



Array of Fall Programs

The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) presents a strong and diversified line up of interesting programs this fall.

On September 20 and 21, the New York City Watershed Science and Technical Conference is taking place at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill, NY. It is a continuation of the very successful Lower Hudson Chapter's Watershed fall meeting. This event is co-sponsored by the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council, NYSDEC and the State of New York, Department of State. The conference features a focused look at some of the environmental issues affecting the NYC Watershed.

The Second Annual Scholarship Fundraising Event will be held on Friday, September 29 at the Steamboat Landing Waterfront Restaurant in Canandaigua, NY. We will kick off the activities of the evening on a paddleboat cruise on Canandaigua Lake, followed by dinner in the restaurant (see invitation below). All proceeds from the evening will go toward the NYWEA Scholarship Program. Last year's event raised over \$62,000. Please consider joining us for the evening.

Later this fall, NYWEA will be collaborating with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) on an Energy Management Specialty Conference. This meeting will focus on methods for reducing and optimizing energy use at wastewater treatment facilities. The event will be held at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown on November 8 and 9.

NYWEA continues its tradition of holding Elected Official Roundtables. These events give elected officials the opportunity to ask ques-

tions and understand their responsibilities associated with municipal infrastructures. Village mayors, town supervisors, administrators, clerks, treasurers and sewer board members who have an interest in learning about wastewater management, public health and the environment are invited to attend one of these events scheduled at the following locations:

- September 12 – Watertown, NY
- October 11 – Lakeville, NY
- November 1-2 – Poughkeepsie, NY

In the past, these meetings were well received and culminated in the development of a wastewater manual that should be available in the fall of 2006 on the NYSDEC website.

Topic of This Edition

This issue of *Clearwaters* is covering the theme of MS4s and Stormwater Phase II Updates. We applaud and appreciate the input from NYSDEC staff on this issue, among them Steve Eidt and Sandy Lizlovs. Additionally, I'd like to welcome Darcy Sachs as a new member of the Publications Committee and thank her for her help on this issue.

As many of you know, as part of the requirement of the MS4 permit, municipalities need to put in place a public educational component to their work plans. Initially, this action can be daunting and seen as a huge undertaking. Inside, you will find articles by Timothy Keef of the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County and Kathleen Bertuch of the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board that illustrate well the importance of intermunicipal agreements and collaborative activities.

Here's wishing you all an enjoyable summer!

Patricia Cerro-Reehil

Mark the Date!

The New York Water Environment Association Scholarship Committee
cordially invites you on a
Finger Lakes Fundraising Boat Cruise, followed by dinner
"Escape the Ordinary Aboard the Canandaigua Lady"
for a memorable evening under the stars!
Friday, September 29, 2006 from 6 o'clock pm - 10 o'clock pm
We will be honoring -
CONGRESSMAN BRIAN HIGGINS
CONGRESSMAN RANDY KUHL
CONGRESSMAN JAMES WALSH
JAMES ALBANESE, DIRECTOR PHYSICAL SERVICES
ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION
JOHN GRAHAM, DIRECTOR, MONROE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
RSVP by August 21, 2006.



Invitations will be mailed to all NYWEA members. They are also available online at www.nywea.org.