

Shore Lines

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Sizzling Saratoga Summer

Message from the President

The SLA Board interviewed Brian Skanes in June and approved him to become a board member. He moved to this area to be closer to his kids, who graduated from Albany Law School. Since he has lived here, he has realized what a tremendous asset the Lake is to the community. He spent 43 years working for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Throughout his career as CEO and community member, he always felt that he had an obligation to give back. He recently heard about the SLA and its Board and thought that it would be a good way to contribute. Brian said that he has been the President of a number of Chambers and involved in a lot of not-for-profit boards. He knows how to get things done. Brian said that he kayaks, fishes and boats on the lake.

At the SLA Annual Meeting, Brian, Jim DiMasi, and John Cashin were elected by SLA membership to full terms as new board members. Board Members Michelle Merola and Beau Stallard were reelected to full terms. Also at the annual meeting, winners of the Robert Eastman Memorial Photo Contest were announced. The winners were Karl Hardcastle (best Summer/Spring), Melissa Ehlers (best Autumn/Winter), and Maria Mahar (Honorable Mention). Congratulations to the winners. It was a competitive contest with many amazing photos, and we thank all those who made entries. (photos page 1 and 3).

For an overview of the year of activities, events, objectives and work that the SLA has done, please see page 2 for a year-end review.



*Karl Hardcastle was the first-place winner in the Annual SLA Photo Contest for best spring/summer photograph. The awards were presented by Lindsey Harvey.
(see page two for additional winners)*

Thank You!

In the last edition of Shore Lines, we failed to thank Tonya Trombley for submitting so many wonderful pictures of the Annual Cocktail Party at the National. It takes time and coordination to cover such an event and we sincerely thank Tonya for her submission of photographs.

Saratoga Lake Association Overview of the Year – 2018

The purpose of the Saratoga Lake Association is to promote and enhance the health, safety, sanitation, recreation and environmental quality of Saratoga Lake and its extensive watershed.

SLA does this by:

Publicity:

Bi Monthly Shore Lines Newsletters
Offered On-line Events Signup
Membership Drive
Maintained Website and Facebook Site

Education:

Speakers at SLA events
Informative articles: Newsletter, Website
Planned Fishing Clinic

Community Involvements:

Interfaces with other concerned organizations:
Saratoga County Water Quality Coordinating
Committee
Friends of the Kayaderosseras
Southern Chamber of Commerce
New York State Dept of Environmental Conserva-
tion
Polled Spa City Candidates on Water Supply
Reservoir Issue
Implemented Business Memberships

Sponsoring Community Events:

Roadside Cleanup, Route 9P
Floating Classroom for Young Students
Paddlefest
SLA Photo Contest in Honor of Bob Eastman

Social/Recreational Gatherings for SLA Members and Community Members:

Season Opening Breakfast
Party at Saratoga National
Mixers at Various Venues in the lakeside community
End of Season Picnic
Holiday Party at Saratoga Casino

Administratively:

Held Regular (@Monthly) Board Meetings
Staffed all Committees

Finance and Audit Committee
Events Committee
Membership Committee
Nominating and Governance Committee
Executive Committee

This year: Developed and Implemented Investment Plan
Annual Meeting of SLA Membership with Election of
Directors

Fireworks

In the past SLPID did the fireworks. SLPID is a govern-
ment-related organization with ability to tax people in the
lake community to get money, and that lake community
votes for the commissioners. Fireworks is a big expense
(\$18,000 for 12 minutes); SLA does not have taxing au-
thority nor a big income. There are liability and liability
insurance issues. There are barge and huge person-power
issues. The funds we have on hand were mostly donated
for specific purposes, and I feel should be kept in abeyance
for those purposes. Our funds would be quickly exhausted
by paying for fireworks.

When we heard that SLPID was dropping fireworks, I
strongly asked them to reconsider. Then I asked an SLA
board member to lead an effort to put together a plan for
SLA to promote fireworks. He did that, but that was a
plan of action and not necessarily feasible. The SLA Board
did not make any promises to anyone regarding fireworks.
But in the meantime, Stillwater and later the Homeowners
Association (Waters Edge/Woodlands) announced that
they were going to do fireworks. I've heard that Lake Local
also wants to get involved. So, I think that the way it
turned out was a win-win. Each of these organizations
does its own publicity as they desire.

Tom Bonds

Thanks and special appreciation certificates were given
at the Annual Meeting to:

- The Town of Stillwater and Town Board for the 4th
of July fireworks;
- The Home Owners Association of Water's Edge
and Woodlands for the continuation of the 4th of
July weekend fireworks.



The winner of the Autumn/Winter photograph was Melissa Ehlerts

Celebrations, fireworks, family reunions, barbecues, picnics and Association meetings. Share your photos, news, information, events, travel and fish tales and the like with the lake community. Submissions to Julie at sinnidi@aol.com by noon on Thursday, August 2.



Maria Mahar received honorable mention for her lovely sunset.

Tragedy hits local family

By now many of you know of the tragedy with the Aurelio family.

If you would like to help the family or just send good wishes, you can visit:

gofundme.com
"Loving the Orsis"

<https://dailygazette.com/article/2018/07/11/former-saratoga-lake-couple-s-daughter-and-grandchildren-killed-in-murder-suicide>



Joe Schwartz sent in this photo of one of three fledgling eagles in his neighborhood. Looks like our population keeps on growing!

A Day at the Races--Saratoga 101

Article and photos by Dorothy Callahan

I have been going to Saratoga Race Course since way “back in the day....The rules stated that you had to be 16 to get in. So I memorized a fake birthday in case the DOB police were hovering near the gate.

In my time I vividly recall seeing such equine stars, such as Ruffian, Secretariat and Forego, and getting up the courage to ask Eddie Arcaro for an autograph well before that was the norm.

There was no paddock fence in those days. Trainers saddled their horses under the elms and people remained at a respectful distance to watch.

The only “exotic bet” was the daily double. You wanted to be at the track by the time they played the Star Spangle Banner to check the “scratches” and get your \$2 down for the first and second races.

As a child and still as an adult, I love to inhale the ambience that is Saratoga. But now when I go to the track with the picnic tables, TVs, complicated wagering systems, I realize that people are not sharing the special spirit that I felt.

There are Rules, Lines, Fences and Security Police. It’s all necessary, and a sign of the times, but the betting language has become too exotic for the casual visitor to fathom. Exactas, trifectas, parlays and now a 10 cent superfecta! Worst of all some people don’t even go out to watch the races from trackside.

The comment I dread most is “There’s so much time between races...this is so boring!” WAIT A MINUTE. This is Saratoga! You must be missing something.

