

**SLA Spring Meeting
Thursday,
April 28**

**Panza's Restaurant
7 p.m.**

Shore Lines Extra

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Another Milestone Despite Challenging Spring Weather



A stunning aerial photo taken during the placement of concrete for bridge deck pour #1.

The contractor continues to struggle with the spring weather and to their success they have been able to complete the two bridge deck pours over the past couple of weeks. This is yet another major milestone that has been completed by the workers as they stride towards the opening of the new bridge. While the deck pours are undergoing the required wet cure, the contractor is continuing on the drainage and roadwork. As the daylight hours increase this time of year, so will the contractor's work hours. Workers will be onsite daily from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday, with Saturday work expected as well.

The contractor will continue to occupy the State Boat Launch Area through the month of April and access by the public has been temporarily restricted for everyone's safety. We ask

everyone to continue their patience and realize that the areas currently occupied by the contractor are essential to the timely opening of the new bridge. *(submitted by Engineer in Charge, John V. Nolan)*



Concrete pump trucks deliver concrete to the new bridge during deck pour #2.

**Please note the changes
to the Saratoga Lake
Business Directory on
page 3.**

News from Saratoga Springs

by Kenneth Ivins, Jr.
"The Finance Guy"

On March 31, the New York State Budget was passed by the Legislature. This year's budget brings a mixed bag for the City of Saratoga Springs.

Our AIM funding was reduced by another 2% from the amount we received in 2010, after we were cut 5% last year. Since 2008, our aid has been reduced by \$141,974. The good news is that we conservatively budgeted for 2011 so there is no need to revise the budget based upon this change at this time. In contrast, CHIPS funding for road repair will be at the same level as 2010. This is good news for our winter-battered streets.

And we have received further good news! As I am sure you have read, this State Budget resumes Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) aid to Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County with State Finance Law Section 54-L repealed and rewritten. The definition of "eligible (host) municipality" now once again includes our City and our County. Our aid is slated to be 45% of what was received in 2008 or approximately \$1.495 million.

I am reaching out to our taxpayers for suggestions as to how this aid should be allocated. The law states, "these funds must defray local costs associated with a video lottery gaming facility, and/or minimize or reduce real property taxes." The law is clear from a high level view, but what does it mean to you? I am asking for suggestions to be submitted to my office in City Hall or to me through email on the City's website no later than Friday, April 29th. I have already received numerous ideas but I would like to hear from YOU!

Though AIM funding declined and CHIPS stayed the same, the restoration of VLT aid in this budget is the best news we have received from the State in a few years. With this opportunity comes great responsibility to you, the taxpayer. Allocation of these funds will set the stage for the future of our City and I appreciate your input as to how that should play out.

Spring Plant Sale

On Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Friends of the Stillwater Free Library will be holding their 2nd annual plant sale fundraiser. Assorted bulbs and ground cover will be for sale in the library parking lot, rain or shine!

All proceeds help the friends support the library.

Ice-out Date Later in 2011

Given the more severe and longer winter of 2010-2011, it probably is not surprising that ice-out on Saratoga Lake was somewhat later than normal this year. It occurred on April 10 or about 3½ weeks later than last year when it took place on March 17

At Saratoga Lake we are fortunate to have Ann Durocher as the unofficial recorder of annual ice-out. She has faithfully recorded ice-out dates over the past 48 years. Ann's simple but reliable criterion for Ice-Out is to be able to launch a boat at the State boat launch at the northern end of the Lake and travel unimpeded to South Marina on the south end.

Based on Ann's records, ice-out has varied over a six week period. The earliest ice-out date occurred on March 10, 2002. By contrast, the latest ice-out date took place on April 24, 1971, or 45 days later than the earliest date. The median date for ice-out on Saratoga Lake is April 6.

A table showing Ann's annual ice-out dates on Saratoga Lake over the past 48 years is available on our web site at www.saratogalake.org.

The annual ice-out date follows the natural rhythms of the season and is a very unpredictable event. Its date varies widely from year to year and depends on many factors including: ice thickness, temperatures, wind, precipitation and other climatic factors.

