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The Song Lake Property Owners Association has a new address
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SLPOA
PO Box 489
Tully, NY 13159

You can also reach us at;
songlakeassociation@gmail.com

and check out the website at:
www.songlakewatershed.org

News Among Our Neighbors was compiled by Gloria Wright, Sherla Millis, Tarki Heath, Marjie Grillo and all the kind neighbors who shared information with us. If we missed an event of importance, we apologize. We depend on our neighbors to tell us what's going on. If you have news you want to share, send us an email at: Songlakeassociation@gmail.com.

**It's okay, we all forget sometimes....
BUT
It's Not Too Late
Renew Your Membership
OR
Become a Member Today!**

Dues continue to be \$25 per year.

Make your checks payable to: The Song Lake Property Owners Association.

Please consider making a much appreciated donation to the SLPOA Watershed Fund.
Complete the form and mail it with your check to:
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Song Lake Property Owners Association

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We currently have two vacancies.

Join us for our next Board Meeting

March 20th at 6:30.

Call any board member for details.

MISSING: Pixel is 2-year-old Maine Coon cat - mackerel tabby with a bushy tail and white on his neck, underbelly and feet. He has been missing from his Fulmer Road home since Oct. 11. He's microchipped and used to being outdoors.



There is a \$500 reward, so please call Marjie Grillo at (315) 420-3719 or (315) 696-5963.

Song Lake

Winter Newsletter

From the Song Lake Property Owners Association

News Among Our Neighbors

Happy 2017!

First, a love story: Tony and Donna George, long-time residents on Song Lake Road, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 4. The couple met through Tony's cousin, Carl Grillo, and Marjorie (Burgess) Grillo, Donna's best friend. The four attended Valley Academy together. Tony and Donna have four children, Christopher and his fiancé Lori, Tammy and her husband Mike, Anthony, and Nathan and his wife Liz. The couple also have 3 grandchildren, Anthony Foti, Lucas and Ryan George. Their children surprised them with a weekend getaway for this summer. Tony and Donna have lived Song Lake since 1969. Congratulations to a wonderful family.

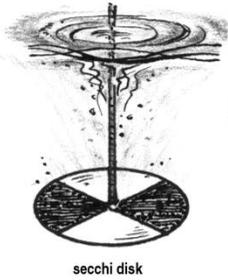
The Grillos also remain long-time residents; however they spent the winter in Florida this year. Long-time residents, Jim and Sherla Millis, recently took a trip to Manassas, Va., to celebrate the fifth birthday of their grandson, Noah. Jim and Sherla also visited in October for their granddaughter Hannah's second birthday. The end of May will bring them another grandchild when Mark and Jameie expect a daughter, Maya Faith. Their grandson, Ziggy, is a first grader at the Tully Elementary School.

We also want to welcome our new neighbors! Lisa Alexander purchased a home in Song Lake Cove in May, 2016. She previously resided in Albany, but moved to the area with a job promotion. She has a daughter, Jenna, who is in her third year of college at Russell Sage in Troy, NY. Lisa resides with her dog, Teddy Bear Longo, and is a permanent, year-round resident on Song Lake, employed at SUNY Upstate Medical University as Sr. Managing Counsel. She grew up in a small village in the Adirondacks and describes Tully and Song Lake as "coming back home!"

The Strangeway family purchased a home on Song Lake in January 2017. The home is co-owned by Mike and Renee Strangeway of Homer, NY and Mike's parents, Rick and Vonnie of Kissimmee, FL. Rick and Vonnie are former educators from Western, NY; Mike works in law enforcement, and Renee works at SUNY Upstate Medical University. They are all looking forward to working together on summer projects, spending leisurely time on the lake, and getting to know their new neighbors.

Martha Quinn is busy chairing the "Tully After Prom Party" for her daughter Ashley's junior class. Help from the community is appreciated as they work to put together a great drug and alcohol free event for our high school students.

- 1) There will be a garage sale at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday, March 11th from 10am - 2pm.
- 2) "All you Can Eat Wing Night" at Elm St. On Sunday, March 26th (you will need tickets).
- 3) Bottle Drive, Car Wash & Bob Barkers Hot Dog Truck on Saturday, April 8th near the bus garage at the high school. The bottle shack proceeds from April 3rd - April 15th will also benefit the after prom. For details on these fundraising efforts, please email Martha at: mquinn2@twcnny.rr.com



Do You Know What This Is?

