



**The Song Lake Property Owners Association**

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**Our Song Lake**

**Winter Newsletter**

*From the Song Lake Property Owners Association*

February, 2018

**Neighbor to Neighbor - News around the Lake**

Along Fulmer Road, Linda and Peter Tague are pleased to announce that their son, Colin, graduated from Binghamton U. last May and has a job as a financial analyst. Their second son, Christian, is a sophomore at SU. Linda and her mother just returned from an amazing trip to Mexico City to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Peter is still around too, you may have seen him out skating on the glassy lake with his hockey stick and puck.

There have been lots of changes in the Cove. Spearheaded by Don McMasters, a cooperative effort to improve Rittenhouse Square Road was completed this fall with culverts placed under the road to reduce flooding. All the residents pitched in, and are pleased with this effort. It is a tribute to what neighbors can achieve working together. The lovely wood burned sign was designed and created by Karlee McMasters. Their renovations are complete, and they have moved in as year-round residents. Also living year-round are Lisa Alexander and her dog. Other changes to the neighborhood include completed renovations at the Hatch



home and the sale of the Dvorak's home to Jan and Kim Kublick. We were saddened by the passing of Howard Wells and extend condolences to the family.

Along the west side, we welcome our new neighbors, Michelle Vieth and Pete Thorman. They moved into the Friar's former residence. Next door to them, Diane Doby is enjoying her work part-time as the art teacher at Holy Cross, where her grandson, Kyle attends. On the south end of the lake, lots of changes appear in the works as the Turner property has been purchased by Nate Shirley. The old house has been torn down, and we look forward to seeing improvements there.

All around the lake, neighbors were seen helping others, whether it was to capture a renegade dock during the high waters, or clear debris from the May storm, **neighbors do help neighbors** on Song Lake.

**If your news isn't here, it's because we didn't know! We would love to hear about happenings where you are on the lake! Send an email or give us a call.**

**SURVEY INFORMATION**

Our Masters Student from SUNY-ESF is hoping to get a better response for our survey. At this writing only 16 residents have filled out a survey. That is not enough for his research needs. So, please, if you haven't filled out a survey yet, please go online or ask us for a hardcopy. It only takes a few minutes and your input is not only important, but necessary for an effective and useful Watershed Management Plan.

Surveys are available at: <https://sites.google.com/view/crooked-song-tully-surveys/home> sure to click on the link for SONG LAKE at the top.

Or go to our website [www.songlakewatershed.org](http://www.songlakewatershed.org) under resources.

Or [www.cofokla.org](http://www.cofokla.org) under the Song Lake tab

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**We currently have two vacancies.**

**Join us for our next Board Meeting**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

**Call any board member for details.**

## Local Events and Information of Importance

### TICKS: Impacts on Humans and Pets in CNY

Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30

Tully United Community Church

Do you know how many cases of lyme and other tick-borne diseases occurred in 2017?

Ticks are now common in CNY. Learn more about why that is so, the dangers presented, and what we can do. Guest speaker, **Dr. Brian Leydet**, SUNY – ESF entomologist, will present, followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Leydet, our local veterinarian Dr. Lydia Aris, and a representative from the Cortland County Health Dept.

**The presentation begins at 7:00**

**Join us at 6:30** and talk with the SUNY ESF limnology students, and learn about their projects and meet learn from our youth as the Tully Lego League presents their solution for HABs. This event is part of the Kettle Lake Speakers Series and Free and Open to All

### Caring for Our Piece of Earth

April 5, 12, 19 and 26

7PM Tully Library

Would you like to learn how to turn your yard into a wonderland for humans, birds, flowers and trees? Then join us as we share videos, read articles, and discuss our specific landscaping challenges and needs. We are excited to offer participation in a four week workshop developed by Janet Allen, of Wild Ones, Habitat Gardening CNY.

Each Thursday session will be 90 Minutes (6:00 to 8:30) culminating in a field trip on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to the Plantsman Nursery in Groton. Those who attend at least three sessions will receive a **\$25.00 Gift Certificate to the Plantsman Nursery!**

To register, call Marjie Grillo a (315) 696-5963

### National Fish and Wildlife Grant

In 2017, our Kettle Lakes were the beneficiaries of the National Fish and Wildlife Fund \$50,000 Chesapeake Bay Technical Capacity Grant. In collaboration with Syracuse University's Environmental Finance Center (EFC-SU), Princeton Hydro and Cortland County Soil & Water, we examined potential harmful stormwater impacts on our kettle lakes and positive remediation for each concern. We hosted two information sessions in Homer and Tully in November, sharing the findings for each lake and possible action steps to address these concerns. An example of one solution shared among several lakes was increasing riparian growth along shorelines to decrease erosion and stream run-off. We are excited by this opportunity to develop meaningful mitigation projects for our lakes. The Watershed Improvement Plans for each lake, including the research and recommended projects, can be viewed at [www.cofokla.org](http://www.cofokla.org)

## Our Working Partners

The Song Lake Property Owners Association has made many associations over the years. Here is a short list of those we work with to protect our lake.

- 📌 SUNY ESF – For the past nine years, the Watershed Committee has worked closely with Dr. Kimberly Shultz, Professor of Limnology. Each year she has brought 20 to 30 students to our lake to learn about our needs and create interesting and informative projects to present for their grades, but also to help us understand our lake.
- 📌 SUNY Oneonta – We are in our second year of developing a Watershed Management Plan for Song Lake. We are working with Graduate Student, Stradder Caves.
- 📌 Cortland County Soil and Water – We work on many fronts with our local soil and water department. Over the years, Water Quality Specialist, Pat Reidy, has provided strong support for our watershed work. We will miss him as he is retiring this year, but we look forward to working with Kathleen McGrath, the new WQS. We have also worked with Amanda Barber and C-OFOKLA, to secure the *Stop the Invasion Grant*. This is the final year of that grant, but the work to provide on the ground training and education for boat launch stewards and aquatic invasive species education will continue.
- 📌 Cortland – Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Assoc. – As a founding member, our work with this Kettle Lake coalition is ongoing. Their work has provided watershed management planning through outreach efforts and funding, not only through the DEC Aquatic Invasive Species Grant, but also the National Fish and Wildlife Fund, Chesapeake Bay Grant. Results from this work can be seen on the website at [www.cofokla.org](http://www.cofokla.org)
- 📌 NYS Federation of Lake Associations – We have been a member for several years with ongoing participation in the Citizens' Statewide Lake Assessment Program. All our CSLAP results, and information about the program (in conjunction with the DEC) is available online at [www.NYSFOLA.org](http://www.NYSFOLA.org)



### CSLAP Volunteers from 2017

We want to thank **EVERYONE** who contributed to a successful another testing year. Our leader, Carl Grillo, was assisted this year by Tarki Heath, Terry Orr and Donna Evans-Orr, Don and Andrew Barber, Craig Doby and Kyle, Karlee McMasters and Gloria Wright. When the results are provided by DEC, we will share with all on the lake residents.

**Join Us in 2018!**

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