Brown's Beach a Public Use Attraction once again!
From Stillwater Supervisor Ed Kinowski

Many articles have been published recently concerning the fate of Browns Beach. Well the suspense is all but over. The official closing took place on September 17th. The prospect of buying this once famed local attraction has not come easily. The Town Board considered many factors; most tied to the support from Global Foundries and their continued development. However, after months of negotiations and some risk on our part, Browns Beach will be revived.

Now comes the hard part-renovation or reinventing! To get ahead of the process, our Town engineer was directed to prepared conceptual plans and drawings. These drawings are on display at the Town Hall. Additionally, we have submitted for grants to help us fund this project. Finally, the Town Board will be holding special meetings, in the coming month, to develop best direction to renovate and operate this new Town Park.

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SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES, so many things happening in our area, so many photo opportunities, so much news. Why not share something special with your neighbors when you see a happening or have news from your area. Submissions to Julie at sinnidi@aol.com.

Places to go, things to do, and information for you!

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First Thursday Mixer Announced
The Anchor Inn- Thursday October 3rd
5:30-7:00
Come join neighbors and friends alike for our First Thursday HALLOWEEN THEMED mixer. Bring a mask or full costume if you feel festive. A light offering of small appetizers will be available along with a few drink specials. We hope you come and consider staying for dinner. Small door prizes will be raffled to anyone in ‘costume’. POOL TABLE AVAILABLE. No RSVP needed. See you there! –The Events Committee

Lost — Found — Vigilance

We are happy to report that some items lost have been found and items found have been reunited with their owners. However, it has become clear that we all need to be good neighbors watching out for each other during the workday, evenings, vacations or any other absence. We need to create an alert neighborhood, promote vigilance and report any suspicious activities.

Remember the good old days when doors were hardly closed to the outside world?
Message from the Malta Town Supervisor
Paul J. Sausville

In the small town of Malta a very big idea is underway. As you know, that big idea is the Luther Forest Technology Campus – a world class nanotechnology campus that promises to link our residents with their aspirations for good local jobs; opportunities for higher education and recreation. The LFTC is a model technology park unlike few in the world.

Fitted in the Campus is the $7 billion semiconductor manufacturing plant of GlobalFoundries, which is scheduled to employ about 2000 workers by the end of the year; a pristine preserve called the 100 Acre Woods; a new ball field complex and 7 miles of bikeways and trails. It provides a complete work experience for the 21st Century employees who want to work for the businesses locating to the Campus.

Rounding out the opportunities for businesses and their employees is the NYSERDA STEP Park and the Tech-Smart Center of Hudson Valley Community College, both located right in the campus complex.

Even more is planned for the future within the Campus and in the community at large; more high-tech businesses creating quality jobs for our children and grandchildren; businesses that contribute financially to our schools and community and more quality of life amenities such as the developing Round Lake Preserve and proposed boat launch on Round Lake. Expect to see a continuation of the transformation of Malta from a bedroom community to a real town with a “sense of place;” a sense of community and a real sense of home.

Please feel free to call our town offices when you need assistance, and call me and your town board members with your ideas for making Malta an even better place to raise a family and call home.
Chloe Salvatore, granddaughter of Art and Patti Salvatore, poses for the camera as she leaps into the lake.

The John Bove family gathered for a family portrait. “The most important things in life to them...Home and Family!”
Top row: Grandson Justin Pugliese, John, Donna (me), and Grandson Michael Bove.

Carl and Karen Mattson and their three sons are transplants from Sacandaga Lake. They recently moved to and love Saratoga Lake and all that the Saratoga Springs area has to offer.

NEWS from THE WELCOME BOAT COMMITTEE of the SARATOGA LAKE ASSOCIATION:
A WARM WELCOME TO THE CARL & KAREN MATTSON FAMILY!
A Welcome Boat Basket was delivered by Julie and Nick Annotto to their new neighbors, Carl & Karen Mattson & sons, of Route 9P.
On behalf of the entire Lake community, a warm welcome to the entire Mattson family!
May living on the lake bring you many, many happy memories!
Malta Job Fair
The Town of Malta invites you to participate in Malta’s First Annual Job Fair!
Thursday, October 17, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Malta Community Center
Malta, NY 12020

Space is available for those looking for an excellent opportunity to connect with potential employees. Call 899-4411 or email dirparksrec@malta-townb.org for more information or a vendor application.

