

SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER

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TRUESDALE LAKE

Property Owners Association

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DID YOU KNOW...

New York State has approved grant money for all lakefront owners to replace their old septic system with new, cleaner, updated systems that will not leak into the lake and pay for up to half the cost? For more details: <https://www.efc.ny.gov/SepticReplacement>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2021-2022 season is upon us and as always, we could use some help with various projects and events.

Please reach out to TLPOAboard@gmail.com if you have some time or an interest in helping out. We had a couple of folks reach out after the special meeting which was great, but we need a few more to keep our community running.

President's Message

Nick Fiegoli

Words cannot describe how happy I am that spring is finally here (sort of) and things are somewhat getting back to normal. Hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy and looking forward to a great season on the lake!

Wanted to take my space in the newsletter to catch everyone up on some items and what we have planned for the spring and summer.

First a quick recap of the Association Special Meeting held on March 25th via Zoom. 46 homes attended the meeting which might be an all-time high, and that is great. But that also means 106 homes did not attend. We would love to have as many owners as possible attend so everyone is involved in decisions made on their behalf and can have some input on items presented during the meetings.

Items presented and voted on were:

- Amendments to the Bylaws which were presented and approved 46 to 0
- Water Corporation update and the new 5-year step increase was approved 46 to 0
- Association update and long-range projects and \$55 increase to annual dues approved 44 to 2
- Sale of part of paper road was tabled until June Association Meeting when full legal agreement can be reviewed
- Approval to put up for sale 3 unused properties to raise capital for future Dam repair and maintenance was passed 42 to 3

We believe that the new electronic billing system that was utilized for the January Water Corporation meter reading and February water bill was a huge success and we received significant positive feedback on the ease of use and communications. Here are some couple of data points we thought would be interesting to know:

know of 147 homes on the water system:

- 125 got their meter reading in on time
- 18 took a little prompting to get them to get it in
- 4 are still outstanding due to not being physically at their home
- 12 requested paper bills when bills went out
- 130 homes paid their bill online or sent in a check by the Due Date
- 15 homes paid their bill after some extra communication and prompting from us
- 2 are multiple years in arrears and slated to have their water shut off this month

While we are happy with how it went, we ask that everyone be mindful of your community volunteers time and energy and get in your meter readings and payments on time.

In this newsletter you will see what we have planned for the Spring and Summer 2021! Our volunteers have put together a great many events and projects so be on the lookout for emails and notices.

The TLPOA Board and I really hope folks will come out and enjoy what our great neighborhood has to offer!

Events

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

MAY

- Early May** - Front Entrance Improvement
- 18** Twig & Branch Pick-up
- 22** Beach Clean Up - Prep for Summer
- 29** Beach Officially Opens
- 30** Sandcastle Competition 9-12 Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE

- 02** Beach Volleyball Season Begins - 7pm
- 12** Family Movie Night (rain 6/19)
- 16** Beach Volleyball - 7pm

ATTENTION! June 17th 7pm All Association Meeting at the beach

- 25** End of School Summer Kick Off Party
- 30** Beach Volleyball - 7pm

JULY

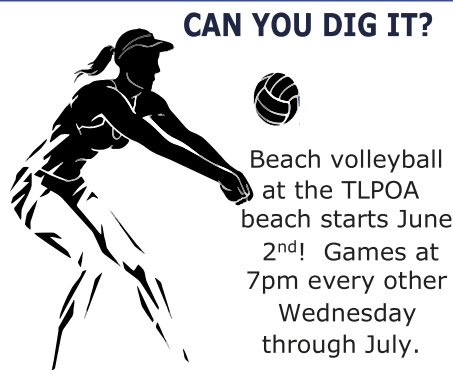
- 4** 4th of July Bike Parade
BYO at Sundown to the beach & perhaps see some fireworks!
- 14** Beach Volleyball - 7pm
- 28** Beach Volleyball - 7pm

AUGUST

- 07** Kids Movie Night Take 2!

SEPTEMBER

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



CAN YOU DIG IT?

Beach volleyball at the TLPOA beach starts June 2nd! Games at 7pm every other Wednesday through July.

Games will be played in a casual, just for fun manner! Think friends, sand, bonfire! All levels welcome! Right now, we would like to gauge interest, so if you are 16+ and interested in participating, contact meghancrystal@gmail.com ASAP!

