



Time to travel to warmer climes!

Shore Lines

The Saratoga Lake Association

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Harvesting the News

Note from the President

Your SLA Board of Directors met on September 28. Among several issues discussed, was the question of whether political candidates were interested in taking over Saratoga Lake as a city of Saratoga Springs water supply. As discussed in the previous Shore Lines, this is an issue which could possibly be exacerbated by a change to a city-manager form of government.

SLA decided to send letters to candidates to get the candidates' views on the possible use of the lake as a drinking water reservoir for the city. The board also plans to use any meet-the-candidate-nights as a forum to get such answers. Letters to candidates have been sent, and thus far we have received one reply. Saratoga Springs Mayoral Candidate Meg Kelly's organization wrote, "... I do not and would not support an initiative to make Saratoga Lake a source for drinking water.... The Lake should be protected and only used for recreational and scenic purposes."

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We Hear You! Let us share your news, information, events, photos, concerns, fish and travel tales, plans, celebrations, observations etc. with the lake community. Submissions to Julie at sinnidi@aol.com by noon on October 26.

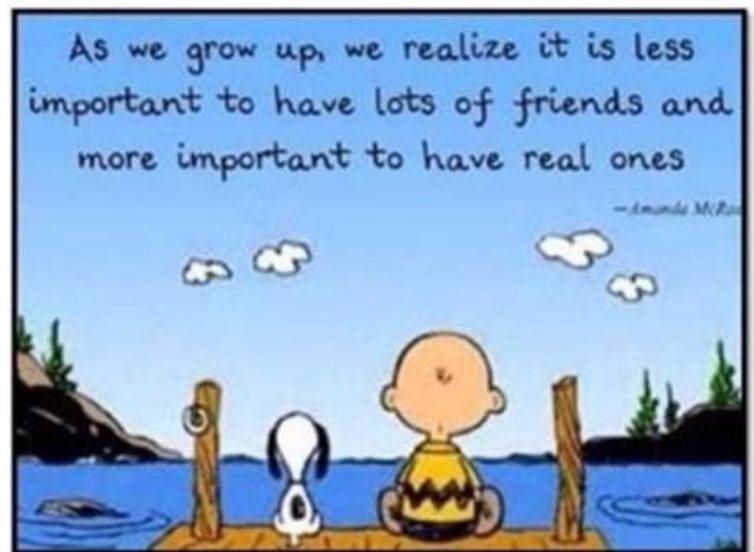
Annual Holiday Party Scheduled

Friday, December 8th
See page 3 for details

2018 Membership Forms

Membership forms are in the process of being mailed out by the end of the month. If you do not receive one, please let me know, and I will mail one to you. Please note that if you have already paid for 2018, you will not be receiving a form, unless you have a business. If you know of any of your neighbors who would like to join, please send me their information, and I will have a form mailed to them.

Judith Banks
Membership Chair
Judithsl9@yahoo.com



President, continued

The quality of life around the lake is a unique feature, and I will continue to ensure its environmental protection." SLA will continue to take actions to ensure the continuation of recreation and boating on Saratoga Lake, as an important part of our mission.

The board also decided to repeat the Bob Eastman photo contest which was started in 2017. Previous entries will not be eligible; so, we encourage you to get out there and take some more great new photos. Contest rules will be published in Shore Lines when they become available.

Online event registration has been implemented and has worked well. Now the board is making plans for developing and running a trial of online membership registration. I estimate this might be fully implemented for next year's membership drive, in late 2018. Thanks to Board Member and Treasurer Alex Rusate for his work in automation of our several activities.

Our membership is up to 657 voting members heading into another membership renewal cycle. Thanks to Board Member and Membership Chair Judith Banks for her huge effort in executing our membership drive and growing our membership.

Tom Bonds

'Tis the Season

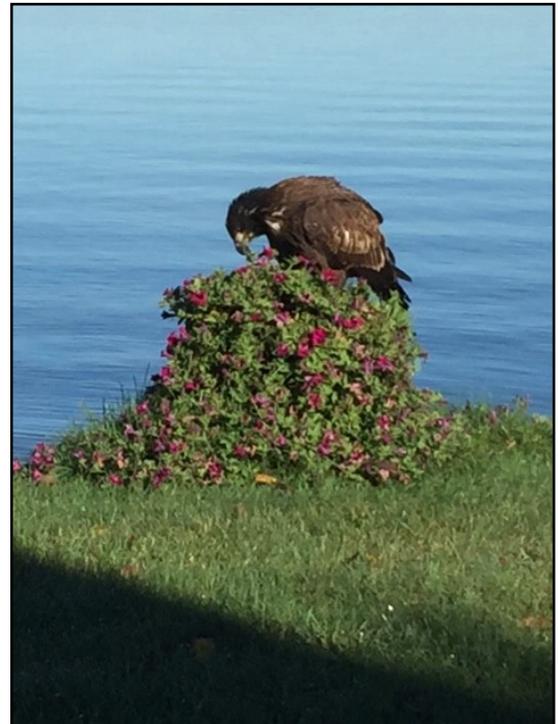
Docks are coming out (a little late because of the beautiful fall weather), along with toys, floatables, and summer furniture. Once again, we urge you to make sure these items are far enough from the water to avoid being carried away by spring high waters and far enough away from the highway to avoid being caught by plows.

