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Dear Members of the Lake Kitchawan Community,

The 2019 season was a very productive season at the lake. Several projects were done and several others are scheduled for completion during the spring of 2020.

- The installation of a separate entrance to the bathroom of the clubhouse has been done and will ensure the members access at all times even during events at the clubhouse.
- Plumbing repairs were done to relocate the hot and cold water lines so that the bathroom door could be installed at the clubhouse.
- Repair of the kitchen plumbing was also redone for better drainage.
- We had a donation and installation of an airplane seesaw and jungle gym for the playground.
- LKA purchased two wood picnic tables as well as one metal/plastic table for the dock.
- New charcoal grills mounted in designated areas along the picnic area were installed.
- We have removed the cattails in the lake along the beach.

- Welcome Packet updated and on the website (LakeKitchawan.com)
- Propane Heater has been fixed and useable at clubhouse.
- We have purchased a new Community board, which will be installed this spring.
- Installation of a new and weather tight front door.
- A new flagpole has been purchased for the memorial monument area and will also be installed this spring.
- The purchase of a large propane gas grill, which will be used for all Lake Kitchawan functions as well as used by anyone renting the clubhouse.
- A baby-changing table is also in the community bathroom at the clubhouse for use.
- Purchase of river rocks will be ordered to ensure that the boats do not incur any damage from the sharp edge rocks that are there now.

And lastly, this spring the clubhouse will have a make over with new floors, new refrigerators, cabinets, sink and of course, a fresh new interior painting job. Volunteers are needed.

We were able to accomplish so much in a short period of time due to several reasons. First, is the amazing group of volunteers on the board who have worked tirelessly to improve the lake area at all times. Second, our members generously volunteer their time and services to several problems including plumbing, installation of doors, cattails, beach clean up and beach plantings. So to all I thank you for making Kitchawan beautiful, I truly appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication!

Financially the Association is in a very strong position. We have collected on past due monies and many properties that had liens. We will continue to push in this direction for further funds.

We have a separate grant committee working on getting funds that might be available to us as a lake district. Unfortunately, it is a slow and arduous process of filing certain papers and meeting many requirements. We will continue our work of getting it done for our community.

Our lake continues to be a clean and safe environment for members to enjoy. Of course, this is due to the hard work of our community as well as cooperative efforts of both LKA and LKCC on keeping the waters safe and clean for all.

The board's mission statement is total transparency for all our members. Meeting minutes are now on the website for all members to access and keep everyone up to speed with the lake activities. (lakekitchawan.com). We are working on the implementation for all members to have an access code of which you can go to the website and see the arrears. We as a board believe that ensuring our members have access to all lake information will build a better communication going forward.

The board would like to call on all members to assist in keeping the lake area clean at all times. What you take in please take out, no trash left behind! At the end of the day, clean up the lake area by putting away lifejackets on the hooks provided, as well as the toys in the large chest by the stairs. Simple moves like this make a big difference.

Boat stickers must be on all LKA boats this year or boats will be put in the wooded area. Boat stickers will be available at Dumpster Day or by contacting Bridget at crazykids4ever@optonline.net.

Please remember that ALL members have the right and responsibility to police our beach and lake. Please prohibit non-members from using our facilities. If you do not recognize someone just simply ask where they're from and if not from the area politely ask them to leave and remind them it is a private lake. Remember this goes for your neighbors as well, now that the arrears will be online, you can also ask the non-paying members to leave the beach. Dues are the lifeblood of our community and we need these funds to keep the beach beautiful, update the needs of the clubhouse as well as plowing the private roads, not to mention paying the taxes! It is all of our responsibility to keep Kitchawan safe, clean and beautiful.

We are gearing up as a board to be more community oriented, having more opportunities to enjoy our neighbors with functions planned during the whole year and not just the four popular months of May, June, July and August. More of that exciting news coming soon!!!

So with all that has happened and will continue to happen at Lake Kitchawan, we are proposing the following activities:

- April 26 – Annual Meeting @ clubhouse 4:00pm
- May 2 & 3 – Spring Clean Up
- May 16 - Dumpster Day /LKA Yard Sale @ 9:00-4:00pm
- July 25 – LKA Community Celebration
- August – Movie Night at the Beach
- September 26 – Ladies Night
- October 3 – Oktoberfest

October 31 – Halloween Party
November – Fall Clean Up
December 5 – Holiday Pot Luck
December 31 – Rocking New Years Eve

It is very important that all members attend the annual meeting. This is where members in good standing will be able to voice their opinion and suggestions. This is also the time you will elect your future board members (must be a homeowner and served on the board prior) future board members must write a letter of intent to the board two weeks prior to the annual meeting stating which seat on the board they intend to run for. A ballot will be given out at the meeting to all current paying members and then it will be tallied up and given at the end of the meeting.

In conclusion, I would personally like to thank all the board members with their continued effort and dedication throughout my first year. I have been on several boards in different capacities and this is by far the best blend of any group that I have been associated with. I would also like to thank all of our members who volunteer their time and money to help us achieve so much in a short period of time. With special thanks to Kara Stern, JD Lynch, Mike Lynch, Rui Oliveria, Susana Oliveria, Bernard Marquez & crew.

Please feel free to give your email address, as we would like to keep everyone updated on the happenings of Lake Kitchawan and asking for help with volunteering and password access for those interested. Please send info to crazykids4ever@optonline.net.

I am proud to call myself a member of the Lake Kitchawan Community. We have a very unique diverse group of neighbors who live in a beautiful part of South Salem and its just getting better and better. Lake Kitchawan is one of the best-kept secrets in Westchester County and it's not just for the fishing, it's beach and surrounding area. Our property values keep going up and will continue going up but only if we can get everyone on board with projects, up keep and cleaning. I am honored to be your president and I thank all of you for having faith in the executive board and me.

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Artie Wanek, President
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