



# LAKE PLEASANT-SACANDAGA ASSOCIATION



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Mitzi Fox

The Adirondack weather this fall has been the best! After a cool and rainy summer, September and October have been outstanding. Sunshine and clear days combined to keep the lakes warm and the flowers blooming.

My summer began with a day spent with the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students of the Lake Pleasant Central School at the LPSA sponsored environmental workshop presented by Paul Smith's College. The students experienced four modules of instruction exploring the theory of climate change and its effects on the Adirondacks, its people, and its economy. One of the highlights of the day was a session on the Paul Smith's research launch testing dissolved oxygen, temperature, and clarity of Lake Pleasant waters. I was privileged to spend the day with the students and learned quite a bit myself.

During the summer we wrote to non-member property owners within the Town of Lake Pleasant inviting them to join us in protecting the quality of the waters of our lakes and conserving the natural beauty of the area. We were pleased to have over forty new families join the Association. We continue to encourage all of our members to become involved in LPSA activities and learn how they can individually contribute to further our work of protecting our environment. Articles in this newsletter further describe the specific areas we are currently focusing on. We are always looking for members to become involved, whether your interest is organization, finance, web site management, or the environment. We would appreciate hearing from you and having you join our team. Please call or email

me or one of our Board members.

Toward the end of the summer, an increased growth of pond weed and green algae was reported in Lake Pleasant. Both were identified by our biologist Peter Tobiessen to be of native origin and not considered to be foreign invasives. Further study is underway to investigate control of these native aquatic.

We continue to encourage our members to invest in the future health of our lakes by donating to the Lake Pleasant Sacandaga Foundation. The growth of Foundation funds insures that our Association has monies available to continue to monitor the waters of our lakes and to have funds available when issues threatening our lakes arise. Mr. John Huber has graciously offered to continue to match any donations to the Kathy Huber Fund, a memorial portion of the Foundation funds. An article describing the history and composition of the Foundation is included in this Newsletter.

We anticipate preparing a new Members' Directory next spring. Printing and publishing cost have increased significantly since our 2014 Directory. Accordingly we are exploring different formats and methods of delivery that will reduce costs and yet meet the expectations of our members.

I enjoy my work with LPSA and trust that I am serving you well. Please call me at my home in Mendham, New Jersey (980-879-7805) or send an email to me ([mitzifox@frontier.com](mailto:mitzifox@frontier.com)) if you have any concerns or questions.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Holiday season.

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## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT PROGRAM

by Charlie Ascher & Dan Wilt

The Town of Lake Pleasant in conjunction with LPSA has just completed the second year of the three year Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) grant program to protect our lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species. The DEC grants as submitted and received by the Town total \$272,570 for the entire three year period. We are proud that the Town of Lake Pleasant/LPSA award represented two of

24 grants that were granted throughout New York State. A very important aspect of these grants is that the local matching fund requirements have been satisfied to a great extent by the volunteer hours of our LPSA personnel through our lake shore monitoring program as well as the Camp of the Woods staff through their stewardship of the COTW launching ramp. In addition, the contribution of LPSA board members, the Town of Lake Pleasant Administration and the staff of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Commission through their many hours administrating the daily operations of this program have been invaluable. Savings on a local level approaches \$15,000 a year as a result of these efforts.



For the summer of 2017, the Adirondack Water Institute (AWI) of Paul Smith's College supervised, trained and dispensed Lake Stewards to monitor the launching ramps at Moffitt Beach Campground, the ramp at the Village of Speculator Pavilion parking lot as well as the southern launching ramp at Indian Lake. These stewards inspected all boats entering and leaving Lake Pleasant, Sacandaga Lake and Indian Lake for the presence of invasive species.

In addition to the ramp inspections, AWI also staffed the boat decontamination station located in the northbound parking lot on Route 30 just south of Speculator. The boat decontamination station washed all boats at no charge to the owners to ensure that invasive species are not transported into our lakes or to other water bodies. The decontamination station was purchased through this grant for approximately \$35,000 and is now the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant. Additional decontamination (DECON) stations are either already deployed or will be deployed at Moffitt Beach Campground, the launching ramp at Piseco Lake, as well as the Piseco school through two additional grants obtained by the Towns of Lake Pleasant and Piseco with the assistance of LPSA.



## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT PROGRAM - Continued

For the summer of 2017 the number of boats inspected and decontaminated are as follows.

	LAKE PLEASANT	SACANDAGA LAKE	INDIAN LAKE
DAYS MANNED	74	79	87
VISITORS	1565	2429	3718
BOATS OBSERVED	1048	946	1850
BOATS INSPECTED	1019	913	1845
DIRTY BOATS	12	165	151
ORGANISMS FOUND	12	177	161

NOTE: All dirty boats or even questionable boats were directed to the DECONTAMINATION station for cleaning. In addition, Camp of the Woods had over 50 boats launch at their ramp, with approximately 80% being referred to the decontamination unit for cleaning prior to launching.

All in all, our program to protect our lakes for the summer of 2017 was a huge success. Our lakes are clean, and except for some small numbers of spiny water fleas, are devoid of invasive species.

Let's keep it that way!



## LPSA LAKE MONITORING PROGRAM by Jim Olsen

The introduction of non-native invasive aquatic plant species to New York State waters has been escalating with widespread destructive consequences. The impacts of the spread of invasive aquatic plants are well known: habitat disruption, loss of native plant and animal communities, reduced property values, impaired fishing and degraded recreational experiences, and enormous and ongoing control costs.

With 5 lakes, and over 30 miles of shoreline, the task of preventing the spread of invasive aquatic plants in LPSA waters is one of the greatest environmental challenges of our time. Invasive plants are moved about in often

unseen ways, and the speed at which a new introduction can explode into an ecologically and economically disastrous infestation is well documented. Once an invasive plant is well established, eradication is extremely difficult and costly, if not impossible.

At LPSA's annual Lake Monitor brunch workshop, Lake Ecologist Peter Tobiessen trains individuals how to survey their shoreline for aquatic invasive plants. Participants learn how to recognize particular invasives including Eurasian water-milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, water chestnut and hydrilla. Early detection provides the best hope of eradication, and in 2017, no invasive

plants were found in LPSA waters.

Our 24 volunteer lake monitors are essential to the long term sustainability of LPSA's early detection effort. Over 120 combined volunteer hours this year help count toward LPSA's "in kind" contributions, which qualify for grant awards to fund related activities. The program was specifically designed to engage local participation by individuals with varying amounts of time and expertise to commit to the endeavor. The critical role volunteer lake monitors play in this effort cannot be overstated, and is greatly appreciated.



## LAKE ECOLOGY by Peter Tobiessen

In the last few years Lake Pleasant has had a dramatic expansion of a native aquatic plant, the variable pondweed, or more descriptively, the grass-leaved pondweed (GLP). There is a large population in the bay near Cherry Creek that is expanding to the northwest, as well as smaller populations throughout the lake. It is found in lakes in most states of the US and most counties in NY, including Sacandaga Lake.

You can recognize GLP by its growth form. Growing from the lake bottom is a multi branched stem with many small, pointed grass-like leaves about 1 to 3 inches long and half an inch wide. Some reproductive stems have fewer and larger submerged leaves, but grow to the surface. There they have 1 or 2 floating elliptical (oval) leaves, less than an inch wide and about 2 inches long, and a spike with small bumps ("flowers") on a short stalk that rises about an inch above the water surface.

The expansion of GLP in Lake Pleasant concerns many of our members, and the inevitable question is, "What can we do about it?" If GLP were an invasive species, we would make every effort to control it and preferably eliminate it. However, it is a native species so our options are limited. If it is a nuisance to your shore front, the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) allows you to hand-harvest it without a permit in an area up to 1,000 sq. ft. However, you must also follow the other criteria listed on APA's web site: <https://apa.ny.gov/Documents/Flyers/HandHarvestingOfAquaticPlants.pdf> Any lake-wide control would require an APA permit, and Leigh Walrath, a Project Analyst at APA, told me that there must be a "significant impairment of use" of the lake

by the weed for them to even consider issuing a permit for control. The current level of weed growth does not come close to that threshold.