Arts, Crafts, and Gift Fair
Vendor Opportunities
Vendor opportunities are available for the Malta Community Center Arts, Crafts, and Gift Fair which will be on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00am-3:00pm.
Vendors of handmade Arts and Crafts are invited to apply to this juried show. New this year... vendors of non-handmade merchandise will be considered on a juried basis. Booth fees are $50 until August 31st and $60 until the deadline of October 28.
Call the Malta Community Center at 899-4411 for an application or more information.

Stillwater’s Town-Wide Clean-up

The residents in the Town of Stillwater have the opportunity to beautify their properties. The first of two scheduled clean-up opportunities has been scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2013, at the Town Highway Garage on Lansing Road. The transfer station of non-hazardous debris will be collected for a nominal fee from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**Nothing can be left at any other time!!**

**Accepted items:** brush (bundled and nothing larger than 3 inches in diameter); leaves (bagged); white metal (appliances); furniture and other non-hazardous material; lumber.

**Items not accepted:** paint, tar, oil, gas, chemicals or such containers, batteries. **No tires will be accepted!**

Carload: $5
Pick-up: $10
Single-axle dump truck: $20

Residents are required to display proof of residency. Please direct any questions or concerns pertaining to collection items to Stillwater Town Clerk, Sue Cunningham, by telephoning her at 664-6148, ext. 2.
Remediation was needed to remove the fuel spill from the creek and lake. Booms and absorbent pads were used to skim and absorb oil off the surface of the water. All of the emergency responses were immediate and efficient.

What sounded and felt like a huge tree falling in the yard turned out to be an accident. A pick-up truck went off the road into the creek and ended up on its side. A driver and his passenger following in a vehicle behind, stopped and went into the creek to help the man to safety. They also took the time to check for other passengers.

The driver was complaining of pain but walking and talking. The Stillwater Rescue Squad Ambulance transported the driver to get medical attention. Shown in the background of the photo are the two men who rushed into the creek to assist the driver. Then, the truck was wrenched out of the creek and placed on the bed of a tow truck.
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This month is an international campaign designed to increase awareness of breast cancer. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same. Many organized breast cancer charity events are held for awareness and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care. See photo and caption below.

SARATOGA SPRINGS
Pink Bows on Broadway ~ October 2013
To benefit floydwarriors.com, Inc.

Floydwarriors.com, Inc. is a Capital Region organization whose mission is to provide real help in the home for individuals coping with cancer treatments by its all volunteer Army of Help. ‘Pink Bows on Broadway 2013’ is a fundraising campaign that will decorate downtown Saratoga Springs during October’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with beautiful satin bows in honor of Capital Region Heroes who have fought breast cancer or battled alongside a loved one who has. Heroes to be recognized shall include: breast cancer survivors/warriors lost, special doctors, nurses, caregivers and family members also deserving of recognition.

Sponsorships are being sought to show your support of floydwarriors.com in acknowledgement of the incredible need there is to have an Army of Help available for the newly diagnosed when it is needed most, during chemotherapy and radiation. Your name or business logo will be proudly displayed at the bottom of the Hero tribute card on a Pink Bow of your choice. The bow to raise the most funds for floydwarriors.com will be given a special recognition. We hope you are willing to participate and all sponsorships are tax-deductible. For more information on sponsorship, visit floydwarriors.com.

The Catie Hoch Foundation
“Helping Kids Take a Break from Cancer”

The Foundation is dedicated to helping children who have been diagnosed with cancer, and their families, cope with enormous emotional, physical and financial strains.

The Catie Hoch Foundation is holding several events throughout September to bring awareness to pediatric cancer as the foundation continues striving to help kids take a break from cancer.