So as a writer and a veteran of enjoying the world of competitive equine athletes, permit me to relate some basic information that will help you have fun with this sport. It’s a “game of chance” that will enfold you even without risking a cent. But unlike the casino games, it does require understanding and brain power.

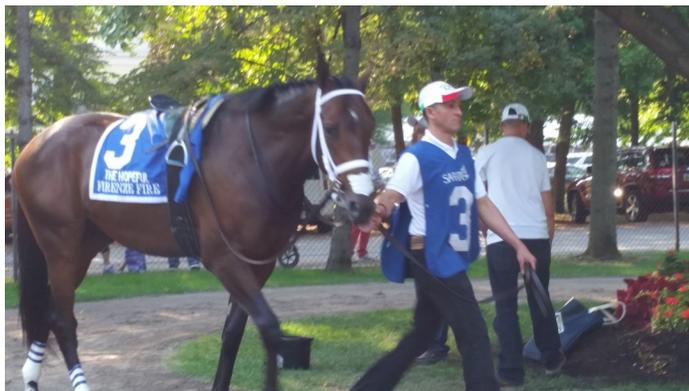
SO HERE WE GO.....

To have the most fun, go with friends, preferably a friend who understands the horseracing “language” which is a bit esoteric. Bring a chair and a cooler with food and soft drinks or go early and get a picnic table. (If you go to the morning workouts, put a tablecloth on one, leave, and come back later.)

Invest in a big program. It explains the information about the horses, how to wager and gives a few selections. If you go on Give Away day, go early. It will be crowded. There are fewer folks on Wednesday. Some days there is a steeplechase~or jumping race. Check the schedule for that. Position yourself near the action: the paddock, walking ring or out near the rail. For a few dollars, you can purchase a grandstand seat.

Watch the horses get saddled in the paddock and follow them out to the track. Take pictures. Get jockey autographs (it’s the only track that lets you do it). Make an educated selection, (a nice color, pretty horse, cute jockey, all factor into the handicapping

toolbag.) Check the odds. Its like fourth grade math. Chose someone to cheer on even if you don’t bet.



Firenze Fire warming up in the paddock with a breathing strip



Trainer Bill Mott saddling his horse in the paddock

Do some people watching. Celebrities abound in the box area, where some families have held their seats for generations. If you go to the morning workouts, you can sit in those boxes and pretend, while you nibble from your bag of donuts. Then jump aboard the tram that takes you to the backstretch for a tour of the wonderful world that is the heart of the track.

ABOUT THE HORSES.....

Learning a little about the equine athletes and their competitions will give you a “Leg Up” on appreciating them. That term refers to the boost the trainer will give to the jockey to get him or her aboard their mount.

COLORS—most horses are bay, light or dark brown with a black tail and mane. Chestnut is golden to light brown with a similar tail and mane. There are light or dark grays, or roan with some reddish hairs in the gray. All black or all white horses are extremely rare.

EYES - EARS -NOSE—Horses are monocular. The shape of their heads allows them to see almost in a circle around them, nature’s protection from predators. Their brains do not blend these views into one picture like a human’s does. They cannot focus on things closer than four feet. Objects that suddenly come into view many scare them. Trainers put a “shadow roll” above the nose to keep them from being distracted by things on the ground like water or shadows. Jockeys stand up in the stirrups to let their mounts know the race is over. Horses can be distracted by the crowd or an on-coming opponent, so a variety of blinkers serve to occlude all or part of their side view.

BREEDING—The track maxim is: “Breed the best to the best and hope for the best.” Often mare and stallion are chosen for their ancestors, mixing speed with temperament. All horses change their “birthday” on January first. This allows them to be run in the age categories of the races. (NOTE: the program lists the horse’s name and sex, followed by its color, age, sire, dam and dam’s sire.)

OFF to the RACES—Equines under five years of age are called fillies and colts, then changing to mares and horses. Geldings are male horses who have been neutered, usually to adjust temperament. Races are “written” to try to include all the horses tabled at the track.

KINDS OF RACES—In any race, a horse is entered at the distance and track surface, dirt or grass, where its trainer feels it can win. Stakes races are the highest category and have the greatest rewards, or purses. In times past, owners set the stakes and put entry fees in a purse. Winner take all. An allowance race matches horses of similar age and ability. Younger horses and those who have won fewer races carry less weight. In a handicap race, horses with greater ability must carry more weight. In claiming races, the horses are for sale for the posted price. A maiden race is run for horses who have never won a race.

JOCKEYS—A horse is assigned to carry a certain weight, which includes the rider, a tiny saddle and equipment. Often a jockey must diet to ride consistently. An asterisk next to a jockey’s name indicates an apprentice, allowing a reduction in the weight the horse is assigned. This encourages trainers to use an inexperienced rider. The number of asterisks indicates how much weight can be taken off. An apprentice loses those “bugs” as it wins races over a year.

FINAL NOTE—Use your program and your evaluative instincts. Its like analyzing stock variables in the Wall Street Journal. Only the results arrive much faster. Above all, ENJOY YOUR DAY. Just remember the racetrack motto: Never bet your eating money! Eat your betting money.



Wayne Lucas in the Winners Circle in 2017. Still winning at 82 years old!

HORSE SENSE ~ Racing Terms

- Furlong—an eighth of a mile
- Turf Race—grass race at varying distances on the outer, Mellon Track, or the inner track, where turns are tighter.
- Steeplechase—two miles or more over hedges, usually run by older horses or geldings. Historically riders would have a “chase” toward the church steeple.
- Workouts—a.m. practice sessions. Horses go on the track every day, but only occasionally “breeze” to test speed before a race.
- Silks—the shirts jockeys wear to indicate the horse’s owner. Solid colors belong to families who have been racing for a long time. Ex: black with a cherry cap—Phipps Stable. Look into the glassed-in “silks” room at the track and see them all.
- Horse size—measured in “hands”, four inches—from ground to top of shoulder. 17 hands is tall.
- Groom and Hotwalker—caretakers. After a race or workout, a horse gets a bath and is walked around the stable many time until its breathing and heart rate are reduced to normal.
- Dead Heat—horses finishing together. Historically older horses might run three one-mile races in a day (resting in between). If they finished together, that heat was “dead” and they had to run a fourth mile. More recently the 2013 Travers ended in a dead heat between Alpha and Golden Ticket. They each got a trophy.

WIN or LOSE...Have some fun and Remember...

HORSE SENSE IS JUST STABLE THINKING!