I don't see a definite "smoking gun" to explain the expansion of GLP in Lake Pleasant. However, there may be a few contributing factors. There is a natural cycle in lakes during which they gain sediment nutrients over time due to input from tributaries and decaying plant and animal material. This results in more weed growth. Dissolved nutrients like phosphorus, which stimulates algal growth, are not as important since aquatic plants get most of their nutrients from the sediment. Climate change is also a possible culprit, since our warmer winters have recently increased the ice-free period on the lake, and that gives aquatic plants a longer growing season. The place in Lake Pleasant with the densest stand of aquatic plants is near the inlet from Sacandaga, where water motion extends the local ice-free season to the longest in the lake.

We have been very fortunate to have such beautiful lakes with very low weed densities. In most lakes, all areas shallower than 6-8 ft. deep have weeds in them. The professional lake manager who surveys our lakes comments on our low lake-wide weed density every time he comes. Quite frankly, we've been spoiled, but now we have a weed expanding into this niche in parts of our lake. It is a native species, so natural controls should come into play eventually, unlike what happens with invasive species. In short, Lake Pleasant is just becoming more like other New York lakes.



## SAVE THE DATE

**June 24th Spring Brunch - Oak Mountain — Noon**

**August 19th - Annual Meeting & Picnic at Oak Mountain — Noon**



## **INVASIVE SPECIES - by Elaine Brophy**

During the summer of 2017 LPSA and the Lake Pleasant Speculator Garden Club maintained an invasive species display at the weekly Farmers' Market in Speculator. Materials about invasive species, including a colorful photo display of the invasive flora and fauna and many handouts were provided by the Hamilton County Soil and Water Department plus live examples collected by LPSA Lake Ecologist, Peter Tobiessen.

Through this outreach effort, many citizens were made aware of the threats to our lakes and were inspired to become involved in protecting our environment. The display was established by Elaine Brophy who was assisted by Dottie Jankowski, Sue Stewart, and Jon and Nancy Tobiessen.



## **SACANDAGA PATHWAY - by Elaine Brophy**

The Sacandaga River Community Park and Pathway were the vision of Dr. Paul and Marion Wilbur. Between 1996 and 2001, volunteers funded and built the pathway (behind the Speculator Pavilion), and provided informational signage.

The pathway is now a major attraction in Speculator. Help is needed to continue maintaining the pathway. If you can trim bushes, plant replacement examples, or pound nails in the board walk, we need your help. Please contact Marion Wilbur (518-548-8115) or Elaine Brophy ([elainebrophy@gmail.com](mailto:elainebrophy@gmail.com)) if you can assist with the Pathway.



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## **LPSA SPONSORS STUDENT ECOLOGY OUTING & CONTEST** *by Charlie Ascher*

On June 7th, LPSA sponsored a day long program for grades 7, 8 and 9 from Lake Pleasant School. The program was conducted by the Adirondack Water Institute (AWI) from Paul Smith's College, utilizing their boat along with many hands-on demonstrations. The children were divided into groups with each alternating between activities presented by the Paul Smith's personnel. One group went out on the College's new boat to conduct studies on Lake Pleasant on such topics as water turbidity, examination of organisms found in the water, and the collection of vegetation from the bottom of the lake. Another group participated in a fun hands-on demonstration that taught them how ground pollution affects a lake. The third component of the program was the introduction of the children to how to act as a boat steward and inspect boats, PWC's and kayaks. They also got the opportunity to identify various types of vegetation found in lakes and streams. Each student received a T-shirt as a volunteer lake steward and various infor-



Lake Pleasant School students

mational pamphlets.

The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time and learned many new things. The Lake Pleasant School supplied food for a picnic lunch. The staff from Paul Smith's College did an excellent job and got all the kids involved. Their dedication to this

outreach program is tremendous and greatly appreciated. This program was coordinated with this year's LPSA research program for grades 7, 8 and 9 at the Lake Pleasant School concerning global climate



