

WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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TRUESDALE LAKE

Property Owners Association

Love, Light & Philanthropy

Meghan Crystal

Truesdale Lake streets were lit up with light and love for the annual Holiday Caroling.



This year we delivered more than 1100 luminaries to neighbors and raised over \$1400 for the Community Center of Northern Westchester. This wonderful organization provides food assistance and other essential services to 3,000+ local families.

Generous Truesdale Lake residents continued our historic philanthropic efforts and beautified our neighborhood in the process. A win-win!



1ST ICE FISHING IN 2021

Bald Eagle pair taking advantage of thin ice and clear water. With great patience, each one talon-snatched a fish and flew to enjoy the evening meal high aloft in a tree. *Scot Evans*

President's Message

Nick Fiegoli

Happy New Year to everyone and our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021!!!

I wanted to use my space in this newsletter to review the survey results and the board's reason for sending it out in the first place.

I firmly believe that the way to lock in (and potentially increase even more) the recent gains in our home valuations and desirability of living on the lake is to clean up and upgrade our common areas, water system, and continue improving lake conditions and create a fiscal structure that can handle any future problems that arise.

I believe an increase in our annual dues will more than pay off in further increases in home valuations (or at least lock in current gains when the exodus from NYC finally ebbs), reduced time on the market before a buyer appears and attracts buyers that will upgrade and maintain their new home.

A reasonable per year increase is a small price to pay for a potentially \$5,000 to 15,000 increase in home value or at least mitigating the reduction in prices once the demand for "out of city" homes falls. It also will allow us to build a financial safety net if ever needed for emergencies.

Note - slightly less than 50% responded to the survey so results are not within any margin of error or indicative of everyone's opinion. But interesting results, nonetheless.

70% of responders wanted further improvement in our neighborhood

Cleaning up the islands was first on the list of improvements followed by **nicer street signs** and then **improving the metal railing on the dam**.

Additional events that folks would like to see include **Octoberfest, beach sports, Mommy and me classes, fishing lessons, running /walking club, and neighborhood watch**. A number of these are already on the agenda. If anyone would like to head up an activity - we are more than happy to publicize and support any activity that has enough interest to be sustainable!

60% would be willing to pay an additional amount per year to fund additional services

The average increase chosen by the 60% was an **approximate \$80 increase**

60% support a GoFundMe type campaign for various individual projects

50% would agree to selling unused property to establish a reserve fund for continued maintenance, improvement, and emergencies (especially the dam) that may arise

23 folks indicated they would be willing to help on various projects.

We are so appreciative to those folks! You will be contacted when we have a need for assistance.

And finally, **82% want paperless communication and billing**. Water meter reading is our first paperless attempt, and the response has been great

A special meeting of the entire membership will be called for **Mid-March** so the board can present detailed findings and together we will all chart a path forward. Please keep an eye out for further info on the meeting to come.

Stay warm and safe and look forward to seeing everyone at the special meeting!

Events

Editor's note: Events to posted or changed
please send to CLAREPANNO@gmail.com

JANUARY

15 Water Meter Reading DUE
Burr! Polar Bear Plunge
Fundraiser Cancelled

MARCH

22 Lake Drawdown ends
Late March - Special all
association meeting
presentation of bylaw
amendments, financial
reporting, and various items
to vote on

Geese Management time

<http://truesdalelake.com/2020/03/2020-geese-management/>

APRIL

TBD Easter Egg Hunt
TBD Community Event
April/May Boat Auction

MAY

Early May - Front Entrance
Improvement
22 Beach Clean Up - Prep for
Summer
29 Beach Officially Opens

MAY - cont.

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

Water Meter Reading

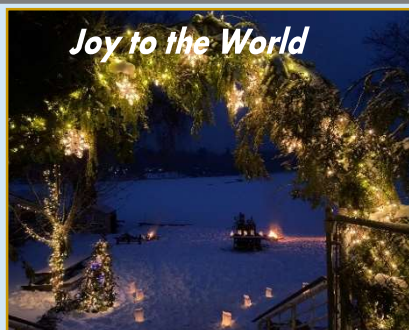


It is time for your end of year
water meter reading. This year
we've made it easier than ever.
Simply take a picture!

Snap that pic and e-mail it to
TLPOAbilling@gmail.com with
your name, address and
telephone number. An e-bill will
be created and emailed to you.

