

March 13, 2011
Tonetta Lake Advisory Committee

Dear Lake Tonetta Residents:

Spring is almost here, bringing with it another season of recreation on our Lake. Spring also marks the return of the Canadian Geese, they will be settling in to nest as the weather warms.

As you may already know, a large population of geese can cause a serious threat to the health of a small lake like Tonetta. Once again, this year the Tonetta Lake Advisory Committee will be searching for nests. When located, these nests will be monitored and the eggs addled to prevent the population from growing beyond what our ecosystem can sustain.

The addling process consists of coating the eggs with vegetable oil – this is done shortly after the egg is produced and prevents the development of the embryo. Egg addling is considered a humane method by the Humane Society, Geese Peace and other organizations.

To do this, we need the help of homeowners around the lake as well as fishermen and recreational boaters: please let us know if you observe any nesting sites. The nesting period occurs late March through the month of April. Members of the TLAC will be going out for the first time the morning of March 31st, we welcome volunteers interested in assisting with the addling process. **To volunteer or report nests, contact us ASAP at: tonettalakeadvisory@southeast-ny.gov**

Thanks for your help, see you all very soon on the Lake!

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