

BRANTINGHAM

SPRING NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

As you know, one of the many responsibilities of the Community Association is to contract for spraying. This year we have contracted with Duflo to conduct four (4) sprayings with the possibility of a fifth spray. The exact date for any spraying is always dependent on weather conditions and the first spray has been tentatively scheduled to occur prior to Memorial Day.

The Town of Greig has recently rescinded the speed laws that were in place on the lake since the early 1990's. As a result, **all users** are required to adhere to the "New York State Boating Guideline" that can be found on the New York State Parks website. "In New York State, vessel speed is generally limited to 5 mph when within 100 feet of the shore, a dock, pier, raft, float or anchored boat." As a reminder, the NYS minimum age to operate a personal watercraft is 14 years of age unless under the supervision of an adult. Individuals under 18 must have successfully completed a safe boating course to operate a boat without adult supervision.

Please consider placing 911 address on dock to assist invasive plant surveys as well as the Sheriff patrol.

We wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer!



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Please remember to visit our web site at

www.brantingham.org

Keep up to date with important announcements, photos, minutes from BCA meetings, calendar of events, membership dues form, area director list, etc.

Income - 2010

Dues/Spray Reimbursement.....	12763
Fish Fund.....	2244
Other Income*.....	376
Total	<u>15383</u>

Expense

Spraying Expense.....	3650
Fish Fund Expense.....	2520
Water Quality Expense/Dues.....	610
Other Expense**.....	1016
Total	7796

Net Income **7587**

05/15/2011 Bank Balances

Operating	7559
Fish/Memorial Funds.....	3972
Total	<u>11531</u>

Memorial Fund, Sign Income and Interest

**Buoys, Donations, Memorial Fund, Signs, P.O. Box, Printing

GAIL ROES

SHERIFF'S REPORT

I would like to thank the BCA for their continued support of the Sheriff Patrol on Brantingham Lake. I have several concerns based on last years patrols:

Ensure your pontoon boats do not exceed capacity and you have personal flotation devices (PFD) for all passengers. I encounter a number of renters using unregistered boats or outdated or poorly-fitted PFD's. Renters should ensure your equipment is registered. Camp owners should feel free to contact me for equipment inspection.

Buoys on the lake were very effective last year.

Emergency calls: 9-1-1 Non-Emergency: 376-3511

Safe Boating!!!!

DEPUTY SHERIFF MIKE LEVIKER

BRANTINGHAM-GREIG COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library moved in late November to the brown cottage on the right of the stone house enabling the Townsends (Camp Aldersgate Directors) to move into the main house. After serious thought and discussion, the library board has requested and received approval to move into the new Town of Greig Office Building. The decision to ask for space in the Town of Greig office building was not arrived at easily. We have enjoyed "being on the hill" with easy access. However, Adlersgate is growing and making improvements within the camp structure. The library board is most appreciative of the space that we have been able to use for the past 10 years. There would be no library without the generosity and cooperation of Camp Aldersgate. The library, while housed in the brown cottage, will be sharing space with the camp office staff.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

Library is open when the flag is displayed.
 Summer Hours are Tuesday/Thursday 1 - 4pm and
 Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm
 Please park in the open area in front of the stone house and walk to the cottage.

If you are an e-book reader, you are invited to obtain a "universal card" at the library and download many titles available thru the library system.

SUMMER ACTIVITES - 2011

Annual Country Fair - Saturday, July 2nd

Annual Luncheon @ Trailside, August 4th

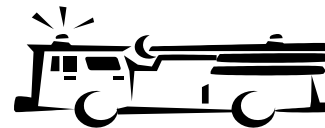
Book Sale - Friday, September 2nd

Any questions, call Mary Lee @ 348-8331 or email at markandmlob@yahoo.com

MARY LEE O'BRIEN



3 G Volunteer Fire Company



The 3-G Fire Department responded to numerous calls throughout the winter. One major fire on Sweeney Road at 4:00am resulted in the loss of the home and serious injury to the homeowner. Flames were visible when the first unit arrived 2 minutes after the fire was reported. Units from Lyons Falls, Lyons Falls ambulance, Search and Rescue ambulance and the Martinsburg Fire Department assisted the 3-G Fire Company (Glenfield and Brantingham) at the scene. County and State Fire Investigators determined that the smoke detector in the home was not operable.

