

Summer is here! Please join us for the LLCA Annual Meeting and election on July 13th and for the Loon Lake community social events planned for the summer. Details are outlined on several pages below.

The Annual Loon Lake Community Association (LLCA) meeting will be held on Sunday July 13 at 10 AM. As was noted in the last letter, it will again be a Zoom meeting to accommodate as many members as possible. The login information and an agenda are given below. If there are items you'd like to see included for discussion at the meeting, please let us know by July 11 by email to loonlakehoainformation@gmail.com

There are 5 open seats on the Board this year. Three incumbents will be running for re-election (Barbara Crain, Scott Muller, Tom Scatchard), and there are 2 additional open positions. The candidates have completed a questionnaire to tell you a bit about themselves, and you will find those below. Members will vote for 5 nominees from the slate of candidates.

The Loon Lake Picnic will be held on July 20th starting at 1 PM. This will be a time for the community to come together to renew summer friendships and enjoy the wonderful lunch of Murray's hot dogs and the other dishes brought by picnickers.

August 10th is another day to enjoy together. A new community activity this year will be an 'LLCA In Person Community Meeting' social gathering on August 10th from 10:00 to 12:00, location to be announced at the Annual Meeting. This will be an opportunity to informally meet the LLCA Board members, as well as another chance to mingle with your neighbors as the summer begins to wind down.

The second year of a special event focusing on the creativity of Loon Lake community members will follow the In Person Community Meeting on August 10th. The Second Annual Literature and Arts Showcase will be from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Loon. This is an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy the many talents of our neighbors. Your original poems, stories, anecdotes, or favorite passages from other authors all are welcome (suggested time slots 2-5 minutes, with no exact limits). Are you fortunate to be creative in the arts? Share your creations in any media: painting, drawing, weaving, knitting, photography, etc. for display that day. We especially welcome our younger community members to share their creative writing or artistic talents.

We hope your summer is off to an excellent start, and that it only gets better in the warm days ahead!

Please continue to the following pages to see the Agenda for the July 13 Annual Meeting and to learn about the candidates for the LLCA Board.

LOON LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

10:00 AM SUNDAY July 13, 2025

Rules of the meeting

- Q&A after each section - please wait to ask questions until then
- Please be brief with your questions to allow others a chance to speak as well

- We will do our best to hear everyone but this may not be possible
- You can follow up with an email after the meeting if you have additional questions:
loonlakehoainformation@gmail.com

Please be polite with your questions and comments. Our Board is a group of volunteers, who are homeowners like you. We are working together with the community for the betterment of Loon Lake. Although we are advocates for our community, we are not enforcers.

BUSINESS

Attendance and recognition of quorum

Meeting called to order

Approval of the minutes of annual meeting held on July 14, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Our Special Funds Show our Focus – Brenda Gewurz & Stuart Lucks

Invasive Species

Beach Improvement

Deeded Rights, Development and Legal Defense - Stuart

Docks Resolution - Brenda

Treasurer's report—Zev Hershtal

Update on Loon Gulf Development – Stuart Lucks

Update on the Beach B Docks—Brenda Gewurz

PLANS FOR 2025

Conservation Committee—George Stowers

Beach Committee—Judy Cox & Nancy Fierer

Swim Beach – Judy Cox

Safety and Access Renovations – Scott Muller

Swim Beach Shore Restoration – Scott Muller

Boat Launch Beach – Nancy Fierer

Membership Committee Report—Pat Lee

INFORMATION & EVENTS

* **Board elections by email poll**; voting will begin after the meeting adjourns. Members in good standing who have paid dues in 2024 and/or 2025 are welcome to vote. Poll will remain open until noon on 7/15. Election results will be sent to you by email. Terms of 1, 2, or 3 years will be filled based on preferences of candidates with the highest number of votes

* **Annual Picnic Sunday**, July 20 from 1–3pm - Volunteers needed to help set up prior to and clean up after the picnic. Arrive at 11am to set up for the picnic. Please email Murray Vasilevsky at murray.vasilevsky@mcgill.ca if you can help. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert

* **Literature & Arts Showcase**, Sunday, August 10, 2025. 1:00 - 3:00pm at The Loon

* **In person informal membership meeting** Sunday, August 10, 2025. 10am-12:00pm Location TBD

* **Appeal for dues**: Pay through PayPal (<http://www.loonlakehoa.org/membership.html>) or send dues by mail to PO Box 219 Vermontville, NY 12989

Adjourn

Loon Lake CA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: LLCA Annual Meeting

