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Shore Lines

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Howl-O-Ween



Message from the President

The Saratoga Lake Association is holding a contest to win A Cruise For 2 On Saratoga Lake with Adirondack Cruise & Charter Co. Simply (1) LIKE our SLA Page (you do not need to do this if you have already Liked our page), (2) Like the October 12, 2016 Post (3) SHARE the post and (4) TAG a friend in the comment section! Deadline is October 31, 2016. You must do all four. The cruise can be taken during the 2017 season. At the end of October, we will enter all the entries and pick a winner. Good Luck and Thank You! Thanks to Board Member Hal Raven for donating the cruise.



The SLA will be donating message centers in memory of the late Robert Eastman who served as Vice President and Board Member. They will be installed at the NYS Boat Launch on Saratoga Lake, the Wa-

terfront Park in the City of Saratoga Springs and at Brown's Beach in the Town of Stillwater. Approvals have now been received from all three jurisdictions. Thanks to Board member Walter Supley for leading this effort.

All my best,
Alan



SLA'S 7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

WHERE: LONGFELLOW'S RESTAURANT - 500 ROUTE 9P - SARATOGA SPRINGS
(SEE DETAILS NEXT PAGE)

Annual Lake Drawdown

The annual lake draw down will begin approximately about the third week of October.

The initial draw down will commence until 202.3 feet is achieved and continue through the end of the month and Head of the Fish regatta. At that time the dam will be more fully opened.

This of course is dependent on the weather and rainfall. Should you have any questions, please contact David Wallingford at 584-9137 or email at: dwallingford@nycap.rr.com.



November 8th.....make your vote count!



SLA'S Annual Holiday Party December 8, 2016

Tis' the Season for our 7th Annual Holiday Party!
Please join us for a festive evening of delicious food and
dancing as we end 2016 and look forward to making
new memories in the coming New Year !

Happy Hour begins at 6 - - Enjoy hors d'oeuvres of Fresh
Vegetables & Dip along with
Pork Meatballs with Spicy Tomatillo Sauce and a
Cash Bar.

At 7 p.m. we will all gather for a sit-down dinner.
Dancing provided by Al Aumenta, DJ

\$35.00 Per Person for Members & \$40 Per Person for
Non-Members

Tables of 8 - 10 may be reserved for a group, if desired.

Reservations are requested by November 29th !

Please send your reservation & check (MADE OUT
TO SLA) to:

Dianne Fedoronko - c/o SLA
PO Box 2152 - Ballston Spa, New York 12020

When you RSVP, please indicate your name(s) along
with your Entrée choice.

Choose One Entrée:

Italian Seasoned Pork Chop with Honey Glazed Peaches
Chicken Picatta with Fresh Lemon, Capers & Artichokes
in a Garlic Wine Sauce

Oven Roasted Salmon Provencal with a
Tomato Basil Sauce

Dinner will also Include:

Fresh Rolls & Butter
Fresh Garden Salad with Champagne
Vinaigrette Dressing
Chef's Seasonally Fresh Vegetable
Chef's Choice of Potato or Rice
Chocolate Bundt Cake for Dessert
Coffee, Tea & Assorted Sodas

We had a fun time last year and are hoping
that you will join us again this year !
Happy Holidays from the Members of the
Events Committee !

Upcoming Events at Dock Brown's

Come see the new covered awning and SLA
members can enjoy a free drink.

We would like to invite you to come in and check out the
new awning. Enjoy the Fall weather, rain or shine on the
porch.

SLA members who come and visit between 10/26-11/6
will receive a complimentary drink of choice. Just men-
tion "SLA FALL" to the bartender or server, and get a
drink on the house.

Happy Hour, Wednesday—Sunday, 4-7 p.m.

\$4 HOUSE WINES \$

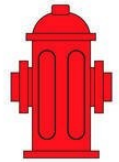
\$4 WELL LIQUOR DRINKS

BUY ONE DOMESTIC DRAFT BEER GET ONE
FREE

Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Featuring \$3 Bloody Mary's and Mimosas from

Hydrant Flushing



During the week of November 1, 2016,
there will be a flushing of the fire hydrants
by the Saratoga Glen Hollow Water Com-
pany. This procedure will begin at 9 a.m.
and should take about 3 days to complete this extra flush.
Signs will be posted the day before. It is advisable to void
using water during this procedure. You might experience
some discoloration of the water as a result of the flushing
procedure. Should this occur, let the water run and it
should clear fairly quickly. Also, low pressure may exist.

