

LEGACY FUND

At more than a quarter million dollars, the Legacy Fund continues to grow. Let's keep up this good work!

Gifts to the Legacy Fund are tax deductible as the Mountain View Association is a 501(c)(3) organization. As it grows, the Legacy Fund will help preserve our lakes for future generations.

Campers are urged to continue to support the Legacy Fund by:

- Direct contribution
- Wills and trusts
- Named gifts
- Gifts in kind
- Retirement plan gifts
- Taxable property gifts
- Gifts of appreciated publicly traded securities

The Mountain View Association's priorities for the uses of the Legacy Fund are as follows: removal of invasive species of weeds in the lakes and Channel; maintenance and supervision of the boat launch, kiosk, public picnic area; community outreach and activities; expenses associated with the activities of the Mountain View Association. No more than 5% of the total cash of MVA Legacy Fund may be expended on an annual basis. The Legacy Fund shall not be used for the repair of the dam or dredging of the lakes or channel.

YOUR ASSOCIATION DUES WORK FOR YOU

Have you wondered where your annual Mountain View Association dues go? This may interest you especially since the Board has authorized a dues increase to thirty dollars (\$30) beginning in 2014.

First and foremost, dues encourage membership. As a dues-paying member you are entitled to vote at general Association meetings when issues require a vote. Currently over 200 individuals are dues-paying members. Membership is current and active only with paid-up dues. Dues paid after October 1 are applied to the next fiscal year which runs through September 30.

Your dues help to defray costs for printing and mailing our fall and spring Newsletter. These expenses are significant but are important to you as we update and inform the membership about recent, ongoing and future projects and activities. Our new updated website, soon to go online, will have an annual cost associated with it. Your dues will be used to maintain the most immediate electronic communication available. The added benefit of the website will permit you to stay in touch wherever you are.

We have annual legal obligations that are connected to our status as a charitable not-for-profit organization. Our tax return is rather lengthy and complicated requiring a professional accountant to prepare and file it. At times we need to consult with our attorney regarding our 501(c)(3) status. The aforementioned services are additional expenses we did not have in the past prior to our not-for-profit status. Your dues are used to defray these new financial obligations.

We contribute to the community on an annual basis. This includes donations to the Mountain View Church and the Owls Head Fire Department where we hold meetings as well as 4-H Camp Overlook where our Pot Luck Supper is held. In addition, we provide a camper award to a local child to attend summer camp at the 4-H facility. We are also a member of New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA). This state-wide organization keeps us informed on the latest research about invasive species and water quality issues.

Finally, your dues money assists the Association in carrying out its mission. Our success in promoting, improving and preserving water and environmental quality as well as the common good of our communities is a direct result of the power of membership. We are grateful that our fine organization has so many willing members. Kindly update your dues and membership status by sending a check in the enclosed envelope or to: PO Box 235, Owls Head, NY 12969.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the Mountain View Association

OWLS HEAD / MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tom Harrison

Be sure to support the OHMV Fire & Rescue Department.

The OHMV Fire and Rescue Department not only responds to fires, they respond to all types of emergencies. They have responded to 42 calls so far this year. Of those calls, there were 8 fires, 1 car fire, 1 wildland fire, and 1 chimney fire, 22 EMS calls, and 12 other calls. The other calls include this past Summer's storm and power outage caused by trees on power lines. During this power outage they spent two days checking on the welfare of members of the community. They have also responded to auto and ATV accidents.

The OHMV Fire Department is constantly training so they may serve all of us better. Recently they participated in a 911 emergency simulation with other agencies in the Malone and Franklin County areas. They are always here to support all in the community. They need our help to serve us better. Be generous with your support.

As you know from our last Newsletter, the Board of Directors has been reaching out to our membership to put together a directory. Our efforts to create a membership directory are unfortunately not as far along as we would like. So far, we have heard back from only 40 families. We would very much like to have this directory include as many of our members as possible.

We believe that such a directory will strengthen our ties as a community and enable us to better stay connected both during the summer when many of us are in camp and also during the off season. Please consider being included in the directory. It is easy to do so. If you would like to be listed in the directory, and give the Mountain View Association permission to print and distribute your contact information, please send an email to us at mountainviewassn@gmail.com and include as much of the following information as you would like:

Name	Camp Telephone Number
Location of Camp (i.e., East side of Indian Lake)	Home Address
Camp Name	Home Telephone Number
Camp Address	Email Address:

(If you have more than one email address that you would like listed, please include it).

Thank you! We will keep you posted on the progress of this project.



Fourth of July Boat Flotilla and watchers from the bridge (before the rains came!)

GOT GEESE?

Chastity Miller

Do you have Canada Geese on your property by the lake?

Do they make a mess?

Do you want to know what to do to prevent them?

Let your lawn grow! The most lasting way to avoid Canada geese problems (and often the most cost-effective in the long run) is to change the habitat so it doesn't appeal to them. You can do this by taking away their preferred foods and creating a landscape where the birds don't feel safe. Their diet consists of seeds, grasses and aquatic plants. Reduce the total amount of lawn. Where you keep lawn, reduce the young grass shoots geese like the most. Let grass grow taller—at least 6 inches and leave taller grass over winter. Stop or limit watering and fertilizing in the spring. Replace Kentucky bluegrass (a.k.a. "goose candy") with other grasses such as tall fescue. This works where geese can eat somewhere else. They will eat fescue and almost any short grass or legume if that's all there is.



Do not feed geese! Geese will gather where they are fed and human food is not healthy for them. Don't give them shelter either. Geese feel safe from predators where there are open sight lines, so they can see predators coming, and where they can easily escape onto open water. Use dense, tall plantings along shorelines to make a barrier between the potential food and the water. Add variety to landscaping with clumps of taller plantings where predators could hide. Maintain or establish stands of trees between water and grass so geese can't fly through.

A well-planted, lake-friendly shoreline is one that will help keep geese away.