We'd like to thank Dorothy Callahan for such an interesting and timely article "A Day at the Races, Saratoga 101." Her insight and experience brought the art of racing to life. Included with her photographs was the viewing stand to the left. For visitors to the track who want to watch horses work out or practice, they can visit the Oklahoma Track across the street from the main track and take advantage of the workouts from the viewing stand. The hours available for viewing are Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. year 'round.



These two lovely young ladies are wonderful examples of the spirit of the 4th and the camaraderie it brings. They are the daughters of Bob and Maria Daviero, Lyla (4) and Ella (6) Daviero.

(photos submitted by Grandmother Maria Mahar)



Lake resident Tina Pamper looks over her booth of AVON products as she prepares for a sales event at the Stillwater American Legion.



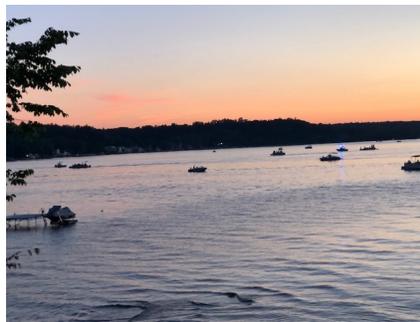
While visiting friends on the lake on the 4th of July Natalie Prian and Emma Souky found a way to stay cool.

Independence Day Celebrations lit up the lake!



Will Connolly hauled out the fireworks barge from Brown's Beach. Many hands worked to make the night special. Thanks go to Supervisor Ed Kinowski for organizing the event and even jumping in the water to help pull the barge to shore!

Photos by Cristina Connolly, Nick Annotto and Steve Bleznyk



Boats were visible as far as the eye could see from Brown's Beach all the way to Water's Edge.





Insuring your Motorhome

There are basically two ways to insure a motorhome. On a personal auto policy, or on a Recreational Vehicle Policy. But what is good for your auto policy is not necessarily good for your Winnebago. Since a

Winnebago is more or less a traveling home, you need a specialized policy that combines the features of an auto policy and a homeowner's policy.

An auto policy covers the auto. But a Recreational Vehicle policy covers much more, like the personal property in the motorhome on a replacement cost basis. Attached accessories, including awnings, TV antennas or satellite dishes can also be insured. Towing and roadside service charges, as well as alternative lodging can be covered if the motorhome is damaged while traveling.

Liability coverage can also be provided for the campsite risk, not just when the motorhome is in transit. And full timers at a campsite can get comprehensive personal liability under terms similar to a homeowner's policy.

Motorhomes and Recreational vehicles need specialized coverage. Make sure to contact your Independent Insurance Agent to make sure you fill in all the unnecessary gaps in your coverage.

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FOUND

A drifting towable was recovered in the middle of the lake. If you lost it please contact Steve Sullivan at: 518-441-7272 or sullivan@powerny.com.



Saratoga Plan



Saratoga Plan led a community-wide effort on Saturday, June 30, to begin removal of an invasive outcropping of water chestnut plants on Fish Creek, the outlet of Saratoga Lake.

The event kicked off at 8am on Saturday morning, with over 36 volunteers in attendance. Prior to the boat launch, Capitol Mohawk Partnership for Regional Invasive Species (PRISM) provided information about the invasive species as well as a tutorial on the proper procedures for water chestnut removal. Kayak Shak generously provided boats for those in need.

"This creek is a real gem," said Kayak Shak owner Beau Stallard. "We're really excited that PLAN is teaming up with us to protect it."

Another water chestnut pull is being planned for August.

Open Letter from Resident

To all board members and association members;

I am writing once again to bring attention to an issue that our association board should take the lead now to ensure future years of fireworks over the fourth of July holiday that we have indeed experienced for the last 6-7 years.

In January (SLA Newsletter January 2018) I wrote an open letter to the board and association informing them that with SLPID voting down continuing their involvement in supporting this event, our SLA was the only likely choice to take the lead, entertain/secure corporate/member sponsorships and provide a lake wide event such as what SLPID provided the previous 5-7 years.

In that issue of Shorelines, a response from our board was that a committee was formed and that the board and the association would do everything possible to ensure that the event would go forward as previously provided under SLPID and continue uninterrupted in the future. In the next five months, there was no mention of fireworks until June when the board announced in Shorelines) that the only fireworks would be at Brown's Beach (which was widely known since January) and provided by the Town of Stillwater. Although it was appreciative of the community that fireworks were going to be provided on the lake, I also believe that most of the residents of the lake understand that it was a promotional event to promote the Town of Stillwater's investment in the Brown's Beach complex. Holding fireworks in a remote corner of the lake is not what we have experienced in the past and given most governmental involvements in these promotional civic events, the probability of Stillwater providing this event in the future is questionable.

Then at the last minute, a very few people from WATER'S EDGE pooled their personal resources and tried to put on a display at the same time in the north end of the lake, to mimic previous years events. There was no mention of their effort in Shorelines until somehow Water's Edge was informed at the last minute that for safety reasons they had to move their date.

So on July 7, 2018, Water's Edge put on in my humble opinion a superior display. Of course the water audience was very small in comparison, due to the movement of the date and no advanced publicity, and unlike the abundant State Police and Sheriff's water and land attendance for Brown's Beach, from my vantage point, I saw no law enforcement attendance at their event (which was the reason given they had to move their date). Makes one wonder why there was no safety coverage for July 7 and why the law enforcement effort as in the past could not be split between the two locations (there are far many more watercraft in the north end of the lake than in the south). In 2017, there were hundreds of boats parked outside of Water's Edge for SLPID's last sponsored event.

Given all of that, I attended my first Association Annual Meeting and saw that the Association has more than \$85k in reserves and developed almost a \$10k surplus for the year. I have asked and have been promised a detail report of the financial position of the Association and will provide my own analysis of the annual report.

However, bottom line, the Association had the resources on hand and could have indeed done what it promised in Shorelines publication of January, in that at the very least supported both the Town Of Stillwater and the community of Water's Edge in providing a simultaneous North and South end celebration as we have experienced in previous years.

I plan on continuing my effort to push the Association to not only take on the fireworks event but to try and face some of the major issues facing our community. For those who live in the North end of the lake, we all understand the major issue of the overcrowding of the lake in watercraft of all kinds. Power boats are being pushed into a channeled lane leaving the bridge and heading down the lake and within these channels, are the advent of crafts such as kayaks and paddle boards, infringing on this channel. Add in the expansion of the Saratoga Rowing Club (in essence they are usually not on the lake when it is crowded), along with the fact that there is only one public boat ramp right in the middle of everything and if something is not done (especially on holidays and weekends) then we are going to see a fatal event that we have not experienced previously.