SANDCASTLE BUILDING COMPETITION



TLPOA Sandcastle competition

Sunday, May 30, 9am-12pm
(rain date Sunday June 6th).

Building will take place from
9-11 am and

judging from 11-12 pm.

Space is limited to the first 10 entries.

If you are interested in participating,
please contact Meghan Crystal at
meghancrystal@gmail.com.

Winner takes all! \$50 gift card to

Horse & Hound

and basket filled with beach goodies!

SOCIAL CLUB WALK OR STROLL



In April the TLPOA Social Committee hosted the first meet-up of our new run/walk club at the Indian Lane Bridge. Some Moms brought strollers, and a few kids walked the lake on their own power.

These walks are led by new resident Bree Rasamny and begin at the Indian Lane Bridge every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00am.

This is a great way to meet new neighbors and get some exercise!

bree.rasamny@gmail.com
meghancrystal@gmail.com

4TH OF JULY BIKE PARADE

Our 4th of July bike parade is back! Deck those bikes & strollers with USA cheer! We will meet behind the library at 10am and head down Lakeshore drive towards the TLPOA Beach ending at the Dam. More details to come;)

OUR WATER QUALITY

Our water undergoes extensive testing yearly for a broad range of contaminants and the results are published in the

Annual Quality Report.

Our tap water met all New York State drinking water health standards.

In addition to the annual report, our water system is tested each month for Total Coliform, E.coli and Residual Chlorine. For the complete reports

[WATER QUALITY REPORTS](#)

IT'S BEACH TIME!

The Beach officially opens
May 29th.

Enjoy the beach this summer – it's just beautiful after the clean-up of last year. Our beach is our local treasure, please treat it as such.

We all share responsibility for keeping the beach safe and clean, so we kindly ask that you to reinforce the rules with guests and neighbors.



New residents, please review the beach rules:

[TLPOA BEACH RULES](#)

Each household should have one beach key. Please lock the fence and close the gate when you leave. Beach keys are \$25.

If you need a Beach Key:

[TLPOA BEACH KEY](#)

FISHING TAGS

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

The back of each tag identifies the family, address and includes a tag number.



All requested tags were personally distributed on Earth Day. It was great to meet many of you, though many found their permits taped to front doors. If you still need a tag:

[Fishing Permit Tag](#)



New Neighbor:

APRIL KNIGHT

1 Howe Street

and

WELCOME BACK

RICHARD DONOHOE

JENNIFER CLARK

3 Howe Street

Richard & Jennifer recently sold 25 Bouton Street and missed the neighborhood so much they bought another home here!

LAKE MANAGEMENT

John Gusmano

The siphons have been removed and the water level is back to the summer-time level. Although we never reached our target drawdown depth the areas that were exposed are not showing any weed growth at this time.

This proves the practice works and it will be part of our management protocol.

I would like to say thanks
Scot Evans
for monitoring the siphons and lake depth indicator and Ponds and Lake Connection for keeping the siphons running.

It's time to put the boats back in and enjoy the water.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT THE BEACH ON THURSDAY JUNE 17TH

2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Bring your resident friends and your own beach chair, and feel free to carry in your beverage of choice - we have lots to talk about!

The Successful Results from this Winter's Drawdown

In November, the siphons - that were operating - managed to get the lake down to 2.1 feet below the spillway deck in the dam. This allowed riparian owners to remove trash and rake the sand of their exposed lakebeds. Thank you to all who volunteered to perform this difficult task. Here are a couple of photos to display the glory of their efforts: this difficult task. Here are a couple of photos to display the glory of their efforts:



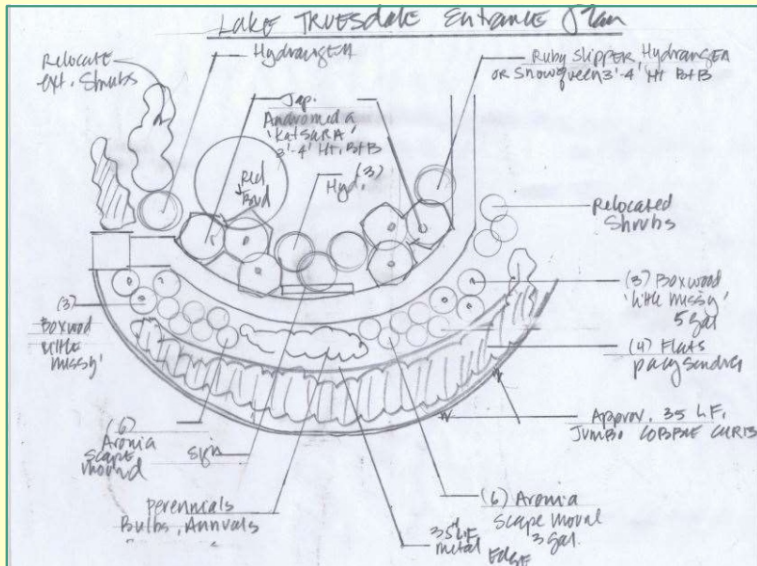
In this Spillway Dam Lake Gauge photo, the teal-colored section represents the summer level range of one foot above the spillway deck when the weir boards are in place. The yellow lines represent the number of feet below the spillway deck (or below the winter level when the weir boards have been removed). The black circle in the water behind and to the left of the teal blue section is the whirlpool that had formed over the west siphon intake, which was the most reliable siphon this year.

The lake's ice thickness reached 7" to 9" this winter during the many days of subfreezing temperatures. January was a dry month - with below average precipitation water equivalent of 1.73 inches. Also, the first two weeks in February had an average 2+ inches of precipitation water equivalent, but it was all in the form of 20 inches of snow, which maintained a minimal inflow via the streams from Pumping Station Swamp into the lake. We didn't reach the target depth of 3 feet below the spillway deck, but we had greater success than during last year's full target depth drawdown because the exposed lakebed stayed frozen longer.

We will give the lake, the drawdown volunteers and Pond and Lake Connection a rest this year. Another drawdown will be considered in a couple of years.



THE NEW GILBERT STREET ENTRANCE

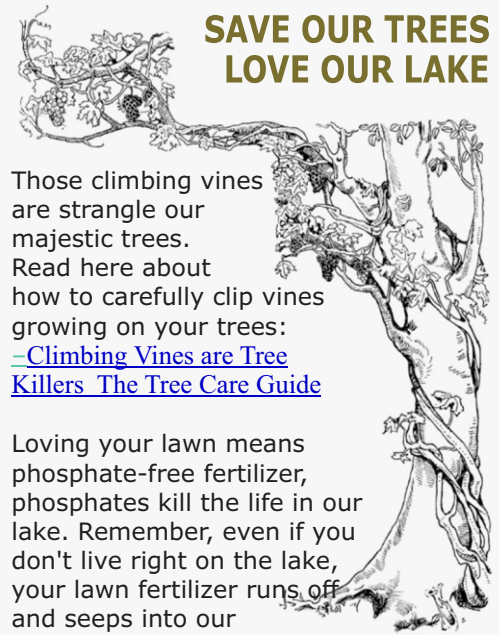


Special thanks to **Lucille Munz** our resident landscape architect for drawing up the plans and her extensive work on the front entrance renovation. We now welcome new volunteer **Dan MacChetron** who has joined us to manage the project moving forward. Thanks Dan!

The re-visualized front entrance on Gilbert Street should be underway as you read this. New plantings and repointing the stone pillars should be completed by mid-May. The new sign is being developed, we're targeting installation mid-summer.

Another HUGE THANK YOU to **Copia Garden Center** in Vista who donated ALL the plant material at no cost to the association. A significant savings and allows us to professionally manufacture the entry sign and stay on budget!

SAVE OUR TREES LOVE OUR LAKE



Those climbing vines are strangle our majestic trees. Read here about how to carefully clip vines growing on your trees:

[-Climbing Vines are Tree Killers The Tree Care Guide](#)

Loving your lawn means phosphate-free fertilizer, phosphates kill the life in our lake. Remember, even if you don't live right on the lake, your lawn fertilizer runs off and seeps into our beautiful lake.

Please minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.

Westchester County law prohibits the use of Phosphorus fertilizer as of May 2009. DYK One pound of phosphorus can grow up to 500 lbs. of plants or algae? A 50 Lb. bag of commercial lawn fertilizer contains between 2 1/2 and 7 1/2 lbs. of phosphorous.

