



Shore Lines Extra

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Busy Fall At the Lake

Our Old Bridge Recycled

A recent CBS6 News story covered replacing a bridge in Greene County. Several bridges were wiped out and numerous roads were impassable, stranding residents in remote mountaintop areas.

A bridge over Kaaterskill Creek in Palenville was washed out during the flooding from tropical storm Irene. For a few months a 7 mile detour has been in place. The new, recycled 70 foot bridge that is scheduled to open on Nov. 1, is being built using segments of the old bridge over Route 9P. This was a cost efficient, environmentally-friendly and most importantly, the fast way to restore mobility to this community. It was reported that this bridge should last 50 - 75 years. We are happy to hear that our bridge lives on!!!

Lake Level Question

“What is the desired state for winter draw down to kill weeds and zebra mussels?”

“In theory, the dam is at 200, but I have never seen it below 201. The lower the winter level, the more the weed kill. Also, a lower level will mean less damage from ice movement in the spring and less flooding. The level will still depend on the rain over November and December. It usually will not go lower after the lake freezes. Most winters it has been between 201.5 and 202.” – Ed Dweck, SLPID Commissioner

With the water level down, this is a great opportunity to clean up your shoreline!

Member's perspective on recycling the Route 9P bridge . . .

“I was going to send you an email to say how excited I was to see the bridge recycled, particularly since it is being recycled where my family lives and where I grew up, Palenville! Luckily my family didn't suffer any damage during Irene, just the inconvenience of having to the road closed.



Here is a picture of my dad, Floyd Mower, standing where the bridge washed out and where our lake bridge has been placed! Feel free to use it in a future newsletter. Now when I visit them, I can drive over the "lake" bridge without evening going to Saratoga Lake! It is so neat that both of my "homes" have been brought together.”

— Brenda Lee Saunders

With Great Fondness
A Memorial to Robert R. Morris

Bob Morris, 95, died on October 18, 2011. Bob moved from his home in Caroga Lake to Saratoga Lake in 1954, and co-owned Brown's Beach for 35 years. He was president of the Saratoga Lake Property Owners for 15 years, was active in the Boy Scouts and was a Mason.

Bob was such an integral part of the lake for many years and will always be remembered by many residents. We wish we could print all of the fond memories that are coming in about him, but be assured that in looking back over the history of the lake, Bob will always be a key figure.

I remember Bob

My husband, Ron, was on the board of directors with Bob and I was the secretary at the time, also. Bob had a great love for the lake. He was an avid fisherman and knew many people in ENCON. He worked very closely with Bob-by D'Andrea getting a bill passed to protect the lake. He was also instrumental in working on the lawsuit we brought against Ballston Spa and Saratoga to help us get the sewers in that we now enjoy. *(submitted by Ann Durocher)*

A Memory of Bob Morris

by Jack Gallagher

Brown's Beach on the south shore of Saratoga Lake was always a favorite destination of families seeking a pleasant place for summer picnics, swimming and sunbathing on the large sandy beach. Families enjoyed the amusement rides and other "fun in the sun" activities. During the 1940s Brown's Beach was managed by Harold and Amos Brown, two brothers who worked hard maintaining the premises which were at that time patronized by enlisted military personnel on furlough picnicking by day with their girlfriends and jitterbugging at night on Brown's dance floor.



Bob Morris continued at Brown's Beach when the Brown brothers retired. He kept things in working order as well as clean and safe. Bob started his duties early in the day on his trusty old green John Deere tractor grooming the beach. As the day wore on his duties varied from pumping gasoline into boats, selling tickets for the merry-go-round, the huge Eli Ferris Wheel, the Tilt-A-Whirl or the kiddie rides to shucking ears of corn, greeting patrons and giving sound advice. By the end of the day Bob was removing trash and cleaning up the area in preparation for the next day. All this he did with an ever present cigar between his lips.

In the 1980s my children spent many days crossing route 9P in front of our cottage, running along the beach fronts on Fathom Drive to get to Brown's Beach. My son played Ms. Pac Man and my daughter just recently said how grown up she felt eating lunch at Brown's Beach without her parents! Both my children enjoyed the tubes, floats and air mattresses sold at the bath house entrance. They also remembered the "foot bath" at the bath house.

One of my memories of Bob Morris happened in the mid 1970s. I was launching my boat at Brown's Beach in late June with my very pregnant wife helping. I was not very good at backing the trailer and boat into the water (I am still not good at it!) and when attempting to launch the boat things went awry. Ella was able to wade into the water and hold the rope on the boat while I went up to the restaurant seeking some help. Bob Morris was sitting down at a table enjoying a cup of coffee and a fresh doughnut and invited me to join him which of course I did. Who could refuse that offer? Forgetting about the boat, trailer and wife I had a nice visit with Bob until a man entered the restaurant saying that a very pregnant lady was having a

hard time holding onto a boat by the launching area!