The lake is also being over fished, there are three or four weekly tournaments held on the lake and everyone who lives in the north end, can set their clocks on Saturday morning at 6am as fifty plus high powered Mercury Outboards go roaring down the lake. Ask old time fishermen and they will tell you about the lack of walleyes and northern pike in the lake. Either the state is not stocking the lake as before, SLPID's activity changing feeding zones or just the amount of fishermen on the lake has indeed reduced the fish population of year's past (my family has been on the lake since 1948).

Last but not least, our Association needs to be our voice when it comes to SLPID. We should not let our resource be held within the whims of five supervisors without some kind of influence in their decisions. For instance the fireworks display ended because a few people thought it was not the best use of their taxing dollars (since when do a few determine the benefit of the many). The Association and we the residents of the lake have to make sure we have a voice and a counter to what is being approved and implemented that affects our lake.

I will be the first one to tell you that our Association and SLPID Board Members are in a position of almost no win, and they do this on their time, however there are ways of getting more of the community involved. We need to be involved (all of us), not necessarily as Board members but assisting them in their completion of projects and policies that affect us all. I will continue to help where I can and offer advice and support where applicable. If more of us also step up our efforts maybe, just maybe some of these issues will become non-issues.

Wayne Roland
Stockholm Rd

The opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the Saratoga Lake Association.

Coexisting with Turtles

By: Mitchell O'Neill, SLPID Lake Steward

Every year around May and June, you may see female turtles venturing on land to nest in areas with sand or loose soil. The females will dig into the ground, lay their eggs, and return to the water. Months later in August, baby turtles hatch from these eggs to wander back to the waters their mothers came from. Kathleen O'Brien, leader of the Herp and Invertebrate Unit in the New York State Department of Conservation (DEC), notes that turtles have been around since the time of dinosaurs. Nowadays, turtles play an essential and unique role in the elaborate food web of the Saratoga Lake ecosystem. Turtles are omnivores, eating aquatic vegetation as well as animals, and are an important source of protein for predators including racoons and herons



(particularly at the hatchling stage). Without turtles, the entire ecosystem that we depend on for food, water, and recreation could be thrown out of balance, so it's important that we live in a way that doesn't harm them.

This region is home to a diverse set of turtles. In Saratoga Lake I have seen Common Snapping Turtles, Painted Turtles, and Common Map Turtles. According to the Herp Atlas Project, a few more may be found in the lake or surrounding streams and wetlands: Common Musk Turtles, Wood Turtles, and perhaps Spotted Turtles. Unfortunately, native turtle species in New York are in decline, often threatened by habitat loss or removal by humans, including collection for the pet trade. The Spotted Turtle and Wood Turtle species in particular are quite rare and of special concern due to the disappearance of local populations throughout the state.

All native turtle species are protected by law and cannot be collected or possessed without a permit. Furthermore, it is illegal to kill, injure, or otherwise harm wildlife without justification in the state of New York. O'Brien notes that the loss of just one breeding female can significantly harm a population since turtles need to be several years old before they can breed.

Here is what you can do to help turtles maintain their role in our ecosystem according to O'Brien and the DEC website:

Brake for turtles crossing the road. Be mindful when driving near the lake- the Painted Turtle pictured was nearly crushed by incoming vehicles. It's typically best to leave wildlife alone, but if you feel that it's necessary to help a turtle cross the road, see the DEC website on how to do so without hurting yourself or the turtle. Turtles should never be carried by the tail, as this can damage their spinal cord. Be sure to move turtles in the direction they were originally crossing and orient them in that direction once across the road.

Have a turtle-friendly lawn. Pesticides and fertilizers used on shoreline lawns are washed into the lake by rain. This can disrupt natural processes and long-term exposure can harm resident turtles. Also, if there are any holes a turtle could fall into (inground pools, deep firepits, compost pits), provide some sort of ramp for them to climb out.

Keep a lookout for turtles in your yard. Nests should be safe from lawnmowers because they are buried, but nesting turtles and hatchlings are not. To protect turtles as well as your lawn mower, be mindful of nesting turtles in May-June and hatchlings in August-September.

Minimize predation. Raccoons and other turtle predators are attracted to residential areas by the abundance of food waste, so keep garbage inside the house when possible and make sure all cans are properly secured when outside. If you want to do more for nests in your yard, you can place wire mesh over nests and secure it with heavy rocks or long (8 inch) stakes. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources recommends that mesh be at least 2 ft. x 2 ft. with openings smaller than 2 in. x 2 in. Predation is most likely in fresh nests, so mesh can be removed after one month. Be sure to remove the mesh by August 1 to make sure that hatchlings can exit the nest.

Turtles, continued

Consider a natural shoreline. Turtles often can't struggle to make it over rip rap or a retaining wall when moving between land and water. A natural, gradual slope is ideal for wildlife movement, and such a shoreline can be stabilized with a buffer of native plants along the edge of the water.

Stop the spread of invasive species. Invasive aquatic species can outcompete native aquatic flora and fauna, greatly reducing the variety of food available to turtles. You can help by remembering to clean, drain, and dry your boats in between launches at different waterbodies.

Sources:

Species of Turtles Found in New York: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7479.html>

Amphibians & Reptiles: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/277.html> (contains information on how to help turtles cross road)

How to Prevent Nest Predation: https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/animals/reptiles_amphibians/turtles/blandings_turtle/nest_factsheet.pdf

Tips to Eliminate Wildlife Conflicts: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/89522.html>

Shoreline Stabilization: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/50534.html>

Bureau of Wildlife <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/794.html>

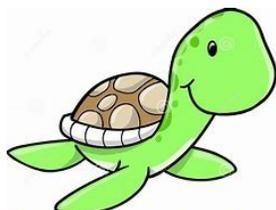
Animal Cruelty Laws by State <http://www.straypetadvocacy.org/PDF/AnimalCrueltyLaws.pdf>
<http://nyttts.org/nyttts/NYS-ra-laws.htm>

Small Game Hunting <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27801.html>

this link to animal cruelty laws goes along with the co existing with turtles article.

Thank you.

<http://www.straypetadvocacy.org/PDF/AnimalCrueltyLaws.pdf>.

