

The Grapevine

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Hey! What's Up With The Weather?

Join Bruce Gilman, FLCC Professor and Muller Field Station Director, on Tuesday, April 9 from 7:00-8:30 PM for a program on Hey! What's Up With The Weather? at the FLCC Muller Field Station, 6455 County Road 36, Honeoye, NY 14471

Torrential rains, heat waves that don't seem to end, tornadoes that strike in savage swarms - there's definitely been a change in the weather lately. Are we seeing a dangerous shift in climate or just a natural stretch of bad luck? The atmosphere is getting warmer and wetter. Are these two trends increasing the chances for extreme weather? Please join us for a thought-provoking discussion of climate change with the field station director, Bruce Gilman.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. To make a reservation, please contact Nancy Lawson at 585-785-1257 or lawsonnk@flcc.edu.

This event is co-sponsored by Finger Lakes Community College and the Honeoye Valley Association. More information is available at www.hvaweb.org.



**Roadside Clean-up
Saturday, April 20th
Richmond Town Hall**

2013 Muller Field Station Spring Open House!

See what is new at Muller Field Station and what the students of FLCC have been learning this year!

Saturday, April 13th
Free admission!
From 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
6455 County Road 36
Honeoye NY 14471

Walleye and fish demos will run from 10-11 am.
Come early so you don't miss it!

Fun Wildlife activities for all ages from 11 am-2 pm!

- * Track, fur, and scat match up games
- * Fish scale aging and identification
- * Learn about pond ecology activity
- * Fisher presentation by FLCC alumni
- * FLCC student run nature hikes
- * FLCC student wildlife photo contest and research poster presentation

Lunch will be sold along with Wildlife Society Club sweatshirts and t-shirts

About Your HVA...

The Honeoye Valley Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization that works in a variety of ways to protect and preserve the environmental quality of the Honeoye Lake watershed.

To become a member (and receive this newsletter regularly), send \$20 to the HVA, PO Box 165, Honeoye, NY 14471.

To contribute articles, letters or opinions for this newsletter, send them to the above address.

Visit us on our website at www.hvaweb.org.

The HVA Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, March through November. We meet at the United Church of Christ on Main Street. All meetings are open.

The HVA Board of Directors:

Hugh Turner	367-3522
Frank Powell	367-2927
Kay Luther	229-2315
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Terry Gronwall	367-3000
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CANADICE WATER DISTRICT #1 UPDATE

Submitted by Kris Singer, Supervisor

Although it may appear the project has fallen by the wayside, rest assured, we have been very busy working on the project continuously. The process itself is very complicated as we make sure we comply with all the regulations and procedures established in Municipal Law regarding the creation of a special district. Add to that the fact that the Canadice project has some additional issues to address to get all the pieces of the puzzle to come together. The road has had plenty of twists

and turns, but we are negotiating it one step at a time.

As you know, we have no water department, have no intention of having a water department and have never ventured down the road of establishing a special district before. It has been a learning process that involves numerous agencies, governmental entities, countless meetings, phone calls and e-mails. Our project was originally designed to construct the district purchasing water from Richmond and also turning over the operation and maintenance of the system to Richmond once constructed. In order to receive the Comptroller's approval needed to move the project forward, a signed contract is required identifying the terms and costs for us to purchase water and have the system maintained. This is to ensure that the project costs each of you voted on are not adversely affected.

After our vote approval, Richmond began to explore the possibility of leasing their system to Monroe County Water Authority and then also explored using the Rochester Water Authority. In essence they are looking to eliminate their water department. Since they were looking to 'get out of the water business', we needed to address our water source and operation of the proposed system. At that time Richmond was receptive to still entering into a contract with Canadice to keep our project moving forward, but we felt it prudent to wait for the future of the water districts to be determined to ensure the future change did not have a negative impact on our proposal. After considering MCWA and the Rochester Water Authority, the Canadice Town Board chose to contract with the RWA for the operation and maintenance of our system.

