

WINTER 2021

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TRUESDALE LAKE

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COMMUNITY NOTE *Allison Settineri*

Well, just like that - it's officially sweater weather! Last week I was walking my kids to the bus in T-shirts and now they're in hats and gloves.

Last fall was my family's first year as residents of the TLPOA, and having experienced what every season on the lake has to offer, I find it hard to choose my favorite.

I know I speak for all of our community when I say, this truly is a special place to live.

As many of you know, I was voted in as the president of the Truesdale Lake Board of Governors last week,

and I'm excited to continue to volunteer my experience and time to this community.

I would be remiss if I did not use this opportunity to thank **Nick Fiegoli** for his hugely productive time on the board.

Nick's vision and determination to better our community have paved the path for our current board. We all want to express our gratitude and appreciation for his service to our community. We're excited to continue what he started!

I look forward to seeing you all around our lake!

-Allison

WELCOMING OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFULLY AND SAFELY



Julia and Matthew Settineri

Back to school Fall 2021 was marked by a safer start for the new school year. Our kids wait safely for the school bus on the new stone bench at the improved front entrance to our community.

Special thanks to Dan MacEachron for volunteering his time to manage the front entrance pillar redesign project. Lucille Munz, Landscape Architect and Board Member volunteered her time to

design the beautiful new landscape. Dan along with Lucille and Nick Fiegoli managed it all ensuring the work was completed to design, and in time for back to school use.

Our friends at Copia Home and Garden, re-pointed the stone pillar and wall, gave a generous donation of plants. Copia even found us a

person to water the plants over the summer.

Next we will clean up the other side of the street, and evaluate the design/installation of a Truesdale Lake sign. The area will be maintained so the entrance to our community will beautifully welcome our residents and visitors.



*Emerson, Hunter, Colby, Jamison and Jake
Waiting for bus on first day of school*



*Newly improved Lake Truesdale
Gilbert Street entrance*

Events

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

NOVEMBER

- 02 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Raven Rocks Run & Trail Race
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 25 40th Annual 5K Turkey Trot
Boys & Girls Club Ridgefield
- 29 1st Day of Hanukkah

DECEMBER

- 15 Read Your Water Meter
- 19 Caroling & Luminary
Fundaiser
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve
- TBD Polar Bear Plunge

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2021-2022 season is upon us and we need volunteers to keep our events calendar packed with fun times, and our neighborhood beautiful. Volunteer for a 1-time project or join a committee, just let us know that you are interested in getting involved and we will tailor something helpful just for you.

JJHS - Service hours will be awarded for some projects.

Here are just a few of the areas we could really use assistance with:

- Lake Event Photographer(s)*
- Articles written for newsletter*
- Roads Petition coordinator*
- Volleyball coordinator*
- Sunshine committee*
- Movie Night helpers*
- Beach crew*
- Front Entrance garden*

We are especially in need of a volunteer with grant experience.

Please reach out to
TLPOAboard@gmail.com



Bree & Lee Rasamny
with baby burrito Cameron

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE



The Truesdale Lake neighborhood Halloween Parade



The Bowes family -
took 1st place family
for
"Woodland Fairy"



Ethan Rozario
earned 1st place
individual with
"Glowfish Carving"

.....AND THAT'S A WRAP! THE BEACH IS CLOSED FOR THE

Meghan Crystal & Martin Rozario

We really enjoyed our beach this year. With a lifeguard on site every weekend, the kids came out in numbers. Even the adults came back to the beach; the fire pits were a blaze on many a lovely evening. We calmed ourselves with weekly Yoga, and rocked during the TLPOA beach and Social Committee sponsored beach party featuring the School of Rock band, pizza and the return of the ice cream truck.



We were treated to a classic movie night under the stars with dinners by the Horse and Hound.

Members of the School of Rock



At the seasons end, our amazing beach crew of volunteers returned the beach to sparkling clean, pristine condition. See you at the beach in 2022!

FULL MOON REGATA

Truesdale Lake residents came out to watch the full moon rise in the east on July 23, 2021.

Over 40 boats and floats were out, all decorated or rather 'lit up' with solar and battery powered light strings, lanterns, light sticks and assorted methods of glow.

The TEA hosted a "Moonrise BBQ" at the Truesdale Lake Drive beach for all Lake association residents. Friends and neighbors arrived by foot and boat, and enjoyed catching up and getting ready for the full moon.