This is a Secchi Disk. It's a simple device used to test for water clarity. Humble in design, it's an important tool for us on Song Lake. Each year the Song Lake Property Owners Association participates in the NY State, Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program, or CSLAP. We have a dedicated crew that goes out each Saturday, from May to October, to take water samples for lab testing. This work has provided us with valuable information about the water quality of our lake.

This work is important, now more than ever. We are relentlessly faced with a changing environment that brings challenges; some foreseeable, and others not.

Song Lake has a history of **harmful algal blooms**. These blooms create toxins that are dangerous for humans, pets and the resident fish. Last year, while they were less frequent than in other years, when they did occur, the toxicity was high. We also have the dubious distinction of being the only upstate NY lake to report a bloom after Thanksgiving.

We need to work together to understand how we might improve conditions in our lake to reduce these blooms and make a real difference in protecting our lake so that the next generations will be able to enjoy what we have enjoyed.

There is no need to make a commitment, just join us one Saturday morning for the experience, the friendship, and the knowledge that you might gain and enjoy. Then decide. If you would like to join us, just to "test the waters," for a day, give Tarki a call: (315) 696-5262 or Marjie and Carl at (315) 696-5963.

Ice Safety

Walking on the frozen water of Song Lake can be a treat, a thrill, and in some cases, a risk. If the ice is less than 3 inches, it is not considered safe. Also, pay attention to the fluctuations in temperature as thawing and refreezing will affect the integrity of the ice. The recommendations here are based on clear, solid ice, but ice that is slushy is about 50 percent weaker. If the ice is white (covered in snow), be extra careful and **DOUBLE** the recommendations.

For more information, go to: <http://www.wikihow.com/Survive-a-Fall-Through-Ice>

Be Safe on the Ice

Safe Ice Thickness*

<u>Ice Thickness</u>	<u>Permissible Load</u>	<u>Ice Thickness</u>	<u>Permissible Load</u>
3 inches	Single person on foot	12 inches	Heavy truck (8-ton gross)
4 inches	Group in single file	15 inches	10 tons
7½ inches	Passenger car (2-ton gross)	20 inches	25 tons
8 inches	Light truck (2½-ton gross)	30 inches	70 tons
10 inches	Medium truck (3½-ton gross)	36 inches	110 tons

*Solid, clear, blue/black pond and lake ice

Slush ice has only half the strength of blue ice. The strength value of river ice is 15 percent less

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A Watershed Management Plan for Song Lake

SUNY-Oneonta Watershed Management Award

Through the work of the Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations, three Kettle Lakes (Crooked Lake, Song Lake and Tully Lake) have been chosen for a joint watershed management planning effort. The New York State Federation of Lake Associations and SUNY – Oneonta will provide two-thirds of the funding for a graduate student to work on our lakes for two years.

A watershed management plan will provide us with documentation relating historical information, current data and goals for the future and plans to accomplish those goals.



Our graduate student is Eric Hanss. Eric obtained a Bachelor's Degree at SUNY Potsdam in 2015 in Biology with a minor in Wilderness Education, and is continuing his education at SUNY Oneonta in the graduate level Lake Management Program. Eric will be writing a management plan for each lake, with potential solutions backed up by two years' worth of research. He will be working closely with each lake's association and other invested parties to identify the root causes for the challenges to water quality, help to set goals and their associated timelines, and help to find the best management practices that can be used to reach each

Good Neighbor Volunteers

--- FISH – Friends in Service Here, is a program of PEACE, Inc. They provide transportation to medical appointments for local residents and need drivers. Volunteers may drive as little or as often as desired. For more details, call PEACE at (315) 696-8659.

--- The Preble Community Food Pantry needs canned vegetables. Donations are accepted Sunday mornings at the Preble Congregational Church or call Lou at (607) 749-2250.

Hoover Adventure Center

If you've spotted someone dressed in medieval costume on the shores of Camp Hoover, fear not. Members of Kingdoms of Novitas, a medieval fantasy live action role-playing group, have been holding gatherings at the camp, which the Girl Scouts have renamed the Hoover Adventure Center. The group has "an emphasis on immersive roleplaying, physical action and high standards for costuming and props." The group is holding monthly weekend gatherings at the camp through 2017, according to the group's web page.

A Reminder

Just as with open water fishing, all ice anglers must use certified bait and follow the state regulations for fishing, including having a license and marking their tip-ups.