Alternate flushing week is the week of November 7.
Signs will be put up the day before. All customers should
flush your own service line an house plumbing yearly.

Halloween Is A Night Of Fright- Autumn Is Awesome.

Opportunities for great photos to share along with
news, information, events, celebrations, fall fish tales,
and whatever else your creative mind comes up with.
Submissions to Julie at sinnidi@aol.com by noon on
November 17.



Town of Saratoga
Thomas N. Wood, III, Supervisor
October, 2016

Greetings to everyone! I hope that you are enjoying the start of the Fall season and the many events and opportunities that it will be offering to everyone.

Town Board Meeting

The Town Board met on Monday evening October 12th and conducted several items of business. A public hearing was conducted on Local Law #10 of 2016 which extended by two months the moratorium on the clear cutting of forested land. The extension is needed to give the town a little more time to refine the law. We have made good progress on the draft and have it almost to final proposed form. There was no comment by citizens on the proposed two month extension so the resolution authorizing the extension was passed.

A public hearing was also conducted on the Mass Gathering Permit Application of the Saratoga Rowing Association for the Head of the Fish Regatta to be held on October 29th & 30th. There was no input from the public so the board passed a resolution approving the permit for the Regatta.

A public hearing was conducted on Local Law #9 of 2016 Regulations for the Construction of Solar Collection Systems. There was no public input on the proposed law and it was adopted. A copy of this law will be posted on the town web site and is also included in the minutes of the October 12th meeting.

The installation of new energy efficient lights at the Town Highway Garage is moving forward. The contract has been signed and the new energy efficient lights will have an newly calculated pay back period of 4 years.

Work on the 2017 Town Budget continues.

The Town Board decided not to pass a law to override the tax cap. The board is doing its best to provide the needed services to the town residents. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on Thursday November 10th at 7:00 pm. The proposed budget is on the town web page and there will be no increase in the town tax rate.

New Tax collection Software

The town tax collector has been approved by the town board to purchase new tax collection software that will enable town residents to pay their Town and County tax bill using their credit card. We hope that this provides an added convenience to our town residents.

This article seemed appropriate to share with our readers since this summer some of the same algae was found in our lake. It's a good idea to be aware of this and perhaps think about preventative measures before we find ourselves in this situation.

CONSERVATION

Finger Lakes action urged

Group says \$100 million needed to stem algae

By Michael Virtanen Associated Press

Seneca Lake, which provides the local residents with drinking water, seen at dawn from Watkins Glen in Schuyler County. A conservation group says toxic algae is threatening water quality in the finger Lakes.

Albany

A conservation group says \$100 million of conservation measures are needed during the next decade to protect New York's Finger Lakes, where five of the waterways had significant outbreaks of toxic algae last year.

In a report released this week, The Finger Lakes Land Trust said agricultural runoff and the warming climate are lowering water quality. It's advocating buying land and conservation easements to help buffer the 11 waterways, create new wetlands, preserve farms, protect drinking water and leave remaining shoreline undeveloped.

"Soil erosion from farm fields and contamination from lakeshore septic systems both increase the likelihood of future toxic algal blooms," the report said. "All 11 lakes are at risk."

The algae can cause nausea and throat irritation if swallowed. It also can cause skin and eye irritation and can make animals sick.