It's also time for our neighbors and friends to exit the north for warmer climes – our snowbirds! Be a good neighbor and keep watch in your neighborhood. If you see anything out of the ordinary, call the sheriff's office or state police.

A thin blue jacket was found at one of the tables at the Annual Picnic at Carson's. If it is yours, please let Julie or Sharon know.



Here's a great shot of one of our newest residents, a young eaglet. On the left he is almost posing as a noble American icon. On the right, he is delicately consuming flowers. We are so fortunate to see these beautiful birds multiply in our backyard. Photos by Julie Annotto.



SLA Annual Holiday Party at Vapor Lounge Friday, December 8th—7 p.m. to midnight

Tis' the season to celebrate with SLA at the Saratoga Gaming and Raceway's Vapor Lounge.

Our VIP guests will have exclusive access to the upstairs fireplace lounge to mingle and enjoy a spread of hot & cold hors d'oeuvres from 7-9 p.m.

Live music by the Audio Stars will follow so be sure to bring your dancing shoes ! Festive holiday attire encouraged –

The Ugliest Sweater gets a prize!

To make this last event of the year EXTRA special, we are extending the VIP invitation to not only SLA members, but our Members' Invited Guests, all at the Member rate!

Take this opportunity to introduce your friends and neighbors to our wonderful Association.

RSVPs are very much appreciated & need to be in by Black Friday – November 24th. All who reserve by this deadline will receive a \$10 gaming voucher at the door.

Members and their Invited Guests: \$30 Per Person and
Non- Members: \$35 Per Person

Please send payment by check to SLA,
c/o Dianne Fedoronko, PO Box 2152, Ballston Spa, NY, 12020.

Please make sure your check is made out to SLA.

Or – Pay online to EVENTBRITE at this link:

Facebook page or SLA page:

<http://saratogalake.org/sla-community/sla-events> or

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/saratoga-lake-association-14448240642>

Door prizes are Welcome ! - If you would like to donate a product or service, please contact

SLA Holiday Party Chair Lisa Morahan at lmorahan@nycap.rr.com

Thank you for making 2017 such a wonderful year for the Saratoga Lake Association.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Holiday Party !

The Events Committee





Lake health is a concept that is important to anyone who lives on or near a body of water. The health of a lake includes a range of biological, physical, and aesthetic parameters. It also includes considerations in management, policy, and financial values. And while there are government regulations in place to help maintain order on any aquatic ecosystem, it is also the responsibility of a property owner to maintain the integrity of their shared resource, specifically through preventing and reporting any activity that would disrupt the ecosystem or biodiversity.

A lake ecosystem encompasses a variety of biological communities that interact with their environment and other organisms. In a healthy lake, these interactions can form what is known as ecosystem services. Ecosystem services provide many benefits to an aquatic environment such as regulating oxygen levels or temperature. The balanced coupling of production and decomposition is essential for the equilibrium of a lake. Therefore, these ecosystem services are a good way to measure lake health.

External inputs, such as dumping waste or over fertilizing one's property, can severely harm the biodiversity of a lake. Excess nutrients can cause decreased light penetration due to eutrophication and kill much of the life that relies so heavily on the sun for food. This can not only harm the biodiversity of a lake, but also the economic and social value of anyone's home that is also on the lake.

Management based on scientific findings will help to preserve a lake ecosystem's stability and integrity. Goals of the management should consider the needs of the present as well as the needs of the future in terms of preserving biodiversity and natural resources. It should also build on the principle that it is also up to all residents of a lake community to help protect all aspects of their shared ecosystem. If a citizen were to see anyone doing obvious harm to either any animals living on the lake or to the lake itself, it is important to contact a conservation authority immediately. For an area such as Saratoga Lake, law enforcement from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation can be reached at (518) 357-2047.

(submitted by Cristina Connolly, SLPID Commissioner)

In Remembrance

Long-time Stillwater resident, Ken Petronis, passed away on October 9th. Everyone who knew Ken will remember his ready smile and friendly demeanor. You never saw him out without his wife of 62 years, Rose, and you can be sure he will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Our deepest condolences go to Rose, their seven children, fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren in the loss of this warm and generous man.

Ken served the Town of Stillwater in many capacities over a period of 45 years and lastly as a member of the Town Board. He loved Saratoga Lake and was a great friend to the lake community.

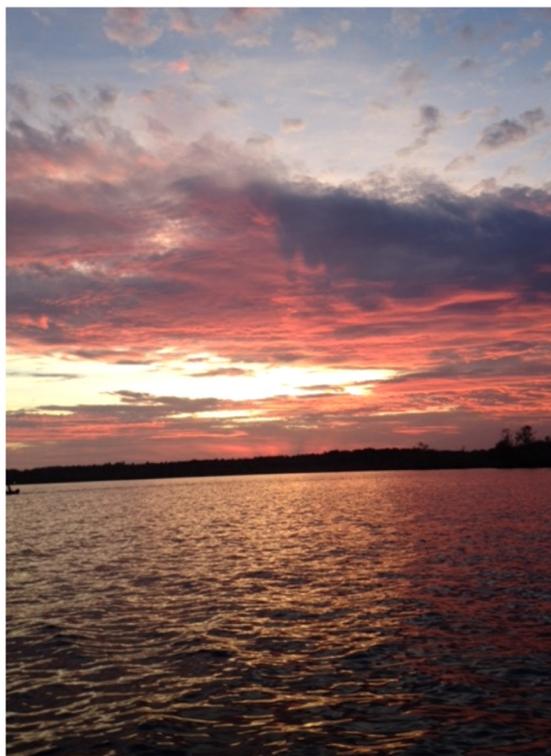


Photo by John Pamper

Real Estate News

Potential Buyers of Saratoga lakefront homes have a range of options and prices available. There are eleven ACTIVE listings with an average asking price of \$ 825,190 and a medium asking price of \$779,900. Many of the current listings have been on the market during the summer selling season and have recently taken price “adjustments” downward in hopes of generating purchase offers as we move through the fall. Levels still appear to be relatively high relative to the limited sales transactions..

