Eagle Lake Improvement Association (ELIA)

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The Eagle Lake Improvement Association (ELIA) is guided by a single-minded purpose: to preserve and improve the beauty, health, and recreational value of Eagle Lake and its watershed; promote responsible environmental practices in cooperation with public agencies; and provide information and opportunities that unite the Eagle Lake community through recreation, social, and civic activities.

- **Protecting Water Quality**
  Water quality is at the heart of ELIA's mission. The association conducts ongoing lake and watershed monitoring, tracks phosphorus, algae, and water clarity, and works with local and state agencies to identify threats and preserve and enhance Eagle Lake. This long-term data helps guide decisions that protect the lake for future generations.
- **Supporting Easy Mitigation Efforts**
  Carp can negatively impact water quality by disturbing lake bottom sediments, uprooting aquatic plants, and reducing habitat for native fish and other aquatic life. ELIA supports efforts to manage carp populations as part of its commitment to enhancing and protecting Eagle Lake's ecosystem and recreational value. By supporting these initiatives, members help improve the long-term health of the lake.
- **Promoting Responsible Lake Enjoyment**
  A clean, healthy lake benefits everyone who enjoys fishing, boating, swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding, wildlife viewing, or simply spending time at the water's edge. ELIA works to ensure Eagle Lake remains a place where families and visitors can enjoy outstanding recreational opportunities while preserving the natural beauty that makes it so special.
- **Building a Stronger Lake Community**
  ELIA's mission extends beyond environmental stewardship. Through newsletters, social events, and volunteer opportunities, the association brings neighbors together and strengthens the Eagle Lake community. Members stay informed, connected, and engaged, connect with fellow residents, and have a voice in the future of Eagle Lake.

For just $20 per year, your membership helps turn that mission into action:

- Water quality monitoring and lake protection programs
- Carp mitigation and invasive species management efforts
- Responsible environmental stewardship
- Recreational opportunities for all lake users
- Community events, communication, and informative guest speakers
- Collaboration with public agencies to protect Eagle Lake and its watershed

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Eagle Lake Improvement Association
2026 Membership Form

Would you like to join by mail/email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Membership dues are for the 2026 calendar year. Please consider a donation to our Scholarship Fund. Checks payable to Eagle Lake Improvement Association and mail to: PO Box 1663, Willow, NY 12495. Make check payable to the Eagle Lake Association.

Description	Unit(s)	Cost	Amount
Membership dues			
Scholarship fund			
		Total	

Please complete the family name and one lake address for each Lot. Name the email and/or mailing address you wish to receive ELIA communications. Please write legibly. Email is the preferred method of communication and delivery of choice.

Name	Address on Eagle Lake
Email address: Phone:	
Email:	Date: Zip code:
Mailing address (if different from above)	
Street address: Phone:	
Email:	Date: Zip code:

☐ I have or my partner is receiving membership via email
☐ We will take a small voluntary stroll up the hill for the environment

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

We ELIA are hard on your talents and expertise! THREE positions on our board are coming available this summer. If you've been wanting to meet more neighbors on the lake and take an integral part in making decisions and understanding what impacts your lake, we have multiple opportunities available to get involved.

The Eagle Lake Improvement Association invites all paid members. We can pay your membership dues at the meeting.

- **Date: Friday, July 31, 2026**
- 5:30 p.m. – Sign-in and social hour
- 6:00 p.m. – Picnic, followed by annual meeting
- Location: Willow Community Center - on Hay Business 71

Agenda:

- Welcome and review of the past year's activities and accomplishments
- Treasurer's report
- Proposed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
- Election of board members - 3 positions
- Presentation by Sara Sedlacek, Greene County Conservation Officer, on strategies to improve water quality
- Presentation by Greene County Public Works Director, regarding the proposed updates to Hay Road/ Eagle Point
- Open forum for board questions, comments, and suggestions

Your participation is important as we work together to protect and enhance the beauty, health, and recreational value of Eagle Lake. This meeting provides an opportunity to learn about current projects, hear organizational updates, discuss water quality improvement, receive updates on local infrastructure initiatives, share ideas, and help shape the Association's priorities for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you there.

2026 Calendar of Events

- Boat Parade - Saturday, July 4th at 2 p.m.
- Annual Meeting/ Summer Picnic - Friday, July 31st starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Fall Leaf Pickup - Saturday, October 31st
- Winter Social - January 2027 - Date TBD

July 4th Boat Parade

Join us for the annual Eagle Lake Fourth of July Boat Parade as we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary!

To commemorate this special event, ELIA is encouraging residents to decorate their docks and/or watercraft. Let's make the 4th of July one to remember!

In keeping with tradition for the boat parade, decorate your boat in red, white, and blue and help honor 250 years of American independence. However, your community spirit. Whether you choose a patriotic historical theme, a tribute to our nation's heritage, or simply a festive display of American pride, we encourage everyone to participate.

Prizes will be awarded:

- 1st place $150.00
- 2nd place $100.00
- 3rd place $50.00

Line up at the Eagle Lake landing 1:30 p.m. The parade starts at 2:00 p.m. going clockwise around the lake.

If July 4th is rained out, We will reschedule the parade for July 5th starting at 2:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers with pledge to distribute the candy (provided by ELIA) for safety and environmental reasons.

Three prizes will be awarded for the most creative and spirited decorations. All boats, pontoons, and watercraft are welcome. Gather your family, friends, and neighbors for one of Eagle Lake's favorite summer traditions.

For additional information, contact Dan Pomerantz at 518-884-7113.

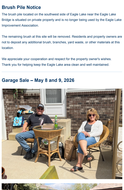
Brush Pile Notice

The brush pile located on the southwest side of Eagle Lake near the Eagle Lake Bridge is situated on private property and is no longer being used by the Eagle Lake Improvement Association.

The remaining brush pile this side will be removed. Residents and property owners are not to deposit any additional brush, branches, yard waste, or other materials at the location.

We appreciate your cooperation and respect for the property owner's wishes. Thank you for helping keep the Eagle Lake area clean and well maintained.

Garage Sale – May 8 and 9, 2026



Adopt-a-Neighbor

We think most of you would agree that Eagle Lake has its own special community in that residents have ties to one another and to their land to be helpful when needed. Unfortunately, this is not the case for all. Some neighbors have been alone above neighbors helping neighbors. We want to publish such stories in our newsletter to showcase the kindness and neighborly efforts of our very own Eagle Lake residents. Please send your stories to Virginia at rdancoustic@hotmail.com.

Carp Update

2025 was a difficult year regarding carp removal. Unfortunately, with the lack of rain, 2026 seems to be heading in the same direction. With the low amount of water coming into the lake, the carp are congregating in the deeper areas and finding it difficult. We will continue to work with the commercial fisherman and the DEC to assist in moving forward. Thank you for your continued support in our efforts.

Mission Statement

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