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Come Join Us!

We are very pleased that the planning for our Annual Membership meeting is going well. Please join us for a return to our in-person meeting, just as our founders envisioned it!

OLA Director Tony Buffa and his Planning Committee have developed the agenda below. As always, we have plenty of great speakers, lots of door prizes, and a dozen or so vendors who will set up their displays.



Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this event!

Preserve, Protect, and Provide Central Square High School Auditorium

Doors open at 6:00 if you would like to see the exhibits.

Agenda

7:00 Welcome and flag salute

7:05 Business Meeting

Treasurer's report Lance Vella

Membership report Bruce Schantz

President's report John Harmon

Elections Matt Snyder

**QUESTIONS WILL FOLLOW AT THE END OF EACH
PRESENTATION
(speakers subject to change)**

7:20 Oneida Fish Cultural Station Update
Manager Bill Evans

7:35 Shackleton Point Field Station Fisheries Report
Coordinator of the Oneida Lake Fisheries Program
Tony Van De Valk

7:50 DEC Law Enforcement on Oneida Lake
Expectations for 2023
Division of Law Enforcement Assistant Director
Colonel Jim Boylan

8:05 Introduction: New appointee
Senior Research Associate at the
Shackleton Point Field Station
Zoe Almeida

8:20 Current Status of Cormorant Control
Results from 2022
NYSDEC Bureau Wildlife Chief
Jim Farquhar

8:35 9 Element Plan:
What does it mean for Oneida Lake?
Aaron McKeon

8:50 OLA 78th Conservationist of the Year Award
Matt Snyder

9:00 **Drawings:** Take a Kid Fishing tackle kits, Bluebird House, Four \$25 gift cards to Bass Pro from Tow Boat US, a Kayak from Gander Outdoors and a WiFi Action Camera! **Must be present to win!**

Notice of Elections:

By recommendation of the Oneida Lake Association Board of Directors Nominating Committee and unanimous vote of the full Board of Directors, the following OLA Directors are nominated for re-election to terms expiring April 30, 2026: William Alexander, Ryan Asmus, Mike Barretta, Gina Duggleby, Rowland Hrywnak, Dr. Edward Mills, George Reck, and Bruce Schantz. In accord with OLA bylaws, the election will be conducted by voice vote of members in good standing, who are present in person at the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Tony Buffa MC, John Harmon, Rip Colesante, Ed Mills, Warren Darby, Matt Snyder, and Ryan Asmus

Don't miss it!

Roadside Clean-up

No doubt you've seen our many road signs proclaiming: "**Oneida Lake Association. It's your lake. Keep it clean!**" We want you to know that it's much more than a slogan for us!

Please join us Friday morning, April 21st, at 9:00 am for a roadside clean-up. Meet us at the Bartell Road on-ramp to Route 81. We will supply bags and a limited amount of "picker devices."

Dress for the weather! OLA Director George Reck, Head of the Clean-up Committee, tells us that we're getting it done, rain or shine!

There will be an award for the most interesting item retrieved!

Cormorants!

So how do you really feel about cormorants? You know, those voracious birds that gobble up our prized perch and walleye as they swoop around the lake.

Garrett Manchester, a student researcher from Paul Smith's College, is conducting a survey about angler attitudes toward this predator. Please take a few minutes to complete his survey.

He writes: The goal of my project is to try and identify any possible trends or shifting attitudes of anglers who have fished Oneida Lake and are familiar with the double-crested cormorant. By doing so I believe this can help lead to a vital step in terms of putting together a more complete picture regarding management plans and stakeholder involvement."

To participate in this brief survey, copy this link into your browser.

<https://arcg.is/09LmKf>

Scholarship Opportunity!

The OLA is about to launch its second annual scholarship program for students who live or study around Oneida Lake. If you don't see an application at your school, write to us.

The Mission of the Oneida Lake Association is to protect the fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources of Oneida Lake by promoting science-based conservation and management through education and outreach, in partnership with our members and

local communities.

Pay your dues, and HELP PROTECT ONEIDA LAKE!!!!

\$8 annually

Recruit your neighbors and friends TO JOIN US!



Donate

Memorials and contributions to our program are most welcome.

OLA is a 501(c)4 organization serving and protecting the Oneida Lake environment.



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The Oneida Lake Association is a member of the New York State Conservation Council <http://www.nyscc.com/> and the New York State Federation of Lake Associations <http://www.nysfola.org/>.

Please remember to obey all laws, rules, regulations, and codes of ethics as they pertain to boating, fishing, hunting, and the management of Oneida Lake and its tributaries.

[Report environmental violations.](#)

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