Bob and the trusty old John Deere got everything straightened out and about two weeks later our son was born. It's no wonder he enjoys Saratoga Lake so much, as has his own fond memories of Brown's Beach and Mr. Morris.

Malta Public Hearing on Noise

On Thursday, November 10 at 6:40 pm there will be a public hearing at the Malta Town Hall. This will be a time for residents and contractors to voice their opinions on the new law drafted in response to complaints and concerns over weekend construction noise. This is the time to be heard!!!

Message to Supervisor Kinowski by a resident:

"This weekend was horrible again with the whirling noise from GF. It was continuous from Friday night through this morning. It's harder now that summer is over and the air conditioner is not drowning out the sound. Even with all my doors and windows closed, you can still hear the noise, especially at night. Have you heard any news or updates? Did Malta ever conduct their own sound testing? Do we know the results? I know they promised to have this fixed by December, but can't they control when those CPS units run? Do they have to run continuously?"

GlobalFoundaries Update on Noise Problem at Saratoga Glen

We remain on track with our original project schedule and assuming there are no unforeseen circumstances or severe weather, we expect the installation of the permanent mitigation strategy to be complete by year's end. This specialized sound attenuation plan was developed in consultation with third-party sound and noise experts and is expected to significantly reduce the noise coming from the Fab 8 site. This is a complex project that involves specialized engineering and design work and custom manufactured equipment, but we are moving forward quickly and have made significant progress.

In the past few weeks, we have completed and approved all the detailed engineering drawings, ordered and purchased the custom equipment and scheduled the construction work necessary to make the improvements to the building. We expect to begin the construction work on the building on Monday, October 28th. The improvements to the building will be made in anticipation of receiving the custom baffles, or "silencers," in mid-November. Once we receive the silencers, we will begin installation of these customized solutions.

As we have previously explained, we believe the CPS units, which are part of our back-up power generation system, are the source of the sound. The mitigation strategy includes replacing the louvers in the building which house the CPS units with sound attenuation baffles, which are designed to keep much more of the sound within the building. Once we receive the baffles, the installation process entails removing all of the louvers and mounting the baffles which will protrude from the wall on the inside and outside of the building. After the baffles are

installed, the sound attenuation expert will evaluate the effectiveness of the installation and make additional recommendations if required.

We will continue to move forward expeditiously and appreciate everyone's continued patience. I will continue to provide updates and report the status of this project as additional information becomes available. *(reply submitted by Supervisor Ed Kinowski)*

This Month's Tip from Arvin Hart Fire Department

With winter coming, the October storm got our attention, the Arvin Hart Fire Company would remind resident that a few pre winter projects should be completed now. First order of business is to make sure all chimneys where solid fuel is being burnt should be cleaned and inspected for the heating season. If you have battery powered smoke or carbon monoxide detector now is the time to change the batteries. False alarms can also be caused by detectors that are too old, there are expiration dates on detectors, smoke 10 years for most and CO alarms are generally labeled on the back. Also dirty and dusty smoke detectors can either become more sensitive causing a false alarm or less sensitive not detecting in a timely manner. Just use a vacuum cleaner brush to gently vacuum off the outside cover of the alarms. *(submitted by Tom Rinaldi, Commissioner, Arvin Hart Fire Department – www.arvinhart.org)*

At last week's Saratoga Lake Association meeting, a discussion of storage issues along the lake road was brought up by several members. The discussion covered any items left too close to the road. This is the answer that came from Dom Gabriel of the Department of Transportation.

"Thank you for discussing this issue/concern at your meeting. For many of these types of issues "common sense" should prevail, but unfortunately there will always be a segment that believes that it is somebody else's problem. At one time, (in the long ago past), the Department began erecting guiderail along the entire Lake side of RT 9P to prevent errant vehicles from entering the Lake. The outcry from the homeowners was enormous because they would have no access to the Lake. The Department acquiesced.

A similar topic that has become a problem is the placement of garbage cans on the shoulder during a snow-storm. Many times the snow plow trucks can not avoid these because of the narrowness of the highway. (A truck driver can not cross the centerline of the road to avoid the garbage can when/if there is oncoming traffic.) We ask that the homeowners monitor the weather and try to avoid the placement of their garbage cans prior to or during the snow storm. Thank you.