We have responded to a number of carbon monoxide calls throughout the winter. The law now requires that all new and existing residences be equipped with Carbon Monoxide detectors. Carbon Monoxide is odorless, tasteless, and deadly. Please change batteries twice a year.

Record high water levels this spring kept the department busy pumping numerous cellars. This also required the department to make alternate provisions to respond to alarms due to closed roads and to assist neighboring fire departments because of limited access to some areas.

The 3-G fire department has prepared specifications for a new front line pumper to replace the 29 year old unit now in service. It is anticipated that this new unit will cost approximately \$250,000+. Because of tight budgets at the State and Federal level, no grants will be available for this purchase. Money will be raised through fundraising events.

Several dances, dinners, and similar events have been held over the winter and more are planned for this summer. Your support at these events and the annual fund drive is greatly appreciated.

The annual auction is scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2011 starting at 6:00pm.



Thank you for helping us help you.

DAVE MEADE

INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES - DON'T AID THE INVASION

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program is an award winning program initiated in 1998 to protect the Adirondack Park from the negative impacts of invasive plants. In July 2011, the Adirondack Council will honor APIPP as the Conservationist of the Year at it's Forever Wild Day. In 2010, APIPP trained over 100 volunteers, surveyed 94+ waterways, discovered invasive water species in 6 new waters, and distributed new species movements and information.

Thanks to our volunteers, trained by APIPP, Brantingham Lake is tested yearly at over 60 spots. We "toss the rake" three times at each spot and visually test the entire shoreline for aquatic and terrestrial invasives. So far, in our annual tests we have NOT IDENTIFIED ANY AQUATIC INVASIVES. We have found two terrestrial invasives, garlic mustard and Japanese knotweed. In both cases the terrestrial invasives were pulled out by hand.

Our volunteers spend one to two weeks in late August testing the lake. Special thanks from Sue and Judy to Lee Vergilis, Norma and Peter Corbett (visitors from Scotland), Ned Wilson, and Jack Cotanch. We always invite new volunteers to join in the FUN of tossing the rake without losing it and helping to protect our lake. (adkinvasive.com) Successfully controlling invasives requires everyone's help. Please report suspicious plants to Sue Lorenzini, Judy Wilson, or your BCA officers or directors.

In our annual surveys we try to identify all the plants we pull up. The survey results are at the Brantingham-Greig Community Library along with a Field Guide to invasive plants in the Reserve Section.

We use GPS to identify sites with problems. NO PROBLEMS, SO FAR...Putting 911 numbers on docks would add another layer of identification for sites.

Don't aid the invasion!!

Learn & teach others about invasive species.

Always use native or non-native plants for gardens, landscapes, and ponds.

Check, clean/disinfect & dry boats, live wells, waders, life jackets, and fishing equipment.

Do not move bait or fish from one water to another.

Purchase baitfish from retailers selling certified disease free fish.

Report plants, animals, & insects that seem new or out-of-the-ordinary.

Don't move firewood more than 50 miles from where it is grown.

Don't release any animal, plant, or seed into the wild.

Don't stock ponds/waters with exotic fish, frogs, crayfish, snails, or other organisms.

Support APIPP by becoming a volunteer.



Keeping Brantingham Lake clean and the shoreline undisturbed by invasives adds to the beauty and native diversity of our community and enhances our recreational opportunities. Let's all work to assure that Brantingham stays free from invasive plants. Enjoy a wonderful summer on our "wee gem of lake". **JUDY WILSON**

TUESDAY PLEIN AIR PAINTERS

The Tuesday Painters meet every Tuesday during July and August from 9:00 a.m. until noon on location to work in the medium of their choice. Every week a different location is chosen, first meeting in front of the Pine Tree Inn, then carpooling to the site. There is no instructor, as the artists in the group are there to encourage each other. At the end of each painting session they share their work and a gentle critique is given. Artists of all ability levels, especially beginners, are invited to join. "Plein air" is a French term originally used by painters in the 19th century to describe painting done outside on location instead of in the studio. The French Impressionists believed in the merits of painting *en plein air*, and much of their work was done outdoors. and contemplative way to enjoy the outdoors and deepen their appreciation of nature. Come and achieve intimacy with nature and the world around us with the Tuesday Painters. For more information you may contact Elaine Hochreiter at 301-490-0415 until June 10, then 315-348-8486.