After a being homebound for so many months, the Full Moon Regatta presented a great opportunity for all of us to safely see our neighbors and meet some of the new ones.

This event has roots in the "Blue Moon Sail" of 2005 when Truesdale Lake residents gathered to view an actual summer blue moon. In August of 2005, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, row boaters, and paddle wheelers gathered for a trip around the lake in the evening under a true blue moon.



Sailers L-R Jonathan Rodgers who won the summer series, Skip Jahn, Paul Dennis, Ira Sanchick & Rob Cummings



Our flooded bridge after IDA. The lake rose to 17" over the summer weir board!



TRUESDALE LAKE RESIDENT MIKE GORMAN ENSHRINED TO HISTORY

Mike Gorman is the longtime Celtics play-by-play announcer. This September he was the recipient of the 2021 Curt Gowdy Award and was inducted into the media wing of the Basketball Hall of Fame.

He is known as "the voice of the Celtics" and is already a five-time Emmy award winner.

You may have chatted with Mike at the Full Moon Regatta or passed by

him strolling around the lake, with his wife Teri.



Congratulations Mike from your friends and neighbors in Truesdale Lake. We think you "Got it!"

TOWN OF LEWISBORO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

Make your opinion known!

The Town of Lewisboro appointed a Steering Committee to implement a process to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Town's current Plan was created in 1985 and last reviewed in 1999. A comprehensive plan, also known as a general plan, master plan or land use plan, is designed to guide the future actions of a town, city or county. It presents a vision with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government.

We want to hear from you! Visit

<https://www.lewisborogov.com>
And take the survey at
"Share Your Vision"

The survey should take less than 5 minutes.

WATER QUALITY

Lucille Munz

The priority for our TLPOA water system is to provide a continuous high quality water supply. Our water quality is tested monthly for

Total Coliform, E. Coli and Residual Chlorine. In addition, there is also extensive testing for a broad range of contaminants, we are required to test for PFOS & PFAS (water and stain-resistant synthetic compounds that are difficult to break down in the environment & in the human body.)

We are happy to report that our drinking water continues to meet and/or exceeds the current EPA and Westchester County and NY State Health Department requirements.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

**Nadege & Catherine
Deseure Plumridge**
14 Howe Street

Joe & Lisa Candelario
79 Main Street

Alan Bowes
23 Gilbert

Jill Wishner



Father Swan and his 6 Cygnets

LAKE MANAGEMENT

John Gusmano

It will be a peaceful walk over our 100 year old, 200ft wide concrete dam this winter.

Built in the early 1920s our dam contains an 18' spillway with removable weir boards allowing the lake levels to be seasonally managed.

To prevent flooding, the 14" weir board was removed on October 25th, lowering the lake to the height of the spillway - winter height.

The siphons will not be necessary this year. After dropping the level 3' last year, 1' is typical, the weed growth has been contained.

REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

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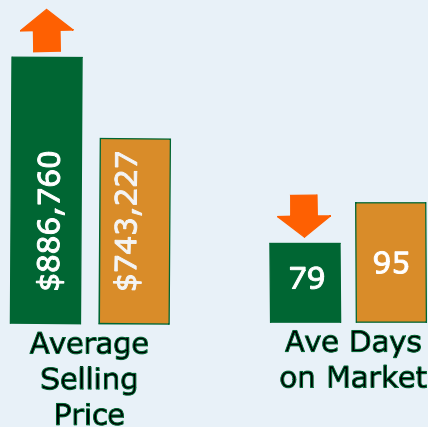
Cheryl Neuburger

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I'm pleased to be able to write to the Lake Truesdale community about the latest news from the world of real estate... both as it pertains to your lake and the broader area.

Since March of 2020, we have enjoyed a fast-paced, sellers' market. While the market was perhaps initially fueled by a Covid response, it has evolved to become what is a more sustainable shift toward the suburbs due to other lifestyle changes in the City, school desires and concerns on the part of parents, and changes in the way people work and no longer commute daily to Manhattan and elsewhere.

The stats speak for themselves. When we compare a pre-covid period of time (4/1/2018-10/1/2019) to the post-covid time period (4/1/2020-10/1/2021), we note the following:



► **Selling price versus Original List Price: 97.03% vs. 93.45%**

► **Average Price Per Square Foot: \$297 vs. \$268**

The stats are good, but what we hear from buyers is even more telling. Buyers are increasingly appreciative of what we have in Lewisboro. They value the quality of life here, the access to open space, the resources for families and children, vibrant towns, and a laid-back approach to living.