From Left, Charlie Ascher, LPSA Contest Coordinator, LPSA contest winners Makayla Scott, Jenna Scribner, Sara Smith, Morgan Lane, George Hoffman, and Mitzi Fox, LPSA President

change.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the winners of the annual LPSA sponsored presentation contest at the Lake Pleasant School were announced. All students in grades 7, 8 and 9 participated in the project and prepared multi media presentations on this year's subject, which was "Global Climate Change, its causes, prevention and how it affects our region - environment, lakes and economy". The research conducted by all of the students was reinforced with additional curriculum covered in their science classes as well as the day long outdoor program conducted by Paul Smith's College. Lake Pleasant School faculty picked four of the best projects which were then presented to a review panel from LPSA. The winning presentations were awarded certificates of their achievement along with a \$250 gift card for first place, \$150 for second place and \$50 for third place. The winners of the third annual LPSA contest conducted at Lake Pleasant School are:

**FIRST PLACE - George Hoffman**

**SECOND PLACE - (tie) Makayla Scott and Jenna Scribner**

**THIRD PLACE - Sara Smith and Morgan Lane**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

by Lyn Van Druff

This past July 25, 2017, LPSA President Mitzi Fox, LP Supervisor Dan Wilt, and Revitalization Committee chair Bob Camoin, organized an informational meeting at the Lake Pleasant School.

The purpose was to have the Volunteer Organizations from Lake Pleasant: display their work, inform the public about what they were doing, acquire new volunteers, and generally show all town folk how they could become involved in groups that seek to improve and protect the community. There were nine groups participating. **The Volunteer Fire De-**

**partment, the Volunteer Ambulance, TWIGS, the Friends of the Library, the Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Library, Invasive species / aquatic and terrestrial, and the Lake Pleasant Sacandaga Association (LPSA).** Refreshments were provided by all groups and Jonathan Lane from Charlie John's provided beverages and paper products.

Attendance was modest, and while everyone believes this to be a worthwhile idea, we need to improve the promotion of the event. Several of the groups re-

ported signing up a few new members and some good questions were asked of the participants. That's a great start!

If you have ideas that would attract more residents, (both full and part time), to participate in volunteer organizations that promote the beauty, safety, education, and vitality for our Town, please contact any of the above organizers with your input. It is our hope that we can gain 100% participation of our town folk in years to come.



## SOCIAL OUTINGS

by Laura Hultmark

This year's LPSA Excursion to the Historic Camp Pine Knot on Raquette Lake was a huge success. Our group took an early morning boat ride to the Camp where tour guides explained the history of the camp, and we were able to tour numerous interesting and well-preserved buildings. Also included was a tour of the historic St. William's Church built in 1890. Then the W.W. Durant picked up our group for a cruise on Raquette Lake while we enjoyed a delicious lunch.

An additional tour, which was arranged by Peggy LaFontaine, was conducted at the McComb Maple Syrup Complex. Karen McComb explained the various stages involved in producing a fine quality Maple Syrup (very labor intensive). Participants were then treated to baked goods made with maple syrup, and given the opportunity to sample various grades of syrup.

The focus of our LPSA excursions is to learn more about places and people in the ADIRONDACKS, as well as provide opportunities to become more acquainted with our fellow LPSA members, and to have fun together, too.

2018 proposed plans include a morning boat tour on the Fulton Chain of Lakes leaving out of Old Forge. Afterwards, there will be plenty of time in Old Forge to enjoy lunch, shop, and further explore the area.

Also in the plans is a visit to John Van Alstine's Sculpture Studio in Wells. His works are exhibited all over the world and several of his sculptures were commissioned for the Beijing Olympics. Grace Camoin will be organizing this visit.

Also, an historic tour in Speculator will be held on July 12, 2018. Peggy LaFontaine is organizing a tour that will begin at 10 AM at the Court House and include a luncheon. The tour is being run as a benefit on behalf of the Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Foundation.

Watch for more information and details about these tours in the Spring Newsletter.





## LPSA LUNCHEONS by Tom Rippere

Each summer, LPSA plans two luncheon events, which provide members an opportunity to spend time together for a social gathering, and to hear speakers share information on a variety of topics. This year's June brunch included a delicious buffet from Oak Mountain's Chef Lou Petrozza and his staff, and a presentation from Hamilton County Sheriff Karl Abrams, Marine Deputy Dale, Deputy Loomis, and Canine Officer TJ. After the presentation, there was time for questions and answers, as well as an opportunity

to visit one of Hamilton County's lake patrol boats in the parking lot at Oak Mountain.

