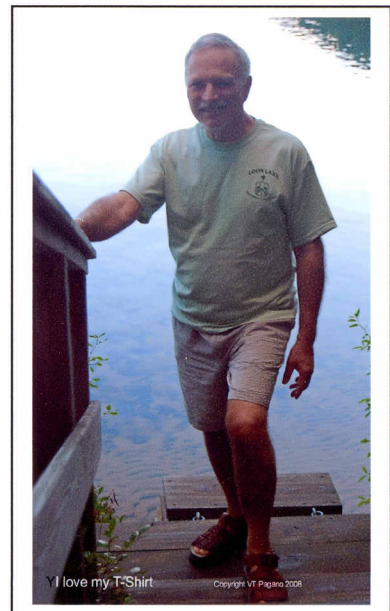


## T-Shirt Offering

To date we have dispensed approximately 50 T-shirts. We have some left. So if you want to join your fellow Loon Lakers in collecting a super cool T-Shirt, contact Vince e-mail [president@loonlakehoa.org](mailto:president@loonlakehoa.org) or LLHA, PO Box 219, Vermontville, NY 122989

Sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL

Donation \$15 ea. or 2/\$25



**Race results:**

**The Loon Lake 1st Annual Canoe/Kayak Race** for residents was held Sunday July 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Paddlers faced windy and rainy conditions. The race course started at the beach and consisted of two loops to and around the island with the tall trees. Thanks to Luca's dad for volunteering to offer his boat as the safety vessel.

Here are the winners by category:

**Luca Diadul**

**28:45**

**C-1 Men's canoe**

**Campbell Veasey**

**29:55**

**K-1 Men's**

**kayak**

**Carlen Veasey**

**41:52**

**C-1 Men's Rec. canoe**

**Rose Bartiss**

**47:53**

**C-1 Women's**

**canoe**

**Congratulations to all who attended. Hope to see more contestants next year!**

**Clyde and Carol Yarnell**

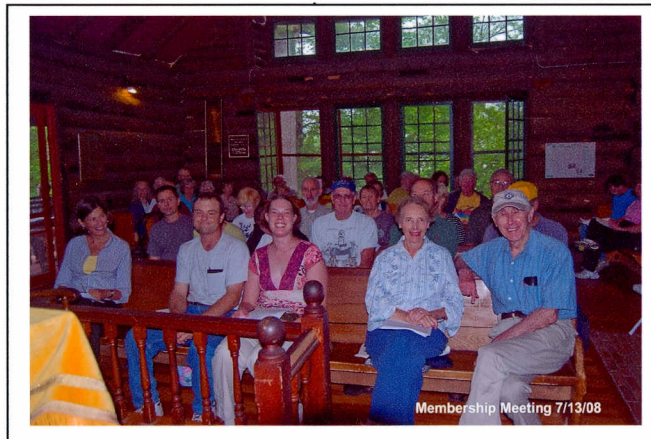
**4 Par Drive**

**Loon Lake**

**Membership Update**

As of August 31, 2008, we have approximately 80 paid up members. If you have not joined or renewed your membership, please check the website for a membership form or contact Diane Castrovinci, e-mail: [secretary@loonlakehoa.org](mailto:secretary@loonlakehoa.org) or PO Box 219, Vermontville, NY 12989

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**



See Website for more photos [www.loonlakehoa.org](http://www.loonlakehoa.org)

**Annual Membership Meeting Well Attended****LLHA Services Well Worth \$30**

Our Annual Membership Meeting, chaired by Vince Pagano, President, was held at noon on July 13, at the Loon Lake Jewish Center. Vince emphasized the value of having a viable homeowners' association by listing and describing the many services that LLHA provides. (See LLHA President's Report; if you have not seen it, check it out on our website: [www.loonlakehoa.org](http://www.loonlakehoa.org) or request a hard copy from [president@loonlakehoa.org](mailto:president@loonlakehoa.org).) Related to this, Pagano compared the services that the Town of Franklin provides to Loon Lake and its tax bill with the services that LLHA provides and its \$30 membership fee, leaving members to draw their own conclusions.

**Town Wide Property Assessments**

Of particular interest at the meeting, was the report of the upcoming town wide property tax assessments. LLHA member Bob Weigold is expected to be the data collector for the Town of Franklin. Bob explained that "this will entail an updating of the data card on each property in the Town – specifically the size of lot, and size of any buildings on the lot, number of bedrooms, fireplaces, and bathrooms." A copy of the Town minutes regarding assessments with details regarding the evaluation and time table was distributed. (See website or request a hard copy by contacting Vince Pagano or Diane Castrovinci, Secretary. *Also for a copy of the minutes of the Membership Meeting or The Water Quality report, contact Vince or Diane.*

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**President's Message**  
**By Vince Pagano**

Judging by the increased involvement of its members regarding concern for preserving the Lake's integrity and safety, LLHA has come a long way. During this past year we have seen increased efforts by its members to prevent Lake contamination by invasive species. For example, there was a ground swell of support for limiting water craft access, thereby preventing the launching of unauthorized outside boats, etc.

Also, there has been an increased awareness regarding the proper decontamination of watercraft that had been exposed to other bodies of water. "*Decontaminate outside boats!*" has been our mantra. Camp owners who rent out their camps are becoming more aware. They also have much at stake.

Water quality has been improving and at this point appears to be satisfactory. However, there needs to be continuing caution regarding the introduction of toxic contaminants.

Lastly, I noticed that some have been urging their fellow water craft operators and swimmers to practice responsible water safety. *We're getting better and better.*

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