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Dear Members & Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Even though the grills and boats are stored away, our organization is still at work. I have enclosed a list of what BLIA does to protect and preserve the quality of Ballston Lake, its entire watershed and our community. From this list you can see the work that BLIA does to benefit us all. We need your support - both financially and as volunteers - to continue to expand our efforts. We encourage you to renew by **February 28th** and show your love for our lake community. As an incentive to renew early you will become eligible for one $100 gift certificate to either Hyde's RV and Boats **OR** Mohawk Valley Marine. The two winners will be drawn at Board meeting at Carney's Tavern on Tuesday April 7th. All are welcome to attend!

Since you prefer electronic communication, we ask you contribute towards your membership renewal by visiting our website and making your contribution securely through PayPal. This can be found at http://ballstonlake.org/membership/. This method is designed to save you time. Any questions, please contact me directly.

As a 501(c)(3) "Not-for-profit" organization, your dues payments and other donations are tax deductible. We will mail statements by the end of the year to anyone making a donation of $75 or more. Upon request we will provide a statement to other donors.

We have partnered with GE's corporate "matching funds" initiative, allowing our employees and retirees to double their BLIA donations. Many other corporations have similar programs. Please let us know if yours does and we will reach out to them.

We will continue to publish our members' names in the Newsletters. Please let us know if you do **not** want public recognition. Please feel free to contact me with any questions/suggestions/concerns regarding BLIA and its work. Thank you, in advance, for your commitment to our organization.

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Interested in Volunteering? Please check below & return or complete on our website.

___ Public Relations/Membership ___ Board Leadership ___ Marketing ___ Website Management

___ Water Testing/Beaver Dam Control/Other Lake Management (circle one) ___ Clean-Up Day (May) ___ BHBL Flag Day

____ Parade (June) ___ 4th of July Boat Parade ___ Annual Picnic (Aug) ___ Historic Event/Tour (Summer/Fall)

___ Seasonal Parties Other ideas? _____ (topic)