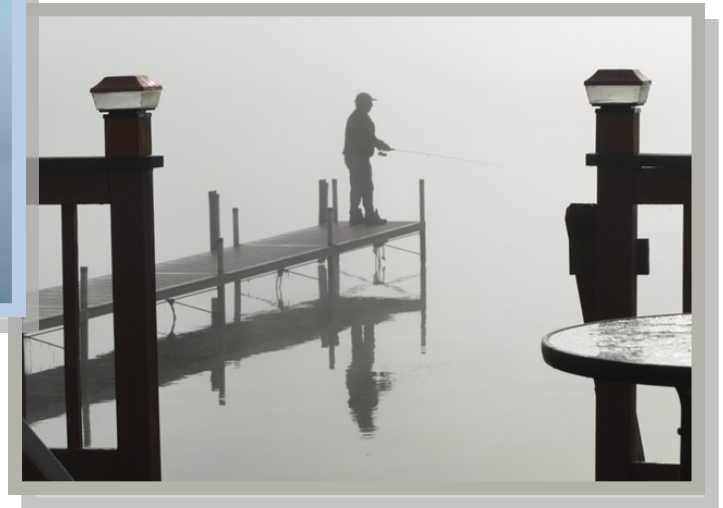
Last year, it affected parts of two smaller and shallower lakes that warm more readily — Conesus and Honeoye — and deeper, colder Owasco, Canandaigua and Seneca lakes.

The trust manages or monitors nearly 20,000 acres of nature preserves and easements in 12 counties, about one-third of them open to the public. The report was based on a yearlong assessment with input from 40 other nonprofits, county and regional planning departments and government conservation agencies.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation maintains online listings statewide of harmful algae blooms and showed 125 last year. They ranged from Central Park Lake in Manhattan, on the list for 22 weeks, to Lake Placid in the Adirondacks, listed for five weeks.



Another beautiful sunrise on the lake. Photo by Eileen Seery.



Once again, Maria Mahar has submitted some great photos as well as a sunrise video. Above she sent in a photo of the morning view looking from Riley Cove toward Manning Cove. The second is a photo of a neighbor enjoying a quiet morning foggy fishing session! To see the video, click on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/5lxSfXOfCK0>



We will revisit sections of this newsletter in future issues of Shore Lines, but you may want to note certain dates on your calendars.

Malta Highway Department 2016/2017 Winter Newsletter

by Roger Crandall, Highway Superintendent

In addition to our routine work, we paved Raylinski Road (and Extension), Chango Drive, Beverly Place, Evans Road, Anna Lane, Dino Drive, West Drive, Miller Road, Homestead Commons, Arnold Road, Theresa Terrace, Cheryl Court, and Manning Road.

Clean Streets = Clean Streams

Storm drains provide routes for rain water and snow melt to flow away from our streets and prevent flooding and potential ice conditions. Help us keep our storm drain clean. Do not place brush, leaves or snow on the road pavement as these materials will add pollution to our waters, and block drains and cause flooding and ice conditions. If you do notice a blocked basin, please notify the Highway Department.

Be Prepared, Be Aware and Be Patient

Before it snows, remember last years' problems and try to tackle them in advance. If you do your own snow removal, have your tools and supplies handy. Shovels, snow blowers, calcium chloride, rock salt and sand should be ready before the season begins. If you hire someone for your snow removal then make those arrangements early. It can be difficult to find someone in the middle of a storm.

Make arrangements to have adequate food supplies on hand. Keep flashlights, a battery powered radio and emergency equipment on hand in case of disruption in the power supply. This way you can avoid going out on the roads during a storm or during the cleanup of a storm.

There is a shed with salt/sand mix located toward the back of the Highway Garage parking area. You are welcome to bring a bucket and shovel to take what you need (residents only).

Area news media will announce approaching storms and will disseminate information on school closings and meeting cancellations. They will also note road closings or re-routings.

Please do not go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is truly necessary. Crews have many hours of hard work to complete their snow clearing operations. Less traffic on the roads means that we will be able to clear the roads more quickly and completely. Under the best of conditions, it will take us at least 4 hours from the time it stops snowing completely, to complete our snow removal operations.

Remember, whether it is your driveway for which you are responsible for or the miles of roads for which we are responsible for, snow removal is an arduous and time consuming task. Please understand that the Highway Department cannot shovel ridges or windrows from your driveway entrance or mailbox, nor can we plow private property.

Questions & Answers

~ Why should I not throw snow back into the street?

It is a violation of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law. Snow thrown back onto the roadway may freeze causing hazardous road conditions. You may cause injury to family, friends or neighbors.

~ I cannot shovel my driveway because I am elderly or disabled, what should I do?

Make arrangements with family, friend, neighbor or contractor to do this for you.

~ Why do the plows put snow in my driveway?