The luncheon picnic in August included another fine meal from Chef Lou, the annual business meeting of the LPSA, and a presentation from Jennifer Bine, Director in Interpretation at Adirondack Experience, formerly the Adirondack Museum, at Blue Mountain Lake. She shared interesting information on changes at the museum, describing new exhibits already in place and others planned for the future.



## SPECULATOR/LAKE PLEASANT GARDEN CLUB COMPLETES "BEST SEASON" by Lynne Brown

Beautification efforts by the Revitalization Committee/Garden Club "maxed out" this summer in spite of (and because of) more rain than usual! "Main St." saw the biggest, most colorful changes. A record 50 flower barrels with petunias in shades of pink graced the entrance to our community. Local business owners sponsor these each year; our gardeners plant and maintain them. The signs are produced and maintained by Scott Ryan. Next year these signs will be placed on stakes and appear above the flowers for better visibility and the pink flowers will be our "brand" going forward.

All gardens from the Courthouse in Lake Pleasant and Gazebo behind it, down Rte. 8 to the Four Corners were magnificent! This includes Garden Club gardens as well as private business and home gardens. The Four Corners Triangle Garden, sponsored each year totally by LPSA, boasts hardy perennials primarily, with pops of color from annuals. The gardens at Speculator Park (Osborne Point/ Tunney Park) were offset by our now mature Maples, River Birch and White Pines planted several years ago. Have you noticed the Speculator Park sign is missing? It is in good hands! Paul Barney of "Barney Signs" in Johnstown is



repainting our beautiful sign, another generous gift from LPSA.

Last, but not least, "Trees on Main St." came to fruition against all odds! Now 35 stately trees including Sugar Maples, Red "Autumn Blaze" Maples and one huge River Birch line private properties, the shoulder of Rte. 30 by the pavilion and our Public Beach. Also 14 beautiful shrubs including lilacs, Serviceberry and Burning Bushes augment the landscape by the basketball court, gazebo and baseball backstop. Thanks to many generous people, and with the support of LPSA, we were able to enlarge "Phase 1" to utilize all donations received and complete the project! A plaque honoring the donors will be finished by Spring 2018 (by Scott Ryan) and will be permanently mounted in the

Chamber of Commerce/Lane Emporium hallway.

Your Garden Club will continue to maintain our community gardens, barrels and trees but we need new gardeners to help us! We logged over 1500 volunteer hours this season!! Sign on for 2018 - no experience necessary - just bring your enthusiasm and we will help you with the rest. Lynne Brown, Garden Club Chair, 518-275-6125 any time.





## **DEVELOPMENT & GIFTING by Chris Turner**

### UPDATE ON THE THREE-LEGGED STOOL--LAKE PLEASANT-SACANDAGA ASSOCIATION, LAKE PLEASANT-SACANDAGA FOUNDATION, and KATHRYN COOLIDGE HUBER MEMORIAL FUND

As I am a newly-retired long-term LPSA/SF Board member, I have perhaps too much to offer current (and particularly newer) members about the interlocking three entities that make up the whole of what we call "LPSA." My long presence on the Board included stints as Treasurer and as Vice President-Gifting, the latter role being concentrated on the administrative activities supporting the "other" legs of the three legged stool, and I was involved in the birth and development of the Huber Fund, which is included in but separate from the Foundation. I'll try to resist an unnecessarily lengthy and detailed piece while describing how the three-legged stool fits together, with focus on the non-LPSA entities.

For background, LPSA was formed in 1953-54 by a group of lakefront seasonal property owners in the Town of Lake Pleasant to represent their interests, protect the lakes and provide a venue for social and community activities. There was careful attention paid to civic matters affecting the overall quality of life in the area. LPSA members met socially as well, and membership remained steady and self-defining.

The passage of time led to increasing focus on environmental and economic issues affecting the Adirondacks generally (think of acid rain) and the local area specifically (think of an aging and decreasing population with increasing societal needs). By the 1990s, there was a sense that the LPSA needed to expand its role toward a more active involvement in environmental matters in order to protect and enhance the natural beauties of the area, and in particular to move into prevention and mitigation of water quality issues for the five (yes, five) lakes in the Town, with Lake Pleasant and Sacandaga Lake the main ones. Concurrently, there was a shift toward including other (non-lakefront) property owners and businesses into the organization.