Reminder

Saratoga Lake Association's HOLIDAY KICKOFF PARTY at The Saratoga National Golf Club promises to be a night to remember and is generating a great deal of interest. Join the SLA Events Committee Thursday, December 1st for a festive night of dinner and dancing. We'll kick off this holiday season starting at 6pm for a cocktail hour at the bar (cash) to be followed by a wonderful assortment of passed hot & cold hors d'ouvres. Musical entertainment will be by SLA's own Doc Salvatore and his big band, SPECTRUM, playing a great 'spectrum' of music from Glen Miller up to today's standards. Let's all get dressed up and party down!



As event details may be subject to change, please stay tuned through SLA Extras for more details or log onto SLA's site www.saratogalake.org. Price per person will be \$15- (NOTE NEW PRICE) association members only please. RSVP to Lisa Morahan by Thanksgiving please – Thursday November 24th – and money will be collected at the door. This isn't a black tie event, but dress to impress – and be comfortable! (submitted by Lisa Morahan)

Let's Build a List

Each year we get more and more inquiries about available workers who put in and take out docks. We'd like to gather names and phone numbers of available Workers and distribute the list next spring.

Would you please share the names of persons you hire to help you get set up for summer and take it all down for fall? (With their permission, of course!!) Thanks to those of you who have already submitted names!

Memberships are coming in now and we want to urge you to get yours in before the busy holiday season is upon us. Having so many new people join our ranks is gratifying and lets us know we're doing something right!! The deadline date for memberships is January 1, 2012.

Public Water Around the Lake

There are so many folks that need and want public water but come up against a wall when trying to find out any useful information on how to go about obtaining it! Barb Faraone recently wrote (again) to Town of Saratoga Supervisor Tom Wood to look for direction on this issue.

It may be that we need to campaign door to door to get those interested signed up. We're sure there are many people out there who would be interested in getting involved in this issue and the more of us that do, the less work it is. **Barb would like to get an idea of anyone interested in getting public water and invites you to call her at 587-3478 or at bfaraone@nycap.rr.com to declare your interest.**

If it comes down to volunteering a little time to get this going, we certainly hope you will help.

Fire Department Reps Attend SLA Meeting

Representatives from the Quaker Spring Fire Department, Arvin Hart Fire Department and Malta Ridge Fire Department were invited to our October Informational Meeting. Each representative described their department's capabilities, readiness and the equipment available to assist lake residents and visitors in emergency situations. Each department has a boat available for water rescues, pumps for bailing flooding situations, and generators for back up power for those on oxygen therapy. They also assist with chain saws for emergency tree removal in addition to fighting fires and responding to water and vehicle accidents.

The membership had a question and answer session and thanked the Departments for their service.

The Saratoga Lake Association board of directors presented each department with a contribution of One Thousand Dollars as a token of our thanks for their assistance and support.

(submitted by Alice H. Evans, board secretary)

We want to hear from you . . .

Don't forget us when you get a great shot or news item. This is your "paper" and we want all the news you can share. We appreciate all the information that is being sent in by our members! Send your submissions to sinnidi@aol.com.

Saratoga P.L.A.N. maps local trails

Saratoga P.L.A.N. has released mapping utilities that take Saratoga County's 200-plus miles of public trails and 124 miles of snowmobile trails and put their information into a



single database. The site not only maps the trails but provides information about what the trail is made of, what type of uses are allowed on it, the elevation, and, in some cases, links to more information about the trails and pictures people have taken there.

For a list of links to use the mapping information visit:

<http://www.saratogaplan.org/SaratogaCountyTrailsMaps.htm>

Saratoga P.L.A.N. is looking for garage space near their office on Spring Street in Saratoga Springs. A 12 x 12 space would be ideal for storage of stewardship equipment (chainsaws, tools, etc.) They are also looking for Site Stewards for their Orra Phelps and Henning Preserves. For more details, please contact Andy Fyfe, Stewardship Director, at (518) 587-5554, ext. 3.

Prepare for Winter

The Town of Malta would like to help you to prepare for the winter ahead. Information to help you prepare for winter emergencies can be found on the Town of Malta website www.malta-town.org. The More Emergency Information and Tips page under the Emergency Management Department will give you pertinent details on winter emergency preparedness. Also find a link to the Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program application.