ELAINE HOCHREITER

B'HAM BLACK BEAR

Please note that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announced in January “a new state regulation that prohibits the feeding of black bears”. This regulation is in response to an increase in the black bear population as well as an increase in incidental or intentional feeding of bears. According to a January news release, “Specifically, the regulation bans intentional feeding of black bears, and after previous written notice from DEC, also prohibits incidental or indirect feeding of black bears through food attractants such as garbage, refuse, or bird seed. The regulation grants DEC the authority to require removal of these and other food attractants when bears become problematic.”

“DEC encourages discontinuing bird feeding activity in the Spring” and encourages trash not be left out the night before on trash pick-up days.

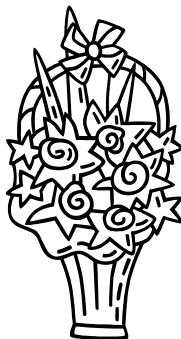
There have been numerous sightings of a bear in the Brantingham area. It is everyone’s responsibility to adhere to these regulations.



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WALKIE-TALKIES

On April 14, 2011, we celebrated our 12th year anniversary with a luncheon at the Pine Tree Inn. Our community is our focus as we strive to improve the beautification and quality of life. The 4-Corners will be planted with flowers for the summer season and a patriotic banner will be hung over the kiosk. During the holiday season, we provided several baskets of food and gifts for families in the South Lewis School District. As in past years, we sponsored a hole at the 3-G Fireman's' annual golf tournament. We continue to pick up litter as we walk and talk. We hope to see many familiar faces as we enjoy our summer season in Brantingham.



CYNDY ANDRE

OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIR

The 23rd Annual Old Tyme Country Fair will be held on the grounds of Camp Aldersgate on **Saturday, July 2nd from 10:00am - 3:00pm.** We have over 30 crafters featuring jewelry, furniture refinishing, antiques, wood crafts, hand sewn items, folding Adirondack furniture, cross stitch, candles, fresh vegetables, face painting and much more. In addition, there will be used book sale organized by the library volunteers.

While shopping, feast on hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, and ice cream sundaes. Don’t forget to purchase a homemade pie for dinner.

Also, remember to bid on a variety of items for the silent auction.

All proceeds from the Old Tyme Country Fair support the Brantingham-Greig Community Library

We welcome anyone willing to help. Please call Muriel @ 348-6515 or Maureen @ 348-8568

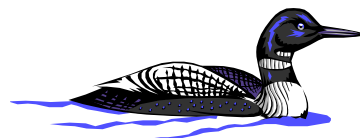
MAUREEN SUGRUE

BRANTINGHAM ARTS COUNCIL

Following a strong fundraising year in 2010, the Brantingham Arts Council is looking forward to the 2011 season. We are bringing you three new presenters; Tom Yacovella, Utica area artist and photographer, The American Songbook Jazz Standards of “Too Human” duo Ellen Schwartz and Roger Bruno from Massachusetts. Also, Nick Piccinilli, a talented multi-instrumentalist and vocalist out of Utica.

Our thanks to the generous support of Roger Abbey of Good Morning Realty, Scott and Lisa Guillaume of The Pine Tree, Brantingham Golf Club and year and year, Walter Sugrue, the go-to guy for Adirondack Chairs. We also thank Betty Gensheimer and Ann Bergenheier for support in helping me with ticket sales.

MARION LOWE



TOWN OF GREIG CODE ENFORCEMENT

New APA regulations took effect 9-21-2010 regarding boat houses. These regulations coincide with the Town of Grieg Zoning Law boathouse regulations.

Boathouse means: a covered structure with direct access to a navigable body of water which

- (1) is used only for storage of boats and associated equipment
- (2) does not contain bathroom facilities, sanitary plumbing or sanitary drains of any kind
- (3) does not contain kitchen facilities of any kind
- (4) does not contain a heating system of any kind
- (5) does not contain beds or sleeping quarters of any kind
- (6) does not exceed a single story in that the roof rafters rest on the top plate of the first floor wall and all ridged roof surfaces have a minimum pitch of 4 on 12 or alternatively one flat roof covers entire structure
- (7) has a footprint of 1200 sq ft or less, measured at the exterior walls "or in absence of exterior walls at the perimeter of the roof" and height of 15 feet or less

For the purpose of this definition the height of a boathouse shall be measured from the surface of the floor serving the boat berths to the highest point of the structure.

