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Here We Go Again

Loon Gulf Submits a Loon Lake Conceptual Development Plan to APA

Loon Gulf, Inc., the owners of more than 2,800 acres around Loon Lake recently have presented to the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) a concept plan that visualizes the subdivision of the property into 160 residential lots and three open space lots with the potential of reestablishing the golf course; and access to Loon Lake.

The Loon Lake Homeowners' Association (LLHA) has been aware of Loon Gulf's land development considerations since 2006, via yearly Freedom of Information requests of all Loon Gulf's correspondence to and from the APA. In December of 2007, Loon Gulf presented to the APA, for their review, details of their initial concept as a preliminary step to submitting a Conceptual Application. The APA at that time reviewed Loon Gulf's detailed concept document and modified it to include additions and changes to which Loon Gulf complied subsequently.

Responses from the APA to LLHA's yearly FOI requests reported no new information until a May 10, 2013 APA letter to LLHA, which indicated Loon Gulf's request for a Pre-Application meeting with the APA regarding their recent concept plan captioned above.

It appears, however, that there are no immediate plans by Loon Gulf to implement the project.

LLHA Reaction

At its May 26 Board of Directors meeting, Board members decided that the LLHA go on record, via a letter to APA, expressing our concerns regarding the potential impact of the implementation of the project on Loon Lake and its environs; and that we be kept informed of its status.

Loon Laker Keith Silliman has already articulated his concerns in a May 13 letter to the APA, detailing potential impacts on water quality, fish and wildlife, intensity of use, etc. This letter is posted on LLHA Website: www.loonlakehoa.org

Town of Franklin News

Blue Spruce Drive Extension

Last summer saw a lot of brush cutting and chipping by the Highway Department. This brush work needed to be done prior to completing the work on the roads that were damaged in last year's spring flooding and Hurricane Irene and for which the Town received money from FEMA.

A case in point is the clearing and improving of the Blue Spruce Drive extension which is a seasonal Town road that connects to Thatcherville Road, which ends at County Route 26 and Goldsmith Road.; however it is very narrow and still rugged and leaves little or no room for two way traffic.



New Budget Under 2% Tax Cap

The budget process has been completed and the new 2013 budget adopted. The results were good considering a huge increase once again in NY State Retirement costs and healthcare. In spite of this the budget was held under the 2% tax cap again with the final bottom line at 1.88% The retirement spike of 70% will hopefully be a one year thing and cost increases next year will be more reasonable. As for the healthcare costs, these will be able to be kept in check because of the cooperation and understanding of our employees who have been willing to accept a more moderately priced healthcare package and a temporary moratorium on wage increases. This went a long way toward controlling our bottom line. They deserve a big thank you from all of our taxpayers.

Irish House Now Leased as Vacation Rental

No longer an Inn

David Ceriotti, who has a camp at the northern end of Loon Lake has leased the Irish House and adjoining property from Loon Gulf, Inc.; and is now running it as a vacation rental and not as an inn due to a lack of interest as such. The lease will be in effect for 3 more years. According to Mr. Ceriotti, the lease includes property that extends down to the beach area, thereby making said property available to renters.

2013 Fully Booked. Reservation for 2014 Sought

According to information posted by Mr. Ceriotti on the LLHA website, the house that was offered for rent by the week is fully booked for 2013. However, it is being offered for rent for the 2014 season to a “family looking for an awesome summer retreat;” not by the week, but for a minimum of 8 weeks, preferably in July and August. For reservations, prices, more info call 518-587-2159.

Bite on This

There have been several reports of rabid animals in areas surrounding our location. A significant number of rabid animals (fox, skunks, raccoons) have been identified in southern Clinton County and the northern Essex County recently. It is likely that more animals will come down with rabies during this season (spring and summer.) and possibly spread to our area.

Take Precautions

Public Health authorities warn the public to:

Use caution around all wild animals, especially raccoons, skunks and foxes. Talk to children now about not approaching wildlife and to immediately tell a parent or adult if they see a wild animal.

Have pets vaccinated against rabies immediately. New York state law requires that all dogs, cats and ferrets be vaccinated by age 4 months. Vaccination is also recommended for livestock with frequent human contact.

Report all animal bites to your local health department. If follow-up on the biting animal is not possible, the person may need rabies vaccinations to prevent the disease.

Report all contact with bats, including finding a bat in the same room with a sleeping person.

Have pets spayed or neutered because that decreases undesirable behavior, like aggression and roaming, and reduces the number of unwanted animals that may not be properly cared for or regularly vaccinated.

Secure all garbage in containers that will keep wild animals

Do not transport or relocate trapped wild animals.

Don't leave puppies, kittens and other small pets outside alone, even in a fenced area.

Wear gloves before handling your pet if it has had a fight with a wild animal, and call the health department or your veterinarian for advice on what to do next.

If an unvaccinated pet comes in contact with a rabid or suspected rabid animal, the pet must be quarantined for six months or euthanized.

Vaccinated pets that come in contact with a rabid or suspected rabid animal must be given a booster rabies vaccination within five days of the contact.