**Town of Malta Offers Many Activities**

The Town of Malta Newsletter outlines many activities, projects, fun and family events and community information. Just a few are:

- Malta Ecological Park – 188 acres of natural beauty and wildlife habitat;
- Highway superintendent's message
- Protecting our Waterways
- Parks and Recreation activities
- 19th Annual Family Nite—August 8
- Malta Summer Concert Series
- Malta Community Day – September 8

Visit Malta's website for much more:

www.malta-town.org

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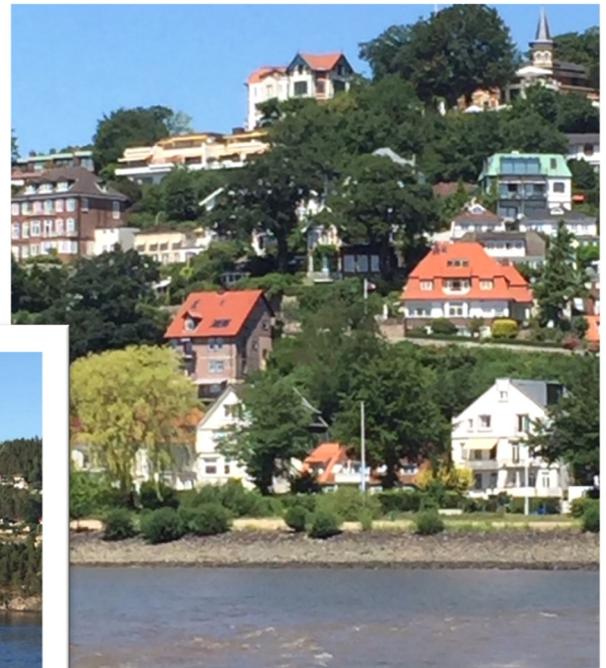
Come and enjoy Malta's Summer Concert Series - Wednesday Evenings 6pm-8pm on the front lawn of the Malta Community Center. Bring a picnic supper, blanket/chairs. Rain location: Inside the Malta Community Center FREE to the public - donations of a non-perishable food item for our food pantry are appreciated.

- July 18 *Gravity* - popular hits spanning from the 50's thru today
- July 25 *Graham Tichy & the New Lowdown* - Rock & Roll, Rockabilly, British Invasion, Swing, Honky Tonk, Rhythm & Blues
- August 1 *Big Medicine* - R&B and folk rock grooves
- August 15 - A Special "Cool" ending concert TO BE ANNOUNCED - Concert will take place inside the Malta Community Center's air-conditioned auditorium

SAVE THE DATE - Malta's 30th Community Day at Shenantaha Creek Park, September 8 (Rain date Sept. 9) 10am-4pm Details to follow. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please call the Community Center at 518-899-4411

Pam and Tom Giammattei, Cedar Bluff Court residents, enjoyed a Scandinavian cruise aboard the Viking Sun. They visited Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany and the Netherlands.

Pictured here on the cruise ship, they also visited the canals of Amsterdam, shores of Hamburg, one of the many windmill farms, fjords of Norway and Vigeland Park in Oslo.



Saratoga Sailing Club What ARE they doing out there?

As our club house is tucked away down a long driveway, usually the times when the sailing club is most visible is when we are racing, every Wednesday and weekends. Even to sailors who don't race, a sailboat race looks like mass confusion. Here is a quick explanation of what is going on.



Preparing to start

Races are run by the race committee that consists of our pontoon boat, the one you may have seen with all the flags sticking off the back, and 1-3 safety boats that move around the course, setting marks and acting as safety boats. You will also see several large green, orange or yellow inflatable pyramids and some red balls called marks. The pyramids and balls outline the course, which changes for every race depending on the wind conditions and the whims of the race committee. It is always in the shape of a triangle, whether very wide and spread out or very long with a narrow base.

The pontoon boat is always at the beginning of the race. An imaginary line from the rear corner of the pontoon boat to mark the starting line. Our races are started with an airhorn, with a series of horns counting down to the actual starting horn. This is necessary because sailboats generally can't stay still in one place and take a long time to get up to speed. So, before a start you see all the boats traveling back and forth behind the starting line trying to make sure they time every-

thing to be at the starting line in the at the exact moment the horn sounds and in the position in line they want to be in and at their maximum speed. From afar it looks like chaos then suddenly all the boats are in as straight line and heading in the same direction.

While it may look serene, it is hectic, exciting and challenging when you are in it. After we all get started we head to the first mark of the course, which is always to windward. As sailboats can't sail directly into the wind, this is where the strategy and knowledge of racing comes in to play. All the skippers are trying to decide the best way to get to the first mark based on the wind we have and the wind they think we may have in the future. AS you are aware, sailboats have the right of way over powerboats. We know this can be especially frustrating for powerboaters when sailboats are racing as we inexplicably change course. We are just trying to make strategic decisions. Everyone has their own ideas which is why you will see the boats spread out around the lake. Those who make the right choices get to the marks first.

The marks are where the next big moment of "excitement" happens as all the boats are converging on a first and in the best position for the next "leg" as we head to the next mark. At some point as we are heading away from the wind, you will see many of the boats put up their spinnakers. These are the giant, colorful sails out in front of the boats. They add a lot of power and speed. They also make it difficult to see and need constant attention, adding another layer of challenge to the leg. During the race the sailors are constantly adjusting their sails to get the most possible speeds, looking at the water to try to read the wind, turning the boat back and forth across the wind for the best position, watching for other racers and powerboats to avoid collisions and trying to determine the best course to get to the mark.



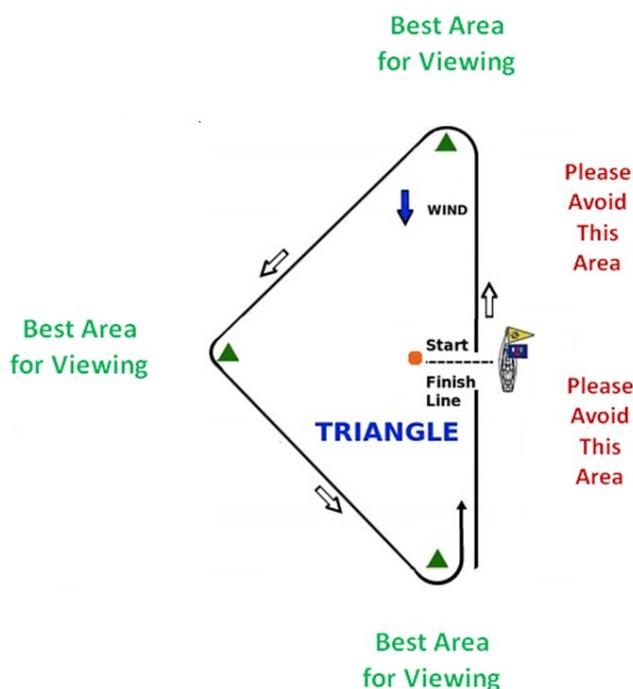
There is a lot going on in these little boats. This is the fun and the challenge of sailboat racing. There is always something to learn. Whatever is going on in the rest of your life, for the 45 minutes of a sailboat race, you think of nothing outside the racecourse.