Time: Jul 13, 2025 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://vccs.zoom.us/j/82146278547>

Please see the responses to Board candidate questionnaires below

Name: ___ Barbara Crain

Address: _5428 Sunrise Bluff Ct, Midlothian VA, 23112

Loon Lake Address: _21 Garden Road

Phone No.:301-706-6785 Email: bcrainb@gmail.com; bcrain@nvcc.edu

How long have you owned property in/near Loon Lake? For 8 years

Describe any skills, hobbies, or prior experience you have that you believe would be helpful to the Loon Lake community as a member of the Board:

Prior Experience: Through my work as a geography professor and in administration at a community college, I've gained a broad set of technical and organizational skills that I believe would benefit the board and the community. I'm proficient in a variety of tools and platforms, including: Google Workspace (Docs, Slides, Blogger, Google Earth), Dropbox and other file-sharing tools, Pressbook (for digital publishing), Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Zoom and Microsoft Teams for virtual meetings, Learning management systems like Canvas, Blackboard, and Moodle, Both Mac and Windows operating systems, and a variety of everyday tech tools and smart gadgets (including robotic vacuums, smart home devices, etc.)

In addition to tech skills, I have extensive experience planning and running events. I launched and coordinated International Education Week and Multicultural Awareness Week at our campus—two popular, long-running community programs.

Hobbies: Knitting, crocheting, traveling, cooking creative meals, playing games including Mahjong, and chatting with neighbors—many of which naturally lend themselves to building community and planning engaging, inclusive events.

If elected, what do you hope to accomplish as a member of the board?

Support technology initiatives: I would be happy to assist with any technological needs, whether it's improving communication channels, helping to streamline board processes, or assisting anyone with tech problems.

Represent the community's interests: I will strive to listen actively and advocate for the priorities of our residents, ensuring that decisions made at the board level reflect the needs and values of the broader community.

Enhance community life through events: I would love to help plan and organize events that foster connection and engagement—events that reflect the diverse interests of our residents and strengthen our sense of neighborhood.

Apply my environmental science background: With a professional background in environmental science, I aim to contribute to sustainable practices within our community.

Please feel free to provide any other information you feel is relevant below.

I am a team player and do my best work as part of a team. I also have a drone pilot license. I have been an LLCA board member for a year and am re-applying for a 3-year stint.

I am a member of the Loon Lake Community Association and desire to serve on its Board of Directors.

Signature: _____ Barbara Crain _____ Date: 07/02/2025

Name: Matthew Nestor

Address: 75 E 2nd Street NY NY 10003

Loon Lake Address: 197 Mensink Road

Phone No.: 917 455 7181 Email: mnestor81@gmail.com

How long have you owned property in/near Loon Lake? My family's been there since 1965

Describe any skills, hobbies, or prior experience you have that you believe would be helpful to the Loon Lake community as a member of the Board:

hmmm... effective writer and communicator, indifferent leader when I was part of executive of NYC-based grassroots Climate Change protest group – but I like to think I've learned from mistakes I made then – you can lead a horse to water, and you can make him drink, only it takes time and careful management

I've explored every inch of the lake and of the local area

If elected, what do you hope to accomplish as a member of the board?

The overarching goal of the LLCA should be to preserve the character of the lake as a place where man and nature cohabit peacefully, and the noise and confusion of modern society is kept at a distant remove.

This means that, for the next few years at least, the main task of LLCA should be to unite, inspire and direct the time and energies of the lake's home owners against the potential threat of Loon Gulf.

Please feel free to provide any other information you feel is relevant below.

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Signature: Matthew Nestor Date: May 15, 2025

Name: L. Scott Muller _____

Address: 2568 Sand Hill Rd. Ellicott City MD 21042 _____

Loon Lake Address: 3026 County Route 26 Loon Lake NY 12989 (So Inclined) _____

Phone No.: 518-891-3273 _____

Email: L.Scott.Muller@att.net _____

How long have you owned property in/near Loon Lake? 22 years _____

Describe any skills, hobbies, or prior experience you have that you believe would be helpful to the Loon Lake community as a member of the Board:

Skills and hobbies: Web design, Research (survey design, legal research, etc.), Computer work (data bases and analysis, excel, etc.) Building stone walls and pathways, Landscaping and gardening.
Prior experience: Served on the LLCA Board for the last 6 months, member of the LLCA Beach Committee, LLCA conservation Committee and LLCA Membership Committee. Researched the deed history of over 300 properties in the vicinity of Loon Lake to determine lake rights and build a database of names and addresses to solicit new membership and contributions from all persons who benefit from LLCA improvement projects, not just those who are LLCA members. Built the Loon Lake HOA website circa 2010 (new version with better membership functionality coming). Helped design and apply for permits for swim beach improvement projects. Rebuilt the deteriorating stone platform on the patio at the swim beach (where the hot dogs are grilled at the annual picnic). Worked with others to begin demolition of the old stone stairway to the beach where the beach committee plans to extend the patio and enlarge the beach area. Worked on the development issues on the west side lake property.