September 21 – homecoming celebration at Hyatt Place in Malta from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Longfellow’s will cater the event that promises a rousing night of music by the Audiostars. Saratoga Photo Booth will also be on hand along with several live and silent auction items including a signed copy of JK Rowling’s newest novel, Casual Vacancy. Tickets are $75 and space is limited to 200 attendees. Go to www.catiehochfoundation.org to order tickets.

September 25 – 16 Handles in Glenmont, from 4 to 8 p.m. A portion of all proceeds benefit the Catie Hoch Foundation.

September 30 – Best Fitness 911 Central Avenue, Schenectady from 6 a.m.-1 p.m. $5 donation for insanity class at 8 a.m. and $5 for cycling class at 9:30 a.m. Donations gratefully accepted for all workouts.

Here’s a brief summary of the best new features from Apple, continued from intro page:

1. "Control Center" - Simply swipe up on the touch screen and you will immediately be able to adjust your screen brightness, turn on Airplane mode, and turn on your camera’s flash to use it as a flashlight.
2. Apps will now automatically update, eliminating the need to constantly check and manually update your apps.
3. "Swipe to go back" - Simply swipe on your screen to go back to the previous page you were on. This works on some apps, including Safari, Messages and Mail.
4. "FaceTime Audio" - If you don’t like wasting your cell minutes, you can use FaceTime Audio to talk to other iOS/iPhone users for free. It works just like Facetime video, but uses the internet to connect the call instead of the cell network. It works best on wi-fi networks.

Questions? Just ask. I’m best reached by e-mail.

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The Make Your Own Way Girls had a great time at the Sirchia family's annual Fish Fry on the lake! We all won shirts signifying the event!! And of course had to have a picture taken with them on! Julie Wash, Donna Bove, Marion Luce and Pinky Morahan!

The north end of the lake was hit hard with 70 mph winds during the recent storm. Two telephone poles just cracked in the wind. (photo by Maureen Deane)

Left: Neal and Nadine Kramer, with Jim and Mary Stodgell stopped at Tropic Hut for dinner, and were talking to owner John Ambrozak (middle). They were happy to hear that Tropic Hut would be open until December this year.

Takoda Porrazzo is all smiles as she boards her school bus on day #1 of First Grade. She is the daughter of Tonya Trombley and Danny Porrazzo.
Notable News

? bridge jump saratoga lake - YouTube

Join in interview with Saratoga collector and history enthusiast Minnie Clark Bolster.

Fab plan wins last required approval - Times Union

Photos: Tashlich service at Saratoga Lake.

Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce annual business showcase set for Oct. 3.

Coccadott's Cake Shop will make another appearance on the Food Network’s “Cupcake Wars.” The Albany, NY cupcake-maker plans a viewing party Sept. 21 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn at 205 Wolf Road. The show airs on the Food Network at 8 that evening.

It will be the third go-around on the popular baking/no holds-barred show for Coccadott’s co-owners Rachel Coca-Dott and Matthew O’Connor. The pair competed in August 2011 and were eliminated in the first round, and came in second in another appearance in April of this year.

Here is the post that appeared today on Coccadott’s Facebook page: “Rumor has it Cocadotts went back for battle on the Food Network’s Cupcake Wars!!!! We are having a viewing party Sat. 9/21 7pm-9pm at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road. Come and view the premiere with us!! It’s going to be a blast!!! The show has a few twists you can’t miss. To all our kiddos that are WWE fans, the show might have to do with wrestling.” (Note: WWE is an acronym for World Wrestling Entertainment. Sounds like a messy battle in the ring.) (The lake community will be cheering for Rachel and Matthew. Go Coccadott’s!)

News From Saratoga Tackle
Outdoors in the Fall

The season for sharing public lands starts soon. Hunters will start heading out into wooded areas, fields and along ridges where deer might travel. For the dates on when different hunting seasons start go to www.dec.ny.gov. There you can find out exactly when hunting will be occurring and what implement is allowed, for example bows or guns.