Note that our Malta Community Center can act as a warming shelter during winter storms if the Town Supervisor has declared a Town emergency. Always have a plan A in place to help you weather the storm in your home or to find shelter with friends and family. (taken from *Town of Malta Department of Parks, Recreation & Human Services winter 2012 publication*)

Head of the Fish a Success with Help of Volunteers

(submitted by Eric Catalano)

To the Volunteers of the weekend... THANK YOU. Saturday was COLD, and predictions for Sunday were threatening... And yet, there were more comments about the general upbeat nature of the volunteers than ever. Your positive "can do" attitude really buoyed the spirit of the entire regatta. As a coach, when I am looking for essential qualities in a coxswain, I often will watch very closely how the individuals react to potentially nasty weather, and disheartening circumstances. . . . A good coxswain can turn any practice into a good one, and a good set of race volunteers can turn any race into a good one. This weekend you really came through... Thanks again.

To the Rowers . . . Nice job! Across the regatta SRA was continually among the top few of each event. There were 23 fish heads caught by SRA and probably an equal number of silvers and bronzes. Congratulations! There were many great performances!

Friends of Kayaderosseras Fall Clean-up

The second of two fall clean-ups will be held on Saturday, November 12. Volunteers will meet 9 a.m. in Kelley Park in Ballston Spa to be assigned to work crews. Wear sturdy boots and gloves. Shovels, rakes, ropes, loppers, and other assorted hand tools are also appreciated. The day will end with a hot lunch at 1 p.m. The rain date is Saturday, November 19.

Please contact coordinator John Battenfield if you plan on attending at jbtrout@nycap.rr.com.

Saratoga Lake Rescue

A man sailing on Saratoga Lake was rescued by members of the Quaker Springs Fire Department and the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department after his mast broke, stranding him in the middle of the lake. "A gust blew me over," Chuck Randall of Saratoga Springs said after he was rescued. Randall ended up in the water briefly after losing control of the vessel but the boat did not capsize. He and the boat were brought safely to a dock near Fitch Road. (information taken from the *Saratogian* on 10/26/11)

Saratoga Tackle will once again be helping the kids at the Franklin Community Center with donations of new mittens, hats, scarfs and gloves. We hope many of you will pick some up and drop them off at the store from now until December 1st. Saratoga Tackle is in the Stewart's Plaza on the north end of the lake (tel. 584-3952)

Update from the SCSD

Jim DiPasquale from the Saratoga County Sewer District reported that a detailed review of the sewer project is under way. When the review is completed, updates will be provided to the municipalities and residents as the scope of the work and details are confirmed.

Adirondack Sports & Fitness Winter Expo and Saratoga Healthy Living Expo Join Together

The Saratoga Healthy Living Expo has joined forces with the Adirondack Sports & Fitness Winter Expo to produce one of the Capital Region's largest exhibitions of outdoor sports, fitness, travel and living well. The Adirondack Sports & Fitness "Winter Sports & Healthy Living Expo" will be on Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20, 2011 at the Saratoga Springs City Center.

Lisa Morahan, founder of floydwarriors.com, which "Helps Families Cope With Cancer, One Household at a Time," established the Saratoga Healthy Living Expo in 2010, a few months after finishing chemotherapy for stage 3 breast cancer. In hopes of staying cancer free, she consulted her oncologist as to what kind of lifestyle choices she should make after treatment. Frustrated and lacking adequate responses, Ms. Morahan hoped to bring together the Capital District's leading professionals for a weekend of hands on experience and great informational sharing. Thus, the Healthy Living Expo was conceived.

Exhibit hours will run Saturday, November 19 from 10am-6pm and Sunday, November 20 from 10am-4pm. Admission is \$5 (kids 18-under free) with partial proceeds to benefit floydwarriors.com.

Exhibitor registration is being accepted and space is limited. For more show information, call (518) 877-8788 or visit AdkSports.com.

Come Celebrate Stillwater Area Community Center's 20th Anniversary! Saturday, November 12, 6:00-10:30 p.m.

This evening promises to be a delightful event and a great time, as well as a contribution to the continued success of the Community Center.

Reservations must be received by November 7. For full details on tickets and a reservation form, please visit the Center's web page at:

www.stillwaterareacommunitycenter.org.

Dear Readers,

As you know, we do not normally advertise anything in our publications, but we would like to offer you the opportunity to own a "boat" that would "fit nicely" on Saratoga Lake.



Some features include an entire volcano with waterfall, huts, pools, arcades, gym, lounges, and for those of you who have jet skis or just want to lay on the dock, it has a retractable boat deck.



We don't know if the volcano erupts or not, but that certainly would add to the Fourth of July celebrations around the lake!

REMINDER

Edgewater Cottages will celebrate 50 in operation, and owner George Menneto would like to gather any photos, memories or memorabilia that may be out there. If you can help or know of someone who can, would you contact George at gmenneto@nycap.rr.com?

CORRECTION

SLPID Commissioner Ed Dweck's email address was incorrect in our last newsletter. His email is ejdweck@gmail.com.