If elected, what do you hope to accomplish as a member of the board?

Preserve the idyllic and peaceful nature of Loon Lake, preserve the treasures we all enjoy. Improve the common properties for deeded rights owners including swim beach and boat launch beach areas to make them more accommodative to all users. This is important because there will be more development at Loon Lake, and many of the existing lots with deeded rights have yet to be developed in terms of houses. Work to assure that further subdivisions minimize the impact on the lake.

Please feel free to provide any other information you feel is relevant below.
We live at Loon Lake 6 months of the year.

I am a member of the Loon Lake Community Association and desire to serve on its Board of Directors.

Signature: L. Scott Muller _____ Date: _____ 7/1/2025 _____

Name: Tom Scatchard
Address: 707 Dorset St, Charlotte, VT 05445
Loon Lake Address: 6 Loon Lake Terrace
Phone No.: 802-425-2586
Email: scatchardtom@gmail.com

How long have you owned property in/near Loon Lake? We're in our 7th summer

Describe any skills, hobbies, or prior experience you have that you believe would be helpful to the Loon Lake community as a member of the Board:

Skills: writing and editing - producing a biweekly article for the local newspaper, coordinating LLCA Board Updates and other communications, as a teacher I have had much experience editing/publishing student materials;
involvement in, and leadership of various organizations;

problem solving within groups, or with mechanical/construction challenges
Hobbies: skiing (downhill, XC), paddling most anything that floats, biking, hiking, golf;
building and fixing things (almost all of which I've enjoyed doing here (even golf!))
Prior Experience: many years as president of teachers' group;
LLCA Board member since 2022 and Board Secretary for the last half year;
LLCA Communications Committee member for three years

If elected, what do you hope to accomplish as a member of the board?

I hope to enhance communication from the Board to the LLCA community, and from the community to the Board through Board Updates, and by helping the Board respond/react to questions or comments sent to the LLCA email account (loonlakehoainformation@gmail.com).

I would work to find compromises and solutions to serious Loon Lake challenges, such as the docks issue and Loon Gulf development.

I would like to help promote the warm Loon Lake spirit we felt when we first joined the community. (Note: the Membership Committee has some nice activities planned this summer designed to help boost collegiality.)

I will work to preserve the beauty, history, and character of the Loon Lake environment.

Please feel free to provide any other information you feel is relevant below.

At Loon Lake my wife Ebeth and I live in the Friend Cottage (white house on Loon Lake Terrace).

I am a member of the Loon Lake Community Association and desire to serve on its Board of Directors.

Signature: Tom Scatchard Date: 6/30/25

Name: Brian Silvey

Address: 146 North 11 Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904

Loon Lake Address: 4 Balsam Rd

Phone No.: 732 322 2277

Email: bslv613@gmail.com

How long have you owned property in/near Loon Lake? since 2023

Describe any skills, hobbies, or prior experience you have that you believe would be helpful to the Loon Lake community as a member of the Board:

Skills: Proficient with business technology and productivity tools

Competent running or contributing to efficient meetings

Project management and event planning

Collaboration, Consensus building, and issue mediation

Hobbies: Outdoor activities (Swimming, Biking, Boating, Hiking)
Live music events
Tabletop board games

Prior Experience: Founder and President of a non-profit organization supporting sober residential houses for recovery from drug and alcohol addiction in Jerusalem, Israel

If elected, what do you hope to accomplish as a member of the board?

- Advocate safety and serve as a local point of contact for residents to share concerns or ideas

- Foster community spirit

- Manage shared resources (e.g., waterfront safety, public access points, signage, fire prevention)

- Preserve the rural and seasonal character of Loon Lake

Please feel free to provide any other information you feel is relevant below.

What I love about Loon Lake: Knowing that this place doesn't just change with the seasons in astonishing beauty, it changes you. It slows you down. It grounds you. It reminds you of what matters most.

I am a member of the Loon Lake Community Association and desire to serve on its Board of Directors.

Signature: Brian Silvey Date: June 25, 2025