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### Blue Green Algae Blooms: What, Why, and How to Help

As we begin to immerse ourselves in the beautiful fall season here in the Finger Lakes, and transition from swimming to leaf peeping, it's important not to forget that we are still experiencing harmful algae blooms on our beloved Canandaigua Lake. Kevin Olvany—Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council (CLWC) Manager—says we can probably expect this to continue into October.

### What is a harmful algae bloom?

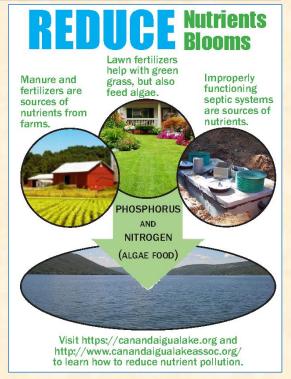
Canandaigua Lake, as well as other surrounding water bodies, have naturally occurring cyanobacteria, otherwise known as blue green algae.

Under normal circumstances, this algae lives and reproduces in the water to no affect. However, when conditions are right—hot, sunny, calm waters plus the addition of phosphorus and nitrogen—the algae can grow rapidly into a bloom. Sometimes these blooms release dangerous and harmful toxins into the water. Swimmers (both human and animals alike) can be harmed by swimming in areas where the blooms are present, even if the toxins aren't there. Symptoms of exposure include skin rashes, vomiting and diarrhea, liver



Algae Bloom at West Lake Schoolhouse Park Beach seen just after Labor Day weekend.

Photo courtesy of Saralinda Hooker



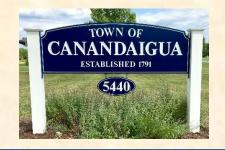
Excerpt from the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association Brochure: Harmful Algae Blooms

damage, and negative neurological effects—the latter two associated with exposure to the toxins only.

#### Why is this happening?

The causes are multifaceted. Quagga and zebra muscles filter the "good" algae but not the blue green algae. Additionally, hot weather and an increased amount of nutrients (food for the algae) present in the lake water make these blooms more common. Sources of the phosphorus and nitrogen nutrients include lawn fertilizers and those used in agriculture operations. These fertilizers can be washed off of fields and lawns when it continued on next page...

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rains and they drain into the
tributaries
that feed into the lake. Another
source is leaky septic systems.

### How can we help?

We will likely see these occurrences continue, and possibly even increase, in years to come unless changes are made immediately. Landowners (be they farmer, business owner, or homeowner) should learn how rainwater leaves their properties so that they can take measures to prevent runoff into stormwater drains, ditches, and creeks. Homeowners can stop fertilizing their lawns or at least take care not to do it when rain is in the forecast and make sure that their septic systems are operating properly. Farmers can analyze their runoff and partner with federal and state agencies like the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Ontario County Soil and Water Conservation District to implement farming practices that can help reduce their impact. The Town has also worked with farmers in the past to help control runoff. Business owners can reconsider fertilizing their lawns and make sure they are properly managing their stormwater runoff.

The Town is taking action too. Working closely with the CLWC, together we have undertaken multiple water quality improvement projects along Sucker Brook. The Drainage Advisory

### For More Information on Harmful Algae Blooms

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html

NYS Department of Health https://www.health.ny.gov/harmfulalgae/

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council https://canandaigualake.org

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association http://www.canandaigualakeassoc.org/

Sign up to receive CLWA E-Notifications by emailing info@canandaigualakeassoc.org

Committee has been identifying individual drainage issues around the Town.

If the entire community makes a conscious effort to reduce the nutrients entering the lake, we may be able to make a measurable impact on these harmful algae blooms.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER



### Joint Economic Development

The Town and City of Canandaigua recently came together to work

with the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce on a concept mapping analysis. The steering committee, made up of volunteers from the greater community, sampled business owners and residents to ask what the

Town and City should do to support and enhance the economic vitality of the greater Canandaigua community.

