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Emerald Green Property Owners Association Unofficial Lakes Newsletter

Issue # 2

Latest news and bulletin updates about *Your 3* Lakes
from you neighbors

What's Wrong?

After our first publication we found out that anger draws more attention than articles on the lakes. Only one new person volunteered to assist with the Aquatic Invasives & Lakes.

Do you want to always have
DRINKING WATER in EG?

It seems strange that the most important natural resource our lakes and drinking water is taken for granted by the residents. We use the 3 lakes and enjoy them. This is rightly so, but they are natural resources. They are influenced by every environmental factor you can imagine. Being alert to those factors that influence the Health of the Lakes and protecting it is our responsibility. Every time we are in the water, on the water or look at the lake we must be looking for things consider abnormal.

But you say, how will I know it is not normal? Color, smell, dead fish, or anything you have not seen before should be noted.

If we had at least 24 volunteers, educated in the biology of the lakes we would be in good shape.

On Monday, August 22nd, 7-8 PM we will meet at the Pool Building, for an organizational planning session.

Sign up now to volunteer for the Lakes Committee by sending your Name, Address, email, and phone to Rich Brown,
reelfunny@gmail.com

Did you know? Do you recognize this picture?



Drone view of LLM. Pool beach area in top left center. This screenshot is from a Vimeo private video when the lake was lowered for the dam construction. (You can request a vimeo link from the office if available).

Fishing the Lakes The Emerald Green Fishing Club started in 1999 motivated the community to start a fish stocking program on LLM and TL with DEC permits. The lakes are known to have crayfish, catfish, white perch, white bass, black bass, small moth bass, pickeral, yellow (green) perch, blue gills, and crappies. Baitfish include golden shiners and minnows. Also found in limited supply are Triploid Grass Carp. All lakes are catch and release. There were two previous fishing surveys on the lakes. 2004 by Cobleskill and 2015 by Oneonta.

Want to know about Rock Hill

<https://rockhillny.org/rhhistory/changing-lakes/>

Treasure Lake Zillow says it is 46 acres. I say it is fishing heaven. The lake which initially had homes only on Lake Shore Drive West in the early 80's has more recently been built up with the demand for waterfront property. My home was built in 1986-87 and there were only 3 other lakefront homes on Surrey Streets. Since then, 10 others were built. The lake is a natural beauty with two wetland islands at each end. The beaver, and the large new otter have channeled cuts through the islands. The water channel around the lake has been managed with NYS DEC permit approval. On Surrey just off LSD W., there is general lake boat access for members in good standing. No docks are available.

Davies Lake The smallest of the three lakes is located behind the Entertainment with a ramp down to the lake. Random boat storage with Fishing club members keeping boats on the shoreline. Because of the rich nutrients in this lake, you will find it seasonally overloaded with duck and pond weeds. The algae blooms are common when it heats up. Big Largemouth Bass can be found here.

Last month's new if you missed it:

Invasive Aquatic Plants

Most of us know about Algae, which has many varieties. Most Algae's are of no permanent harm and are not considered invasive. There are a few we will talk about in the future.

Any community Lake has to be concerned about the threat of Super Invasive Plants. Invasives are brought from one lake to another by **hitchhiking** on boat trailers, boats, engines, kayaks, paddles and even birds.
https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/stopaquhhtip.pdf



A recent discovery on two of our lakes is the Water Chestnut (pictured here). It is a Floating Plant that is highly invasive and can block passage over large spans of water. The NYS DEC Albany addresses all Invasives at their website.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48221.html>

The **EGPOA Lakes Committee** will be doing Lake surveys to Identify and Locate invasives this Summer. The procedure we will follow will require volunteers with boats or kayaks.

Volunteers Needed for all lake activities. Volunteers to assist in the Lake Survey are needed. A survey is performed by a group of boaters following a Mapped Grid of the lake and recording their finds, collecting the plants, holding them in a large bucket on the boat and then depositing the plants in our secure container for destruction.

To Volunteer email Rich Brown,
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To learn more about invasive aquatics go to:
[Catskills: CRISP – New York Invasive Species Information](#)



nyis.info/Catskills-crisp/
https://nyis.info/invasive_species/purple-loosestrife/

The Lakes committee would like a Volunteer Editor to gather information, publish and share active lake related information to the community on a bimonthly basis from April - October. To Volunteer email Rich Brown, reelfunny@gmail.com