



Adirondack White Lake Association

Spring 2022 Newsletter

The Adirondack White Lake Association (AWLA) aims to conserve, protect, monitor, and safely regulate the precious resources of White Lake



Photo by: Ginny Vorhis

Hello Fellow Members and White Lake Community,

Springtime is here! Changes are happening all around - snow disappearing, ice melting, and little green shoots pushing up through the earth - all this signaling another season for our Adirondack White Lake Association members and families. For the 2022 season, AWLA activities and meetings are tentatively planned as in-person events, **all in accordance with NYS Covid guidelines on the day of the event.**



Photo by: Karen Spine

AWLA SPRING MEMBERS MEETING

The Annual Spring Members Meeting will take place at the White Otter Fish and Game Club (10914 Woodgate Rd, Woodgate) on **Saturday, May 28th at 10am**, immediately following the Pancake Breakfast. We will be sharing all the latest information regarding our lake and community. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions of your AWLA Volunteer Board. We have been very busy throughout the winter season and look forward to discussing all the exciting news.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

After a two-year Covid hiatus, we can't wait to see you at the Annual Pancake Breakfast. Come socialize and share in our common passion – White Lake. Joe Turczyn, his son, Steve, and family will graciously host the pancake breakfast at The White Otter Fish and Game Club (10914 Woodgate Rd, Woodgate) on **Saturday, May 28th from 8-10am**. This event, along with your generous donations to the Fish Fund, helps to support our annual fish stocking, which is essential to keeping the delicate ecosystem of White Lake balanced.

We need volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast! To volunteer, please contact Joe Turczyn at joet512@yahoo.com or (315) 736-1984. **RSVP** to Karen Dwyer, our AWLA Secretary, if you plan to attend: karensdwyer@yahoo.com. See you all soon!

After many years helping to coordinate the Pancake Breakfast, Cheryl Entwistle is retiring. Thank you for your many years of service, Cheryl! We are so grateful for all that you've done for White Lake. We have big shoes to fill!



Photo by: David Bourgeois

SAVE THE DATE! 2022 SOCIAL EVENTS

April 15 – August 6, 2022	Fish Derby, Children and Adult Categories
July 2, 2022 @ 11:15am	Boat Parade and Blessing of the Fleet
July 2, 2022 @ noon	Annual 4th of July Picnic, AWLA Boat Launch
July 2, 2022 @ 9:30pm	Flares & Firepits
July 3, 2022 @ 4-6pm	DJ on the Dock
August 6, 2022 @ 9am	Annual Meeting TBA
September 3, 2022	50/50 Mega Raffle Drawing

*More information can be found on our website: www.whitelakeadk.com/events

WHITE LAKE 2022 MAP

Our new 2022 White Lake Map will be available for sale at the Pancake Breakfast. This one is definitely a collectors item with upgraded paper and ink! We have added a dozen new property owners to our White Lake community since our last 2019 map.

WHITE LAKE APPAREL

Pre-order your White Lake apparel today! Orders placed prior to May 6th will be available for pick-up at the Pancake Breakfast. We will also have a selection of merchandise on hand to sell, in addition to a great sale on vintage items. For more information, contact Pam

Deppmeyer at deppmeyerp@gmail.com - or - to place online orders, visit:

<http://www.companycasuals.com/AdirondackWhiteLakeAssociation/start.jsp>

NEW NONPROFIT! TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

It's official! We have received nonprofit/tax-exempt status for our new organization, White Lake ADK Association, Inc (WLADK)! We will be transferring donations received by AWLA this year to the new organization, so they will be tax-deductible. If you missed the FAQ Fact Sheet sent previously, please reach out to Karen at karensdwyer@yahoo.com.

A huge thank you to Courtney Wellar, who laid the foundation for the 501c3 filing. In addition, a heartfelt thank you to Ginny Vorhis, our AWLA treasurer, who spent untold hours on detail and execution. This truly is monumental for our lake and community! We are asking for your patience as we undergo this exciting transition. In the meantime, we appreciate donations* to our Fish, Environmental, and Quarry Action Funds. Please make checks payable to:

White Lake ADK Association, Inc.

% Virginia Vorhis
43 Jordan Rd.
Pittsford, NY 14534

*contributions are tax deductible

QUARRY UPDATE

The lawsuit (Article 78) filed against the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and Red Rock Quarry Associates, LLC on behalf of AWLA and Protect the Adirondacks! has been set for review by the Oneida County Supreme Court on April 27th, though this may be delayed until July, as legal counsel for the APA has requested more time to prepare.

The Town of Forestport and Thomas Sunderlin have submitted a Phase I application to the DOT for the improvement of the intersection at Stone Quarry Rd and Rt 28; this application is currently under review with the DOT. The attorneys representing private White Lake landowners have presented their preliminary arguments in regards to the Stone Quarry Road intersection and road usage to the DOT and the Town of Forestport. The next Town of Forestport Planning Board Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2022, whereupon the board will review the application regarding the proposed White Lake Granite Quarry.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Proper use and maintenance of your septic system is imperative and helps to protect the environment and our drinking water, as well as saves on costly repairs. Homeowners should pump their septic tank at regular intervals, as recommended by a professional, and be careful about what goes down the drain or gets flushed. Fats, grease, and disposable wipes clog pipes and drain fields. Proper septic maintenance ensures that groundwater is being protected from human contaminants. Inspect and pump frequently, use water efficiently, properly dispose of waste, and maintain your drain field.



