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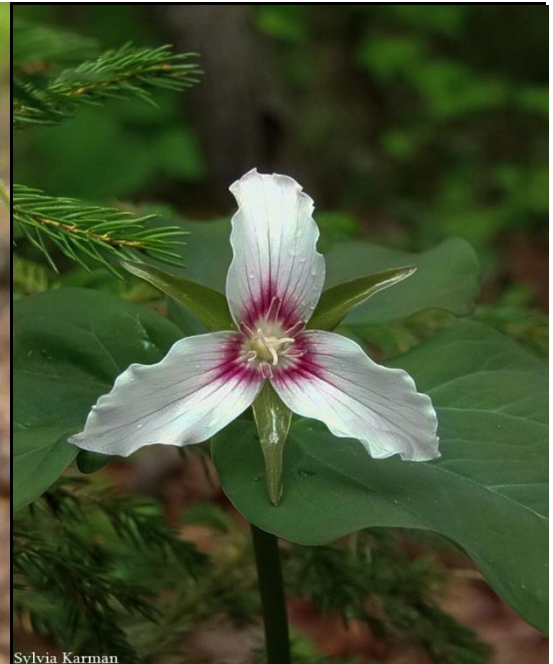
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LLHOA Annual Meeting on July 8

Our annual homeowners' association meeting is scheduled to be held on **Sunday July 8** from **11am until Noon** at the Loon Lake Jewish Center. The Board is still developing an agenda, however, if you have a topic that involves the Loon Lake homeowners and community that you'd like to discuss at our meeting, send your items to Tom Bartiss (president@loonlakehoa.org) or Stuart Lucks (vicepresident@loonlakehoa.org) by June 30.

In addition to updates regarding the LLHOA budget, here are a few other topics that we'll cover at the meeting:

LLHOA Board Elections

Among the items on tap for the annual meeting will be elections for five LLHOA Board positions. Any LLHOA members who are interested in serving on the Board should contact Patty Cogswell (pcapcog@gmail.com) by June 30. If you'd like to provide a bit of information about yourself, please send Patty a bio of 120 words or less (also by June 30) that can be shared with the LLHOA membership before the July 8 annual meeting.

Loon Gulf Holdings

Many of the local Loon Gulf holdings have sold to individual buyers. Remaining properties that are still on the market include the West side of the lake, golf course, boat launch/beach area, and the Garden Rd access point.

Limit Lawn Fertilizers & Other Chemicals

The Board reminds all of us to limit the use and doses of lawn fertilizers and assorted pesticides and herbicides. The NY DEC has some great information regarding ways to prevent [chemical run-off](#) that affects our lake and other water bodies and waterways. Our use of [chemicals](#) affects other creatures as well, including pollinators and animals of prey.

Basically, we need to be mindful of the chemicals we are applying and how we're using them. If using a fertilizer, please make sure it does not contain phosphorous. Also limit the use of pesticides, insecticides, herbicides (e.g., Weed and Feed ® or Roundup ®), and other chemicals, such as rodenticides. Rodent poison is pernicious as it kills the raptors and mammals that prey on rodents, effectively undermining nature's mechanism for controlling rodent populations.

Finally, remember that if the person applying the pesticides or

fertilizers is someone other than the property owner, s/he must be licensed by NYS.



Protect the Shoreline

Leave natural vegetation along the lake's shoreline to protect the riparian zone at the water's edge. The vegetation in the riparian zone creates a natural habitat for wildlife and organisms, while also protecting shoreline from erosion with the root structure it provides. Shoreline and wildlife protection are among the reasons for rules regulating the use and size of motorized water vehicles as well as the building of structures (e.g., docks) at water's edge on Loon Lake.

Clean & Safe Boating

Speaking of boating, remember to clean your water recreation devices (especially those items that have been in other water bodies, such as canoes, kayaks, motor boats and jet skis) before introducing them into Loon Lake. Note that Loon Lake has a 10 horsepower restriction. And for those of you who rent your camps, please remind renters to use only the watercraft available to them at your camp and not to introduce their boats into Loon Lake. Also, please ask renters who have taken any watercraft associated with your rental property to another water body or waterway during their stay to clean the watercraft before leaving or reintroducing it to the lake.

Monitor Septic Systems

Please remember to monitor your septic system. If it's been a while since it's been cleaned, consider making that happen this summer.

Annual Jane Neale Hike Set for Sunday July 29

Loon Laker, Wendy Ungar, will lead the [Annual Jane Neale Hike on July 29 on Poke-a-Moonshine Mountain](#).

This year Jane Neale hikers will be ascending the new OBSERVERS Trail – not to be confused with the original Ranger’s Trail. The trail is longer but easy to navigate and easy-to-moderate in difficulty. The route follows an old logging road, tackling the mountain from the south. Follow the blue markers passing two beaver ponds. At 2.1 miles you reach a lean-to, then turn sharp left around the lean-to, to remains of the ranger cabin. Here the trail joins the Ranger’s trail coming in from right, and markers are red. Another 0.3 miles ascends through a very steep rock cut. At the top of steep section, turn right to the summit. The trail to the summit is about 2.5 miles. A fire tower marks the final destination with a 360-degree panorama from the top offering breathtaking views. To the east, Lake Champlain can be seen with the Green Mountains off in the distance. To the north is Lyon Mountain. To the south is Deerfield Mountain with the Jay range behind it. Hurricane, Giant and Gothics can also be seen. To the west is Whiteface Mountain. The views are magnificent and truly rewarding. Total distance: 5 miles RT. Ascent: 1450'. Hiking time to summit: approximately 2 hours.