The race ends when the boats cross an imaginary line from the race committee boat and another mark. Sometimes an airhorn is sounded again when boats cross to note the finish. The race committee starts a timer when the race is started and notes the time each boat crosses the finish line. While we may not be traveling at race car speeds finishes can be nail biting as each skipper and crew try to get every bit of speed and every inch of advantage out of their boats.

Racing is no fun if boats break or people get hurt so safety is always our first priority, for everyone on the lake; sailboats, power boats, kayakers, and jet skis. Many of our boats are low to the water as the crew sits, so even though we are very visible, our vision is often obscured. Also, while we can see you, we may not see that you are towing a tube or skier and we turn slowly once we do see the tow line. We don't have motors, so we can't hear you. Please holler if you see a potential issue developing. We yell at each other all the time. Mostly nicely.

So that is a very basic overview of what we are doing every Sunday and Wednesday. If you are out on the lake and want to watch, the best way to do it without becoming an obstacle is to look for the marks that make up the course. A great vantage point is a few hundred feet from a mark outside the triangle that makes up the course. This way you get to see the exciting mark roundings without becoming an obstacle for the skippers. We respectfully request you give a starting line plenty of room. Skippers have a lot to look out for and a boat in middle of a start quickly becomes a safety issue. If you want to see a start up close, contact us and we can make arrangements to get you out on a committee boat or possibly even a sailboat.

See you on the water!



Woofs for Warriors

Address: PO Box 2466, Glens Falls, NY 12801

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The Woofs for Warriors program is a special project started by the Mountains to Miracles

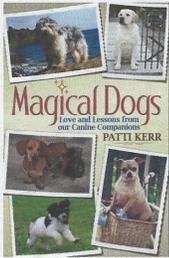
Veterans Foundation (MMVF) to help veterans cope with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and similar conditions. Although canines have been companions to humans since before recorded history, only recently have the therapeutic benefits of the relationship between dogs and humans have been studied. Service dogs have been trained to help many people with disabilities. They are even actively used in the military and law enforcement. Our goal is to match veterans with suitable shelter dogs and to provide assistance with the care of the dog so that the pair can have a successful relationship.

What a wonderful way to help our veterans. For more information, visit their web site at: <http://www.saratogadoglovers.com/business/woofs-for-warriors/>

And mark your calendar for the event below to help raise funds for Woofs for Warriors.

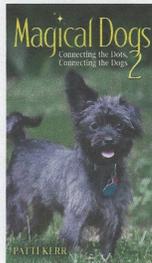


NORTH COUNTRY WELCOMES AUTHOR PATTI KERR



Come meet Patti Kerr and learn about her journey as an author and animal advocate. Grab a signed copy of her book(s) for yourself or your favorite dog lover!*

Patti never got her first dog until she was 47 years old. She credits the fact that she now spends her time, energy, and money writing about dogs to one thing: The Magic of Dogs.



Her books bring you on a journey through stories of dogs who impacted the lives of people—as well as people and rescues who are impacting the lives of dogs.

A portion of all book sales at this event will be donated to Woofs for Warriors



**Saturday, September 8
2:00 to 4:00 pm**

**North Country Paws for Obedience
1638 Route 9 South
Glens Falls, NY 08876**

**If you can't attend, you can still get signed copies of her books. Ask us how!*

Never forget 9/11

This wonderful piece came into our hands and we would like to share it with you. In the 11 years since the World Trade Center tragedy, not much was made of the Boat-lift of 9/11. The fact is, the boat-life was done in 9 hours and in that time 500,000 people were rescued. The video below is well worth watching and we hope you will watch it in its entirety.

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In the Kitchen with Donna Bove



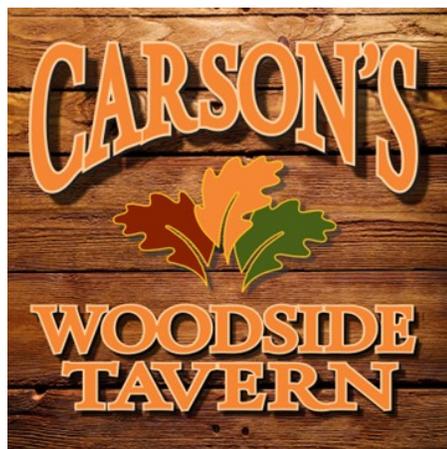
Sweet and Sour Carrots

Ingredients

- 1 lb package baby carrots, halved
- 1/4 c red wine or cider vinegar
- 1/4 c brown sugar
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley or dried

Directions

Cook carrots in lightly salted boiling water for 7-9 minutes or just until tender.....drain well. Add vinegar, brown sugar and butter. Cook and stir until well coated. Sprinkle with parsley.



Saturday July 21st - PJ Ferguson Duo
 Thursday July 26th - Steve Candlen
 Friday - July 27th - Dos Amigos
 Saturday July 28th - John Stack
 Thursday August 2nd - John Eisenhart
 Friday August 3rd - The Tick Brothers
 Saturday August 4th - The Heaters
 Thursday August 9th - Nate
 Friday August 10th - Steve Candlen
 Saturday August 11th - PJ Ferguson Duo
 Sunday August 12th - Dave Porter & John Eisenhart
 (5 to 8 p.m.)

Town of Saratoga

July 16, 2018

Thomas N. Wood, III Supervisor

Both the July Agenda and Regular Town Board meetings were busy with a great deal of input from town residents.

At the suggestion of a County Supreme Court Judge we invited the three current junk yard permit holders and the immediate neighbors of those junk yards to sit down and identify specific concerns and see if there were conditions to which all parties could agree. The discussion covered many issues and at this time no agreements were made. The town will continue to pursue this issue.

Another topic on which there was significant discussion was a possible amendment to the town zoning ordinance adding a new special use permit option for an Event Venue. Town attorney Bill Reynolds had researched the topic and learned that several towns have this special use permit option in their ordinance. The town board wants to proceed cautiously and will take our time involving the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Residents and the Town Board. Initially the Town Attorney after reviewing other town existing regulations will prepare a possible draft version for the Town of Saratoga which will then be carefully reviewed and modified as needed by all parties. This process will probably take three months.

At the regular resolutions were passed allowing the town to enter new agreements with Saratoga PLAN for the conservation easement administration and monitoring for the 117 acres of the Hanahan Farm.

The town summer swimming program is off to a good start with 35 students participating.

A new lease agreement with tenant Trevor Coulter was approved and authorization to enter into a contract with the LA Group for the planning and administration Sword Surrender March Trail south Trailhead Grant from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant was approved.