The enactment of Federal legislation in August 1993 broadened the provisions of the Internal

Revenue Code pertaining to section 501 such that the time had come for a tax exempt entity to be formed to accept contributions from members who would be allowed to deduct the amounts from their taxable incomes. Thus the Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Foundation came into existence in early 1994 as a qualifying non-profit organization organized under section 501-c of the federal code and incorporated under Section 402 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. (As an aside, I note that all seven of the trustees of the new organization remain members of LPSA/SF today.)

The stated original purpose for which the LPSF was organized was "To protect and enhance Lake Pleasant and Sacandaga Lake, and the tributaries thereto and watersheds thereof, and to promote the protection and enhancement of Lake Pleasant and Sacandaga Lake." Over the years since incorporation, the breadth of the basic purpose of LPSF has broadened somewhat, which is consistent with the breadth of the Section 501-c guidelines that include purposes such as "...charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary testing for public safety...", etc.

The operational aspects of the LPSA and the LPSF are complementary. LPSA is supported by members' basic annual dues and payments for the two annual membership events and occasional field trips. This provides funds for the operation of the organization, events, materials and supplies, administrative costs, insurance and occasional contributions to non-qualifying organizations. Members who add amounts to their annual dues are the supporters of the LPSF. This is where the community benefits from project-related expenditures such as beautification, public education, support of entities such as the Library, the Medical Center, volunteer firemen, etc., ad hoc support for eligible LPSA costs, and especially environmentally-related initiatives. These include: water quality testing; searching for and identification of invasive plant and animal species; the LPSA-sponsored projects, contests and outings for Lake Pleasant Central School; and most recently an expanded boat inspection and cleaning program that has built on years

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of local experience, with significant additional support from the Town of Lake Pleasant and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The role of LPSF has been one of adaptation to real world circumstances, and the importance of ongoing contributions remains as strong as ever.

Now to the third leg: the Huber Fund. John Huber and family have a summer residence on Sacandaga Lake that underwent major improvements in anticipation of year-round on-and-off residence. Sadly, his late wife Kathleen died before much use had been made of the newly configured home. In recognition of her strong interest in the quality of the lake waters that support the local environment and economy, John approached the LPSA with an idea of establishing an ongoing fund in Kathy's memory, dedicated to water quality generally but more specifically to the potential need for significant expenditures to mitigate intrusion of invasive species that can turn lakes into waste areas with consequent harm to the entire local social and economic environment (more basically, a dead lake equals a dead town here in the Adirondacks).

The Huber Fund relies on specified donations apart from the LPSF, and members can indicate specific amounts when renewing memberships or at other times. John Huber got things rolling some eight years ago and has been a major benefactor throughout, offering to match other donors' amounts in order to build the Fund balance to the point that it can support both ongoing LPSF environmental activities as well as

maintain a hedge against the potential for large and unanticipated costs of remediation, should that become necessary. To my knowledge, the Huber Fund is a unique component of comparable lake association assets.

The Huber Fund is managed by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney with LPSF oversight. At this writing, the fund balance exceeds \$150,000 and is growing. This is a lot of "hedge," but nowhere near what a real invasives intrusion could cost for mitigation, so the need for support continues.

There you have it--the three-legged stool that supports the purposes of LPSA, LPSF and the Huber Fund. It has reached its current state through years of progressive involvement by members whose ideas, views and financial support have kept the "legs" strong and supportive of the evolving priorities making up the agenda as time goes on. Members are encouraged to broaden their annual renewal amounts to include all three components: LPSA, LPSF and the Huber Fund, and to volunteer their time and expertise to LPSA projects and activities. Contributions to the Foundation (LPSF) and/or the Huber Fund can be made at any time, mailed to PO Box 164, Speculator, New York, 12164. Contributions to the Huber Fund made before the end of 2017 will be matched by John Huber.



