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HIGLEY HAPPENINGS

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From the President

Friends & Neighbors,

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Fellow Officers and myself hope you and loved ones are doing well amid the COVID-19 crisis. Life as we all knew it came to a grinding halt and we are slowly finding our way to a "new normal" and eventually back to life as it was! It will come but in the process some very difficult decisions have had to be made. Above all else, the number one priority is everyone's safety and well-being. In conversation with local elected officials and in conjunction with decisions and recommendations made by State, County and neighboring towns relative to activities and summer events, it has been with much thought and concern that the board members of the Higley Association are announcing the 2020 tentative calendar of events is hereby cancelled. Without a doubt, it's a huge inconvenience and we will miss the fun and excitement of getting together at our events but we like to think of it as a "bump in the road" *just for this summer!* We **DO**, however, expect to see everyone out enjoying the water and as always! The Association continues to promote water safety as regulated by the Safe Boating Laws of the State of New York. We recommend everyone be familiar with these laws. Go to www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating for information on safe boating, on-line safe boating courses and much more important information!!!

In closing, please remember that we are all in this together and we **WILL** get through it! Follow our website at www.higleyflow.com and the facebook page for news, notes and comments! Stay safe everyone and keep smiling!

See you on the flow!!
Lin Snyder

At A Glance: 2020 EVENTS CANCELLED!!!!

June 13	Youth fishing contest begins (Sat.)
July 3	River of Lights—light flares at 9:00 pm, rain or shine
July 4	Youth Parade—Cottage Rd., 10 am
July 7	Association Meeting /Covered Dish Supper—6 pm, CP School Cafeteria
July 18	Colton Day and Association Ice Cream Social & Fireworks
July 30	Big Rock Clean-up —6 p.m. Help needed—bring rake and garbage bag!
Aug. 1	Youth Fishing Contest ends
Aug. 1	"Round the Island" Canoe Race—"Big Rock" boat launch, Pine Rd. Reg. 9 a.m.
Aug. 1	Higley Association Picnic—3 p.m. Higley Flow State Park Beach Pavilion
Aug. 11	Association Meeting /Covered Dish Supper—6 pm, CP School Cafeteria
	"Firemen on the Flow" Concert—3 p.m. (See back page for details)

STILL SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE:

Sept. 16—20 Annual fall water draw-down. Brookfield Power will begin to lower the water on the 16th and return to normal on the 20th.

Association membership runs from Sept. 1st—Aug. 31st and can be renewed annually or paid ahead. Check the upper right-hand corner of your mailing label for the year in which your membership is paid through Aug. 31st (ex: **2020**) For most of you, it is your **2021** dues to be submitted by summer's end (membership is solicited a year in advance). Form enclosed.

- **Note:** The Association mail box (PO Box 310, Colton) *is unattended from December thru April.*

The Higley Association recognized it's **70th** anniversary last summer after a news article from the Courier Freeman, dated May 25, 1949 was found by our Vice President, Lorraine Gowing. The article covered the first ever Higley Association meeting on **May 13, 1949** with 35 to 45 property owners in attendance. Officers elected were as follows: *Roy Clark, Potsdam, President; Leo Sullivan, Potsdam, Vice President; Nye Smith Sr., Potsdam, Secretary/Treasurer; Directors were Martin Corbett, Potsdam, Raymond Jubinville, Canton, Erwin Hill, Canton and Harry Ford, South Colton.* The group made plans for its' first social event to be held on July 4th and referred it to as an "all Higley picnic". The Association was officially incorporated September 24, 1951. Ideas for a 75th Anniversary celebration are being sought. If you have articles, pictures, stories or memorabilia related to the early days of the Association, please them send to PO Box 310, Colton or contact Lorraine Gowing at 315-212-8293.

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Judy Fuhr has graciously offered to create a group email for Association members interested in receiving reminders for upcoming meetings, events or things of interest, etc.!

If you would like to be included in this group email, please send your name, camp address and contact email info to jfuhr@twcny.rr.com.

Water Recreation Safety on Higley Flow

Published as a courtesy by The Higley Association and a reminder to everyone wishing to enjoy the river to do so in a **safe** and responsible manner - **know** the laws and remember to be considerate of non motorized vehicles!

(see <http://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/> for the latest edition of the NYS Boaters Guide)

Speed

5 mph within 100 ft. of shore, docks, floats or anchored boats (except when pulling up or dropping off a water skier.

In times of low water, be alert to hazards (i.e., tree stumps, sand bar, shallow areas) not everything is marked!!!

NOTE:

Children under 12 on board a vessel under 26 feet must wear an appropriately sized Type I, II, or III USCG Approved life jacket while boat is underway.

Water Skiing/Tubing

Tow boat must have an observer at least ten years of age, in addition to the operator

Remember those being towed are considered a passenger(s) and must be counted against the maximum number of passengers allowed. This includes PWCs!

Wearing of an approved PFD is required for those being towed

Powerboat Operation **NEW - BRIANNA'S LAW (Signed August 2019)**

All motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2020.

Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2023.

Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2024.

ALL MOTOR BOAT OPERATORS REGARDLESS OF AGE WILL NEED A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE BEGINNING IN 2025.

Personal Water Craft (PWC) - In order to operate a personal watercraft within New York State the operator must be a minimum of 14 years of age and hold an approved boating safety certificate or is accompanied by a person over 18 years of age who is the holder of a boating safety certificate.

Certificates are required to be carried at all times when operating the personal watercraft.

PWCs may operate only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset). When using a Personal Water Craft as a tow vehicle, an observer is required in addition to the operator and shall not tow more people than the PWC is able to seat.

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