

Seneca Lake Club - Spring 2021

FROM THE BOARD

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well after a challenging year to say the least.

Welcome to the many new members who have moved into the Seneca Lake Club reservation and we hope to see you at the beach, the playground, fishing off the docks, or at one of the clubs activities or events

With ropes and docks in place we are on track for opening the beach up for swimming beginning May 29th. As always will listen to and abide by the CDC and State and local authorities on guidelines as far as spacing, behaviors, and cleaning of common areas and will begin weekly water testing a week before opening. Please keep an eye out for posted notices related to social distancing and bathing rules

We have made several purchases and upgraded the playground as outlined in the facilities update and as always have water quality, clean/safe facilities, while being fiscally responsible our priority.

Outside of weed treatment and weekly grass cutting, all of the work that goes into running and maintaining the clubhouse, beach, dam, lake, and the streets is done by Seneca Lake Club volunteers. To all of those that have pitched in to help in the past, and to all those that can give us some time over the summer months, thank you!

ID badges were very effective last year and will be distributed again this year to all members in good standing.

ID Badges will be available for pickup at the clubhouse from 9-11 on Saturday May 22nd and at Marion Cuff's business entrance, 128 Seneca Lake Road, from 9-12 weekdays. Please have ID cards with you and make them visible when using the facilities. We will police this as best we can and ask all members to help by politely asking for member ID's when you see individuals or groups you feel may not be SLC members.

As always we can be reached by email at senecalakeclub@gmail.com with your feedback or suggestions

You're Seneca Lake Club Board

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

Beach Setup at the clubhouse - May 22nd

Beach Opening Day - May 29th

Annual Memorial Day Weekend Picnic - May 30th

Yoga on the Beach - May 31st - 10:00 a.m. with Laura Mazzella

Corn Hole - every Friday night starting at 6:00 p.m.

BEACH BBQ

Sunday, May 30th 2:00 p.m. - join us in our opening weekend BBQ at the clubhouse. We'll supply Hot Dogs, Burgers, Soda, and Water. Bring your favorite side dish and/or Desert and the adult beverage of your choice.

Rain Date - Monday the 31st

FACILITIES UPDATE

With the help of member volunteers we manage to get quite a bit done to keep the facilities in good working order. Among the projects we have completed or have planned are:

Playground refurbishment - We've replaced the wood that was aged, rebuilt the gang plank and climbing wall, replaced several swings, added a baby swing and climbing rope, power washed and refinished the playset, added 10 yards of playground mulch, and added a bench (Another is on the way) for those that like to sit and watch the kids play. Thanks to the volunteers who got this done we saved thousands of dollars had we replaced the existing set with a new one.

New picnic tables - two new poly picnic tables are now in place. Please take the time to clean them off after each use

Bathroom floors and walkways will be repaired and painted and the pavilion cement gaps will be filled in May

The air diffusers in the water have been cushioned

Docks and swim platforms have all been power washed

Steps leading to the beach - are roped off and not to be used. Our plan is to replace those during the summer and bids have been received from local landscapers.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with projects. If you're able to lend a hand or have a specific skill that you'd like to offer, contact Fred Welles - fred.welles@gmail.com who will be coordinating those projects.

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 humanely 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 2021.

PAVILION RESERVATIONS

Any member in good standing can reserve the use of the club pavilion for a private event.

To make a reservation, complete the request form and follow the instructions as outlined on our Website.

Reservations are on a first come basis. Weekend dates through the summer are filling up and can be seen by looking at the club calendar, also on the website.

Those using the pavilion are asked to thoroughly clean up and leave the facility as you found it

DAM MANAGEMENT

Our Dam requires ongoing maintenance and a bi-annual inspection done by the NJ division of dam safety and flood control. We completed our most recent Dam inspection during the fall of 2020 and 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
- Ice Fishing is prohibited at all times

Boats/Watercraft

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

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, 2021 will be removed at the owner's expense.**

Boat decals will be provided to those registered and must be placed on the side of the boat facing the beach so that we can easily identify

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

When you are at the beach, docks, clubhouse, or playground

Respect and follow the Seneca Lake Club rules below and as posted by the beach

Have you ID card with you and visible to others

Put your trash/re-cycle in the proper receptacle, clean picnic tables if you used them, return Adirondack chairs to where you found them, and return sand toys to the toy box

There is a fully equipped First Aid box and AED device in the clubhouse garage, marked by the first aid signage

There is also a cell phone by the first aid box and is to be used for emergency situations

It is a County Health Department mandate that the clubhouse garage door is opened when you are on the beach. Opening the garage door is done using the key found in the lock box which can be opened using the SLC Code. If you do not have the code, please email senecalakeclub@gmail.com. If you are the last person on the beach when leaving, please close and lock the garage door

Seneca Lake Club Rules

- Seneca Lake Club identification cards must be on display while on club property.
- Club property is closed from 10pm until sunrise except where it is officially authorized.
- No one under the age of 16 is allowed on the beach without a parent/guardian present.
- Overnight parking is prohibited unless approved by the board.
- No mopeds, power driven recreation vehicles or motor vehicles are to be operated on the land or water of Club property unless for emergency operations or Club purposes
- No ball playing on the beach area when bathers are present.
- No bike riding on beach or grassy areas.
- In the event that a minor is causing damage or creating a nuisance on Club property, an Active Member is authorized to order him/her to vacate the premises and not to return without a parent/guardian.
- Glass containers or apparatuses of any kind are prohibited except in food and drink areas.
- Pick up all trash in your area and place it in the appropriate receptacle.
- Abide by all local, state or federal epidemic guidelines regarding social distancing, personal hygiene, etc.
- No one is permitted on the concrete spillway or in the stream except for authorized maintenance or repair activities.
- Use of the pavilion for parties is by reservation only.

Swimming and Bathing

- No Life Guard on Duty. Swimming is at your own risk.
- Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days.
- Conduct which endangers the safety and comfort of others shall be prohibited.
- No swimming beyond the floating dock or outside of the buoys.
- No diving anywhere including from the floating dock.
- Outdoor bathing shall be prohibited during an electrical storm and all guests should seek shelter.
- Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the water.
- Nude sunbathing or swimming is prohibited
- Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water. Immediately report any "accidents" you observe in the bathing waters to the beach supervisor or board member.
- All children in diapers must wear diapers specially designed for immersion in water (such as swimming diapers). Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
- No animals, except for service animals, shall be allowed in the on lake property or in the water
- Water toys and flotation devices are allowed. Check the intended age, weight ranges and use of water toys and flotation devices to ensure safe use. Substitutes such as water wings, swim rings, inflatable toys and other items designed for water recreation cannot replace responsible adult supervision