Strong alignment between Town and City residents emerged relating to the establishment of a joint entity to focus on economic development with six key strategic actions including: protection of Canandaigua Lake; a greater focus on downtown as a destination; job creation, retention, and expansion; connect downtown to the lake; promote and protect agriculture operations; and optimize lakefront and lake access.

The City Council and the Town Board have charged Town Manager Doug Finch, City Manager John Goodwin, and Chamber Board member Karen Dworaczyk with recommending to the Council/Board a model for the creation of the joint entity. More information, including the full report, is available on the Town's website, or please feel free to contact Town Manager Doug Finch with your questions or comments.

### Town Supervisor Greg Westbrook Resigns

From everyone here at Town Hall, we wish Greg Westbrook well in his next adventure and thank him for his service to the Town. For more on the Supervisor position, click here. Elections to fill the remainder of his term will be held in November.

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### Halloween @ Onanda Park

Ghosts and Goblins, Witches and Wizards, Dragons and Dinosaurs, Princesses and Knights...the parade of kids in their costumes is as varied as one's imagination. Walking from one cabin to another, kids are entertained with a variety of activities...cut, fold and glue a bat or a witch to take home... pick a favorite pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, listen to

Halloween stories, dress up as a firefighter, climb inside a fire truck, run after gigantic magic bubbles, play games, and all the while goody bags get filled with lots of treats. The end result is Big Smiles all the way home!

This year, a special added attraction will be Bristol Mountain's Mobile Aerial Adventure Park, an exciting and

energizing climbing

full body harnesses so participants can never be unattached." Parents will need to sign a waiver for their child's participation.

The Town of Canandaigua's third annual Halloween @ Onanda Park will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 2-5 p.m. at Onanda Park, 4965 County Road 16.



Town Board member, Kevin Reynolds, delights children with his Magic Bubbles.

Photo courtesy of Julie Bertram

adventure for kids. "The Mobile Park has 8 unique and exciting elements. Participants are 6 feet above the ground and the climbing course is ideal for children ages 4 to 12. All participants are connected to a continuous safety system in

See flyer at the end for more information or please contact Dennis Brewer, Director of Parks and Trails at 585.394.1120.

Canandaigua welcomes you to attend this FREE, **FUN, Family-**Friendly event which is open to the public. Wear your costumes and bring your children for a fun time of trick/treating, activities and crafts at the decorated lakeside cabins, sponsored by community organizations. Light refreshments are compliments of Wegmans.

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### **Natural Resource Protection News**

From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board

Frequent reminders of why we should recycle are never a bad idea. The New York Department of Environmental Conservation has gathered a mass of useful information regarding recycling on their website. Below is an excerpt from one such DEC document with a sampling of interesting facts about items commonly recycled at the Town Transfer Station and a few great reasons to keep up the good work. Also see the article following these facts from the Town Waste and Recycling Department regarding the food and organics recycling program here at the Town.

### Link to NYS DEC Recycling Information



Art by Christina Cianflone (Grade 10-12)

### **Recycling Plastic...**

### **Environmental Savings**

For every ton of plastic recycled, we...

Save 76 million Btu's of energy.
It takes 1,050 milk jugs to make one
6-foot plastic-lumber park bench.
It takes 5 soda bottles to make the fiberfill for one ski jacket.

#### **LITTER Fact:**

Plastic bottles can take more than 1,000 years to decompose.

Reprinted from NYSDEC 'Let's Recycle New York' brochure.

#### FACT

It takes more energy to make a new product like a can or bottle from virgin materials than it does to make a product by recycling. Recycling saves energy, natural resources, money, time and landfill space.

It makes less pollution, such as greenhouse gases, and creates jobs too!

### RECYCLING Paper... Environmental Savings

For every ton of paper recycled, we...