Below are examples of property listings in the Saratoga Lake area that include SOLDS (over the last two months), PENDING (none), and ACTIVE listings. For defining and looking at our market, I have considered “Existing” homes surrounding Saratoga Lake that have Lakefront, a Water View and or Water/Dock Rights as reported in the Capital District Multiple Listing Service (MLS) as of 10/10/17.

Saratoga Lake Activity*				
<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>BRs</u>	<u>BAs</u>
ACTIVE	1191 RT 9P	\$ 406,900	2	1.0
	8 Riley Cove RD	429,900	3	1.1
	195 RT 9P	474,995	4	2.0
	40 Stony Point RD	549,900	4	1.0
	1 Kozy LN	568,500	3	2.0
	104 Riley Cove RD	779,900	4	2.0
	78 Riley Cove RD	825,000	4	3.1
	6 East Cove RD	999,000	5	3.2
	1174 RT 9P	1,149,000	7	4.0
	150-151 Franklin Beach RD	1,299,000	5	4.1
	648 Crescent AVE	1,595,000	3	2.1
PENDING	NONE REPORTED			
SOLD	11 Collamer RD	270,000	4	2.1
	6A Make Your Own Way	375,900	3	2.1

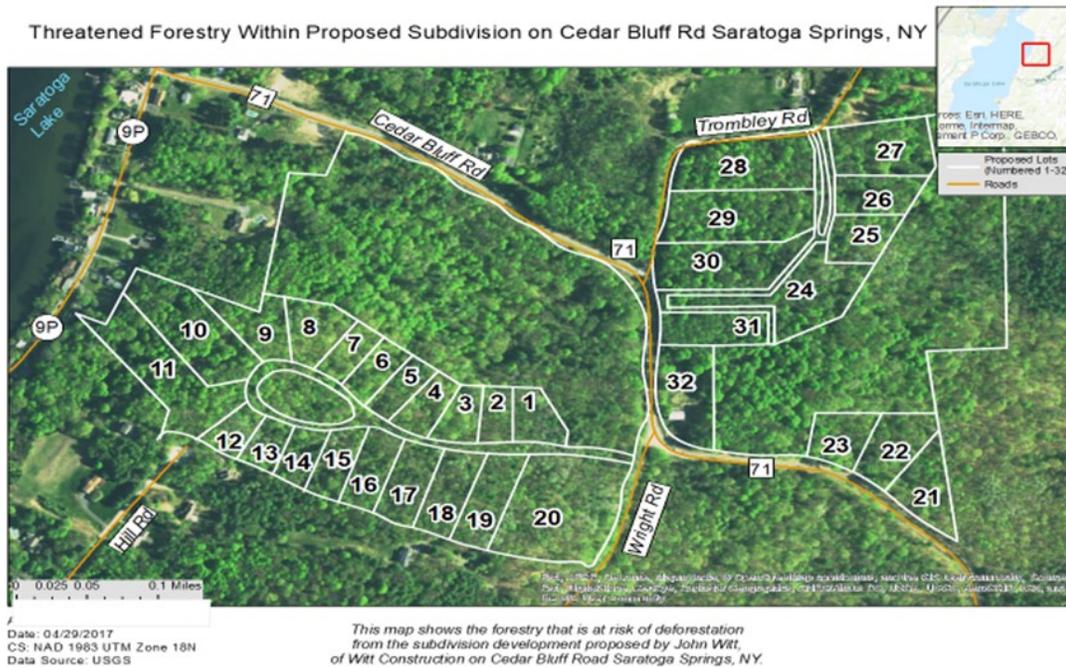
*The information in this report was gathered from third party sources including the seller and public records. CRMLS and its subscribers deny all representations or warranties as to the accuracy of this information.

It's interesting to note that the reported two sales transactions over the last two months were at the lower end of the current overall market. The average and medium price was only \$339,400 which is below the asking price of the lowest of any of the current ACTIVE listings. The absence of any current PENDINGs might suggest that the potential buyers of higher-end properties lack the current motivation to commit now. Even with the referenced price “adjustments” the current asking price levels could still be viewed as being too high.

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PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP HELD FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION



On October 10th the Town of Saratoga Planning Board conducted a workshop for the proposed Witt Construction major subdivision at 142 Cedar Bluff Road. The workshop marks the applicant's ninth appearance before the Planning Board. About 35 town residents were in attendance. The purpose of the workshop was to update the Planning Board on this project which had been the subject of numerous exchanges between the town engineer and the developer on several technical details since the applicant's last appearance before the board on March 22nd.

