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President's Note

Allison Setteneri

Hi Neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for the turnout, questions, and support we received during the board meeting last month, both in person and through Zoom. It was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces.

As you may recall, one of the more significant topics discussed during the meeting was the state of our Dam. Completed in 1920 and located at the northwest corner of the lake, it has not received much upkeep or maintenance since being built.

Despite a recommendation for maintenance by New York State DEC over 17 years ago, no significant repairs have been made.

To address the concern of the dam's integrity, members of the board, along with our neighbor Scot Evans, applied for an engineering study grant last year. Unfortunately, we were not successful in receiving funding.

The board believes that conducting an independent engineering study on the Dam is necessary at this point.

We believe this study will provide us with concrete information (pun intended) on the condition of the dam and spillway, as well as what improvements are needed. As I'm sure you can all understand, being able to address actual issues when writing a grant application will put us in a better position for funding.

Our Water Commissioner, Lucille Munz, was able to find an engineering firm specializing in private dam studies. Their proposal outlines an inspection of the dam and spillway. The engineering firm will also provide us with suggestions on how to mitigate the pressure caused by our more frequent larger storms.

The study will cost \$11,175. In the coming weeks, we will be asking TLPOA members to vote on contracting the engineering firm to perform the study.

Given the dam's age and the added pressure from global warming, we believe maintenance is necessary. This study is the first step in determining the condition of the dam and measures necessary to ensure its integrity and potential future improvements.

WATER CORP DATE

LUCILLE MUNZ

COMPLIANCE UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS

In spite of the rainy Fall and Winter weather, the improvements that were required by the Dept. of Health to the well at the basketball court AKA "the Producer Well" have been completed! The engineering firm has signed off on the final inspection, and the Dept. of Health for Westchester County has conducted their final inspection report and all the improvements were approved.

During the review process for the Producer well with the Dept. of Health, the County also required us to make additional upgrades to the well at Howe Street, AKA "the Brain Well." These upgrades have also been completed, and again we are waiting for the final sign off from the County. The well upgrades for each well had to do with chlorination of the water system.

BACK-UP GENERATOR FOR THE PRODUCER WELL

We are happy to report that we have Dept. of Health approval for the backup generator for the basketball "Producer Well," and have signed contracts along with deposits with National Standby Repair for the new generator and with Heritage Propane for the new propane tank to service the generator. We expect it will take several months for delivery and installation with the goal of having the backup generator and propane tank in place within the next 4-6 months. We will keep you posted.

FUTURE MAPPING & SHUT OFF WATER VALVE LOCATION PROJECT

As you may remember, we wanted the residents who are on our water system to help us locate their

water valves at their homes. We have since recognized that we first need to have our existing water system digitally mapped, as the new information would be geolocated. The two maps we currently have to work off of are hand drawn from 1952 & 1979. Over the next few months our existing maps are being digitally updated. Once this is completed, we will ask folks again to help us locate their water valves if they know where they are located. So stay tuned for more information in the spring.

WATER SYSTEM PARTNERSHIPS

In researching opportunities for potential grants for water improvement projects, I found the American Water Works Association. Membership in this organization will give us access to updated information on water quality and testing issues as well as information on how other communities handle water improvement projects. We have since joined this association.

Through this association and an EPA report, we have identified an opportunity for a Water System Partnership. Basically, the idea is to find local water system operators similar in size and/or in an area geographically, and together work towards helping one another on similar goals, share resource knowledge and identify potential funding sources that several water systems could work towards together. We are currently reaching out to a couple of local water systems to start discussions on a partnership.

Stay tuned!

LAKE MANAGEMENT

JOHN GUSMANO

LAKE DRAWDOWN

You may have noticed the water level dropped and wondered how and why? Siphons were installed over the dam spillway to drop the water level to a target of 3 feet below the spillway level. This reduction exposes the shore line and shallow areas. The winter freeze compacts the exposed soil reducing the weed growth for next season. This also provides the opportunity to remove the debris and repair walls and docks.

Unfortunately, nature did not cooperate this year. The heavy rains continued to refill the lake, sometimes faster than the siphons could lower it, thus hindering our ability to freeze the lake bed. We'll keep you posted on Winter 2024 plans.