It is interesting to note that the two earliest dates for ice-out occurred more recently in 2002 and 2010, whereas the two latest dates for ice-out occurred over 30 years ago in 1971 and 1972. This pattern is consistent with measured changes in the ice-out dates of many lakes in the northern hemisphere. These data have shown evidence of earlier ice-out dates (as well as later dates for freezing) reflecting the recent warming trend. (submitted by Bruce Goodale, president, Saratoga Lake Association)

AGENDA

Saratoga Lake Association Informational Meeting Panza's Restaurant – April 28, 2011, 7 PM

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| 6:30 PM | Pre-Meeting, SLA Business, Membership Signup, Apparel Sale |
| 7:00 PM | Opening Remarks, "Acknowledgement & Recognition of Officers and Board Members," Bruce Goodale, SLA President |
| 7:05 PM | SLA Recognition Award, Bruce Goodale & Walter Supley |
| 7:10 PM | SLA Spring Roadside Cleanup, Mike Kopchik |
| 7:15 PM | Saratoga Lake Rowing Association |
| 7:20 PM | Saratoga Lake Sewer Planning Studies, James Depasquale, Executive Director, Saratoga County Sewer District |
| 7:50 PM | SLA Board Reports and Updates |
| 8:10 PM | SLPID Reports, Ed Dweck & Joe Finn |
| 8:30 PM | Open Comment Session, SLA Membership |

Next Events Committee Mixer

Thursday, May 5
Cliff's Restaurant
5:30 p.m.

Stop by Cliff's and socialize with your lake community neighbors. It's a great opportunity to relax after work or just to "get out of the house" for some fun.



Old Friends at Cabin Creek

You have read recently about the efforts of Joann and Mark Pepper to make a home for retired race horses. Many events are being organized to help support these wonderful creatures. [The first is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, when the National Museum of Racing will host a Kentucky Derby Party from 4-8 p.m. Please call \(518\) 698-2377 for further information.](#)

Also, remember that you can visit Cabin Creek at 483 Sand Hill Road in Greenfield Center. Tours are given every Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Admission is free – donations are appreciated. Call or visit the web site at www.oldfriendscabin creek.com.

Reminders

For full details on these events, please refer to the spring edition of Shore Lines (SL).

Saratoga Lake Roadside Clean-up – The spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, **May 7**. The volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. at the South End Stewart's, where they will team up into small groups to pick up the trash that has been deposited along the 9P over the winter. Please contact Mike Kopchik if you can give some time – mkopchik-mja@nycap.rr.com, or (518) 580-0022. (SL, page 13)

Friends of the Kayaderosseras Creek Clean-up – Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, May 14. Clean-up followed by food fest. (SL, page 36)

Two Malta Town Wide Clean-ups – brush will be picked up the first week in May, and must be out by May 1. Bulk rubbish and metal will be during the week of May 16 or 23. Items must be out by May 15 or May 22. (SL, page 17)

Stillwater Town Wide Clean-up – The first of two town wide clean-ups will be held on **May 7** at the Town Highway Garage on Lansing Road from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (SL, page 22)

Lake levels are reported daily on our web site at www.saratogalake.org thanks to Kay Sanford and his group of volunteers taking readings.

Changes to Saratoga Lake Business Directory

Add:

Michael Toohey
Snyder Kiley Toohey and Corbett
160 West Avenue, P.O. Box 4367
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
(518) 584-1500

Corrections:

Pizza Etc.

Owned and operated since 1986 by the Hladik Family
[Address should read:](#)

449 Geysers Road
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
(518) 885-6715
The Hladik Family

The Meat House (second location)

22 Clifton Country Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065
Eric Jackson and Kevin Wichert
www.themeathouse.com

Stewardship Program Begins Second Year

SLPID Commissioner, Al McCauley, recently wrote that Paul Smith's College will have two stewards working at the state boat launch site this summer.

Corrie Mersereau will return, and she will be working with a new recruit from Glens Falls, Emily Russell. Al will act as SLPID's advisor and administrator of the program and will be the liaison with Paul Smith's College.

Al said that having two stewards will allow much better coverage at the state site, and also give us the ability to reach out to other places on the lake where boats are launched and possible non-native species could be introduced or exported.

The program was a great success last year and it is hoped that this will also have a beneficial effect on preventing the spread of unwanted species that may be spread by boats and trailers.



In October, Eileen McDonald and Alex Capasso went on a 17-day cruise through the Panama Canal. They left from San Diego and sailed around Mexico with stops along the way and then through the canal. They found the experience to be fascinating. They are pictured at a stop in Mexico with the ship they sailed on, the Celebrity Cruise ship Mercury.



Congratulations to Eileen McDonald and Alex Capasso who fulfilled a long-term commitment to someday be married in Hawaii. During their seven week vacation there, with family members and friends present, the traditional Hawaiian ceremony was held poolside at the Kona Hawaiian Resort.



Laura McDermott shared this April 1, 1989 photo of her and husband, Joe. She recalled a fond memory and commented on the years flying by!



Here are some familiar faces of members who attended the SLA breakfast at Mangino's Restaurant on Saturday, April 9. The Events Committee did a great job of organizing the event and Mangino's offered a wonderful variety of breakfast foods.