Elizabeth Coreno, attorney for Witt Construction, presented the update to the Board. The subdivision will be in accordance with the provisions of the Town's Conservation Subdivision Development regulations. The site consists of 111.6 acres and will contain 32 homes as illustrated above. The building lots will constitute approximately 58 acres with the remainder as 54 acres of Open Space, including a parcel of new agricultural land.

One of the major concerns repeatedly expressed by the community is the amount of clear cutting of forested areas to create lake views as well as the proposed clear cutting of an entire area of approximately 18 acres to create a "farm" behind the existing home at lot 32. Attorney Coreno made several references to the Town's "Right to Farm Law" to suggest that the creation of the alleged farm is authorized under this law. Unfortunately, an essential ingredient for that justification is a legitimate farmer.

The Right to Farm law provides as follows: "Farmers, as well as those employed, retained, or otherwise authorized to act on behalf of farmers, may engage in farming practices within the Town of Saratoga at any and all such times and all such locations as are reasonably necessary to conduct the business of farming..." Trouble is there's no farmer in this proposal. The developer simply wants to clear cut the forest first to create open, instead of forested views because the developer believes open views sell lots. If a bone fide "farmer" subsequently appears on the scene, terrific. If not, the lots with open space views will already be sold; the forest will be gone and the community will be left with nature's junkyard. This is simply neither a sustainable nor practical proposal and should be removed from further consideration.

At previous meetings with the developer, the Board had repeatedly requested a lot clearing plan to determine how much timber removal is planned for the entire project, particularly above the steep slopes that flow toward Saratoga Lake. Yet the presentation discussion on timber removal details was limited to only four lots, 9, 10, 11 and the "farm" on 32. On lots 9-11, the developer proposes a limit on clearing to 30% of the trees with a diameter greater than 10 to 12 inches. All other trees on those three lots could be completely removed.

While a simple lot clearing sketch was presented for the remaining lots, no physical trees are expected to be labeled for removal or preservation until after final subdivision approval is granted and individual building permits are to be filed. Unfortunately, that stage of the process takes the subject out from public scrutiny as building permits are filed with and approved by the Code Enforcement Officer without any requirements for a public hearing. If the project proceeds on that basis, the community will only learn how much clearing was done to create lake views after the trees are gone.

Several other issues were briefly addressed including storm water run-off, sewers, archeological significance and well water capacity. No doubt these items are expected to be addressed in greater detail in future sessions with the Board as the project approaches the preliminary approval stage.

The subdivision is expected to be on the Planning Board agenda at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 25th. Stay tuned.

Stillwater Needs Improvements to Achieve Open Government

In recent months the Saratoga Lake community has clearly voiced their concerns over the ever increasing development pressure, traffic problems, and the road condition of Rt 9P. Stillwater Town Supervisor Kinowski has stated that he welcomes public input on all issues coming before the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. I take him at his word relative to this. However, for the public to consistently remain engaged they need to know what is on a meeting agenda at least a day or two before the meeting. Currently this is not available. Residents also need to know who has been selected to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, the Route 9P subcommittee and dates when these committees will meet.

The NY Open Meetings law provides clear guidance that meetings shall be open to the public and notice provided describing where and when all public meetings will take place. However, it is essentially silent on any formal requirement relative to providing the meeting agenda before the actual meeting itself. This leaves the public in the dark and unable to determine if an item of interest will actually be discussed during a meeting. Essentially, without an agenda, residents can't make an informed decision if they want to attend a meeting or not. The adjoining states of Vermont and New Jersey require, by law, that agendas be posted a minimum of 48 hours before all regular meetings. This seems more deserving of being called an Open Meetings Law.

The reason that advance notice of a meeting's agenda is needed arises from the concern that some Town Boards and their respective Planning and Zoning Boards can use this lack of an agenda notice requirement to the disadvantage of the communities they serve. An example of such a case is illustrated as follows: A Town Board introduces a controversial change in the zoning law to allow for high density developments in a previously zoned area allowing only single family homes. The community attends the meeting and issues an outcry of opposition. The Board tables the matter and defers the vote to avoid further alienation of the residents. At a subsequent meeting, with little public attendance because of no prior notice of the agenda, the Board revives the measure and votes to pass it.

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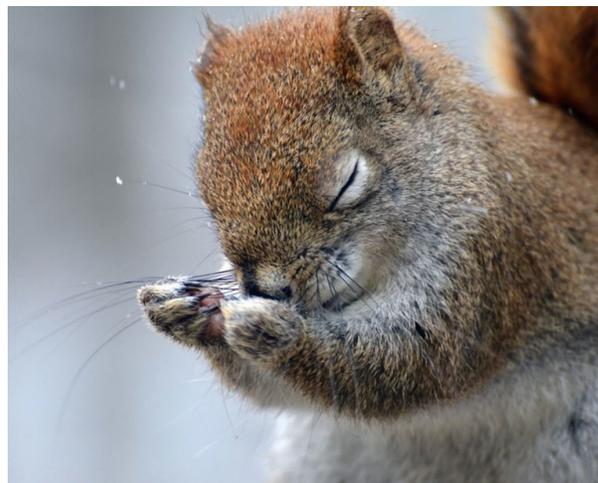
The practice described above happens more frequently than many people realize and it disenfranchises residents of a voice on the matter in question. I hope that regardless of the letter of the NY Law the Town will find a way to communicate to Town residents an agenda for all meetings a minimum of 48 hours before a scheduled meeting. Certainly the preferable method of this communication would be via the internet using the "official" Town Website.