- Save 463 gallons of oil
- Save 7,000 gallons of water
- Make 60 pounds less of air pollution
- Save 3 cubic yards of landfill space
- Save 4,100 kilowatt hours of energy
- Save 17 trees
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 850 pounds per year

#### **LITTER Fact:**

It takes paper up to one year to decompose.

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#### **RECYCLING Steel...**

#### **Environmental Savings**

For every ton of steel (metal) recycled, we...

- Use 40 percent less water than the amount used to make virgin steel
- Reduce air pollution by 86 percent
- Reduce water pollution by 76 percent
- Save 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 pounds of coal and 40 pounds of limestone
- For every can recycled, save enough energy to run a 60-watt light bulb for 26 hours

#### **LITTER Fact:**

It takes steel cans up to 100 years to decompose.

### RECYCLING Aluminum... Environmental Savings

For every ton of aluminum recycled, we...

- Reduce energy use by 90 percent
- Reduce air pollution by 95 percent
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 13 tons
- Saves 237 Btu's of energy
- For every aluminum can recycled, save enough energy by recycling just one can to run a TV for 3 hours

#### **LITTER Fact:**

It takes aluminum cans 200 - 500 years to decompose.

#### **RECYCLING Glass...**

#### **Environmental Savings**

For every ton of glass recycled, we...

- Save 9 gallons of fuel (oil)
- Save 25 percent of the energy necessary to make glass with virgin materials
- Save 1 million Btu's of energy
- Save 1,330 pounds of sand, 433 pounds of soda ash, 433 pounds of limestone, and 151 pounds of feldspar
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 3 46 tons
- For every glass bottle recycled, save enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours

#### **LITTER Fact:**

Glass can last for thousands of years. It does not decompose.



Art by Joy Yabo (Grade 10-12)



Department of Environmental Conservation

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### Food and Organics Recycling Tips for Success

By Kaitlynn McCumiskey

Have you taken advantage of the food and organics recycling program at our transfer station yet? I wanted to share a few tips for success:

 If you are using the compostable liners for your kitchen caddy be sure not to overload them. They can tear if overloaded and leak the contents, defeating the purpose of the liner.

- If the inside of the bucket does get dirty, did you know you can put it in the dishwasher? The lid can also be removed to make cleaning easier.
- Did you know that you can also use paper bags as liners? I find these to be very useful when I'm husking corn. I put all the husks in a paper bag and then place them in the

- green transfer station bucket.
- Be sure the lid is always fully closed and latched. This helps to prevent fruit flies from taking up residence.
   Frequently taking the contents of the kitchen caddy to the larger green 6 gallon transfer station bucket will help with this as well.

If you do find yourself with an abundance of fruit flies in your kitchen, place a few tablespoons of apple cider vinegar mixed with a squirt of dish soap

in a small dish on your counter overnight –this quick and easy homemade trap should do the trick.

Refer to the insert included with your kitchen caddy for additional information about the great features the kitchen caddy (Sure-Close container) has. It has a ventilated lid so that moisture can evaporate, helping to prevent the growth of odor causing continued on next page...



Insert explaining what can be placed in the bins for the Town's food and organics waste recycling program. Hard copies are available at the Town Clerk's office or you can request one via email from Kaitlynn McCumiskey at the Highway Department.

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bacteria. It also has four feet to allow for airflow under the bin allowing your work surface to stay cleaner. These are just a few of the features!

You are welcome to use any container or bucket you would like to transport your food and organic waste to the transfer station. Any container that has a secure lid and is easy to clean will work. Do you have a great solution or

container for transporting your food and organic waste? We want to hear about it!

If you have any questions, comments, or tips to share please contact me at 585-394-3300 or via email at KMcCumiskey@TownofCana ndaigua.org. If you are interested in recycling your food and organic waste at the transfer station you can

sign up at our Town Clerk's desk or contact me for more information. We also have a program available along with some helpful tips for composting in your own backyard.

### **Local History Notes**

**S**ince early in 2018 the Town's volunteer Local History Team has been working on implementing a couple of the Town's Comprehensive Plan Goals.