Last week I received information indicating that Richmond will be moving forward with MCWA. Our contract with the RWA had been negotiated and approved by Canadice and is awaiting the Mayor's signature on behalf of the City. Now that we know which entity will be providing the water to our system through the Richmond system, we

are moving forward with the second contract for the purchase and transmission of the water. At this time it appears the contract will be a three party contract. Initially with Richmond to cover any time they may still be operating their system until the changeover is complete and also with MCWA for after the changeover. Still at issue is the 30-year contract Richmond has with the RWA, which is currently being addressed to allow the change to MCWA. Canadice will be working with all three parties, Richmond, RWA and MCWA, for the contract we need for the purchase and transmission of the water to our system. During the negotiations, we will compare the proposed terms to our projections to ensure we to stay within the confines of the original proposal with regards to the estimated costs. Our hope is that these recent changes will have a positive impact on the estimated costs by coming in a bit lower. I don't expect any great variation, but we will be carefully reviewing all the projections.

Our original time line as been impacted by all these issues, but the end result is still attainable, just delayed. It is the intention of the Board to continue working towards the installation of a public water system along the County Road 36 corridor. We will continue to work diligently to make sure the costs do not exceed what was proposed and possibly come in under the estimates, reducing the annual cost. I'm sure there a number of snickers with that comment, but it is possible that the final costs may be below our original conservative estimates. We achieved that when we built our town hall, so we are optimistic about the possibility now.

Thank you for your patience while we undertake this enormous project.

Honeoye Lake Lagoon and Outlet Channel Sedimentation Survey- Ontario County WRC Grant Funds Update

In 2010 the Ontario County SWCD partnered with the Cayuga County SWCD and a District Board member to conduct a survey of this area using a total station. Elevations were set for later use (bench mark) and when the survey was completed, the information gathered was plotted using Auto Cad software. The map that was created was the first of its kind, and will serve as a reference point for future surveys.

In 2012 the Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District was awarded another grant from the Ontario County Water Resources Council in the amount of \$1,500.00 to conduct a follow up survey of the Honeoye Lake lagoon and outlet area. This survey will be conducted using the same strict protocol as the initial survey.

Later this summer, the Ontario County SWCD will again partner with the Cayuga County SWCD to utilize their total station survey equipment to re-survey the area. Once the information is gathered from the field, it will be downloaded and an updated contour map of the site will be created. This information will then be compared to the 2010 survey elevations to estimate if the capacity of the lagoon and outlet channel has been reduced as a result of sedimentation.

If the lagoon and outlet area capacity has been reduced, the District will then work with the Towns of Richmond & Canadice and other stakeholders such as the Honeoye Valley Association and the Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force to determine if dredging is needed and how best to begin the process.

Wastewater Systems Education Program- Ontario County WRC Grant Funds Update

In 2012 the Ontario County SWCD successfully obtained an Ontario County Water Resources Council special projects grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 to conduct a wastewater systems education program (septic systems) throughout Ontario County, with a concentration in the Honeoye Lake watershed area.

The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District Educator, Edith Davey will be conducting a workshop for homeowners to educate residents about the function, maintenance and care of wastewater systems and their relationship to groundwater and water quality in Ontario County, including Honeoye Lake.

Edith will utilize District information along with materials from Cornell Cooperative Extension to reinforce the relationship of wastewater and its effects on ground and surface water quality. In addition, Edith will provide information to homeowners on how to keep accurate records on wastewater system maintenance.

The District will begin organizing the workshop in late summer or early fall of 2013.

Honeoye Lake Restoration Phase I- NYS DEC WQIP Grant Funds Update

The Honeoye Lake Restoration Phase I grant was awarded to the OCSWCD for implementation of both hard and soft armoring techniques to reduce erosion in the Affoulter and Cratsley Gully subwatersheds. The amount of the grant awarded is \$215,000.00 for eligible costs, reimbursable at 75% up to \$107,500.00. The grant completion date is July 2013.

The OCSWCD and the Ontario County have been working together to finalize appropriate sites to place stone riprap, outfall protection and stone fill, while being careful to work within the requirements set forth in the grant contract.

The Soil & Water Conservation District and the Ontario County Highway Department have met 3 times

in the field. During these site meetings, the contract requirements were discussed; sites were photographed, measured and surveyed. The Highway Department engineer is currently working to create maps showing the proposed site, designing the hard armoring practices (rock rip rap, outlet protection and stone fill) and determining cost estimates for each site.