Relative to the Comprehensive Plan update committee and Rt 9P Subcommittee, it is known that members chosen to serve on these committees have been formally appointed, but to date I have not seen a member list published. Additionally, no meeting schedule has been made public. Both are needed in order for the public to sit in on these meetings if they wish.

Truly transparent government requires ongoing "timely" communication. In my opinion, Stillwater needs some improvements in this arena.

(submitted by Robert Barsheid)

The views expressed in Shore Lines are not necessarily those of the Saratoga Lake Association, but we welcome comments from all of our members on issues of importance to them.



Think, think!! Where did I bury those nuts?

Saratoga PLAN



SAVE THE DATE!
NOVEMBER 2, 2017
6:30-9 PM

Join Saratoga PLAN and the Gibson Brothers on the Wm. H. Buckley Farm in Ballston Lake for a great evening of bluegrass music, brews, food, and fun company.

With accolades including the International Bluegrass Music Association's Entertainer of the Year; Song of the Year; Songwriter of the Year and Album of the Year—in some cases multiple times—the Gibson Brothers truly need no introduction in the bluegrass world. And what better place to enjoy bluegrass than in a traditional barn on a beautiful and conserved New York farm?

Check out PLAN's Facebook page or website for more details and to make your reservations. Proceeds help to support Saratoga PLAN.

For more information or to pre-register, contact: Michelle at Saratoga PLAN, 518-587-5554.



Poses inspired by the shapes and sounds of nature...
 Lungs filled with the nourishing fresh air of the forest...
 Spirits replenished from roots to branches...

Join yoga instructor Martina Zobel for an energizing and meditative series of "yoga along the trail" at three of Saratoga PLAN's preserves. Martina Zobel is an Advanced Teacher of Therapeutic Yoga. Her depth of knowledge beyond poses allows her to be effective in a creative, gentle and mindful way. She weaves life into yoga and yoga into life. An eternal student herself practicing for over four decades, Martina always seeks to delve beyond for herself and her students. She currently shares her extensive knowledge with classes at the Y and the Namaste Studio, as well as working with individual clients. Her own life is guided by the teaching, "Step into nature every day, and celebrate the bountiful blessings scattered along life's journey."

Two Chances to Connect with Nature:

October 15 - Hennig Preserve

November 19 - Coldbrook Preserve

3-4:30 PM

\$15 per class. Pre-registration required. Class size limited. Suitable for all levels. No mats needed. Attire: sneakers and stretchy or loose clothing. For maps and directions to the preserves click [here](#).

For more information or to pre-register, contact: Dana at Saratoga PLAN
 518-587-5554

[email](#)



Saratoga Sailing Club



*Diehards – This fall has been so beautiful it is hard to believe sailing season officially over. We have one more regatta this weekend then docks out. A few racers are trying to wring every bit of sailing possible out of the season. Even if it means racing in the moonlight.
(submitted by Samantha Butler)*

Town of Saratoga News

October 2017

The Town Board met on Wednesday October 11th. The board briefly discussed the 2018 tentative budget and scheduled budget workshop number 3 for Thursday October 19th at 6:30 pm to do a final review of the budget. The formal budget hearing will be held at the next regular board meeting on November 9th.

The draft Timber Harvesting law was discussed and numerous suggestions were made by board members. A workshop will be held on Tuesday morning November 24th at 10:00 am to continue discussion on the proposed law.

The proposed Junk Yard law was discussed and a few additional suggestions were made. Town Attorney Bill Reynolds will incorporate some of these in the law and a public hearing on this law will be held at the November Town Board Meeting.

The board passed a resolution requesting that the State of New York DOT lower the speed limit on a portion of Route 29 from Homestead Road to Fire lane 7 from 55 MPH to 45 MPH. In addition a new lease agreement with EA Engineering was approved, the Gold Star Parent tax exemption was approved, the Whistle Blower Policy was adopted, and a new contract with BST for Auditing was approved. *(submitted by Town of Saratoga Supervisor Tom Wood)*



Sunrise over Saratoga Lake

Photo by Sue Chatfield

Round-about Malta

Attention VETERANS! There's still time to join us for our annual Veterans Recognition Brunch
Thursday, October 19 10:00am - 12:00pm
Free to all veterans. Guests may attend for \$15.00 per person payable at the door. Please call 518-899-4411 for the location, information and to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: *The Town is looking for volunteers for the Malta Veterans Committee. Join the team to help plan great events like the annual Veterans parade and luncheon, etc. All that's needed is your willingness to help!*

Arts, Crafts & Gift Fair

Saturday, November 4 9am-3pm FREE ADMISSION
Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive
60 vendors! Good Food! Great Fun!

Malta's Spotlighter's Theatre Troupe

POCAHONTAS

Saturday, November 18 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, November 19 2pm

Get your tickets early!

Advanced Tickets: \$10.00/Door Tickets: \$15.00

Call the Malta Community Center for more information - 518-899-4411. Check out the Town's website at www.malta-town.org for all Town Board meetings, the Town Fall/Winter newsletter and the 2018 Tentative Budget. Stay tuned for our updated website coming soon!



