



Ballston Lake Improvement Association – Organization Impact

Do you or your dog swim in Ballston Lake? Do you love the winter activities on the ice? Do you enjoy seeing a clean roadside and shoreline clear of debris? Do you enjoy participating in the boat parades and picnics? All of this is made possible by your financial support of the BLIA. **Every member of the association is a volunteer with all funds going directly to support the health, and wellbeing of the lake and those that enjoy it. Give back to the lake that gives so much to you!**

Lake Stewardship - Taking care of Ballston Lake

- Take lake water samples and send to the NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lakes Association) laboratory for analysis. Maintain 30+ years of lake quality data to understand long term trends through the Citizens Statewide Lake Association Program (CSLAP).
- Board members attend the annual NYSFOLA conference participating in relevant workshops and meeting other lake managers to discuss problems and solutions.
- Our members are on the board of the Saratoga County Water Quality Coordinating Committee. This affiliation enables Ballston Lake to take advantage of county and state efforts to improve the water quality in our watershed.
- Install and maintain water level gauges to provide continuous lake level data. Send notifications to residents and town highway officials when high levels occur.
- Coordinates volunteers periodically go into the outlet and inspect/remove beaver dams which impede the flow of water from the lake. High water levels in the lake cause shore erosion and increased phosphorous concentrations.

Water & Ice Safety – Insuring safe recreation

- Test water immediately when noticeable water quality issues are present. Alert lake users if harmful algae or fecal coli form bacteria is detected.
- Regularly test water for various potential chemical and biological contaminants.
- Send warnings and alerts of high water or thin ice through our Website, Facebook and Constant Contact communication channels.

Community - An organization dedicated to being responsible citizens

- Sponsors the annual “Town Clean Up Day” in early May.
- Partners with the business community through reciprocal memberships with the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Business & Professional Association and the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County.
- Support Flag Day Town Parade, 4th of July Boat Parade, Light up the Lake, and Summer picnic.

Communications - Keeping members and the community informed

- Send out quarterly newsletters to address upcoming events and lake related information.
- Maintain active website and Facebook communication platforms.