The next agenda meeting of the town board will be on August 9th and the next regular town board meeting will be on August 13th. Both meetings will start at 7:00 pm

Plans for Lake Local

Saratoga Today

By Marissa Gonzalez

June 5, 2018

(unfortunately the rendering is not sufficiently large to be able to read the specific property details, but you can get an idea of the layout)

At the Saratoga Springs Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting on June 25, Lake Local at 550 Union Ave. sought proposed demolition, construction and expansion of the restaurant, construction of 10-room bed and breakfast, 25-room inn, conversion of existing detached garage to an inn building, maintenance and expansion of the board shop and associated site work including maintenance and expansion of the parking area. The new proposed restaurant will seat 298.

To these proposals, the ZBA decided there are no significant countywide or inter-community impact.

The submitting applicant is 550 LLC., John Haynes located at 142 Grand Ave. in Saratoga Springs. Phinney Design Group, is at this location. The architectural design group has worked on Saratoga National Golf Club, the Yaddo Studios, various locations across the Saratoga Race Course, the Infomrz Marketing office as well as the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz.

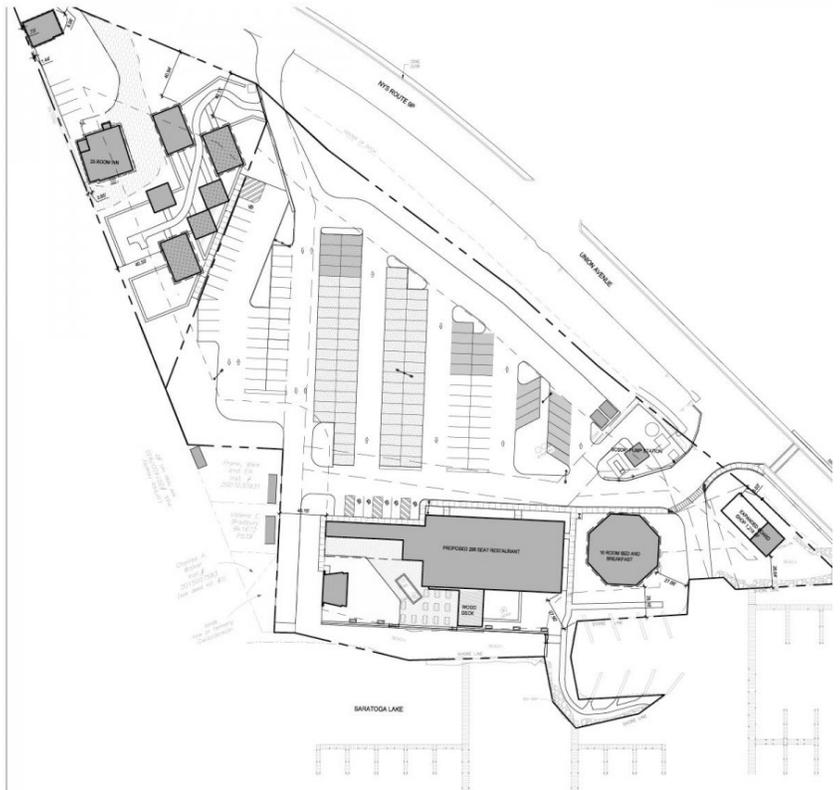
In a letter to the ZBA from a concerned homeowner that also lives on Union Ave. and attended the meeting said, “Your department failed to notify me via mail in an appropriate amount of time to respond for use variance within 250 feet of the Lake Local Application. For that matter, probably more need to be notified as well that fall in the required 250-foot distance. And according to your rules, if certificates of mailing are not presented prior to the hearing, the hearing will be canceled.”

The homeowner’s concerns also regard “ongoing speeding issues” on Union Avenue and County Route 9P and the impact of safety of the area, noise issues from a proposed small amphitheater, the impact of soil removal for existing structures and erosion. According to the homeowner, the overall density of the entire project is of note as well.

More proposed plans will be considered by the ZBA at a later date upon referral from the city planning board for Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review.

On April 29, Lake Local, a widely known lakeside restaurant, extremely popular in the summer known for its pub-fare and lake views suffered from a reported electrical fire and was unable to repair the damages. In a Facebook status the restaurant shared: “We are saddened to announce that the damage to the building was severe and we are unsure when we will be able to reopen at this time. We will keep everyone posted as we get more details but we are working hard to get up and running as soon as we can.”

Shortly after the fire, Lake Local held a fundraiser to raise money for staff that had lost their jobs due the fire.





A beautiful evening for a boat ride. John Pamper snapped this photo while boating near Manning Cove.

St. Isaac Jogues Chapel on the Lake

I have been attending St. Isaac Jogues for my entire life during the summer months. It seems that each year it gets more crowded with worshippers who enjoy its lakeside ambience, and that is very gratifying. If you haven't visited on a Sunday morning, please do so. You will be most welcome.—S



Ronald McDonald House Charities

Don't forget to save your pull tabs for this great cause. One hundred percent of monies raised is put into the direct operations of their local charity and they make a great impact on services for critically ill children and their families during times of crises.

Please contact Maria Mahar at 5180-587-0310. She will arrange to pick up your pull tabs.



The Ladies of the Lake met for lunch recently at the National Golf Club and enjoyed a wonderful lunch, great service and many laughs. Many thanks to Patti Salvatore for scheduling our regular get-togethers.

Operation Dry Water is Under Way to help keep boater's safe

July 01, 2018 11:46 PM

From Channel 10 News on Line

"It gets pretty crazy especially if you're going to Sand island or something like that, you could see 50 or 60 boats out there, you've got to worry about your boat" said Steve Woodard of Saratoga Springs.

New York state park police say as the heat wave continues going into a holiday week they are increasing patrols as part of operation dry water. They say they hope boaters know they're here to help anyone on the water. You can't just get a tow truck out on the lake; we kind of help out, it's just us and the sheriffs office out here" said Officer Ryan Cady of the NYS Park Police.

In 2017 there were more than 80 incidents on the water and they say many of them had to do with two common factors. The most common issue out here is reckless operator or speed, pwc, boaters, and when we see that it usually pairs with alcohol" said Sgt. Frank McGarity of the NYS Park Police.

Some boaters we spoke to on Saratoga lake say they are happy to see the patrol on the water.

"Its a little bit different from when you see patrol in the streets. They're pretty cool out there, they're not looking to get anyone, they're just looking to make sure that everybody is calm and going smoothly" said Woodard.

NYS Park Police say a few simple things can help keep you safe when you are on a boat:

"State law requires children under the age of 12 to wear a personal flotation device while their on the water craft, complete a boater safety course, properly equip a vessel" said Sgt. McGarity.