Tackling Our Resident Geese *By Scot Evans*

Each spring, Canadian geese naturally migrate north to the Canadian tundra. In the past few decades, however, humans have interfered with their migration cycle, resulting in an overpopulation of geese in many parts of the country, including New York state. In the early 1900s, for example, when private individuals released captive Canadian geese in the Lower Hudson Valley and on Long Island, the birds and generations of their offspring made their homes there instead of winging north to go home. As flocks proliferated and spread to other areas of the state, human residents were faced with potential aesthetic and health issues including geese droppings on their lawns and high levels of E.coli in drinking water and on beaches, where —multiplying in the warm summer water—it posed a threat to swimmers.

In response, some communities throughout the country resorted to killing geese, but others discovered a far more humane way to handle the problem: egg oiling and addling. Recommended by the Humane Society of the United States, the goal of egg oiling (coating eggs with pure corn oil) or addling (shaking the yolks) is to create a failed nesting, which discourages geese pairs from hatching goslings and then shedding their flight feathers to become residents. Unchecked, this hatching cycle allows greater and greater numbers to stay where they nest each year. When geese pairs find that they cannot start families where they are, they retain their flight feathers and join flocks of migratory geese returning home to Canada.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service issues annual permits for egg oiling and addling. On Truesdales Lake, where they have issued an annual permit for many years, volunteers visit the islands for seven weeks each spring to count the nests and record the number of eggs in each one.

Eggs are then addled and/or oiled, using care to replace them intact back in the nest. If eggs are broken, geese will simply lay more eggs to maintain a full nest. If necessary, an umbrella is deployed to prevent the geese from viewing the oiling process and to protect the oiler from attack by an aggressive gander (male). Weekly reports are submitted to document the process, which started this year at the end of March.

For further information and to read those reports, see the article by Rob Cummings on the lake website: <http://truesdalelake.com/2020/04/egg-oiling-update/>.

Dealing with resident geese from the Humane Society:

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources>.



Truesdale Lake History Corner

By Priscilla Luckow

This 1930 map of the Truesdale Lake Corporation's planned development shows several interesting things. Existing houses in 1930 are shown in their lots in yellow:

- The Clubhouse and boathouse are shown at the end of Red Pine Lane (now Gilbert St.) but the two beach lots next door are not yet identified on the map.
- Truesdale Lake Section 2 (top left) was never completed and Indian Lane and Gilbert St. in that section were never built through to Main St.
- At the top, Hoyt St. does not go through to Main St. near the dam and Hoyt Lane was never built as another exit to Boway Rd.
- Lawrence Lane was never built (although it still appears on many maps today)



homeowners in the local newspapers to reinforce the desirability of Truesdale Lake.

"Charles H. Gristede, President of Gristede Brothers, has built a beautiful home on five plots of the Lake section."

"J. Howard Bogardus, Vice President and Treasurer of the Stamford Savings Bank, owns two plots of ground...and has built an extremely attractive home."

An "all-year-round cottage located on the northern shore of Truesdale Lake and sold to Mr. Elmer Q. Oliphant, the famous football player and graduate of West Point."

Another enticement to buy at Truesdale Lake was a "Cooperative Service" to ease the maintenance of owning a summer and weekend property. Sales notes in the early 1930s read:

"A Cooperative Service has been established with the result that whenever a property owner wants some sort of work done, such as having windows washed, building fires, turning on water or light service, he may have this labor accomplished at a most nominal fee. It is the aim of this Agent to provide as nearly as possible the service which one would have on an estate where there are special caretakers, etc."

This was a very appealing service to anyone whose primary home was at a distance and just wanted to enjoy a weekend in the country!

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

From the beginning, the Truesdale Lake Corporation and sales agents advertised the exclusivity of the lake. They often published the names of well-known

Septic Cleaning

Include your septic tank in your Spring-cleaning activities. The town of Lewisboro requires each septic system be pumped at least once during every 5-year period.

TLPOA members get a discounted rate with Earth Care based on our number of potential homes and the size of your tank. You must mention the special discount when calling: 800 428.6166

Boat Auction TBD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MANAGE THIS EVENT

All boats used on Truesdale Lake must have a valid Truesdale Lake boat sticker. This sticker is your boat's resident indicator. Whether kept on your property or at the designated boat storage lots, you must still register your boat(s).

Any boat found, that is not registered to a current resident, will be confiscated, and sold.

[BOAT STICKER](#)

Twigs & Branches

On May 18th those piles of twigs and branches will be picked up if neatly stacked by the road (not on the road). This year larger branches may be included, but no logs please!

If you have a large pile, you can pay a surcharge in advance and the entire pile will be removed. Contact:

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TLPOAboard@gmail.com

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