Decks and Porches which are above the water level and extend beyond the structural footprint of any boat-house are subject to the shoreline restrictions if these portions which extend beyond the structural footprint exceed 100 sq ft in aggregate.

Retaining Walls: APA requires that all structures over 100 sq ft within 50 feet of Brantingham Lake require a variance. A variance is required for new retaining walls which exceed 100 sq ft in size and are to be constructed within the setback area. (50 ft) However the agency will not require a variance if the retaining wall including rip rap, meets the following definition: A retaining wall which is constructed of dried laid stone or untreated natural logs and is smaller than 200 sq ft in size, and does not exceed 2 ft in height above the mean high-water mark shall not be subject to the applicable shoreline setback requirements and variance procedures provided that:

- (1) it is designed to control an ongoing erosion problem
- (2) it limited to the area necessary to control such erosion and
- (3) follows existing natural elevation and contour of the shoreline

New York State Building Code: New Building Code Regulations took effect in December 2010. New Energy Code requirements for insulation and lighting are now in effect and apply to all new structures, alterations/ remodeling of existing structures and additions. Be sure to check with the Code office prior to starting any projects. Building Permits are required for all alterations of \$5000 or greater and any alteration which modifies the existing footprint or roof structure.

DAVE MEADE

B'HAM PARADE OF CAMPS

Our first Brantingham Parade of Camps is planned for August 13, 2011 from 12:00PM - 3:00PM.

Tickets will be \$10.00 to view 4 or 5 camps. Please contact Deb Murphy (vineyarddeb@msn.com) if you are willing to display your camp. Proceeds will be benefit a local charity.

Tickets available at Old Tyme Country Fair BCA table or by emailing Deb or Karen.

DEBORAH DAL POS & KAREN MURPHY

PLEASE CARE FOR OUR LAKE

Control Erosion

Remove all weeds from boat before launching.

Avoid using fertilizer near the waterfront

Remove pet waste from yard

Do not use household chemical around or in lake.

Catch and release Trout and remove Sunfish & Bass.

Have your septic tank cleaned regularly and monitor

Billhardt, N. "Protecting Water Quality in Your Community". 2010. Lewis Country Soil & Water Conservation District

FISH COMMITTEE

Brantingham Lake and Pleasant Lake were both stocked with trout on Sunday, May 8, 2011. Once again, Hickling's Fish Farm provided us with some beautiful looking trout. Rainbow trout only were stocked in Pleasant Lake and rainbows along with brook trout were stocked in Brantingham Lake. First of all, the fish committee would like to apologize to donation contributors of Pleasant Lake for not putting fish in spring, 2010. Due to an error which has been corrected, the donation amounts for Brantingham Lake and Pleasant Lake have now been placed into separate accounts. Because of the 2010 error, the number of fish stocked in Pleasant Lake were doubled up this spring to make up for not stocking in Pleasant Lake in 2010. Also, because of the large size of the bass in Pleasant Lake, the rainbow trout stocked in that body of water were all bigger fish.

This spring, let's talk finances! First of all, the fish committee wishes to thank all donors that contribute to the fish fund. However, we were down this year in donations. \$2,158 dollars were collected this past year for the spring stocking of 2011. One donor contributed more than \$50 for Pleasant Lake and 10 donors contributed more than \$50 dollars for Brantingham Lake. We have many donors to the fish fund, and we need to be thankful for that! We should really be thankful to have two Adirondack lakes, Pleasant and Brantingham, that are capable of sustaining populations of rainbow and brook trout. That is pretty rare in many bodies of water in the Adirondacks. Therefore, PLEASE consider sending in a larger donation to the fish fund this year. The fish we purchase are getting more expensive, and of course, transportation costs have risen. As one non-fishing donor stated last year, "I'm glad to know that trout can live in the lake, and I'm glad that I can live here." Thank you for your previous support to the fish fund!