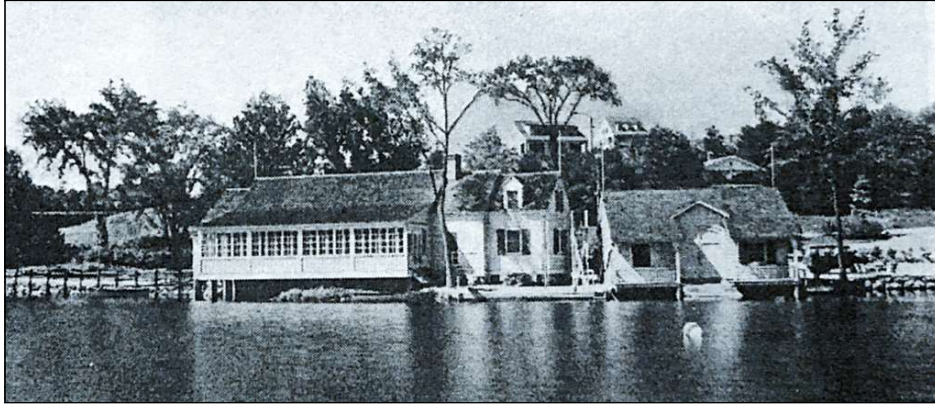
LAKE HEALTH

This year Truesdale Lake was accepted into the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) which is a volunteer lake monitoring program run by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the NYS Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFLOA). The program will allow us to understand and build an ongoing record of the Lake's health. Samples will be taken from July through August by our wonderful resident volunteers **Susan & Dieter Luelsdorf** backed up by **Kathy & Matthew Lyness**. The samples will be processed, packaged, and sent to the Upstate Freshwater Institute for analysis.

Our goal is to gain a real understanding of our lake's health and insight to its challenges.

Events and Activities

Get involved - We Need You!
Please email tlpoaBoard@gmail.com



The Truesdale Lake Club house, Boat House and Beach, 1930

Calendar

MAY

- 06 Beach Clean-up 9am
- 07 Historic Hamlet Hunt
- 15-16 Twig Pick-up
- 23 Annual Board Meeting
- 27 Beach Officially Opens
- TBD Sand Castle Competition
- 29 Memorial Day 10K, 5K & Fun Run around our lake - South Salem Presbyterian Church

JUNE

- Need Volunteers for:
- TBD Family Movie Night
- TBD End of School Party

JULY

- Need Volunteers:
- TBD Bike Parade
- 04 Moonlight Regatta
- TBD Kayak Relay Competition
- TBD Family Movie Night

Volunteer and help
fill in the TBDs

► SOCIAL CHAIR 2023 NEEDED

We are still looking to fill the leadership position of social chairperson to make this tentative calendar real. The social chair guides the social committee through the event planning and coordination of the social activities for our community. Even if you only want to help at one specific event, please contact Allison or Bree or send email to TLPOABoard@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

Huge thanks go out to the hard-working handful of people who have helped execute wonderful social events like the Halloween Parade and the caroling event over the 2022 season, while we continued the search for a social chair leader.

Mika McLane-Bowes

Pat Bissett Marissa Carrio
Kristy Fasano  Julie Fiegoli
Wendy McLean Allison Settineri
Bree Rasamny



TRUESDALE LAKE CAROLING FOR A CAUSE

Our caroling event is a wonderful opportunity for residents to gather as a community, stroll and sing carols while strolling the luminary lined streets of Lake Truesdale.

This year we raised over \$600 for the Community Center of Northern Westchester through the sale of the luminaries which made our streets and hearts glow.

Around the Lake

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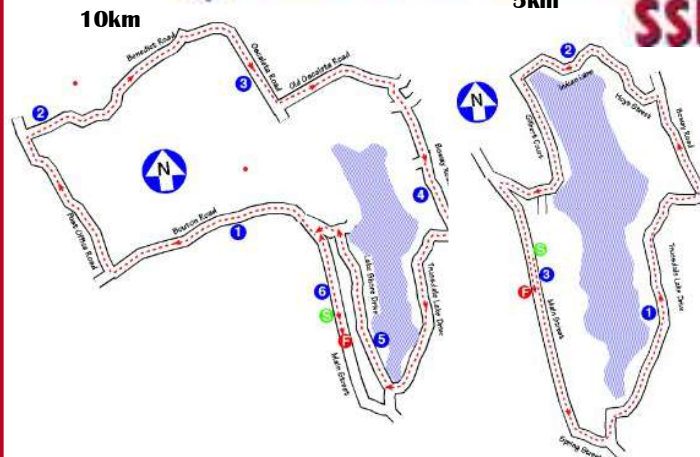
Annual Gaggles of Geese

Resident volunteers are now actively oiling goose eggs on the three big islands of our lake.