When these designs and cost estimates are completed, the District staff will review the information with the NYS DEC and upon approval, work will begin this Spring and all work will be completed by July 2013. The District will be responsible for erosion and sediment control and utilize the Districts straw mulcher and other equipment to stabilize any disturbed areas to prevent erosion.

After the work is completed, the District staff will create a final project report, and close out the grant.

Town of Richmond - Shetler Road Water District Extension No. 1

The purpose of this article is to keep the Residents and Property Owners of the Shetler Road Water District Extension No. 1 informed of the status of the water project.

The following is a summary of work completed:

- Chatfield Engineers, P.C. completed the base mapping for the project, locating the homes, roads, utilities and other important information.
- Chatfield Engineers, P.C. completed the preliminary water main design work for the project. Also with the assistance of the Town of Richmond, a location for the new Water Storage tank has been identified. The Town is in the process of purchasing the property.
- In the spring of 2013 Chatfield Engineers, P.C. will finalize the Water Main Plans, begin design work for the Water Storage Tank and will prepare easements for the areas of the project that are located outside of the public right of way.

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- In the late spring of 2013 Chatfield Engineers, P.C. will begin submitting plans to governing agencies for required permits and approvals.
- The Town is in the process of receiving approval from the NYS Comptroller. The Town along with Stu Brown Associates is working with the USDA Rural Development regarding a grant and loan for the Project.
- The Project is still on schedule for bidding in the fall 2013 with construction commencing in the winter of 2014.

RICHMOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

The Town of Richmond is accepting nominations for the Richmond Annual Community Beautification Award. The Award, now in the sixth year, is intended to encourage the enhancement of the appearance of properties visible from public areas within the Town and recognize the efforts of those responsible for said improvements.

Eligible improvements could include a building façade, lakeshore improvement, sidewalk garden, major cleanup, or rehabilitation of an area or building. The criteria for selecting the winner will include overall appearance, landscaping, architecture, exterior building appearance, general maintenance/upkeep, and consistency with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The recipient will be recognized at a special meeting with the presentation of a plaque. A permanent plaque listing recipients through the years is planned for the Town Hall

The 2012 recipient was the Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home at 8624 Main Street in Honeoye. The

2012 Award took into consideration the tastefully designed building, the extensive landscaping, the foresight and willingness to locate in our Main Street community, and the dramatic improvement in the appearance of this particular Main Street property that has long been an eyesore. It is particularly noteworthy that Mr. Dougherty utilized virtually all local contractors through the entire project from site preparation to final landscaping.

The 2013 award will recognize an improvement generally done during 2012. There are nomination forms with full details available at www.townofrichmond.org or the Richmond Town Hall, Honeoye Public Library, and Allens Hill Library. Use of the form is encouraged although not required. Nominees could be individuals, community groups, or a combination. Nominations must be submitted to the Richmond Planning Board, PO Box 145, Honeoye, NY 14471 or dropped off at the Town Hall by May1, 2013.

2012-2013 "Speaking of Nature" Lecture Series

FLCC Muller Field Station
6455 County Road 36
Honeoye, New York

Please join us for an exciting and informative lecture series at the Muller Field Station of Finger Lakes Community College. Presentations by college faculty, staff and local scientists are free and light refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required for each program. For more information and to make reservations, call Nancy Lawson at 585-785-1257.

Saturday (morning), May 4, 8:30-10:30am - **Channel Paddle with Nadia Harvieux**, Environmental Outreach Educator at Muller Field Station. Canoe or
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Town of Richmond 6th Annual Community Beautification Award Nomination Form

Purpose: The Annual Community Beautification Award was developed to recognize the efforts of those that improve the overall appearance of the community through enhancement of their property. The Award is to recognize those responsible for an improvement in appearance such as building façade, lakeshore improvement, sidewalk garden, major cleanup, or rehabilitation of an area or building. All properties within the Town of Richmond that are visible from public property are eligible for the Community Beautification Award. The recipient will be recognized with a presentation of a plaque.

Criteria: Overall appearance
Landscaping
Architecture
Exterior building appearance
General upkeep/maintenance
Consistency with Comprehensive Plan

Nominated property address/location: _____

Owner (if known): _____

Contact information (if known): _____

Briefly describe the nominated property/project, including information on significant improvements that have been made during 2011 and how this property has made a significant contribution to the beautification of Richmond. Before and after photographs, if available, and use of this form are encouraged but are not necessary.