There are lots of areas that both hunters and recreationalists will be sharing the land. If you are heading out in the woods to hike, bird watch, or horseback ride you should take some precautions. Even if the land is not shared it is still recommended that you be careful, accidents happen, and while the majority of hunters follow the law it only takes one irresponsible hunter to have things go wrong.

The best way to protect yourself is to be seen! Wear a hunters orange vest. An orange hat is a good idea also. Be especially careful at dawn or dusk when colors such as red and green appear brown. Avoid wearing white, especially mittens or hats. They can resemble a deer’s tail through trees. If you take a pet with you, ensure the animal is wearing a brightly colored vest or kerchief around their neck – again no white.

Being vigilant is important for both the hunter and the recreationalist. Each needs to do their part so both can enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

While trespassing is illegal here is some helpful information on posting your property: http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8371.html. (submitted by Tim and Rose Blodgett)

A rare sight – it’s not too often we get to see a Praying Mantis, so imagine Veronica Aurelio’s surprise when she was in her garden picking tomatoes.
As you get ready for the upcoming fall and winter season, here are some tips from the Department of Transportation

- Boats and docks stored on the right-of-way are considered a hazard and are illegal. Fixed objects present safety issues for vehicles, including snow plows;

- A driveway owner is responsible for maintaining his driveway beginning at the back edge of the shoulder pavement inclusive of removing snow from the end of his driveway; NOTE: the DOT has limited funds for maintaining the roadside, so your attention to your roadside area is needed for visibility and safety.

- Please don’t rake leaves into the roadside ditches and gutters. DOT does not pick these up and they prevent proper drainage of the roadside.

Making Sense of the Fire Service

Taking some excerpts from a recent article I wrote for a fire service publication, the public is often perplexed by the actions of the fire service. Many of today’s homes are built with what is termed light weight construction, such as trusses and built up framing members. This engineered system is used in the construction industry because it saves time and time is money, thus keeping the cost of new construction down. Engineered systems such as trusses use less material, are factory made, and can be installed quicker as a system than individual pieces.

These systems are manufactured and specified so that the building codes are complied with relative to loads such as snow, wind or dead loads which is the weight of the structure itself. While these lightweight systems do a good job of holding the structure up, they don’t do so well holding the structure up when being attacked by fire. Consider the fire/response time line; someone discovers the fire, reports it, the dispatcher obtains information then determines what fire agency is responsible, dispatches the call, the firefighters respond to the station, get the trucks on the road, arrive at the scene and start suppression efforts. The only difference between a volunteer department and a paid department is that they are already at the station being paid to wait for the call.

As you can imagine that timeline can take a few minutes, enough time depending on the volume of fire to denigrate the lightweight building systems to the point of failure, especially if no one discovers the fire right away. This is why we have firefighters both paid and volunteer injured by entering a structure where the floor has already collapsed. Firefighters are less inclined to vent peaked roofs due to the lightweight trusses holding them up — now add the additional weight of solar panels.

Now the industry is using lightweight stairs constructed of chipped wood and lightweight metal plates. Add to the mix that most of our interior finishes these days are made from plastic materials whose main component is oil. In the end we have homes burning faster and hotter with lightweight structural members as compared to buildings built 40 years ago.

How do we change the outcome? Residential sprinklers which cost less than $2.00 per square foot in new construction, often less than the granite countertop upgrade. A single sprinkler head will control a fire in a residential occupancy until the fire department can arrive to finish the work and clean up. (submitted by Tom Rinaldi, Commissioner, Stillwater Fire District)
A Drive to Saratoga Lake
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Travel books from the early 1800’s noted that a visit to Saratoga Springs was not complete without a drive to the lake. Lake Avenue was the main route to Saratoga Lake up until the 1860’s. In 1865, a private group, the Union Avenue Association, formed in order to lay an avenue from the village to Saratoga Lake. Philip S. Wakeley described Union Avenue in the 1870’s in his book, Saratoga in a Nutshell, as the widest thoroughfare in the village and the principal route to the lake. This magnificent boulevard, one hundred feet wide, commenced at Circular Street, passed many beautiful residences on the direct route to the Saratoga Racing Association’s grounds, then continued on to Saratoga Lake. The entire distance was shaded by magnificent trees on either side of the avenue.