Join members of ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club) and friends of Jane Neale to remember her and celebrate her commitment to the Adirondacks. This fundraiser is for the Jane Neale Fund, an endowment established by ADK for high school students to participate in the ADK’s annual youth trails crew work week.

To register or for more information, contact Wendy Ungar wendy.ungar@utoronto.ca or 518-891-2750.

If you’re unable to join Wendy and her ADK crew but you’d like to support the cause, you can make a donation to the [Jane Neale Fund](#). Be sure to specify "Jane Neale Fund" in the comment field. Contributions are always welcome and are tax deductible.

Annual LLHOA Picnic—August 5

Another summer and another picnic! Our annual picnic is scheduled this year for Sunday at Noon on August 5 at the public beach. Join the festivities to catch up with friends and to make new ones—with plenty of great food and drink on hand. Bring a favorite dish to share and sample what others have brought. Look forward to seeing you there!

Town of Franklin News

Kate Mountain Community Center

Plans for the Kate Mountain Community Recreation Center are on hold as incoming bids proved higher than anticipated. The Town Board is investigating other options to raise funds or arrange for help with building.

New York State Energy Research & Development Authority Grant

The NYSERDA grant that Town of Franklin was awarded is on track to take effect shortly. The grant will go toward building a 33 kW solar array at Kate Mountain Park that should provide enough electricity to supply the Town Hall, Highway Garage, and the Park with some leftover possibly to help power street lights.

Founders' Day Picnic

Founders' Day Picnic planning is still underway. For more information about these items and other Vermontville events check out the [Town of Franklin Newsletter](#).

The Winter That Wouldn't Quit

Winter 2018 in the Adirondacks was fierce and reluctant to move on. It took its toll on nature and roads alike. A Loon Lake couple was privileged to witness the realities of the lingering winter on local wildlife.

Coyote Takes Down Deer on Frozen Loon Lake April 19

As they were eating breakfast one frigid Sunday morning this past April, Paulette and David Burns watched as a coyote chased a deer onto a still-frozen Loon Lake. Within moments, the coyote caught the deer for a sumptuous breakfast of its own. Positively amazing.

For David Burns' photo stills of the video he took and more details, check out [Peter Crawley's article](#) in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise.

Caution on Local Roads

The Franklin County Highway Department will face its share of work clearing away the sandy roadways following the icy winter and full-on torrential spring rains. Be extra careful driving (and biking!) along the area roads, including CR 26. Town of Franklin Highway Department spring and summer plans include completing the paving of Fletcher Farm Road and adding an overlay of portions of Cold Brook Road.

Loon Lake Live Summer 2018

Loon Lake Live has been enhancing the quality of our summers here since they began performing over 20 years ago.

Join director and professional violist Catherine Beeson and other professional musicians for free, donation-based performances at the Loon Lake Jewish Center at 7:30 PM on these Sunday evenings: July 15; July 29; and, August 5. A July 22 performance is TBA.

See [Loon Lake Live](#) for information regarding the performances' musical programs and Loon Lake Live's other local venues for Summer 2018.

Support Your Loon Lake Community

Monitoring Aquatic Invasive Species & Lake Water Quality

Please support the ongoing efforts by LLHOA members working with the Adirondack Watershed Institute of Paul Smiths College to monitor Loon Lake annually. We need both funds and volunteers. Contact Stuart Lucks by email at vicepresident@loonlakehoa.org

Annual Dues \$50

Here are just a few of benefits your \$50 dues make possible for Loon Lake and our community:

- * Coordinating lake water quality monitoring
- * Annual Picnic
- * Communication about news, issues, events--including newsletters
- * Watchdog on development - working with APA to keep an eye on what's proposed for our lake
- * Boat launch and beach access
- * Boat wash & stewardship to prevent aquatic invasives
- * Donations to local non-profits, such as the Bloomingdale VFD, the Kate Mt. Reserve Fund, the BRI (Biodiversity Research Institute in support of loon populations in the Adirondacks, see <http://www.briloon.org/support-us>), and our own Loon Lake Live.

You can use either PayPal or send a check to pay your dues and make designated donations. You do not need to join PayPal to use the option on our website.

Visit our website at <http://www.loonlakehoa.org/membership/> and renew, join or contribute in either of two ways:

1. You can pay your dues (to renew or join) online using PayPal

and you can even make a contribution to the special funds for aquatic invasive species and the swim float installed in 2015 at the beach. It is quick and easy! Plus you save a stamp!

-or-

2. If you prefer to write a check, you can download a membership form from the website (<http://www.loonlakehoa.org/membership/>) and mail it with a check of \$50 to LLHOA at PO Box 219, Vermontville, NY 12989.

THANK YOU for your ongoing support!!

Haiku

Campfire flicks night's hem.
Silence settles on pine boughs
then flies when owls call.

Sylvia Karman

Have a Beautiful Summer