Photo by: Luciann Gould

BOAT LAUNCH & GATE FEES

The White Lake Shores Association (WLSA) has completed the upgrade of the boat launch at Beach A (across from White Lake Inn). As a reminder, AWLA has a gate contract with WLSA, which means our members can apply for a *discounted* gate pass with WLSA - access to Beach A with gate fob will cost \$50 seasonally. The gate agreement between our two associations states that **all lakefront property owners MUST belong to AWLA before obtaining a WLSA gate pass**. Find the application for the Beach A boat launch here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9cdyz4>

AWLA also has a boat launch on Purgatory Bay with the gate combination issued each season with your AWLA membership renewal. No matter which boat launch you, your guests, or renters use, **all boats must be inspected and free of aquatic invasive species prior to entering our lake**.

INVASIVE SPECIES BOAT INSPECTIONS

Inspection of boats – and if need be, boat washing – prior to launching on our lake is **required by law** and extremely important to stop aquatic invasive species from entering our pristine waters. This includes your renters and guests! We have hired stewards seasonally since 2016. We will continue our Steward Program this summer, with lake steward staff onsite weekends. Thank you for adhering to these requirements and keeping our lake invasive species free.

BOATING SAFETY REMINDER

Please be familiar with and adhere to safe boating practices. White Lake is relatively small, especially with the amount of boat traffic that can occur on weekends and holidays, so be courteous, respectful, and aware of fellow boaters. Parents, if your children are out on the lake, check in to make sure they are aware of and observe all boating safety regulations. AWLA & WLSA will be coordinating efforts to identify offenders of boating safety guidelines. We can have fun and be safe! Please refer to our boating safety guidelines: <https://www.whitelakeadk.com/boating-safety>

BOATING SAFETY CLASSES

Oneida County Sheriff Boating Safety Courses for the 2022 Boating Season have been posted on their website: https://www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york/252-new-york-safe-boating-course This is a great opportunity to ensure you and your family meet the NYS boating safety certificate requirements.

There will be a class offered on **June 25th, 2022** at the Forestport Town Hall, 10275 State Route 28, Forestport, New York. This class, as well as other boater safety classes, begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. Because it is an 8 hour class, it is recommended that everyone bring snacks, drinks, and/or a lunch. To sign up for the free, eight hour classes, please call Sue Goding at The Oneida County Sheriff's Office: (315) 765-2222. Refer to our AWLA Boating Safety Manual for boating license age requirements.

50/50 MEGA RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

You will be receiving raffle tickets for our environmental 50/50 Mega Raffle ticket fundraiser. In the past two years, the 50/50 Mega Raffle has helped to fund our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Stewardship Program and has made two winners very happy – Carol Kress won \$4,325 in 2020, and Katrina Vandermark won \$3,620 in 2021. Thank you for making the effort to sell tickets and raise funds to pay for our invaluable lake steward. Who knows – maybe you, a loved one, or a friend will win! Contact Karen Dwyer, our AWLA Secretary, for additional tickets or with any questions: karensdwyer@yahoo.com

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We would like to welcome Tim Hulser to our AWLA Board. Tim was unanimously elected to our board during our January meeting, replacing outgoing board member Daniele Mazuy; he will fill out her remaining term. Tim has been a member of the White Lake Community for many years. We are grateful for his commitment to our board and community. He joins current AWLA board members Camaron Cohen, Louanne Cossa (President), Sarah Cotter, Deborah Isgro Dempsey, Karen Dwyer (Secretary), T.J. Entwistle, Joe Foley, Jeff Lyman (VP), Joe Turczyn, and Ginny Vorhis (Treasurer). Many thanks to our volunteer board for all your time and effort!

REMINDER: 2022 MEMBERSHIP

To our members, first and foremost, I want to **thank you** for all that you do for our lake. Your membership dues not only helps to fund AWLA's operating budget, but helps to keep our lake invasive species free, stocked with fish, and healthy. We count on your membership dues and generous donations to support all of White Lake's programs. Your association is committed to our mission – conserving, protecting, and monitoring White Lake, guaranteeing that our community remains a peaceful refuge for our families, wildlife, and forested lands for generations to come. If you have yet to do so, please join or renew today: www.whitelakeadk.com/membership



Louanne Cossa, President
Adirondack White Lake Association

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To learn more about AWLA, please visit our website. You will find information in regards to our programs designed to conserve, protect, monitor, and safely regulate the precious resources of White Lake for today's enjoyment and future generations. Thank you to those who have and continue to support AWLA. We appreciate your ongoing service and generous contributions!