This is not intentional! Snow, like water, will follow the path of least resistance and when there is an opening on the side of the road the accumulated snow on the plow will deposit there.

Some hints for plowing your driveway and during a storm.

· If at all possible, leave a strip of snow at the edge of your driveway. This will block some of the snow from entering your driveway when the plow widens the roadway. Finish clearing your driveway entrance AFTER the final widening pass of the Town trucks has been completed.

· Make the opening of your driveway from the road as wide as possible

· Clear about 10' over and at least 1' in from the road on the left side of your driveway so that most of the snow from the plow is deposited before it reaches your driveway.

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Malta highway, continued

· Situate your mailboxes further off the road so they are less likely to get hit.

· When plows will be out during trash pick-up day **PLEASE** place buckets at least 2' from the edge of the road. The Waste Removal Trucks can reach at least 3'!

Before the Snow Falls

Beginning as early as September the Highway Department begins preparing for the winter months ahead by reviewing snow removal routes and servicing equipment. This continues through November while the Highway crew is cutting back dead trees and dangerous limbs from our right-of-ways and

The late fall and early spring are critical times because the same equipment is used for other seasonal jobs and the focus can change at very short notice for snow removal.

The Highway's salt storage is stockpiled with 750 tons of salt while 3,000 gallons of enviro-brine and 6,000 gallons of liquid salt brine are contained in storage tanks. In order to be properly prepared for inclement weather during the snow season, daily weather conditions are continually monitored via satellite and daily weather reports are received from NYS.

This salt brine mix is a new method that Malta and some area towns are utilizing to be proactive as it jump starts the melting process. This mixture is applied to the main Town owned roads prior to a storm starting. The brining serves two purposes: it prevents the snow from bonding and compacting to the pavement and it keeps traffic moving safely during the initial phase of the storm.

When the Snowfall Starts

An important step in dealing with the snowfall is street salting. The snow removal starts when frozen precipitation begins falling and continues until the streets are clear. We have 7 plow routes with 2 men in each truck. It takes approximately 4 hours to complete one run. Of course this time per run depends on driving conditions and amount of snow per hour is falling.

When the Snowfall Continues

When two or three inches of snow have accumulated and more is expected, snow is more economically removed by plowing rather than salting. If the storm continues in intensity, the trucks remain in the same pattern until the storm abates. At that time, the trucks begin to "widen out" all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the curb line and clearing intersections. The crew works around the clock during these storms to keep the roads open and passable.

After the Storm is Over

We continue to monitor all roads for icy spots and areas where winds redeposit the snow in traffic lanes.

Residents are required to shovel out fire hydrants that in front of your property.

The Town will go around and check catch basins

Residents can assist the Highway Department during a snow storm by heeding these suggestions:

Reduce your speed and drive cautiously.

Remain off the roadways during snow storms unless absolutely necessary.

Park vehicles in driveways and off the roadway.

Vehicles left parked on roadways create a hazard to other drivers and delays highway crew's efforts to plow the roads. You also run the risk of your vehicle being towed during a storm along with a fine of \$100. There is no street parking from November 1st to April 1st.

Move basketball hoops, garbage cans, landscaping, rocks, sprinkler heads, etc. off the road right-of-way. **The Town WILL NOT be responsible for replacing or repairing any objects left within the right-of-way and there are no exceptions.**

Do not plow, blow or throw snow back into the road or on other peoples' property (NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law)

Storm events are normally forecast 2 to 3 days in advance so please make every effort to gather whatever supplies you and your family will need. For example, gas, food, water and medicine to last 2 or 3 days.

BE PATIENT...The Highway Department will get to your area and make every effort to plow all roadways as quickly as possible.



Malta highway, continued

Christmas Tree pick-up will end on January 9th. If you miss this deadline you are welcome to drop them off at the Highway Garage to the side of the gate.

If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to call us at 899-2818. Please keep in mind that we are out on the road often and our secretary is part time so if you get the machine PLEASE leave a message, we will return your call quickly. Plus, all this information is on our website!

