

# Seneca Lake Club - Spring 2019 Newsletter

## FROM THE BOARD

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and look forward to seeing all of you this spring and summer at the beach and during the activities we have planned

The Seneca Lake Board is made up of volunteers from the community who work to bring you a financially responsible community that serves the recreational purposes of the lake. Water quality, beach cleanliness, public safety and investing in keeping our facilities clean and safe are among our highest priorities.

We hope you are pleased with the improvements that were made last year and the projects that are planned for this year which are outlined below.

We can be reached by email at [senecalakeclub@gmail.com](mailto:senecalakeclub@gmail.com), through the website [www.senecalakeclub.org](http://www.senecalakeclub.org), or on Facebook and welcome your feedback and suggestions

We thank you and wish you a great spring as we prepare for the summers activities and events

Officers		Trustees
President	David Mazzella	Don Collis
Vice President	Joanne Scally	Nate Carsto
Treasurer	Christine Molbury	Marion Cuff
Secretary	Fred Welles	Rich Grega
		Dave Richmond

## FACILITIES UPDATE

We hope you have seen the improvements that were made last year including replacement of all docking, replacement of the swim platform, new swim raft, removal of overgrown trees in the beach area, installation of a new fire pit, and mulching of the playground area.

This year we will be re-siding the clubhouse, modernizing the bathrooms, installing additional outside clubhouse lighting, replacing the steps leading to the beach, installing an outside shower platform, painting the pavilion, installing a ceiling fan, and purchasing new Adirondack chairs for the beach. The Clubhouse siding and bathroom work is scheduled to be completed before we open the beach for the summer.

We are contracting a local builder to complete Clubhouse projects but will be replacing the steps, installing shower platform, and painting bathroom and pavilion floors ourselves. We are always looking for volunteers to help with these projects. If you're able to lend a hand, please contact Fred Welles - [fred.welles@gmail.com](mailto:fred.welles@gmail.com) who will be coordinating those projects.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday May 18th - 10:00 to 12:00. Road Clean up.  
(Rain Date Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday May 19th - 9:00 to 11 a.m. Beach Setup at the clubhouse

Saturday May 25th - Beach Opening Day

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> - Annual Memorial Day Weekend Picnic

Friday Night Corn Hole - Keep an eye out for dates on the sandwich board sign by the clubhouse

## ROAD CLEANUP

Get involved, get the kids out, and experience a sense of community by helping clean up our Seneca Lake roads. Through the Sparta Clean Communities program we earn \$250 for each of 4 road clean up days held throughout the year when we have 10 or more volunteers doing the cleanup

**Saturday May 18th 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. (Rain date May 19)**

All supplies and safety vests provided. Please email [senecalakeclub@gmail.com](mailto:senecalakeclub@gmail.com) if you plan on attending

## OPENING DAY BEACH BBQ

Come enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors at our annual opening day Beach BBQ at our newly remodeled clubhouse

**Date: Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.**

We'll supply Hot Dogs and Burgers. We ask that you bring your favorite side and/or desert and beverages.

## BOAT REGISTRATION

All boats stored on the beach boat racks must be registered with The Seneca Lake Club and require an annual \$20.00 fee per boat. **Boats not registered by June 1, 2019 will be removed at the owner's expense.**

To register your boat(s), email [senecalakeclub@gmail.com](mailto:senecalakeclub@gmail.com) and request a boat registration form.

## AED DEVICE

For the added safety of beachgoers we have purchased an AED device which will be located in the clubhouse garage which also has a phone to be used for emergency situations

## WATER MANAGEMENT

Our greatest asset is our lake and we work very hard at keeping it clean so that we can maximize its use for both fishing and swimming.

You may not be aware but we are required to take water tests each week that the lake is open to swimming and submit those to the county health department for their testing. If we were to fail those tests, our beach would be closed to swimming.

One of the greatest threats to water quality is goose feces. Throughout the year we manage our geese population and try to limit (or eliminate) as much as possible goose fecal matter from entering the lake which can quickly cause our water quality to reach unsafe levels. Our goose management program includes adding eggs in the spring, installing goose deterrent lights, installing goose deterrent roping on the beach front, and goose harassment through the use of noise. We do all this as humanly as possible and follow Fish and Wildlife guidelines

Weeds also impact the quality of our water and we invest significant dollars each year in controlling weed growth using a third party vendor. We've been very successful in keeping the weeds to a minimum over the years and will continue that program in 2019.

## AUTOMATION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are pleased to have Christine Molbury join the board and take on the treasurer responsibilities. Christine has made several recommendations to help streamline our membership processes which will include electronic dues statements and payments. Look for more in the coming months on that and other ways we are trying to accommodate our membership while reducing the time and cost of manually performing those tasks.

## NEW TO SENECA LAKE

Please join us in welcoming your new neighbors:

Sean Chirico - 116 Seneca Lake Road

Tom and Abigail Blazovic - 108 Seneca Lake Road

Eduardo Trujillo - 77 Seneca Lake Road

## DAM MANAGEMENT

Our Dam requires ongoing maintenance and a bi-annual inspection done by the NJ division of dam safety and flood control. This past December we received a satisfactory grade. You can find the full inspection report along with documents on our emergency evacuation, and our operations and maintenance document on our website.

Thanks to Dave Mazzella for all the work to manage and maintain the dam, coordinating the inspection, and developing the required documents

## FISHING AND WATERCRAFT/BOATING RULES

### A reminder of the rules for fishing and boating at Seneca Lake

#### Fishing

- Seneca Lake is a catch and release lake. All fish caught must be released back into the lake and unharmed
- Fishing is prohibited within the roped off areas of the beach
- Ice Fishing is prohibited at all times

#### Boats/Watercraft

- Gas powered watercraft/boats are prohibited
- All watercraft/boats must be registered and marked for identification
- Watercraft/Boats are to be launched only from the left side of the dock
- Watercraft/boats may not be docked on the beach
- Personal floatation devices are required for each boater

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We are always interested in hearing from the community members on ideas and suggestions on how to improve our facilities, increase use of those facilities, and events or activities that may be of interest to you. Please send us your ideas and suggestions.

Are you getting emails/newsletters? Whether you are a home owner or a tenant we want you to know what's going on at Seneca Lake and when important notifications are sent, know you are getting them. Please send us an email at [senecalakeclub@gmail.com](mailto:senecalakeclub@gmail.com) so you can be added to our contacts and follow us on Facebook at Seneca Lake Club, Sparta NJ. We share a lot of information.

You don't want to be left out!