They are, in brief:

Goal 5 - to preserve local history and encourage the protection of historic sites

Goal 6 - to encourage public awareness of Canandaigua's rich local history

We plan to use the Newsletter as a means to share information on our activities and on local history, so watch for our occasional features under the



1915 Cheshire School

Local History Notes heading. For starters, we can steer local history enthusiasts to the Town Historian's web page. Look for the Historian under "Departments" on the Town's home page, or follow this link <a href="http://townofcanandaigua.org/page.as">http://townofcanandaigua.org/page.as</a> p?id=64

The page offers a fascinating array of Ray Henry's articles, videos and images on topics of local history, including steamboats, schoolhouses, barns, cemeteries, camps, roads, local personalities and life along the lake.

For more detail, looks for one of Ray's books, including his latest, the 2018 Walking Tour and History of the Hamlet of Cheshire.

Other local history materials include:

The Natural History Camp at
Tichenor's Point, Ray Henry, 2009 profile of the dynamic
educational/recreational summer camp
on Tichenor's Point in the late 19th-

early 20th centuries

Memories of the Heart I and II, Ray Henry, 2006 and 2013 - oral histories from long-time Canandaigua Town residents and their memories of the Town from the 1900 to 1950 period

When Camp Onanda Gives Her Call, Carol Truesdale, 2015 - history of the YMCA camp and

its 70-odd year history on the site of our Onanda Park

West Lake Legacy, the Road to
Onanda, OCHS and Graywolf
Productions, Inc., 2011 - DVD profiling
historic sites through the years along
West Lake Road

Check out these publications at the Wood Library, or shop for them at the Company Store or at Ontario County Historical Society's bookstore, either online or brick-and-mortar.

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### **2019 Preliminary Town Budget**

A public hearing for the 2019
Preliminary Town Budget has been set for October 15, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall.

The 2019 Preliminary budget totals \$11,890,683.00 and includes a general and highway fund tax rate of \$1.03 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

The 2018 adopted Town Budget included a tax rate of \$0.91 per thousand of assessed value.

The preliminary budget also includes a

General Fund levy of \$530,306.00; Highway Fund levy of \$865,000.00; Fire Protection District levy of \$1,052,011.00; and special district levies for a total overall levy of \$3,233,927.00.

The proposed spending plan is not tax cap compliant due to the levy associated with the new highway facility, a new special water district, and an increased in spending for fire fighter protection with the City of

Canandaigua. Additionally, new this year, the proposed plan includes a multiyear outlook financial strategy with projections associated with revenue and expenditures through 2023.

The 2019 Preliminary Town
Budget is available on the
Town's website for review.
Click here or, from the
homepage, select the
"Projects" drop down
menu and then click on
"Town Budget."

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### **Town Hall Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### **Town Clerk's Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Open until 7:00 pm on Wednesdays

#### **Court Clerk's Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Thursday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### **October Meeting Dates**

1 – Ordinance Committee, 9:00 am 2 – CIC, 9:00 am

2 – Economic Development Committee, 12:00 pm

3 – Environmental Committee, 4:30 pm

4 – Finance Committee, 8:00 am

4 - Local History Team, 8:30 am

4 - Planning Committee, 10:00 am

4 - Environmental Conservation Board, 4:30 pm

4 – Agricultural Advisory Committee, 6:00 pm

9 – Drainage Committee, 11:00 am

9 - Planning Board, 6:00 pm

10 - Complete Streets Committee, 10:30 am

15 – Planning Review Committee, 9:00 am

15 – Town Board, 6:00 pm

16 - CIC, 9:00 am

16 - Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:00 pm

23 - Finance Committee, 8:00 am

23 - Planning Board, 6:00 pm

24 - Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 pm

Town of Canandaigua Parks and Recreation presents...

