

Glen Echo News

Fall 2012

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

DRAWDOWN

This year's drawdown started on October 15, 2012. At the September 2012 meeting, the membership voted to follow Lycott's recommendation and the existing Notice of Intent (NOI), for a 4-foot drawdown.

Refill will not start until we have received notification from Lycott that a hard freeze has occurred. The request for drawdown was presented to the Conservation Commission on September 19, 2012 and was granted at that time.

LAKES AND PONDS COMMITTEE

At the request of the Charlton Board of Selectmen, the Charlton Lakes and Ponds Committee was resurrected, with an information/kick-off meeting held on Thursday, October 4, 2012. Representatives from South Charlton Reservoir, Prindle Pond, Baker Pond and Glen Echo Lake attended. The meeting was led by Charlton Conservation Agent, Todd Girard. This meeting was held to establish the purpose and goal of the committee, establish a membership and meeting schedule.

This meeting was called in response to a complaint to the BOS regarding a dock and boat moored off of a parcel of town owned land which is an access point for back lot Glen Echo residents.

Of the 30 or so people who attended, over half were from Glen Echo. All agreed that the committee would

focus on "global" issues which applied to all the water bodies in town, such as weed control, storm water management and water quality to name a few. While the boat/dock issue was discussed, the majority of the attendees did not want it to be sole focus of the committee.

It was agreed that two representatives from each lake would comprise the committee. To date, the following individuals have agreed to serve on the committee:

Lisa Westwell (CHPT)
Ziggy Waraszkiewicz (SCRA)
John Santos (Prindle)
Tim Moran
Lori Fontaine
Frank Zapulla (GEIA)
Jackie Nowak (GEIA)

The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2012, time and location TBD.

SUMMER FISHING DERBY

The annual fishing derby was held on Sunday, July 29th. We had the LARGEST turnout this year and had to split it into two tournaments – one for the kids and one for the adults – AWESOME!! There were 29 people fishing and about 40 spectators. The results are:

1st place: Olivia & George Howard

2nd place: John and Matt McCabe

3rd place: Chuck Paton and his grandson

Congrats to everyone who participated and a HUGE thank you to Steve Frederico and Matt McCabe for once again hosting this event. Special thanks to Ronnie's for donating hamburgers, hot dogs and rolls for the cookout and to Joe Dussault for contributing some prizes.

An ice fishing derby is in the works for this coming winter...stay tuned!

BOAT PARADE

The annual Glen Echo Lake Boat Parade was held on July 4, 2012 at 4:00 pm. This year we had about ~24 boats led once again by parade master, Bernie Lizotte. First place went to Chuck Paton's "Glen Echo Ristorante".



Second place went to Kristin Dean's "Disco Dancers" and third place went to the DiPierri's "Duck boat".



Prizes were donated by local residents – a special thanks to Steve Frederico for his generosity!! Congrats to everyone who participated! See the website for more pictures!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE CARE OF OUR LAKE!

With the advent of the fall weather and the lake drawdown it may be tempting to blow leaves and/or other yard debris into the lake. Adding this type of debris to the lake adds to the depth of the lake bed and ultimately can promote weed growth. Please keep our lake clean and dispose of your yard waste appropriately.

In addition, we encourage everyone to maintain their docks. “Dock debris” poses hazards to boaters and skiers alike and could cause serious injury. Please remember to check your dock and make any repairs necessary prior to the new boating season. Thank you!

FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Activities that ARE permitted with drawdown conditions:

- ◆ Hand raking of the shore area to clean up debris
- ◆ Rearranging by hand existing rocks/stones that protect and delineate the shoreline
- ◆ Beach Nourishment of an existing beach area with PRE-WASHED sand, no smaller than 0.25mm, spread by hand (retain receipt as proof)

****PLEASE NOTE:** This is not a full list; if you have any questions, please

contact Todd Girard of the Conservation Commission, at 248-2247. Other activities may require a Notice of Intent.

SKI CLUB!!

Once again, the Glen Echo ski club was up and running this summer!! Thanks to Jodi O’Brien for spearheading the effort and to Paul McManus and Brian Boria for their many nights of driving. The club met on Wednesday nights and everyone had fun while learning to ski! This is a wonderful opportunity for kids of all ages to learn how to ski, kneeboard, etc, and to just have fun!! Stay tuned for the 2013 start date!

GLEN ECHO WEAR – Available!

We have entered into an agreement with a new vendor, The LogoShop of Southbridge. Once again we have t-shirts, shorts and sweats. Please use the attached order form (or download one from the website) and contact Marge Hewitt with any questions at 508-248-7275.

We also have ceramic and commuter mugs available. The cost is \$4.50 each or 2/\$8.00. Please call J. Nowak at 508-248-4832 to purchase.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past few years we have seen some changes occur within our lake community, and while sometimes challenging, I feel we have become a more united community committed to working together for the betterment and enjoyment of the lake. These changes could not take place without your involvement. Membership has continued to grow over the past few years, showing that residents value the role the GEIA plays in their community.

However, despite an increase in membership, attendance at lake association meetings remains at a discouragingly low level. On more than one occasion, meetings have been canceled due to a lack of a

quorum (10 members). This is especially troubling when we have over 130 registered families within the GEIA. Remember, this is YOUR lake and YOUR community.

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. Please feel free to email me with ideas/comments that might be useful. A survey will be sent out and/or posted to the GEIA website in the next few months – please take the time to fill it out.

I’d like to thank those of you who have volunteered for various activities and positions over the years. Without your help, the various events (boat parades, fishing derby, glen echo wear, ski club, etc.) would not have occurred.

Our first meeting of 2013 will be a cookout at the GEIA property - date and time to be decided. If anyone is willing to help out with this, please let me know, especially if you have a grill we could borrow!

To that end, I would like to wish you and your family a healthy and happy Holiday Season, however you may celebrate – see you next year!

Jackie Nowak, President, GEIA

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