

## We are looking to Welcome New Neighbors to the Lake

Do you remember when you first bought at the lake and had no idea of what things you could do to help the lake, and no idea of how your actions might hurt the lake? Over several years you may have learned about best practices, or perhaps some veteran walked over and told you that dumping leaves in the ditch, or feeding ducks, or leaving cut weeds in the lake was harmful to the lake. If this sounds familiar, you are not alone! Many of you told us through our 2010 water quality survey, that they really wished someone had told them early on what they could do to help keep the lake clean, to protect their new investment and to keep it as enjoyable as they dreamed it could be.

This feedback has led us to create the “Welcome to the Lake” program as part of the Conesus Stewardship Initiative. This “Welcome” program arranges for a personal visit to new homeowners around the lake to deliver a great bag of goodies and information. A logoed tote bag filled with stadium cups, a fridge magnet, a ‘Conesus’ decal, and plenty of information about the lake, the Conesus Lake Association and best practices is given to each new homeowner during a personal visit to review much of the info and to answer any questions they may have.

The Livingston County Water Authority does a great job of identifying new closings, and we really appreciate their support. If you know of a new neighbor, or if you are one yourself that somehow was missed, please contact Peg Proctor at 585-727-2857 or [kelamaty@gmail.com](mailto:kelamaty@gmail.com) and let her know. If you are interested in helping with these ‘Welcome’ visits, please feel free to contact Peg as well.

By the Way, all of us need a reminder from time to time about best practices we may have forgotten or may not have been aware of. If you see a detrimental action occurring, please don’t hesitate, in a gentle manner; to help inform your neighbors – new or old!

“All of us...Doing our part”