JOHN HATHWAY

WATER QUALITY

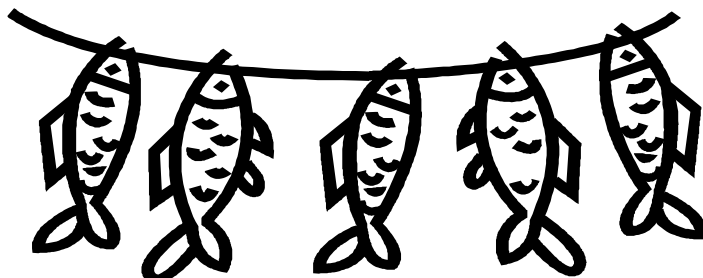
Brantingham Lake was sampled 8 times last summer from mid-May until early October. The results of those samplings were summarized by the State as follows: "...transparency, chlorophyll *a* and total phosphorus readings were close to normal ..., and none of the indicators has exhibited a clear long-term trend ... readings for each of the indicators (are) within the expected range."

The summary concludes algae levels are too low to cause taste or odor issues. Further, deepwater phosphorus, ammonia, magnesium and arsenic readings are low and in normal ranges. The average pH in 2010 was 7.34 compared to the 10-year average of 7.22. This suggests that the lake remains nearly neutral and is not influenced by "acid rain".

This spring we were notified that the statewide CSLAP program is bringing more lakes under monitoring, but without additional resources they will begin to rotate lakes out of the program for a year at a time to accommodate the additional lakes. Because Brantingham's parameters have remained stable and shown no long-term trends, there will be no samples collected this summer. Sampling will resume in 2012.

Last year's concern about Pleasant Lake highlighted the issues caused by phosphorus and other contaminants in that lake. Every property owner needs to be conscious of the possibility that fertilizers or fill material along their shore could be contaminating the lake. Also old septic systems too close to the lake can be an issue. BCA acquired an illustrated "Do-It-Yourself Water Quality" book prepared by the Fund for Lake George. Lake George is 32 miles long with only 5% of the land around the lake developed; yet, water quality there has declined steadily over the years. This reference book is available to view in the Library for interested BCA members.

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BRANTINGHAM ARTS COUNCIL - 2011

- JUNE 24.....BCA SPRING DINNER MEETING AT BRANTINGHAM GOLF CLUB - Cocktail hour @ 6:00pm, dinner following at 7:00pm
- JULY 2.....OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIR @ CAMP ALDERSGATE (10 - 3)
- JULY 7.....TOM YACOVELLA - Adirondack Artist/Photographer
Camp Aldersgate at 7:00PM
- JULY 14.....Undecided
- JULY 19.....ARTISAN SHOW & SALE - PINE TREE @ 10:00AM
Beaded Jewelry, Paintings, Decoupage, Glass Ware, Basketry, Pottery
PINE TREE - 10:00 AM
- JULY21.....NICK PICCINILLI - INSTRUMENTALIST/VOCALIST
Camp Aldersgate at 7:00pm
- JULY 22.....TOO HUMAN JAZZ DUO - Camp Aldersgate at 7:00pm
- AUGUST 13.....PARADE OF CAMPS - 12:00PM - 3:00PM
- AUGUST 27.....BCA FALL DINNER MEETING AT TRAILSIDE
Cocktails at 6:00pm/Dinner @ 7:00pm
- AUGUST 28.....FLOYD COMMUNITY BAND - PINE TREE INN at 2:00pm
Bring your lawn chair

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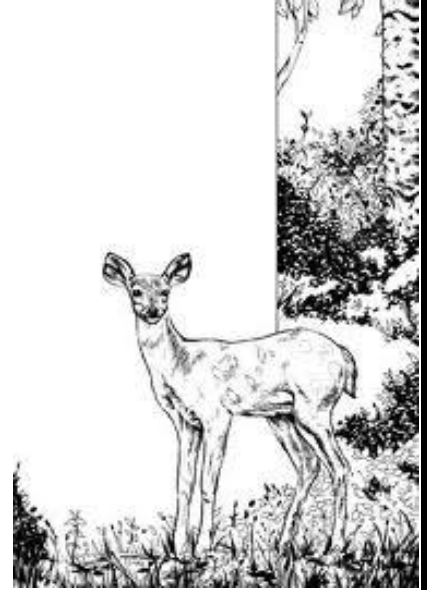
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BCA Spring Dinner Meeting
Brantingham Golf Club
Saturday, June 24th, 2011
Dinner @ 7:00PM
Please RSVP by Friday, June 17th
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