What a beautiful couple of weeks it has been, a extended summer for all of us. I hope you are all taking advantage of it.

Oktoberfest menu is here!!! Beers, cocktails, schnitzel, chicken roulade and bratwurst.

Chef Bruce is back up to his tricks again. As one customer called him "A Evil Genius"

How about his new item that will be going on the menu soon. **Peanut Butter and Jelly Belly**, Slow roasted pork belly, served crispy with a peanut sauce and jelly glaze. Totally awesome

We have also added a family takeout menu starting next week. So on those busy days when you don't have time to cook we can do it for you. Family takeout menu will be available Wednesday through Friday only. Our regular menu is available for take out everyday.

Thanks for your patronage

See You At The Station

Chef Scott

Dock Brown's Happenings

Recently, Dock Brown's hosted an antique car show. The show drew many cars and car enthusiasts and the day was sunny and warm!

Remember that Dock Brown's has Brunch Every Sunday from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm.

and

Steak Night every Friday
Reservations required



LINK TO STEAK NIGHT

https://www.facebook.com/events/1511894638904520/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A5%2C%22page_id_source%22%3A301618850015593%2C%22action_history%22%3A%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22main_list%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%22%7B%5C%22page_id%5C%22%3A301618850015593%2C%5C%22tour_id%5C%22%3Anull%7D%22%7D%22%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D

From the New York State Federation of Lake Associations

NY Sea Grant Watercraft Inspection Program Leader
Webinar Starts October 19

Aquatic Invasive Prediction Science, Data App, Logistics,
Legislation on Agenda

Invasive species are increasingly challenging New York water resource managers. New research making it more and more possible to identify waters at risk for future invasion is on the agenda for the new Watercraft Inspection Program **Webinar Series** developed by New York Sea Grant Extension of Cornell University and set to begin October 19.

Watercraft Inspection Data Collection App Pilot Program survey results, noting recent aquatic invasive detections aboard boats launching or leaving NY waters, as collected by six of the more than 20 watercraft inspection programs in New York State will be highlighted in one of the four sessions in the webinar series.

Watercraft-inspection related laws and regulations and small program logistics, including funding opportunities and development from volunteer to paid staff, will also be featured discussions.

New York Sea Grant will facilitate four free-access, hour-long webinars from 10 am to 11 am as follows:

- Thursday, October 19: NYS Watercraft-Related Legislation and Regulations: Catherine McGlynn, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation AIS Coordinator; Matthew Brincka, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Ocean and Great Lakes Educator;
- Thursday, October 26: Small Watercraft Inspection Program Logistics, Funding and Partnerships: Jane Smith: Adirondack Lakes Alliance, Inc. Associate Director; Karen Winters: Black Lake Association former Steward Program Coordinator:
- Thursday, November 2: New Data Collection App Pilot Program: Software, Results, Next Steps: Heidi Krahling: NY Natural Heritage Program iMapInvasives Information Manager; Meg Wilkinson, NY Natural Heritage Program Invasive Species Database Program Coordinator
- Friday, November 10: Predicting Aquatic Invasions in New York State: Richard R. Shaker, Ryerson University, Toronto; GeoEco Design, Syracuse; co-author of Predicting aquatic invasion in Adirondack lakes.

- Webinar participants can choose to participate in any or all of the free-access seminars. Register at <http://ow.ly/ZO7930fuJXw>. For more information, contact SGNewark@cornell.edu.

New York Sea Grant is a cooperative program of Cornell University and the State University of New York, and one of 33 university-based programs under the National Sea Grant College Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For updates on New York Sea Grant Great Lakes and marine district activities, www.nyseagrant.org has RSS, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube links.

MORE INFO:

‘This new webinar series offers watercraft inspection program leaders and those interested in developing a program the opportunity to learn about exciting, recent advances in aquatic invasive science,’ said New York Sea Grant Watercraft Inspection Steward Program Leader Training Brittney Rogers, Newark, NY.

‘Watercraft inspection is an effective mechanism for public education about ecologically harmful aquatic invasive species. The standardizing of data collection by watercraft inspection programs across New York is enhancing the efficiency and efficacy of aquatic invasive species reporting, and encourages citizen stewardship of valuable water resources statewide,’ Rogers added.

This is the second watercraft inspection program development seminar series developed by New York Sea Grant. The 2015 New York Sea Grant Watercraft Inspection Webinar Series is online at www.nyseagrant.org/watercraftinspection.

Empty Stocking Project Begins

The Saratoga County Children’s Committee is a non-profit organization that helps children and families in need in Saratoga County. The Empty Stocking Project provides holiday gifts and necessities to about 900 children and teens each year. Generous people and organizations sponsor a child by purchasing gifts from the child’s “wish list.” If you are willing to sponsor a child please call Kathy Kelly at 399-6629 or leave a voice message at 484-1236. Cash donations are also accepted and may be sent to The Saratoga County Children’s Committee, P.O. Box 1254, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. For more information, go to www.saratogachildrenscouncil.org.



Stillwater Community Center

Youth Basketball Registration is going on NOW! This program is for youth in and around the Greater Stillwater Area. This program is for both girls and boys in 3rd-6th grade. To get registration forms go to www.stillwatercommunitycenter.org.

