

Spring 2020 TEA Membership Meeting: Mon, April 6

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The TEA Annual Spring Membership Meeting is planned for Monday, April 6, 2020 at the **Horse & Hound** at 94 Spring Street. The meeting will be held in the back room. Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Based on the COVID-19 pandemic currently underway we will have the option to attend via phone — and the whole meeting will likely end up being conducted via conference call.

Contact Rob Cummings (914-273-2750) to **RSVP for the meeting** or email tea@truesdalelake.com. and Rob will let everyone know updates on how the meeting will be held.

Agenda

- ➔ President and other Officer reports
- ➔ **Treasurer:** Final FY2019-2020 Bud, vs. Act.
- ➔ **Treasurer:** Proposed FY2020-21 Budget
- ➔ **Beach Report / Lake Committee update**
- ➔ **Project updates - Lake Drawdown**
- ➔ **Upcoming meeting schedule** for this year.

Some helpful links for lake residents new and old:

- <http://truesdalelake.nextdoor.com>
- <http://truesdalelake.com>
- <http://truesdalelake.com/boatsticker>

NOTE: Current TEA Officers Terms will end DEC 31, 2020 -- throw your hat in the ring if you are interested in an officer spot next year! See contact info on the right side of this newsletter.

TEA Board Officers 2019-2020

President: Michael Jackson, **Vice President:** Wendy Daniels, **Treasurer:** Ruth Vellensky, **Recording Secretary:** Howard Citron, **Corresponding Secretary:** Rob

Cummings, **Sergeant at Arms:** Debbie Fink.

TEA Board Members

Glenn Capobianco (Beach Chairperson), Harron Appleman, Melissa Scarlato, Tom Houlihan, Ira Sanchick, Kathleen Ward Gallagher, Carol Gamez, Mike Vellensky, Kay Jex.

What's Going On

Lake Drawdown Project

The Pond and Lake Connection (the company that has managed Truesdale Lake weed and algae control for the past three years) together with the **Lake Management Committee** spearheaded the Truesdale Lake drawdown for 2019-2020.

As detailed in our drawdown meeting in June, our neighbors **Scot Evans**, resident math whiz **Harold Ossher**, and our lake manager liaison **Lara Gorton** have done an unbelievable amount of work to evaluate the water flow and re-designed the siphon design to drawdown the water level this quickly. See the detailed schematic on the truesdalelake.com website.

The initial drawdown went far quicker than anticipated, taking only 11 days to drain the top 3 feet from the lake. This was mainly due to a very dry August and September.

The unusual weather continued into October and November with rainfall above the normal amount causing the lake to refill several times in the fall. Each time, the siphons were restarted and the lake was drawn down again. The winter was not a cold one and we only had one snowstorm of any significance. It was an unusual year all around and it is documented in play-by-play detail on the lake website here:

truesdalelake.com/drawdown

Meeting dates for 2020:

The **TEA Fall Membership Meeting** will be Monday, November 2nd at 7pm at the Horse & Hound. The board meeting to plan for the membership meeting will be Mon. Oct 5th, 2020.

The TEA Board can always call special board or membership meetings outside of the regular set dates if the need arises. We will notify members of any special membership meetings other than these scheduled. The TEA Board may have special meetings upon notice to the board members.

Nextdoor Lake Website

There is a useful community website at truesdalelake.nextdoor.com (no dash in web address) where neighbors can discuss lake issues and post other items such as for

sale items, local events, questions, and other neighborhood bulletins.

Lake Management and Treatment 2019

In 2017 we switched our lake management company to **The Pond and Lake Connection** (TPLC - thepondconnection.com) in Brookfield, CT.

TPLC helped ensure timely treatment and communications. Their local presence enabled more granular decision making about treatment options and timing. We continued with Pond & Lake Connection for 2019 and have been satisfied with their performance and management of the lake.

Ongoing Improvements

If you see anything that needs updating or replacement, please let us know at tea@truesdalelake.com.

TEA Board - Are you interested in joining?

Thinking Ahead: New Officers for 2021-2022 Term

If you are interested in serving as a TEA officer or board member, please email us at tea@truesdalelake.com or call Rob Cummings at 914-273-2750.

We are always looking for new ideas and energy to work with our outstanding TEA board members. **A BIG Thank you goes out to board members for your time and service.**

TEA Map and Other TEA Resources Online

Map available at the website here: <http://www.truesdalelake.com/tea>

For residents new to the lake, download the **TEA Welcome and Information Packet** from this location as well.

*If you are interested in helping volunteering for the board or a specific activity, please email tea@truesdalelake.com

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