# Cortland Country Music Park The Nelson Brothers

perform Classic Country Music Memories



Any questions please contact:

Canandaigua Parks and Recreation

Dennis Brewer

(585) 394-1120

This group is a favorite amongst all! Brian Nelson, along with his band, will have you captured from beginning to end with the songs you will all be up and dancing to. You will hear all your favorites from Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Jim Reeves, Waylon Jennings, Don Williams, Hank Williams and many more! There may even be an auctioneer somewhere in there! A show you are sure to enjoy!





### **New York State Country Music Hall of Fame**

On display is an array of memorabilia from many Nashville and local entertainers. Inside the Hall of Fame view the glamorous wardrobes donned by famous performers. Enjoy the history and peruse the walls of plaques of persons inducted into the Hall of Fame and the Hall of Honor. Also see the one of a kind pictures from over the last 30 years and memorabilia from local musicians.

### Thursday, October 11, 2018

#### This tour includes:

- Round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation
- New York State Country Music Hall of Fame and Opry Barn at Cortland Country Music Park
- Chicken & Biscuits luncheon
- Matinee performance of Classic Country Music
   Memories Show performed by The Nelson Brothers
- **Destiny USA** for dinner on your own
- · Gratuity for waitstaff and motorcoach driver

Tour Cost: \$82.00 per person

### **Departure Times and Locations:**

Town	Departure Time	Location
Henrietta	8:45 am	Henrietta Senior Center 515 Calkins Road
Victor	9:15 am	Behind Victor Presbyterian Church 70 East Main Street
Canandaigua/ Farmington	9:30 am	Canandaigua Park & Ride in Farmington off Route 332 on Plastermill Road

Approximate Return Time: 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm

### **COVERED WAGON TOURS**

A DIVISION OF Niagara Scenic Tours
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UPCOMING COUNTY-WIDE WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>
HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION EVENT

OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>
CONFIDENTIAL
SHRED DAY

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>
RESIDENTIAL TIRE
COLLECTION EVENT

NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>
PUMPKIN
COLLECTION EVENT

NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>
ELECTRONIC
WASTE
COLLECTION EVENT

To find out more: ontariocountyrecycles.org



#### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is waste with properties that make it dangerous or capable of having harmful effect on human health or the environment. These types of waste include those that can be considered toxic, corrosive, flammable, or reactive.

### Why are these wastes a problem?

First, during use you may be exposed to toxic substances. Second, the toxic substances can contaminate water supplies or pose other public & environmental health threats when improperly discarded such as down the drain or into the ditch. Third, if tossed into the garbage these types of waste pose a working hazard for those handling them in hauling trucks or at the landfill. (NYSDEC)



### **Did You Know?**

The County offers <u>two</u> HHW Collection Events free to residents each year?

So if you miss the upcoming fall event, keep an eye out for the County's spring event in April 2019!

### A few items accepted at these events include:

Antifreeze, batteries, brake fluid, charcoal lighters, chlorine, cleaning fluids, epoxies, florescent light bulbs, gas, herbicides, motor oil, paint, paint thinners, pesticides, rat poison, rug cleaners, weed killers, wood stains & varnish.

To see the full list of acceptable items please visit: <a href="mailto:ontariocoutyrecycle.org">ontariocoutyrecycle.org</a>



On September 15th people just like you and me worldwide will come together to clean up the Earth. To help celebrate this worldwide effort, get outside and clean up your community. Every little bit helps.

Also, conveniently the County's Fall HHW Collection event is on this day. Help keep our Earth cleaner by participating in the event. Bring your household hazards to be properly disposed of. If interested in registering for the event please call 585-394-3977 ext. 427.

### **Town of Canandaigua**

## Halloween @ Onanda



Saturday, October 27, 2018
2-5PM

**Onanda Park – Lakeside Cabins** 

Bristol Mountain's Mobile Aerial Adventure Park and Decorated Cabins by Community Organizations

Trick/Treating, Refreshments, Games, Crafts, Stories, Bubble Magic