Authorities say it's also important to remember that it is illegal in New York state to operate a vessel with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher. They say you should always designate a sober driver. Many boaters say following the tips is well worth the reward of being on the water.

"It's amazing, it's hard to describe it, if there's a bad day or anything, just going on the lake it takes any and makes it perfect" said Woodard.



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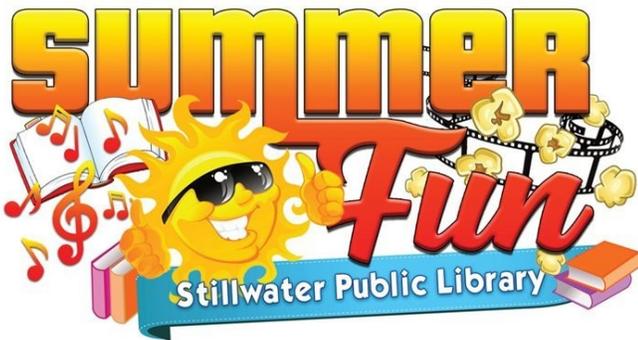
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Calling all authors, illustrators, photographers, poets, and artists of all sorts in 6th -12th grade. Add to the first library book made by all of us: Starting Off Small
 Drop-in for any or all:
 Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Teen Loft from 3:00 - 4:30

Library Community Picnic

Join us at the park near Saratoga lake for a submarine and salad picnic! Visit with other local volunteers and play on the Pirate's playground!
 Dinner will be ready if you sign up ahead of time.

Stillwater Glen Hollow Park
Monday, August 6th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Saratoga Springs Summer Concert Series In Congress Park

July 29 Skippy and the Pistons

- hometown band entertaining audiences throughout New England, Skippy and the Pistons offers music for everyone.

August 7 Fenimore Blues

- A seven piece band performing an eclectic mix of blues, rock and R & B.

August 14 Sonny & Perley

- The duo of Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau master a unique blend of Jazz, Bossa Nova, American Songbook Standards, and International Cabaret, which has become their musical signature.

August 21 Garland Nelson

- A high energy and spirited ensemble, performing multi-genre soul music with entertaining command and spontaneous originality.

August 28 Cryin' Out Loud

- During a live performance, this group takes listeners on a musical journey that encompasses the greatest hits of Pop, R & B, Country, Disco, Motown and Classic Rock.

For more information, contact the Saratoga Heritage Area Visitor Center at 518-587-3241, or go to www.saratogaspringsvisitorcenter.com.





Fall Ball Registration is still going on! Registration forms are available at SACC or requesting one via email at this time. We are currently looking to field a team at each of the 10u, 12u, and 14u levels. All levels of play are encouraged to register.

The season will consist of doubleheader games on 4 consecutive Sundays from September-October. 2018-2019 Travel Softball Tryouts will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, August 7th and 9th from 6-8pm at American Legion Fields, 1 American Legion Road, Stillwater. For more information, please email renegadesoftballofstillwater@gmail.com.



We are still accepting Lego League Registrations for the 2018-2019 season. Meetings will start in September and will end in January. Registration forms are available at SACC.

New Summer Hours for Pickleball!

Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm, and Thursday & Saturday mornings from 9-11am. Pickle ball is played in the New Gym. Summer hours are in effect from July 1st-Sept 1st.



Our annual Glow Back to School 5k is set for Friday, September 14th at 7pm. We will also have a Kids Fun Run starting at 6pm. School supply donations are kindly accepted. Donated school supplies will benefit the area school districts. Registration opened on Monday, July 9th.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running! Please be sure to bookmark www.sacc.online to stay up to date* on everything we offer throughout the year!

*We are still in the process of updating pages with full content. We greatly appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Arvin Hart Short Subjects

Tom Rinaldi

Stillwater Fire District/Arvin Hart Fire Co.

Recently in the news there was a kitchen fire that was extinguished by members of the police department, prior to the fire department arriving. This happens often and at times has created the problem due to additional victims, police officers are not trained or equipped to enter a structure where there is an atmosphere that is immediately dangerous to life and health. Both the homeowner and the police officers were lucky, the house suffered relatively minor damage and the police officers were treated and released - this time.

Let's focus on the root cause of the issue, there was kitchen fire where the homeowner picked up the pan and placed it in the sink, it wasn't clear if water was run on the pan, but for the sake of argument I'm going to assume it was judging by the damage that occurred. Kitchen fires are the number one cause of fires in residential occupancies, they occur all too frequently, usually do to the lack of attention. The first thing to do is have someone call 911 and report the fire, only remain inside the structure if it's safe otherwise move outside to make the call assuming you have a cell phone.

If you have time cover the pan, either with a cover as large as or larger than the pan, they don't have to match. Once the burning grease/material is covered it will go out due to lack of oxygen. Another option if it is available is a flame resistant blanket especially designed to smother fires, don't use just any cloth or towel, it will only add to the problem. Naturally if you have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen it's certainly an option, make sure it's an A-B-C or B-C rated extinguisher that contains a dry chemical. Don't wait until you have a fire to first determine what kind of extinguisher you have and don't wait until you have a fire to learn how to use the extinguisher. By just simply covering a pan, the fire will diminish and will avoid injuries to you, your family and those coming to help.



There has also recently been a rash of automobile fires in vehicle powered by different sources. If your car is powered by a lithium battery the hazardous is high voltage shorts which cause heat, which cause fires. What's the best thing to do, put on the parking brake and just leave the vehicle and get away from it. Don't stand in the smoke it will contain burning by-products from the battery and the plastics making up the vehicle. Call the fire department and remain away from the vehicle. The advice remains the same for gas or diesel powered vehicles, the greatest danger is the fumes from the burning material.



Other than in the movies a vehicle fire rarely results in a spectacular explosion but when the tires blow up it will scare the hell out of you. Just get away from the vehicle and hopefully you were able to set the parking brake. Very often during a vehicle fire they lose their brakes and will roll away while they are on fire which makes extinguishment interesting. Boating fires are extremely dangerous when fumes from the fuel have not been exhausted and the fumes flash with explosive force. If you are fueling a boat make sure the fumes being given off by the fuel are well vented.

The use of fire extinguishers on both vehicle and boat fires have minimal effect. With vehicles it's very difficult to get at the base of the fire, what's actually burning to be able to extinguish the fire. An extinguisher might slow it down but you need the fire department in this instance. With a fire on a boat, fire happens so rapidly and there is normally plenty of plastic material to feed on, again difficult to extinguish. The best advice is to summon the fire department and remain at a safe distance.

The examples have been ripped out of recent headlines and fortunately no one has been seriously injured but it only takes a blink of an eye to go bad. Be vigilant, be prepared.

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