Our goose eggs oiling started in 2008 and has been very successful in controlling the population of geese on the lake. We monitor the islands through the spring and act as needed as new nesting pairs attempt to set up house.

Egg oiling requires a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Services which we have obtained. If you'd like to volunteer reach out to lake@truesdalelake.com

Q: Why are geese the most annoying drivers?
A: They are always honking!



May 29, 2023
Rain or Shine

10K: 8am
5K: 9am
Mile Fun Run 10:45am

Questions: sspcmemorialdayraces@gmail.com

Info: <https://events.elitefeats.com/23salem>

Register: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/131253/8>

Don't Feed Our Lake An Appetizer - Algae Blooms Love Fertilizer

The health of the water supports the ecosystem of plants and wildlife that we all enjoy. Our lake like others face a challenge from phosphorus which is plant food, too much and the plant growth becomes unsustainable. You see it as algae blooms and excessive plant growth resulting in the oxygen in the water being depleted. Next you end up

with a massive die off which can kill fish which affects the birds etc.

Studies have identified septic systems and fertilizer runoff as major contributors. So even if you don't live directly on the Lake your actions can help or hurt.

We have only 2 simple requests:

1. Don't fertilize your lawn or flowers, they actually learn to be quite happy on their own.

2. Pump your septic every 2 to 3 years depending on your tank size and use. How your septic system performs can also affect our drinking water.

[SepticSmart Education](#)

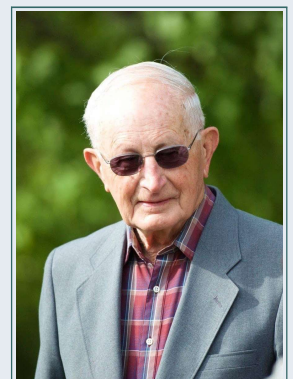
FAREWELL RAY MORSE

It is with deep sorrow that we say farewell to Ray Morse 92, a beloved member of our community. Ray and his wife Helen were 40-year Truesdale Lake residents.

Ray made a significant impact on the lives of those around him. During his time in the community, Ray served on the TLPOA board and was dedicated to making the community a better place for all.

Walking along Lake Shore Drive, Ray always had a smile and a joke for his neighbors. He was known to carry dog treats which he gave out generously to every furry friend dog he encountered.

Ray leaves behind his two daughters, Barbara and Luanne, who will miss their father dearly. He will also be greatly missed by his friends and neighbors in Lake Truesdale.



Rest in peace Ray Morse

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Boating on the Lake

In order to use boats on Truesdale Lake, you must be a deeded member in good standing in one of the lake organizations or have waterfront property. All boats on our lake must display a sticker. Please register your boat here:

[Request Boat Sticker](#)



Pump Your Septic

The town of Lewisboro requires each septic system be pumped at least once during every 5-year period. We recommend every 2 years if you are on the lake. Earth Care owned by Wind River Environmental offers \$50 off code APRIL50 online \$40 off code APRIL40 by phone (800) 428-6166 or (877) 560-9007



Earth Day Gardening Tips

- Leave lawn clippings and leaf litter on your lawn
- Compost kitchen and garden waste
- Acidify your soil with used coffee grounds
- Lower the acidity of your soil with crushed eggshells
- Feed roses potassium by burying banana peels near by

Welcome to the NEIGHBORHOOD

Jessica & Christopher Berger
55 Hoyt Street
jessica@bergerbookkeeping.com

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20 Hoyt Street
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Nahum Kianovsky & Andi Kornfeld
40 Gilbert Street

Johanna & Emmanuel SkrzypczK
23 Gilbert Street
emmanuel.gastard@gmail.com

Kattia Vasquez-Lee
16 Howe Street

Brittany Vogel
66 Main Street

Claire Weinraub & Augusta Duffy
13 Bouton Street

The Beach

Please join your neighbors and help us get the beach ready for fun in the sun!

Beach clean-up Saturday,
May 6th at 9:30 AM

We're hiring a lifeguard.
Weekends July- August
email Martin415@gmail.com



Gone Fishing

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.

[Fishing Permit Tag](#)

Twigs & Branches

On May 15-16 piles of twigs and branches will be picked up if neatly stacked by the road - not on the road). No logs please!



TLPOA ANNUAL MEETING



May 23rd, 7PM
Location TBD

Would you like to get involved on the board or help out at TLPOA events? Please send email to TLPOABoard@gmail.com

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