“After arriving at the Lake, Moon’s Hotel, made famous by his Saratoga Chips, is the principal stopping place, and it is seldom that there are not from twenty-five to fifty handsome carriages assembled there about four o’clock each afternoon while the parties enjoy the charming scenery from that point or take a sail upon that celebrated sheet of water.”

After crossing the lake to the east side, a drive down the lake brings one to Cedar Bluff Hotel, a delightful spot kept by Mrs. McIlwain. Continuing on down the lake we arrive at the White Sulphur Spring Park and Hotel. It was built and the grounds laid out by John P. Conkling of Saratoga Springs. A spring of clear sulphur water is there. The hotel was under the efficient management of Thomas C. Luther, a veteran hotel man. From this point the drive can be continued around the south end of the lake and up the west shore to Riley’s, another celebrated hostelry, and from there back to town by way of Nelson Avenue.

*Postcard from City Historian’s Archive.
Warm Greetings to Everyone!
Once again the summer has flown by and it does not seem possible that September has arrived. We have conducted our first budget workshop and are off to a great start. The state Comptrollers Office has established 1.66% as the maximum amount that municipalities may increase the tax levy. We are scrutinizing our budget looking for every possible area where expenses can be reduced. Our goal is to have no tax increase in the town. Minutes of all town board, planning board, and zoning board of appeals meetings as well as town newsletters and town calendars are on the town webpage at www.townofsaratoga.com.

Sale of the Old Town Hall
In early August the Town signed a contract with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for the sale of the old town hall located at 30 Ferry Street. The process has taken a long time but the end results will be well worth the time it has taken. The Historic Hudson-Hoosic Partnership will be constructing a new regional gateway visitor’s center which will promote the businesses and historic assets in the area thus stimulating economic development. The new facility will be a post and beam structure patterned after Schuyler House #2 (the original Schuyler House #2 was burned by the British during their retreat following the Battles of Saratoga). To make room for the new building, the state is paying for the current building to be demolished and the site to be cleaned up. The property is being sold for $115,000.

Vet Center to locate in the Town Hall
The Town of Saratoga is finalizing plans with the Vet Center to provide space for combat veterans and their families to receive counseling. We are in the preliminary stages at this time but plans call for the services to begin in January.

Flu Shot Sign Up
Flu Shots will be offered in the Town Hall on Monday, October 7th from 9:00 to 10:00 am. Cost is $35.00 Some insurances can be billed directly. Call 695-3644 X311 to sign up for a Flu Shot.

News From the Assessor’s Office
The Assessor continues to enter sales and review property information on the Town’s assessment roll in preparation for 2014. NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance has initiated a project to re-certify property owner’s residency for those receiving the BASIC STAR Exemption. Information will be mailed in early September explaining the process to do this. All property owners receiving the BASIC STAR exemption are required to respond to this communication by December. If you need assistance with this procedure, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Seniors ENHANCED STAR recipients will have no change to their procedure of reapplication yearly. Anyone with questions regarding this initiative by the NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance may contact the Assessor. The Assessor’s Office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Assessor is in the office those days or it is possible to arrange an appointment that is mutually agreeable. The telephone number for the Assessor’s Office is 695-3644, ext 312 (for the assessor).

Demolition of old Town Highway Garage
Last year the town began the process of having the asbestos removed from the old Town Garage located on New York State Route 32 South of Victory. After the project was underway, additional asbestos was discovered and the project came to a stop. Since then, more asbestos testing was done and the project was rebid. A new bid has been selected and the final asbestos removal and building demolition should begin in the next couple of weeks.

Dog Control Officer Information
Recently there have been a number of dog related incidents in the Town. If you have a dog related problem, call Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer, at 587-0792 or 793-5485. If he is not available, contact the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department or the Saratoga County Animal Shelter.

9-1-1 Information Verification
Town residents can now call 884-4769 to verify that the 9-1-1 information in the County Emergency Service Computer System is correct. Everyone is encouraged to call to be sure that the information is correct.

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