Every Picture Tells a Story!

Water bills will go out via email in
early February with online bill
payment ability ACH, credit/debit
card and possibly venmo/paypal.
Please make sure to check your
"Spam" or "Promotions" folder to
see if it ends up there if you do
not see it by 1st week of Feb.



Our annual caroling event looked a little different
this year, but it brought so much beauty and good
cheer to our neighborhood.

The carolers procession started at the dam and
headed towards the Gilbert Street beach following
the beautiful luminary lined streets while singing
traditional Holiday carols.

A delightful twinkly scene at the beach designed by
the very talented **Mika McLane** welcomed us.
Three fire pits were ablaze -- thanks to **Mike
Wetzel** who generously donated the firewood—and
Brent Nyitray our talented neighborhood musician,
gave us a concert during a visit from **Santa**!

It was great opportunity to responsibly meet up
with our neighbors and enjoy a bit of the holiday
season together...with masks on, of course!



Olivia Vosler won
1st place in the kids'
category earning her
\$20 to Lily's Deli.



Over 20 families participate in our
parade and 15 entries in our first
ever pumpkin carving
contest. **The Bowes Family** won
1st place in the family category.
The Bowes took home a \$60 gift
card to the historic Horse and
Hound.



The weather was perfect, and
everyone enjoyed hot apple
cider and donuts at the beach
afterwards.

*Editor's Note: Did you know that the first
Jack-o'-lanterns were made by carving
turnips or potatoes – not pumpkins!*

Weddings on the Lake



Jon & Jacqueline Levirne married on October 17th followed by safe party at 33 Truesdale Lake Drive better known as the round house!

Call for photos

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Janet Harckman
22 Gilbert St

Anthony Racine
Kristy Fasano
20 Bouton St

Peter Newman
Anna Podgorska
25 Bouton St

Baby News



Welcome to our newest neighbor **Cameron Kinnally Rasamny** who arrived on 12/10/2020 healthy and heaven sent. Proud parents **Bree and Lee Rasamny** of Hoyt St are also new Truesdale Lake Residents.

This beautiful boy is honored with both his Grandmothers' maiden names.

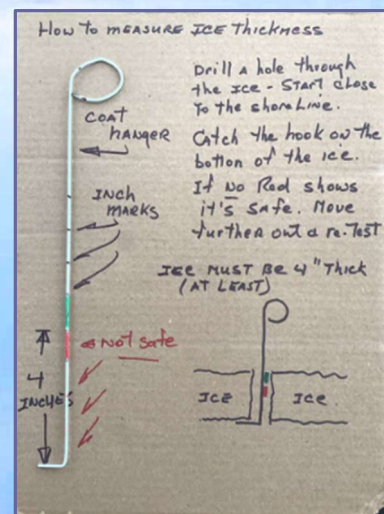
Ice Ice Baby

While the Bald Eagles have already walked on the ice, we residents must use considerable caution before setting foot on the ice. Our wonderful Truesdale Lake freezes in the winter which makes it perfect for ice skating and hockey, sledding, cross country skiing and just taking a delightful winter walk. Our weather fluctuates and the lake will freeze then thaw and freeze again. How do we know when it is safe to go out on the ice?

"Wait for the ice fishermen," says **Rob Cummings**. "Wait for the folks who have been braving the ice on our lake for more than 90 years. You've got a better chance of walking out safely they start fishing for Bass and Blue Gills through holes in the ice."

Can't wait to get onto the ice? **John Gusmano** provided this tried-and-true "How to Measure Ice Thickness" guide.

Refresh your knowledge of Ice Safety before going out on the ice:
<http://truesdalelake.com/lake-management/ice-safety/>.



Thanks for the Chips!

Shout out to the chip pile cleanup crew of 12 who came out on a rainy Saturday morning to help spread the wood chips generously donated by **Alex Gregor**.

The basketball court path and the front entrance were completed. A dent was made in the massive piles on the Gilbert Street boat launch. A small CAT or other mechanical device will finish the job quickly so if anyone has access to one - please let us know!