### Library Hours:

Lake Pleasant Public Library: Open - Mon, Wed, Fri, 1-4 & 7-9. Tue, Thu, Sat, 10-2 548-4411

Wells Library: Mah Jongg Game Night—Mah Jongg for teens and adults, every Tues 6 to 8 pm.  
Open: Tues 6 to 8 pm Sat 10 am to Noon, during summer also open Thursday 6 to 8 pm 924-3541

Piseco Library: @ Piseco School, Rte 8, Open Mon 8:30am-12:30pm, Wed 12:30-4:30 &  
Thurs 7-9pm, 548-7555

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION KIOSK—by Bob Camoin

Have you ever been in a mall and can't find the store or facility you want. For most, you head for the Directory. Well, what do visitors do when visiting Speculator? You either ask or keep walking.

Numerous groups have been involved in pursuing a community kiosk - the Speculator Planning Board and the Historical Society of Lake Pleasant & Speculator. The kiosk was also recognized as a key need by the Chazen Companies' work, highlighting it in the Speculator - Lake Pleasant Community Revitalization Plan work.

The usage of a Kiosk is key for providing information for visitors and residents:

**What can we do here?** - hiking trails, beach areas, bike trails, cross-country skiing, tennis, golf, etc.

**What services are available?** - medical, library, historical museum, Chamber of Commerce, free Wi-Fi access, US Post Office, etc.

The Revitalization team took on the task of funding the kiosk at a cost of \$2,000. LPSA was asked and subsequently agreed to help the project with financing and building the kiosk. Larry Smith is volunteering his carpentry skills to the project, expecting it to be completed for Spring 2018.

The kiosk will be located at the south entry of the Village, in the pavilion area just at the bottom of the first entry driveway.



## TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT ELECTION RESULTS by Tom Rippere

In elections for Town of Lake Pleasant, incumbent Dan Wilt defeated Frank Mezzano in a close race for Town Supervisor, 281 to 262 with absentee ballots tipping the scales. For Town Councilperson there were two open seats. Nancy Seifts with 288 votes and Christine Meixner with 274, defeated Betsy Bain with 256 and Mark Crary with 230. Absentee ballots also played a part in Christine Meixner's win over Betsy Bain. Deborah O'Rourke who was unopposed was reelected as Town Clerk/Tax Collector with 457 votes. Randy Lavarney also unopposed was reelected as Highway Superintendent with 461 votes.

Karl Abrams won, unopposed, to continue as Hamilton County Sheriff with 496 votes. Hamilton County voters strongly opposed holding a new state constitutional convention, and strongly supported the Land Bank proposition and the proposition to strip pensions of officials convicted of corruption.



## CONTACT US

If you have any comments or questions about this newsletter, or about the Lake Pleasant-Sacandaga Association, you can contact us at [LPSA@FrontierNet.net](mailto:LPSA@FrontierNet.net).

Additional information about LPSA is available on our website [www.lpsa-ny.org](http://www.lpsa-ny.org)

If you want to speak to someone, you can contact Mitzi Fox, LPSA President, at 980-879-7805, or send an email to her at [mitzifox@frontier.com](mailto:mitzifox@frontier.com) if you have any concerns or questions.

Like and Follow us on Face Book @ LPSA2016. You can see pictures of various seasons, add your own pictures, or read about upcoming events and projects in the LAKE PLEASANT / SACANDAGA area.



## **Support Area Businesses:**

The businesses below are those business members who have chosen to display their logo or business card with info. If you are interested, please contact us - email: [lpas@frontiernet.net](mailto:lpas@frontiernet.net)

### **The Lemon Tree**

Route 8, Speculator, NY 12164

Phone: 518-548-6231

Sales & Service, Authorized Dealer of:  
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Website: [www.lemontreesports.com](http://www.lemontreesports.com)

Email: [lemontree@frontiernet.net](mailto:lemontree@frontiernet.net)

### **Vogel Excavation & Construction**

Don Vogel, President

Route 8 PO Box 418

Speculator, NY 12164

Ph: 518-548-5995 Fax: 518-548-7819

Email: [vogelexc@frontiernet.net](mailto:vogelexc@frontiernet.net)

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Sand & Gravel, Back Hoe, Bulldozing,  
Tree Service

### **Tanner's Outdoor Sports, Inc.**

Route 8, PO Box 186 Speculator, NY 12164

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