A Special Lady

When Donna Bove's daughter, Tina, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009, she wasted no time getting involved with ways in which she could help raise funds and support her daughter.

Tina is a cancer survivor who is one of the main leaders for the Mechanicville-Stillwater Breast Cancer Walk and Donna helps her with the committee on the fundraisers. Tina is in her second year organizing the Cancer Walk, which will be held in October, and is very committed to this cause.



But Donna wasn't done there. Her sister, who works in the nursery at Bellevue Hospital, distributes soft blue, pink and pastel booties to the new mothers. She has made about 300 pairs!!



She also makes Chemo Caps, knit hats that a friend brings to different hospitals and treatment places for women who are going through chemo. The caps are also used to sell as a fundraiser at Breast Cancer Walks – lots of pink ones!

For a Breast Cancer Walk fundraiser scheduled for May 20th, Donna has designed and made over 200 pairs of barrettes to donate. The fundraiser, "Think Pink Night," will be held in Mechanicville at the Peter Purcell Post and will include basket raffles, food, and fun. Stop by if you're in the neighborhood, anytime from 6 p.m. on.

It's clear to see that Donna is a very busy lady with a very generous nature, who applies her time and talents where most needed. We wish her all the best in her volunteer work!



The Stillwater Free Library celebrated National Park Week with Saratoga National Historical Park Ranger, Joe Craig, on Thursday, April 21st. PJ Story Time is held every other Thursday at the library, 6:30 p.m.



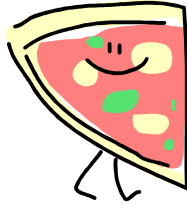
The Stillwater Glen Hollow Park has received approval to proceed with building from the Town Board and construction on Phase I (playground) will begin this summer. Above is a rendition of the playground, along with a chart indicating the cost of the entire park. If anyone is interested in assisting with the community build, or able to donate time, materials, or money, please contact Jacqueline Miller at 221-7009.

Important Notice

During the week of May 1, the hydrants located at the lake will be flushed. The procedure will begin at 9 a.m. and should take about 3 days to complete this twice annual maintenance activity. Signs will be posted the day before. It is advisable to avoid 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 May 8.) Reminder signs will be put up the day before.

25th Anniversary to be Celebrated

On May 12 1986 Pizza Etc. opened for business. My husband Paul Sr., myself (Donna) along with Paul's youngest sibling Michael and his wife Susan, were the



co-owners/operators. Paul had the business background while Michael had the pizza making experience working many years at the 5 Corner Pizzeria in Rotterdam.

Susan and I learned the business from the bottom up—saucing, slicing, making subs, calzones, strombolis etc. Paul and Michael made the dough and sauce daily. They stretched the dough by hand for the first several years until we were able to get a machine to do the



task. I think that some of our customers missed watching them stretch the dough—it was an entertaining art. Our teen-aged children helped out and learned the business while in high school.

When our son, Paul Jr. went to college, we opened a second store in Wilton and he became part owner/operator of the new store. Paul and I decided to retire at the end of May 2002. We continued to work part-time at the Wilton store until it was sold to our daughter Melissa and her husband Eric in December of that year. Meanwhile, Paul Jr and his wife, Diane, took our place at the original store and continue in the Pizza Etc tradition of making and serving a quality product along with Michael and Susan. Even though Paul and I are no longer involved in the business, we still enjoy our pizza and try to stop in as often as we can.

If you are in the area please stop by our family business and wish them a happy 25th anniversary. Pizza Etc is located at 449 Geyser Road in Ballston Spa. Telephone: (518)885-6715 – web site: pizzaetconline.net.
(submitted by Donna Hladik)

Be Prepared for Summer Thunderstorms and Lightning

All thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. In the US, an average of 300 people are injured and 80 people are killed each year by lightning. Other dangers include tornadoes, strong winds, hail and flash flooding. So, be prepared and think Safety!



Facts about thunderstorms:

- They may occur singly, in clusters, or in lines;
- Thunderstorms typically produce heavy rain for a brief period, anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour;
- Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development;

Facts about lightning:

- Lightning's unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property;
- Lightning can strike outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall;
- Heat lightning is actually lightning from a thunderstorm too far away for thunder to be heard.
- Most lightning deaths and injuring occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening;
- Your chances of being struck by lightning are estimated to be 1 in 600,000, but could be reduced even further by following safety precautions.
- Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge and should be attended to immediately.

To prepare for a thunderstorm, you should do the following:

- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage during a severe thunderstorm.
- "If thunder roars, go indoors"

because no place outside is safe when lightning is in the area. We want everyone to stay indoors until 30 minutes have passed after they hear the last clap of thunder.



Watch for additional safety information on thunderstorms in our next issue of Shore Lines Extra.