Special thanks **Alex Gregor, Scot Evans, Alan Bowes, Mike O'Sullivan, Alex Cranston & sons James and Will, Nick Fiegoli** who press ganged all three of his sons **Will, Mike & Andrew, and Jay Vosler**

Truesdale Lake Swag Fundraiser




Did you have a chance to order TLPOA clothing? All items were created using our resurrected 1927 TLPOA Logo which was available via this Pop-Up Store link — <https://stranpop.com/tlpoa/>

While it's too late for the January delivery, we took orders up to Jan 4, we'd like to know if the community is interested in fundraising through the purchase of Truesdale Lake items in the future. All proceeds support Truesdale Lake maintenance and improvements.

Please drop a note to TLPOAboard@gmail.com with your thoughts.

Truesdale Lake History Corner

By Priscilla Luckow



Truesdale Lake
at
South Salem
—
Westchester's Scenic Gem

W H Y ?

BECAUSE there you may buy a site on the lake but one and a half hours motor run from New York City, and, if you prefer, our company will erect for you a charming lodge, cabin or bungalow at nominal price. One of the few lakes not owned by the Water Supply. Summer and exceptional investment. But you must be Lake Club, as the colony is restricted to persons of refinement, who are acceptable. Water, electric light, telephones. Conveniences among mountains which are at your doorstep. Visit the Lake today! Route 22, through White Plains, Bedford Village and Cross River to South Salem.

MCKENNA & RICHARDSON, Sole Agents on the ground
Write for Pamphlet. Telephone: South Salem, N. Y. 83

Did you know that Truesdale Lake is over 100 years old? Here is just a peek into its' rich history:

In 1894, Reverend Theodore Langdon Van Norden arrived in South Salem to become minister of the South Salem Presbyterian Church. He became a prominent citizen, farmer and landowner in the early 1900s.

Rev. Van Norden owned the property which is now the north end of Lake Truesdale. He had a dam built at the outlet of Hoyt's Pond in 1908 and that was the beginning of our beautiful lake.

An 1872 Map of Hoyt's Pond and the Coal Kiln Brook. The brook

flowed through pasture and swampland that was flooded in 1908 when Rev. T.L. Van Norden had a dam built to form a small lake.



The roads shown are Main Street on the left and Boway on the right.

Lake Shore Drive was created in 1937 and Truesdale Lake Drive in 1957. The lake was later enlarged to its present size.

School district No. 8 was also known as the Red Bridge Academy. It was a one-room schoolhouse built around 1820 in a meadow at the intersection of Main St. and Osceleta Rd. near the Coal Kiln Brook. The brook passed under a red-painted wooden bridge nearby. The school was open until 1940 when all of the one and two-room schoolhouses in the area were consolidated to form Lewisboro Elementary School on Bouton Rd.

Truesdale Lake was named after the hill "that overlooks it," which was named for William Truesdale. Truesdale was an early settler in the area and legend has him "killed by Indians" and his bones discovered on this hill. It is a tantalizing tale which you can read more about here: <http://truesdalelake.com/2021/01/the-history-of-truesdale-lake-the-first-100-years/>

Notices >>>PAST AND PRESENT

The Katonah Times

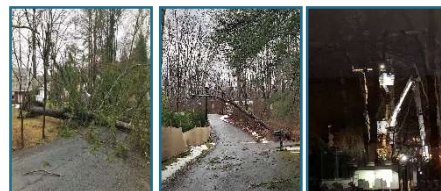
December 30, 1910

"For a week past the skating upon **Truesdale Lake** has been fine and the young people and children are enjoying it to the utmost. The place is easy of access from all sides. It is of good size and has always been free from dangerous places and is truly a veritable pleasure ground to the young and possibly some who have passed that point, if it is ever possible, when skating is good."



Boom Boom Out Go the Lights!

Truesdale Lake residents experienced a power out @ 3am on Christmas day 2020. After the furious winds and heavy rain, many tired trees gave way, taking down power lines with them. We awoke to the roar of generators. With the help of a bucket truck or two, power was restored 12/26 pm.



Anyone else know rest of that song?

Lake Management

John Gusmano

Lake update – it is obvious the draw down to date has not reached our target level and may not do so. This season the siphons were modified to increase their efficiencies and prevent shutdowns.

Unfortunately, the modifications introduced other issues resulting in reduced flow. That combined with an additional 2.2 inches of rain have resulted in more water entering the lake faster than the outflow. The lowest point was 2.2 feet below the spillway was reached back in November.

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