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WINTER HOURS

October thru March
Monday thru Friday

7 am to 3:30 pm

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Members Sharon Urban and Dennis Baker, enjoyed an evening at Panza’s Restaurant celebrating their 50th high school class reunion. It was a wonderful night of getting reacquainted with classmates. The food was great and the music of the 60s kept us hopping. (Note: as your editor, I must be honest and let my readers know that I was 9 when I graduated from high school!)

Malta Community Center

Arts, Crafts & Gift Fair
Saturday, November 5th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm



This beautiful show is held indoors at the Malta Community Center. Showcasing many local vendors with a variety of unique items such as original art, handmade crafts, jewelry, food products, home party products, holiday gifts & much more!

Malta Food Pantry

The number of people who need assistance in our community has increased in recent years; the Malta Community Center is here to help. Our goal is to increase access to nutritious food for those in need. Our hours are 8:00am - 8:00pm Monday through Friday and 9:00am - 12:00pm on Saturday.



Come pick up a bag of groceries to pull you and your loved ones through.

Food donations are also accepted during these times. Shelf stable products packed with protein are always needed. Start solving the problem of hunger in your community.

Calling All Artists



The Town of Malta Department of Parks, Recreation & Human Services relies on artists to provide quality instructors for its cultural arts programs and classes. The Malta Community Center

is looking for talented artists to complement current programs and classes. Independent contractors who love to share their gift with others in a class or workshop setting are sought. Painting, jewelry making, photography...the possibilities are endless!

Call us at 899-4411. Independent contractor proposal information and submission packets are available online at www.maltaparksrec.com.



The Make Your Own Way Girls attended the Mechanicville Stillwater Breast Cancer Walk recently in Mechanicville! The ladies attended to support Donna Bove's daughter Tina on her team, Positive Power! Tina is a breast cancer survivor celebrating her 7th other birthday. Pictured left to right, Marion Luce, Donna Bove, Pinky Morahan and Julie Wash!!

LADIES NIGHT 2016!

Friday, October 28th at 5:00 pm

(held in the Stillwater Community center)

A penny-social style event, you simply purchase a sheet of tickets and place as many tickets as you want in whichever basket you hope to win. \$25 gets you in the door with your first sheet of 50 tickets, a place to sit and visit, entry into the door prize drawing and food. of course. Last year we had over 160 raffles held all in the same evening! We will begin drawing winners at 7:30 pm and go until we are finished! All proceeds will go towards the much needed addition to the Stillwater Library.



Nancy Rasner, Patti Salvatore and Cathy McKenna



Laura Guillerault and Tina Hadden

October 6 mixer at Dunning Street Station was a fun evening attended by many of our members. Photos by Neal Kramer.



Preparing to move from warm to colder weather

The members of the Arvin Hart Fire Company have been fortunate although we have seen an increase in calls this year, 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 are needed to cycle fresh crews during the event and to keep injuries to a minimum, this will require mutual aid assistance from local departments due to staffing shortages especially during the day.

Traveling around the town many of the fire hydrants are tough to see due to high grass or they could use a fresh coat of paint. It would be nice if they were a bright yellow. If you have a hydrant near your home do us a favor and make it stand out.

As we prepare for colder temperatures we will likely be responding to chimney fires, always 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 daily and repeated heating of combustible framing that does not have proper clearance to the components of the heating system. When wood framing members are too close to the venting components of a solid fuel burning device the repeated heating and cooling lowers the ignition temperature until one day you find yourself with a fire in the walls or attic and can't figure out why. It won't happen right away, that's why its 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 due to defective or leaking heating systems. 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. Recently two firefighters entered a local market, they had portable CO detectors on their person, the personal detectors activated and the store was found to have a reading of 600 parts per million which is very high, the store was evacuated, the HVAC system was repaired and fortunately no one died. In New York State all 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 76 of our friends, relatives and neighbors have perished in fires in one and two family dwellings in New York State, over 1100 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. A simple residential sprinkler system installed with 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 Company

Tom also shared some other information:

- our fire company fund drive under performed last year's collection sorry to say. *(It's never too late to send a donation to this fire company that is always there for us)*
- our current rainfall is 5 to 15" below normal in the Albany forecast area of the National Weather Service
- knock on wood we have had very few fire calls in the Lake region of the Town this year, please - everyone let's keep up the good work – prevention is important.

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