Join us as we venture into the Wild! Bus departs SACC at 7am and will leave the zoo at 5:30pm. Cost is \$60 per person and includes ticket into the Bronx Zoo and round trip transportation. Call the Main Office to reserve your seat!

This month's Adult Craft Night will be Wednesday, October 18th. Join us as we make Pizza Pan Monsters, Ghosts and Mummies from 7-8pm.

Kids Craft Night will be Tuesday, October 24th from 6-7pm. Send your kids to make a Spooky Haunted Craft.

Teen Craft Night

Wednesday, 10/25 @ 6:30pm

Michele leads you through a fun craft - this month you will be painting a pumpkin! Let us know by 10/24 if you are coming so we have enough pumpkins!

Evening Book Club

Tuesday 10/17 at 7:00 pm

Discussion of A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. "Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window," from the publisher.

Stillwater United Annual Harvest Roast Beef Dinner

The fellowship of Stillwater United Church, 747 Hudson Avenue, is holding its Annual Harvest Roast Beef Dinner on Thursday, October 19th from 5:00-6:30 in the Church's Fellowship Hall.



The dinner consists of family style servings of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter squash, coleslaw, rolls, home-made pie and beverage. Takeout available. Cost: \$12 Adults; \$5 Ages 5-10; Under 5 Free. For advanced tickets contact the church office 664-7984.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door. The historic-designated church is handicap accessible.

Stillwater Library

Stillwater Library's
Ladies Night
Friday, October 27th
5:00pm
community center



Stillwater Fall Festival October 28

Friends and Family Craft

Monday, 10/16 at 6:30 pm

Crafters aged 8 and up are invited to bring a relative and craft! This month Carol will be teaching you how to make a scarecrow using a mason jar. RSVP required for supplies.

Homework Help

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

What better place to get your homework done than in the library?!? Drop-in or make us a part of your routine - healthy snacks provided for motivation.

In the Kitchen with Donna Bove



Balsamic Chicken With Asparagus And Tomatoes

Ingredients

- 1/4 c balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 c olive oil
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- 4-5 chicken breasts, halved into tenders
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb asparagus (I used 2 bunches)
- 2 packs (16 oz) cherry or grape tomatoes, halved

Directions

In a small bowl, whisk together balsamic, 2 tbsp olive oil, honey, garlic, mustard and red pepper flakes til combined and set aside.

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat remaining oil (2 tbsp). Add chicken, season with salt and pepper, sear until golden brown on both sides, about 3 minutes per side. Remove from pan and set aside.

To pan, add asparagus and tomatoes and season with more salt and pepper. If asparagus are big around, saute them about 5 minutes before adding tomatoes. Cook til asparagus is bright green and tomatoes are slightly wilted, 5 minutes or so.

Move veggies to one side, add chicken back in and pour in vinaigrette. Let go, tossing veggies and chicken slightly til chicken is cooked through and vinaigrette is thickened, 5 more minutes.

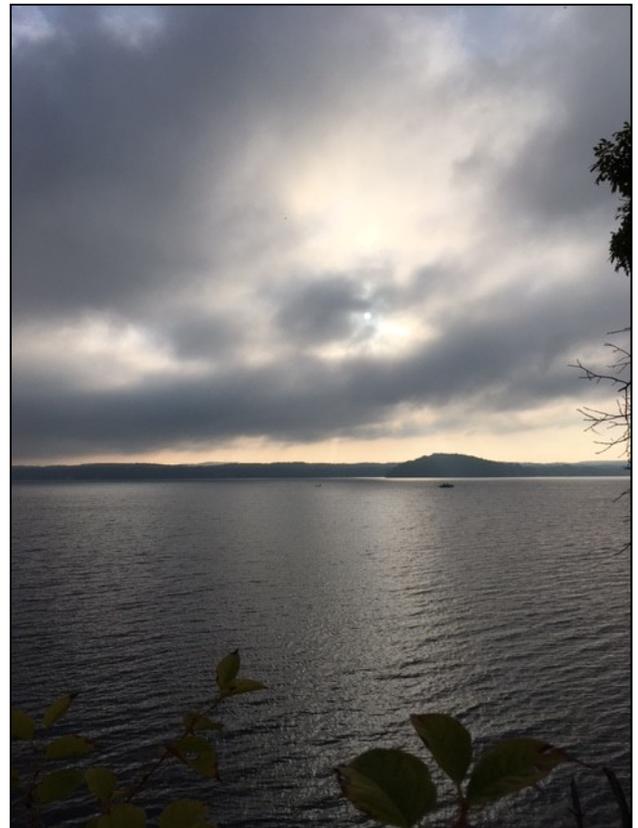
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In the News

Chamber: Saratoga County tourism can't rest on its laurels
<http://www.saratogian.com/general-news/20171006/chamber-saratoga-county-tourism-cant-rest-on-its-laurels>

<http://www.saratogian.com/general-news/20171009/ghost-of-spa-city-to-be-discussed>

Sustainable Saratoga's ongoing Tree Toga Project
<http://www.saratogian.com/general-news/20171007/tree-toga-200th-planting-celebrated-in-spa-city>



Our ever-changing sky. Photo by Maria Mahar.

Lexophilia

Who on Earth Dreams These Up?

- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.



The Many Faces of Coke!