Furthermore, the lake communities themselves are increasingly and especially attractive to today's buyers.

The uniqueness of the homes is a plus. The lifestyle that the lake communities afford is a plus, and being part of a vibrant and welcoming neighborhood is at the top of almost everyone's list!

Right now, what I hear as I host open houses and tour with buyers is that they are using their time this Fall to learn the town, learn the neighborhoods, determine what they want and what they can afford. Most are preparing to buy in 2022. So, if you're thinking of a possible move yourself, I think you can rest-assured that a strong market is likely to continue at least into next year.

This seems to not be a short-term phase, but a forward-looking decision that people are making for themselves and their families, not purely a covid response. They are choosing Lewisboro and our Lake communities in increasing numbers because of the amazing lifestyle that we are all very fortunate to enjoy!

COULD YOU FIND YOURS IN AN EMERGENCY?

Lucille Munz

Now here is a project that everyone on the TLPOA water system can help with! Our existing maps of the water system lines and valves are very rudimentary. Utilizing new technology with mapping assistance with Westchester County Geographic Information System (AKA GIS) our goal over the next 6 months is to map our water system lines and valves and geolocate as many water-shut off valves as possible.



might be. If you don't know where your valve is just check that box in the email or postcard. Once we have your information, Cliff will connect with you and schedule a visit to your property to geolocate the valve if possible.

The mapping of our community waterlines and shut off valves will help you and us if you need to make internal repairs or in the event of an emergency.

We need your help in locating your house shut-off valve.

Clifford Munz (thank you Cliff!) has volunteered to help manage this data collection and very necessary project. You will receive an email and/or postcard asking you to identify the area on your property where you know that valve is or where you think it

New Jersey already requires all public and private water systems to have maps of their systems, and the mandate for New York won't be far behind.



Cliff Munz
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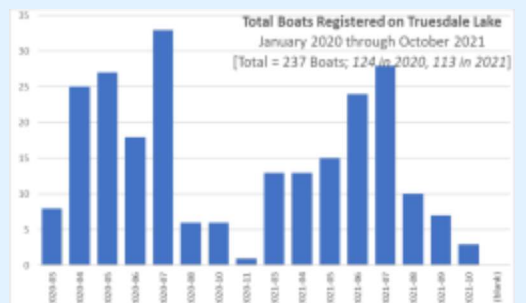
PEACE LOVE AND BOATING ON LAKE TRUESDALE

Rob Cummings

The Truesdale Boat Committee saw a sixfold increase in boat registrations from 2019 to 2020. The trend continued into 2021 with registrations on pace to match the 2020 totals. The registrations were driven by new boat purchases during the pandemic, a large influx of new families in the lake association households, as well as registrations of existing boats that had never been registered before.



Starting in early 2020 new boat purchases and registrations of existing boats never registered before drove the 2020 growth in boat registrations. In 2021 many new families purchased and registered new boats on the lake.



To keep a boat on Lake Truesdale, you must be a current resident and both register at www.truesdalelake.com and ensure the sticker is clearly displayed.

CAR BREAK-INS IN THE SAFEST SMALL TOWN IN AMERICA

Lewisboro is still the safest small town (pop 5,000-14,999) in America, though like many others in our area, we continue to experience car break-ins. Chief David Alfano spoke at our annual TLPOA board meeting on this issue. If we follow these simple recommendations, we can deter these criminals from haunting our neighborhood:

1. **Lock your vehicles** - these thieves are looking for easy access
2. Do not leave keys or key fob in your vehicle - all the vehicles that were actually stolen had the keys in the cars
3. Remove your valuables - take your wallet/purse inside or hide them from view. If the thieves can't see anything, they'll move on.
4. Park your car in your garage - don't give car thieves an opportunity to upgrade!

If parked in the driveway, leave exterior lights on or better yet - **install a wireless driveway alarm** like Chamberlain Group CWA2000 Chamberlain Driveway Alert or similar, available on Amazon about \$60.

6. Report suspicious behavior to the police by dialing 911.

STILL THE SAFEST SMALL TOWN IN AMERICA

Despite the recent break-ins, Lewisboro NY was again ranked as the safest town (tied with 4 other towns with 5,000-15,000 pop).

