

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **by Lyn Van Druff**

Welcome to the Beginning of Summer 2020!

An unusual summer to be sure, but I'm confident that with careful measures, we can still enjoy the beauty of our beloved Adirondacks. LPSA has been working over the winter on several fronts to advance the agenda of protecting our lakes and beautifying our town.

- We continue to have Lake Stewards at both Moffitt Beach ramp on Sacandaga and at the Pavilion ramp on Lake Pleasant.
 - Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) will be providing stewards Thursday through Monday this year. LPSA is working on adding stewards for Tuesday and Wednesday.
 - The DECON free Boat Wash is located on the northbound lane of Rt. 30 just before Speculator. Please use the Free Boat Wash on your personal craft, and encourage all guests to stop with their craft on their way into town. This is an added layer of protection for our lakes.
- We will be distributing newly developed info cards and refrigerator magnets to help in the mitigation the 'Nutrient Loading' that is taking place in our lakes and causing a significant growth in unwanted weeds.
- Our JUNE Luncheon has been CANCELED due to COVID-19. We will however, have the information that was to be presented by Caitlin Stewart on the ways we can plant buffers on our properties to protect lakes, streams, and rivers, against damaging road and lawn runoff. We will be sending an email blast when that presentation is available.

Lastly, as many of our members travel to Speculator/ Lake Pleasant this summer, we ask that you give special attention to the needs of the community. Hamilton County has been extremely fortunate to have been relatively free from the devastation of COVID-19. We want to be sure that continues to be the case. Please remember that Hamilton County has a very high percentage of residents over 65, the most vulnerable population for severe complications. We have very limited healthcare services and Not One pharmacy in the county! So, with that understanding, we ask that when you come to town:

- Bring at least 14 days of food, medicine, and household materials
- During those first 14 days, please don't go into town stores, PO, Bank, etc.
- Limit your interaction with neighbors using "social distancing" and wear a mask.

If we take this extra care in the beginning, we stand a good chance of not, unknowingly, bringing any viruses with us and therefore giving everyone a healthy and happy summer.

NOTICE:

1. We are looking for a member who has an accounting background who would be willing to serve as our Treasurer. If interested, please contact Lyn Van Druff @ LynLPSA@gmail.com or text to 610-299-1391.
2. We are in need of volunteers to staff our table at the Farmers Market on Thursdays. We will be setting up for 4-5 weeks, July 9 through beginning of August. If you (and maybe a friend) would be willing to take one Thursday, please let me know. We have an Info Board, materials for people

to take, and specimens showing some of the invasive aquatics. It's a wonderful way to show people what we are working on and how they can help (contact Jon Tobiessen, at JNTOPY3@yahoo.com).

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you this summer. Hopefully we will be able to have our August luncheon and Annual Meeting. We will keep you informed.

Stay Safe and Enjoy Life!

Lyn Van Druff, LPSA President