



**President's Report (Vince Pagano)
Loon Lake Homeowners' Association
12 Noon, Sunday July 8, 2012**

LLHA services are related to the preservation and maintenance of our Lake water quality and quality of the surrounding environment, and the enhancement of lake living.

To this end the Loon Lake Board of Directors, volunteers and committee members have accomplished the following in the past, including 2011-2012:

Water Quality Monitoring:

- Conducted yearly by the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College with the help of volunteers, including our own (Stuart Lucks and others), testing for pH, alkalinity, calcium, phosphorus, nitrates, chlorophyll-a, transparency, chloride, conductivity, color, aluminum, and oxygen. Over the past 14 years the quality has improved significantly. The results of the 2011 tests indicate that our lake is classified as a slightly late oligotrophic lake; that is, it has the lowest levels of total phosphorus, low levels of chlorophyll-a and high transparencies in comparison to Mesotrophic and Eutrophic lake classifications. In addition, all the other parameters captioned above are within normal limits or better than normal. *A copy of the complete Adirondack Lake Assessment Program 2011 is available upon request or an electronic copy may be accessed on our website: <http://loonlakehoa.org>*

Water Quality (Coliform)

Microbiology Tests (2010)

Low concentrations of E. coli were detected in several areas; however, these concentrations were well below the concentrations that would pose a health hazard.

A copy of the complete Loon Lake Microbiological Assessment of 2010 is available upon request or an electronic copy may be accessed on our website link:

<http://loonlakehoa.org/WaterQuality2010.html>

Microbiology Tests (2011): not conducted. Planned for 2012.

Lake Quality (Aquatic Plants Study) (2011)

No Invasive Aquatic Plant Species Detected

A survey of Loon Lake aquatic plants, conducted by Corey of Paul Smith's College Aquatic Institute, revealed that Loon

Lake apparently has not yet been contaminated with invasive plant species; e.g., Eurasian Milfoil, Water Chestnut, etc. The search for invasive species consisted of surface observations. Payment for the survey's \$1000 price tag came from the LLHA Invasive Species fund, money donated by Loon Lake property owners. You may recall that LLHA members, at our annual meeting in July 2009 resolved to conduct a lake surface survey yearly and a more costly diver search every 2 to 3 years.

A copy of Loon Lake Aquatic Plants Report of 2010 is available upon request or an electronic copy may be accessed on our website link: <http://loonlakehoa.org>

- ***Controlling Lake Access to Prevent Contamination with Invasive Species.***
- Monitored Gates at Blue Spruce Drive and Garden Road.
- New Lock and Keys have been Issued
- Educational Efforts re Watercraft Cleaning.

Monitoring Loon Gulf - Loon Lake related activities. Response from APA re recent FOIA request: No additional correspondence since our October 7, 2009 FOI request.

Monitoring Activities of Local Governments.

- Periodic checking of Town of Franklin Website and attendance at Town Board Meetings, as well as monitoring local newspapers for pertinent information.
- Route 26 Improvements in progress¹.

Participation in Town of Franklin Projects.

- Vince Pagano is Editor of Town of Franklin Newsletter.
- Discussions with Town officials re Town projects affecting Loon Lake; e.g., Garden Road Issue.
- Garden Road project update.

Communication with Members.

- **Association Newsletter:** Published three LLHA newsletters between July 2011 and June 2012.
- **Association Website:** www.loonlakehoa.org .LLHA member **Scott Muller** has voluntarily constructed and maintains the site and is the Webmaster. Members can visit the site for announcements, message board postings, back issues of our newsletter, etc. Members are invited to have input with information on LL history, stories, rentals, fishing, photos, etc.; and also to post messages and announcements on the site's message board.
- **Soliciting requests for member input to website.**

Hosting of Loon Lake Social, Entertainment, Informational, and Fun Activities.

¹ County Highway superintendent contacted re potholes on Rt 26 and being addressed.

- Annual Picnic
- Kayak Races
- Loon Lake Live www.loonlakelive.org . at our annual picnic; concert series hosted by the Loon Lake Jewish Center.
- Special Meetings: Loon Lake History Presentation bt Joe Lemay.

Dissemination of Beneficial Education Information via Website, Brochures, e-mails, bulletins, etc.

- **First Aid, CPR**
- **Boat and Water Safety.** LLHA encourages awareness of the hazards of irresponsible operation of watercraft and swimming activities. ***Wear a bright colored swim cap and/or be accompanied by a flag marker when swimming in the lake.*** See website (www.loonlakehoa.org for information about boat and other watercraft safety and regulations promoting the protection of the environment; e.g., speeding close to shore, keeping your distance for loon nesting areas.
- **Avoiding Lake Contamination.** LLHA encourages awareness of the environmental hazards of Lake Contamination with invasive species; e.g., **Eurasian Milfoil, Water chestnut, Zebra Mussels, lead sinkers, lost fishing lines, soaping, shampooing.** (See website for further information.)
- **Information on How to Help Loons and Their Habitats.** **The Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program** www.adkscience.org/loons invites Adirondack residents and visitors to learn first-hand about loons and conservation through their website, public presentations, and Newsletter.
- **Participation in Annual Loon Census at Loon Lake.** Vince Pagano and Ryon Duquette and others conducted loon count last July and will be doing same this season.
- ***Strongly Emphasizing that Homeowners and Homeowners who rent out their camps make sure that boats and boat carriers that have been out of the lake be disinfected and washed prior to bringing them to Loon Lake!***

LLHA Board of Directors Meeting.

- **The Board has met three times this year** to conduct Association business, at 9 am on a Sunday morning at the former Inn at Loon Lake and rewarded with coffee and.

Loon Lake T-Shirts, Hats, and Visors.

- **LLHA is offering T-shirts, Hats, and Visors** at the Annual Meeting and Picnic.

What's next? LLHA Board Members plan to continue the above captioned activities with a strong emphasis on pursuing issues concerned about Lake Contamination via formation of appropriate committees as needed. LLHA is you, the homeowner, who has a vested interest in maintaining the quality of life at the Lake.

Please be receptive to continuing your cooperation with the Board's tireless efforts by doing your part in some small way. Thank you for all you have done so far!