SafeWise analyzes the latest available violent and property crime data from the FBI.

We were able source this study all the way back to 2014.

Lewisboro has ranked the #1 safest small town in America every year!

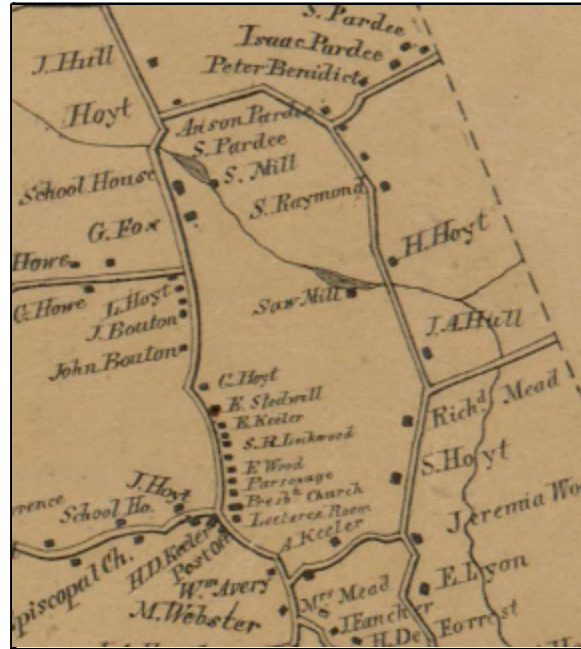
Truesdale Lake History Corner

By Priscilla Luckow

Theodore Van Norden arrived in South Salem in 1894 to serve as the 13th minister of the South Salem Presbyterian Church. He was very involved in town affairs and wanted to leave his mark as a prosperous landowner and prominent citizen. By 1907, he owned the entire North end of what would be Truesdale Lake, as well as many other properties in the village.

Hoyt's Dairy Farm had been on the corner of Main Street (now Oscaleta Road) and Pardee Street (now Old Oscaleta Road) since 1802. Dudley Hoyt maintained all of the farm equipment and eventually started repairing cars. He named his auto repair business "Hoyt's Garage" in the 1930s. Hoyt's Garage is now South Salem Auto Care, run by the Cascio Family.

Hoyt's Dairy Farm and pastures covered land on both sides of Pardee Street. In the mid 1800s, Samuel Pardee, a carpenter, rented land from the Hoyt and Howe farms near Hoyt's Pond to



1858 Map showing two working sawmills on the future site of

run his sawmill (S. Mill on the map). This land was purchased by Theodore Van Norden in 1908 and the pond was dammed to form Truesdale Lake (North end only of the current lake).

The vestiges of the old sawmill may still be found in the deepest parts of the lake near the dam.

Theodore Van Norden was very concerned that the history of the small village of South Salem would be lost over time. He wrote several books and an unpublished manuscript documenting the history of South Salem and its families. When he became a director of the Truesdale Corporation in 1926, it was important to him that names of founding families be used as street names within the new lake community. Hoyt, Bouton, Gilbert, Lawrence (never built) and Howe were all prominent families in early South Salem.

Perhaps Indian Lane was chosen in support of the tantalizing legend that Indians killed William Truesdale, an early settler in the area, rather than the more likely story, uncovered later, that Truesdale went to prison for his "less than honest ways."

We will never know for sure.

<https://truesdalelake.com/history/>

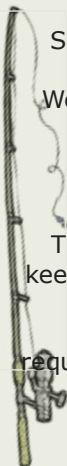
FISHING PERMITS

Sixty fishing permit tags were issued in the 2021 season. We've experienced a significant reducing of the discarded tackle and refuse of non-resident fisher folk.

Thank you for your support in keeping our lake and wildlife safe!

Fishing Permit Tags are required to be carried while fishing on association properties.

[Fishing Permit Tag](#)



USE YOUR FALL LEAVES (the Town does NOT Pick up)

All your leaves must be disposed of by you. Please ensure they do end up on the street, in the lake or on association property.

Save money and our earth by using your leaves in your gardens:

- Leaf humus can lighten heavy clay soils.
- They feed earthworms and beneficial microbes.
- Leaves increase the moisture retention of dry, sandy soils.
- They make an attractive mulch in the flower garden.
- They are a fabulous source of carbon to balance the nitrogen in your compost pile.



The new Board thanks former president Nick Fiegoli we wish you the best of luck in your new endeavors!

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