

## Fall 2020 NEWSLETTER

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# TRUESDALE LAKE

## Property Owners Association

### Lake Management

*John Gusmano*

Under Lara's Gorton's leadership, in partnership with James Gordon of Pond and Lake Connections, the water quality continues to improve each year.

The strategy of allowing plant growth in key areas and selective use and dispersal of safe chemical treatment is proving to be effective in moving the lake quality dependance away from chemical treatments. The lake drawdown proved to be effective in greatly reducing the weeds and we will be dropping the water level again this fall.

Currently, the timing is planned for mid to late October, but depending on the weather it may be pushed back to extend the use of the lake. Any structures that need to be moved should be by mid-October. A reminder will be posted prior to the drawdown.

### Water System

*Lucille Munz*

Our water system is managed by Allied Pollution Control, and during my limited time dealing with them, I can say that they are extremely knowledgeable and available at a moment's notice. They provide monthly water quality testing, which I am happy to report has been consistently in compliance with Health Department regulations.

Our capital improvement project planned for the Basketball Well, includes the installation of a Back Up Generator, and new sanitizing system. It is our hope that construction would begin early this winter.

As a reminder I would like to encourage everyone to utilize water conservation measures as much as possible, especially during times of drought and it is critical if we are without power. Those of you who have renovations planned, consider using water conservations fixtures. Conserving water has the added benefits of extending the life of septic systems and reducing potential pollution due untreated sewage into our lake and watershed.

## Welcome New Board

### Letter from The President

*Nick Fiegoli*

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the TLPOA newsletter! We plan to be on a quarterly cycle with the seasons and will be chock full of information and news on what's been going on, what is coming in the near future and what the Board has been busy working on and planning.

To begin, I want to express our gratitude with the overwhelming show of support from the entire community as we embark on a new chapter in our Association's history.

The new Board jumped right to business and we have been busy to say the least. We reviewed our revenue, billings and costs and made decisions on what to prioritize and how we want to work with members with unpaid dues. A budget was approved for the 2020/2021 fiscal year which will be our guide to improving our community and financial position in the years ahead. We approved the Lake Management Committee's motion to implement a drawdown for this winter and the Water Commissioner's request to bid out contracts for the basketball court water well upgrades. We discussed creating a fun filled social calendar for the next year (see calendar), future improvements to the beach experience, the publication of this newsletter and creating a systematic and repeatable approach to the new owners' welcome experience.

From the executive side we have been working on signage on the dam (should be up or will be very soon) indicating this is a Private Lake and fishing/boating for residents only. Notices will be posted indicating fishing on the spillway side of the dam is always prohibited, and no fishing within a specified distance from the dam while the drawdown is underway (approximately Oct 15 to April 1<sup>st</sup>).

I met with Chief Alfano and he is ready and willing to assist us in enforcing our rights.

I have also met with the town Planning, Assessors and Building departments and are happy to report that we received a 65% reduction in our Association property tax bill. We also discussed restrictions and potential uses of our vacant and unused land. A survey will be sent next month to get everyone's thoughts on our options.

Our Property Committee Head Jay Vosler, Lucille Munz (who is a landscape architect) and I have been working on the improvement and re-design of our common areas. The front entrance on Gilbert Street and boat launch on the corner of Indian Lane and Gilbert Street have been chosen as our starting point. Clean-up has already been scheduled and next is the design phase and bidding out the beautification & improvement projects. Be on the lookout for emails with the information and renderings of what they will look like when complete.

I am looking forward to a very productive year! With a little help from everyone in the association so much can be accomplished to improve our corner of the lake and make this an incredibly special place to live for generations to come.

~Nick

# Events Calendar

Editor's note: Events that should be posted,  
please send to [TLPOABOARD@gmail.com](mailto:TLPOABOARD@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER

- 12 Front Entrance and Boat Launch Projects begin
- 24 Pumpkin Carving Contest Entries Due
- 31 Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Carving Contest Winner Announced

## Late Oct -Early Nov

Lake drawdown begins

TBD - Boat Auction

## NOVEMBER

- 10 Association Survey Delivered to members

## DECEMBER

- 20 Christmas / Holiday Season Caroling Event

## JANUARY

- 02 Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser
- 15 Association votes on Bylaw amendments & other Items (online voting)

## MARCH

- 22 Lake Drawdown ends

## MAY

- 22 Beach Clean Up Prep for Summer!
- 29 Beach Officially Opens
- 30 Sandcastle Competition Memorial Day Weekend

## JUNE

- 02 Beach Volleyball Season Begins - 7pm
- 12 Kids Movie Night
- 16 Beach Volleyball - 7pm
- 25 End of School Summer Kick Off Party
- 30 Beach Volleyball - 7pm

## JULY

- 4 4th of July Bike Parade BYO at Sundown to the beach & perhaps see some fireworks!
- 14 Beach Volleyball - 7pm
- 28 Beach Volleyball - 7pm
- 31 Adult Beach Dinner

## AUGUST

- 07 Kids Movie Night Take 2!

## SEPTEMBER

- 4-6 Labor Day Weekend
- 18 Beach clean-up and closedown
- 25 Season Ending Cocktail Party



Moonlight Regatta – August 1



Volunteer Appreciation Day Oct 3



4<sup>th</sup> of July Patriotic Parade



Busses delivered caps, gowns and tassels to our seniors who competed the year virtually.  
Congrats to our Grads of 2020!  
Left to right Greg Fries, Mike Giardina, Michael Gregoli



## Pumpkin Carving and Halloween Parade

Meghan Crystal

The TLPOA is excited to announce our **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pumpkin Carving Competition**. Pumpkins will be displayed for one week prior to Halloween throughout the neighborhood for everyone to enjoy.