Submitted by: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Please submit nominations by May 1, 2013 to: Town of Richmond Planning Board
8690 Main Street
PO Box 145
Honeoye NY 14471

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kayak through the beautiful Honeoye Inlet wetlands and learn about their importance for water quality protection and wildlife habitat. We will also look for sign of wetland mammals, including beaver, muskrat and river otter. Some college boats can be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. Limited to 12 people so make your reservation early.

Thursday, May 9, 7:00-8:30 pm - **Honeoye Lake Walleye Update with John Foust, Finger Lakes Community College and Pete Austerman, NYSDEC Aquatic biologist.**

Over the past several years Finger Lakes Community College faculty, staff, and students have captured, spawned and raised walleye from Honeoye Lake at the Muller Field Station Research and Education building in cooperation with NYSDEC. Join us for a presentation on the walleye spawning process and an update from the 2012-13 production seasons. Pete Austerman will be on hand to discuss continuing walleye management in Honeoye Lake.

Wednesday, June 5, 7:00-8:30 pm - **Bats, Bats, Bats with Clinton Krager.** Bats are one of the most misunderstood organisms. People often associate them with rabies; say they are flying mice; or think the bats will get caught in your hair. These associations are rarely accurate. But regardless of people's opinions of bats, they are very important to the ecology. New York State is home to approximately nine species of bats, seven can be found in the Finger Lakes region. We will be examining the natural history of bats, discussing what species are found in New York State, specifically in the Finger Lakes region, and a little about their status in the wild especially relating to white nose syndrome.

Thursday (evening), June 13, 6:00-8:00 pm - **Channel Paddle with Bruce Gilman,** Finger Lakes Community College. Canoe or kayak through the

beautiful Honeoye Inlet wetlands and learn about the role of wetlands in protecting the water quality of Honeoye Lake. Also learn about wildlife and wetland plant indicators. Some college boats can be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. Limited to 12 people so make your reservation early.

Tuesday (evening), June 18, 6:00-8:00 pm - **Channel Paddle with Berna Ticonchuk,** Finger Lakes Community College. Canoe or kayak through the beautiful Honeoye Inlet wetlands. You may catch a glimpse of a beaver or river otter. Some college boats can be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. Limited to 12 people so make your reservation early.

Richmond and Canadice Annual Roadside Clean-up

Don Cook of the Honeoye Valley Association is once again heading up our annual roadside clean-up. The Honeoye United Church of Christ on Main Street is offering a free breakfast that morning from 7:30 to 9:00 A.M. All are welcome to come to the breakfast and then to help us clean our towns.

Don will be at the Richmond Town Hall on Saturday, April 20th to hand out bags, donated by West Shurfine, and safety vests. He will also be able to direct people to which roads still need to be covered.



Your 2013-2014 HVA Membership Renewal

Please renew your 2013-2014 HVA membership today. The HVA can only accomplish its mission of enhancing the quality of the environment and life experiences in and around Honeoye Lake through both your personal and financial support as a member.

If you have already renewed your membership, we greatly appreciate your support for all of the HVA's initiatives.

The Honeoye Valley Association is dedicated to protecting, preserving, and enhancing the quality of the environment and life experiences in and around Honeoye Lake. Through your membership the HVA can support activities like monitoring the lake water quality, supporting new water quality research activities, annual litter clean-up of over fifty miles of area roads, Finger Lakes Community College Environmental Conservation student scholarships, boat safety courses, signs displaying local boating laws, publishing the Grapevine, and serving as an advocate to other agencies for lake and watershed issues.

A large, diverse membership offers more viewpoints and assistance to various committees and projects. The membership year runs from July 1 through June 30 and the annual dues are \$20 per membership.

If you have membership questions, suggestions, or need additional forms, please contact any Board member listed in the Grapevine, or write to us. More information is available at www.hvaweb.org. Thank you.

Detach and mail with your check:

Date: _____

Individual (\$20) New Member Renewal Extra donation for water quality projects \$____

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City:		City:	
State:	Zip:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		Phone	

I would also like to be involved with the committees circled below:

Aquatic Vegetation
Boat & Safety
Stream Monitoring

Membership Drive
Publishing
Litter Control

Board of Directors
Fish & Wildlife