Franklin County Health Department: 481-1709. After hours, call 877-410-55753 (Press 5 for on call nurse.)

Breakfast at Lake Placid

Lake Placid and its surrounding area are a mecca for tourists with its many attractions; e.g., scenic drives, Whiteface Mountain, Skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing, Olympic Center, Scenic Railroad, Golf Club, Museum, Shop Main Street, and fabulous hotels and restaurants.

The Breakfast Club, Etc.

One relatively new restaurant known as the Breakfast Club, etc., is so named because it serves breakfast all day. Located at 2490 Main Street (next to Starbucks), it is an outstanding addition to the list of local eateries. Co-owner Susan Berkowitz – a Loon Laker- and business partner Heather LePere have created a cozy eclectic place where one can have a truly unique dining experience. It is a full service restaurant and bar with a menu that includes delicious creative breakfast, lunch and dinner items and a variety of incomparable Bloody Marys. Try it. You'll want to go back.

Chef Vince Dietrich. Email thebcetc@gmail.com . Phone: 518-523-0007.



“Try it. You’ll be glad you did.”

Membership Number Maintained

In recent years there has been a steady rise in LLHA membership with 96 paid memberships during the 2011-12. One might say that this was due to LLHA's outreach efforts via e-mail, website, newsletter and telephone contact by Len Wisse.; but these factors are only the means of communication. The incentive to join and renew memberships is the fact that LLHA members and the leadership working together get the job done; that is, maintaining and preserving the excellent quality of life enjoyed by the Loon Lake community via our untiring efforts to protect the lake and its surrounds; and the fostering of cultural and social functions.

Continuing membership is vital to our mission.

Please fill out the membership form and send in your dues of \$40 at your earliest convenience to LLHA PO Box 219, Vermontville, NY 12989. Membership forms can be found in this mailing and also on our website: www.loonlakehoa.org. Last year's membership enrollments of 98 were a tremendous help in enabling us to carry out our activities and vital projects. Let's make it a nice round 100 this time.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Sunday, July 7 at 12:00 noon
11:30 am – noon: new memberships and renewals.

Election of Board Members: Nomination off the floor: two positions. E-mail Vince at vincepagano@hughes.net on or before June 30 if you want your name on ballot.

PICNIC:

Sunday, August 4 at 1 pm – 4 pm
at the beach, rain or shine. Bring chairs. Pets on leash please.



Are You Prepared?

In the event of a heart attack, drowning or choking at Loon Lake, one can expect a wait of approximately 20 minutes before emergency medical technicians arrive. Are you prepared to render emergency care in the interim? This issue will be addressed at the LLHA Annual Membership Meeting at 12 noon on Sunday, July 7 at the Jewish Center.

Our CPR

Important Annual Membership Meeting Topic

Our own LLHA member, Joann Dean, EMT and CPR instructor certified by the American Heart Association for over 20 years will detail relevant life-saving information, answer questions, and recruit participants for a free CPR course at Loon Lake.



Don't Pick up Hitchhikers

Aquatic nuisance species can hitch a ride on our clothing, boats, and items used in the water. Before bringing boats or other items used in another body of water to Loon Lake, employ the following simple procedure:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting
- Clean and dry anything that came in contact with water (Boats, trailers, equipment, clothes, dogs,

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water



Lucy Loon

Please be considerate by:

- Steering Clear of us, especially if we have chicks, when boating.
- Not driving us away from sheltered areas into open areas where boat traffic is heavy.
- Using non-lead fishing sinkers and jigs.
- Packing out your line. Invisible in the water, lost or cut fishing line can entangle us and other wildlife, often with fatal results.

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Presidents Message

By Vince Pagano

Lake water quality, invasive species, Lake access, beach access, Town right-of-way, possible land development potential impact – these have been some of the issues that the Loon Lake Homeowners Association (the Board and membership) has addressed and dealt with over the years. Our awareness and involvement thus far have helped to preserve the quality of the Loon Lake environment.

Also important to us individually and to the Loon Lake community is the issue of safety. In this connection, we are reminded to review the precautions regarding boating and swimming; e.g., personal flotation devices, sound producing devices, fire extinguishers, alternate propulsion, navigation lights, dewatering devices, etc. Regarding swimming in open waters, identification flags are a must!

In addition, emergency preparedness should be considered; e.g. CPR, First Aid.

Furthermore, an awareness of fire prevention and preparedness is indicated; e.g., no open burning when burn bans are in effect and having household fire extinguishers on hand; and your 911 address number proximately displayed.



Lake and mountains are a summer world
 After winter and spring it becomes unfurled
 For us to float in a boat and behold the glory of a sight
 That fills the heart with boundless delight
 While the kiss of a refreshing breeze puts us at ease and
 The azure sky in its infinite expanse
 Looks down below and bestows its blessing on us, critters,
 water, trees and plants.

Loon Lake Live 17th Season

2013 will be Loon Lake Live's 17th summer concert season of classical chamber music; and it promises to be the best yet. begins July 20th and continues through August 12th. Keep it going by supporting it with your donations. For this summer's dates and places of scheduled events, please log on to their website. www.loonlakelive.org or www.loonlakehoa.org

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