Take a spooky, nighttime walk with your family and friends to view the pumpkins at night in all their gory, um I mean, glory! On Halloween, all pumpkins will be displayed on the beach for last minute viewing! Voting will take place on Halloween after our parade. Prizes for Best in Show in each category. More details to come.

Please email [meghancrystal@gmail.com](mailto:meghancrystal@gmail.com) with any questions about the Pumpkin competition or the Halloween Parade.





## We Are Glad You're Here!

*Jen Bruch and Jill Wishner*

Truesdale Lake welcomes an unprecedented 19 new families thus far in 2020. During these times we have fewer opportunities for social gatherings so let's wave a warm Truesdale Lake hello to the many new faces and consider sharing handwritten notes and emails.

**Paul and Pat Bissett**  
65 Lake Shore Drive

**Peter Doty**  
2 Howe Street

**Devon and Daniel MacEachron**  
38 Gilbert Street

**Laura Enos and Greg McAlpin**  
63 Hoyt Street

**Clark Hartman and  
Melissa Concepcion**  
28 Bouton Street

**Lee and Bree Rasamny**  
32 Hoyt Street

**Matthew and Kathy Lyness**  
4 Hoyt Street

**Meghan Murphy**  
58 Lake Shore Drive

**Julie and Tim Piddington**  
15 Bouton Street

**Matthew and Jessica Courtien**  
Giainna Coloma  
27 Howe Street

**David and Yulia McVeigh**  
121 Bouton Road

**Trey Ellett and Gene Reed**  
48 Gilbert Street

**Matt Glasson and Sara Reiss**  
79 Main Street

**Anne Wetzel**  
25 Gilbert Street

**Adam Shipley and Stephen Meth**  
14 Gilbert Street

**Don Bialosterski and  
Andela Baricevic**  
72 Lake Shore Drive

**Joe and Allison Settineri**  
44 Hoyt Street

**Leslie Wetzel**  
5 Howe Street

**Carmen Delessio**  
16 Indian Lane

## Life's a Beach Martin Rozario



We had a fantastic summer at the beach! TLPOA members and guests fully utilized the beach after the Memorial Day Weekend kick-off. TLPOA Board arranged lifeguard Clayton Hadlock for the weekends through August 30th. Due to Covid-19, we limited beach activities and large events this summer to comply with NY State guidelines.

Back by popular demand, we offered Yoga at the Beach on Saturdays taught by Rebecca Rozario practicing safe distance and following NY State guidelines. The Yoga at the beach was well received by our members at Truesdale Lake Community.

On Sept 26th, our beach received a much deserved clean-up, prep for the Fall and Winter months. The beach looks fabulous!

On October 3rd, TLPOA held Volunteer Appreciation Day at the beach and all were welcome. Our president Nick made delicious drinks for all attendees and TLPOA provided finger foods from Lilly's Deli.

## Dam Details John Gusmano

Our lake discharges via a 200-foot wide concrete dam at the northern tip of the lake. The dam was built in the early 1920s and contains an 18-foot spillway with removable weir boards allowing the lake levels to be seasonally managed.

We annually drop the lake level approximately 1 foot below its normal level during the winter season. This winter the water level will be dropped by approximately 3 feet by a siphon system over the spillway of the dam. The main benefit of a drawdown is weed control - the exposed lake bottom will compact, desiccate over time, and freeze, which kills off the weed roots and tubers. This is the time to clean up debris that becomes visible when the lake bottom is exposed and make repairs to walls and docks.



During the Drawdown, fishing from the bridge and the exposed lakebed is absolutely prohibited.

Reminders >>>

SLOW DOWN - WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THAN EVER BEFORE - CAUTION



- Walk against the traffic. Bikers go with traffic.
- Wear bright & reflective visible clothing
- Beware of the many blind corners!

CLEAR PATH NEEDED TO THE LAKE



We all need a clear path to access to the water - please move your boats further into the property to keep space available for others to enter and exit the water .

REGISTER BOATS –DISPLAY STICKERS



All boats must display a valid Truesdale Lake boat sticker. Boats without stickers are considered abandoned and will be removed & sold without notice!

In an average year we register 17 boats. In 2020 we have already registered 120 new boats! <http://truesdalelake.com/boats/boat-sticker/>

WE NEVER KNOW THE WORTH OF WATER UNTIL THE WELL HAS RUN DRY ~ Thomas Fuller

The TLPOA and your neighbors rely on you to pay your dues and water bills. The remaining handful of households with outstanding payments are scheduled to have water turned off for non-payment. Keep your water flowing. Contact TLPOAboard@gmail.com if you need assistance.

AUTUMN LEAVES ARE YOUR LEAVES



The town no longer picks up leaves. Please **do not** allow your crew to pile leaves on the side of the streets, **do not** blow into the lake and **do not** drop off on association property.

TLPOA HELP WANTED

- PAID PART-TIME  
Billing Service / Bookkeeper needed
- STUDENT / INTERN  
Opportunity Spring or Summer  
Environmental/Lake  
Management 2021

OFFICERS

President	Nick Fiegoli
Vice President	Lara Gorton
Treasurer	Ted Bloch
Secretary	Jen Bruch

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Lake Management	John Gusmano
Water Corporation	Lucille Munz
Roads / Safety	Jay Vosler
Beach	Martin Rozario
Welcome Wagon	Jill Wishner

SUB COMMITTEES

Social	Meghan Crystal
Community Relations	Clare Panno
Various Projects	Daniela Tuohy
Lake Management	Ray Morse

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