- In many states the highway patrol carries two gallons of Coke in the trunk to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.
- You can put a T-bone steak in a bowl of Coke and it will be gone in two days.
- To clean a toilet: Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl and let the 'real thing' sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.
- To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers: Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.
- To clean corrosion from car battery terminals: Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.
- To loosen a rusted bolt: Apply a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.
- To remove grease from clothes: Empty a can of Coke into the load of greasy clothes, add detergent, and run through a regular cycle.. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains. It will also clean road haze from your windshield.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- the active ingredient in Coke is phosphoric acid. It will dissolve a nail in about four days. Phosphoric acid also leaches calcium from bones and is a major contributor to the rising increase of osteoporosis.
- To carry Coca-Cola syrup! (the concentrate) the commercial trucks must use a hazardous Material placards reserved for highly corrosive materials.
- The distributors of Coke have been using it to clean engines of the trucks for about 20 years! Now the question is, would you like a glass of water?

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Tire Recycling Program



This Program is open to all Saratoga County residents; **photo ID with address** will be required at time of drop off. Registration is required, maximum of 10 tires per vehicle. Whole & clean passenger car & passenger truck tires will be accepted, no semi or tractor truck tires. See registration form for more details or contact Saratoga County SWCD.

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Tuesday, October 24, 2017 — 4pm – 6pm

Drop off location:

Saratoga Town Highway Department, 213 State Route
32, Schuylerville, NY

Request for input from the New York State Federation of Lake Associations

General Permits for Benthic Mat Placement and Removal — The placement of mats within the freshwaters of New York State to control weed growth is a common practice that allows for access to lakes, rivers and streams for fishing, swimming and other forms of recreation. The [Benthic Mat Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) (221 KB) describes the impacts and regulation of benthic mats.

Public comments are sought for two new draft general permits meant to authorize the placement and removal of benthic mats in freshwaters of New York State in accord with the Environmental Conservation Law. The permits provide standard conditions for use of seasonal benthic mats in freshwaters of "upstate" New York [[Draft General Permit GP-0-17-001 \(PDF 514KB\)](#)] and freshwaters specifically within the boundary of the Adirondack Park [[Draft General Permit GP-0-17-005 \(PDF 36KB\)](#)].

Comments will be accepted until October 20, 2017.

Please provide written comments addressed to BenthicMatGP@dec.ny.gov or to Karyn Hanson, NYSDEC, Division of Environmental Permits, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750.

Currently, to install a benthic mat, use DEC's existing permit application process until DEC announces the availability of a General Permit. Information on DEC's [permit application process](#) is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/24.html>.

NYSFOLA will be submitting comments on behalf of the membership, but your lake association or membership may want to submit comments as well.

From Arvin Hart Fire Company

Preparing for Changes In the Weather – Fall to Winter

The volunteers at the Arvin Hart Fire Company have been fortunate; we have seen an increase in calls this year, but most have not been serious. We know that our summerlike weather will not last forever and cold weather fire fighting challenges include, frozen water lines, pumps, nozzles, hydrants, gauges on the apparatus, lack of footing on walkways and ladders, frozen equipment, fire fighter fatigue, frozen air pack components and soft tissue injuries such as frostbite. Additional fire fighters will be needed to cycle fresh crews in bad weather conditions and to keep injuries to a minimum. Additional staffing will require mutual aid assistance from local departments due to shortages especially during the week day.

As we prepare for colder temperatures we will likely be responding to chimney fires caused by a buildup of creosote which condenses as it cools on the walls of chimneys. The creosote is a product of combustion that looks glossy and black but when it is heated to higher temperatures it explodes like popcorn blocking the vent pipe or flue. A couple of ways to avoid the buildup is regular inspection and cleaning or burning the system super hot daily to avoid long term build up and blockage.

Unfortunately if a solid fuel burning system is installed improperly it shows up after repeated heating of combustible framing that does not have proper clearance to the components of the heating system. It won't happen immediately, it may take years, that's why it's important to have these systems installed under a building permit, by qualified installers and follow the manufacturer's instructions without fail.

We also see an increase in CO or Carbon Monoxide detector calls as we close the house up and turn on the heating systems. While some are false alarms due to batteries or outdated sensors, many have been the result of defective heating systems. The detectors have done their job and detected an increase of deadly CO. If the detector sounds an alarm, don't be afraid to call the fire department to check it out, we don't mind short, easy calls. In New York State all both commercial and residential occupancies with fossil based HVAC systems are required to have CO detectors.

Unfortunately in recent national study smoke alarms, while perceived as important devices, are not ones that people interact with on a regular basis and are not viewed as essential to daily living as other devices, leading to a failure to install or maintain them.

Smoke detectors and CO detectors can and do save lives. To date 55 of our friends, relatives and neighbors have perished in fires in one and two family dwellings in New York State, over 972 nationally.

It's always a relief to the members of the fire department when they arrive on the scene of a working fire to hear that all residents are out of the structure, that's what smoke detectors do, they save lives but only if they work. The problem remains for the very young and older infirm adults rarely gain benefit from smoke alarms, they can't get themselves out. Residential quick response sprinkler heads installed on the plumbing will not only save your life, it's like having the fire department parked at the house.

Tom Rinaldi, Commissioner
Stillwater Fire District/Arvin Hart Fire Co.



What a great photo of the dramatically changing sky over the lake.

Photo by Annalise Marotta and submitted by Julie Wash.

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