

NORWOOD LAKE ASSOCIATION (NLA)



MISSION STATEMENT: TO HELP MAINTAIN GOOD WATER QUALITY IN THE NORWOOD LAKE, TO FOSTER PRIDE IN NORWOOD PROPERTIES, TO ENHANCE RECREATIONAL USE OF THE LAKE, TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INTERACTION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND TO HELP RESOLVE FUTURE PROBLEMS.

NORWOOD, NY

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016

Dear Norwood Lake Association Members,

With Jim's passing, Bill Grant agreed to take over the the presidency of the NLA until the next fall election. Other officers for 2016 are: Mike McGinnis - Vice President, Elaine Perry - Treasurer, Colleen Chapin - Secretary, Elaine Saarinen and Terry LaFleur - Advisors.

The Norwood Lake Association was formed in 1984 with the following goals: to help maintain good water quality in the Norwood Lake, to foster pride in Norwood properties, to enhance recreational use of the lake, to promote social interaction within the community and to help resolve future problems. In keeping with these goals and to help resolve problems within our Lake region, the main objective for this summer/fall is to address the milfoil problem.

Milfoil spreads very rapidly. It can take over a lake by 2 years. Large masses of milfoil can interfere with swimming, fishing and boating. We, as Norwood Lake members, need to know to what extent this problem is and how to identify the plants involved.

In 2013 Jim started engaging in this problem. Aquatic Invasive Management (AIM) was hired to map out the areas of milfoil. This company was schedule to come back and further survey and remove the milfoil. Unfortunately with Jim's passing , this was not completed. The NLA paid \$1852 to them for their work in 2013. The NLA had approved an additional \$1840 contract in 2015 for on going work. This work was never completed or paid for. We contacted AIM for 2016 to continue with their ongoing work, but with their full schedule for this spring and summer, they cannot continue this work for 2016.

Since 3 years have gone by and we need to know the extent and how to contain any further milfoil problem, we contacted **Lee Harper** Ph D, Riveredge Environmental Inc., Massena, NY. He is very familiar with milfoil and has dealt with this problem in many lakes in and out of the area. He has agreed to do the work for the NLA. His proposal includes:

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- A map figure of watermilfoil occurrence
- A list of aquatic plant species recorded
- A complete CSLAP aquatic plant survey form
- A short report of findings and potential managements options

Lee Harper and Field Botanist, Anne Johnson and a Riveredge boat operator will conduct a survey of the Norwood Lake in mid-August or early September. By then, the watermilfoil is in flower and easier to identify. A plan will be devised on how to remove any present milfoil and plans for future management will be discussed. Lee Harper's cost estimate for this service is \$2380. We most likely will have additional cost to maintain the Lake from milfoil on an ongoing basis. We do, however, have divers and other volunteers willing to remove the milfoil this summer. Earl Cook, Jr. is helping to organize our divers. Some of these individuals worked with AIM in 2013. If the milfoil is in shallow waters, it can be pulled up and disposed of. Much info will be given to the membership after the survey is done and removal/maintenance discussed.

With Ron Johnson's suggestion, we have applied for a grant from the Raquette River Fund (RRF) for \$2500 to help with the cost. We are still waiting for a response from them. We also are looking for additional grants to help us with this cause over the upcoming years. State Senators Patty Ritchie and Joseph Griffo have been contacted concerning State grant money to help with the milfoil problem. Julie McGinnis, a NLA member, has volunteered to do some additional research on grants that may be available in the near future. Our previous fundraisers netted us approximately \$12,000. Some of this money was raised for milfoil removal.

OTHER:

Treasurers report for 2015: We did not have a Regatta in 2015. The regular NLA had a net loss of \$518.97 with total income of \$2146.75 (dinner/ breakfast fundraisers, raffle, donations), and total expenses of \$2665.72 (fund raiser dinner/breakfast supplies, donations, tax preparation and filing.) Norwood Lake recycling Center made a profit of \$1325.15. (Income was \$2305.15. Expenses were \$980.00.)

Total balance in Treasury for 2015 with carry-over from previous years: \$12,580.

NLA Fund Raisers: We would like any suggestions/ideas on future fund raisers. We would like to keep funds sufficient to resolve future problems and ensure water quality and recreational use of the Norwood Lake. There have been no plans for major fundraisers for the 2016 year. The annual Norwood Lake Regatta will not take place.

Membership Committee: We need volunteers to assist in bringing in new members into the NLA. Julie McGinnis volunteered to chair the membership committee and needs other volunteers to work with her. She can be contacted at 244-5989, email: julzgoddess@gmail.com. If anyone knows of newcomers to the Lake and region, please let Julie know so that they can be contacted to join.

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Recycling Center: Our Recycling Center is doing well thanks to Lake Association members and other volunteers: Mike McGinnis, Larry Averill, Don Murray, Dan Monica, John Murray, Dave St.Pier and other volunteers. It is opened from 8AM to 11AM each Saturday and located on Bernard Ave. in Norwood. We accept paper, cardboard, glass bottles, #1 through #7 plastic bottles, plastic grocery bags and all metal. No one is paid as they serve approximately 250 customers each week. If interested in volunteering at the recycling center, please contact Mike McGinnis: Email: webmaster@norwoodny.org, Phone: 244-5975 **OR** just show up on Saturday mornings!

60/40 Raffle: Takes place at the recycling center on Bernard Ave in Norwood. The last Saturday of the month a winner will be drawn and receive 60% of the raffle. The profit from this raffle goes into the NLA's general fund. Please help support our NLA.

2015 Taxes: Bill and Mary Grant offered to work on the NLA taxes this year to help save most of the cost that the Association has been paying for this service through an accountant firm. Even though we are a tax exempt association, we are still required to file Federal and State returns. These returns are due each year by May 15th and have already been sent out.

Raquette River Blueway Trail Tourist Information Kiosk: One will be located at the Norwood public beach. NLA, in partnership with the Norwood Village, will be using this Kiosk for posting various notices of important information/events. A map of the area and a short introduction to our community will be included on this post.

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