



January, 2019

Song Lake

Winter Newsletter

From the Song Lake Property Owners Association

<p>The Song Lake Property Owners Association</p> <p>SLPOA PO Box 489 Tully, NY 13159</p> <p>We depend on our neighbors to tell us what's going on. If you have news you want to share or even an item you want to sell send us an email at: songlakeassociation@gmail.com</p> <p>and check out the website at: www.songlakewatershed.org</p>	<p>We continue to encourage any and all to attend the Watershed Committee meetings as well as the SLPOA Board meetings</p> <p>Song Lake Watershed Committee Meets every second Saturday of the month at 8:30AM</p> <p>The SLPOA Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 1st at 6:00 PM</p> <p>Look for our email notices, or email the Association at songlakeassociation@gmail.com to find out more.</p>
<p>Song Lake Property Owners Association</p> <p><u>Presidential Co-chairs:</u> Gloria Wright (315) 696-5524 gwright4@twcny.rr.com Marjorie Grillo (315) 696-5963 mgrillo@twcny.rr.com <u>Secretary/Treasurer:</u> Tarki Heath (315) 696-5262 c3thk@aol.com <u>Board Members:</u> Craig Doby (315) 446-1590 dmdoby1@gmail.com Carol Levine (315) 696-5744 spinonelady@yahoo.com Linda Metz (315) 696-8568 lmetz38@gmail.com Al Socha (315) 810-4049 al_Socha@twcny.rr.com Mike Fay (315)952-4964 Mfaysr1979@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>THANKS TO ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND WATERSHED SUPPORTERS!</u></p> <p>Renew Your Membership OR Become a Member Today! Dues continue to be just \$25 per year.</p> <p>Make your checks payable to: The Song Lake Property Owners Association.</p> <p>Please consider making a much appreciated donation to the SLPOA Watershed Fund. Complete the form and mail it with your check to:</p> <p>SLPOA Treasurer PO BOX 489 Tully, NY 13159</p>

Let's Start the Year with a Tribute to Our Members

We want to thank all our members whether new, renewing or those who have been supporters through the years. It has been proven that lake associations, like ours, do make a difference. Associations increase awareness of water quality issues, improving the water quality and property values. Every one of us has a shared interest in keeping Song Lake healthy and thriving by understanding the impact each one of us, and our actions has on the watershed. So thank you SLPOA!

Thanks to our Lifetime Members

Don Collier, Joe & Tarki Heath, Jim & Sherla Millis, Robert Thompson and Dorothy Sarvay.

Thanks to our current Members with dues paid through June 30th, 2019

Tom & Monica Abrams, Lisa Alexander, David Bornstein, Susan Bulina & Gregory Gallup, Dan Clausen & Sucheta Soudarajan, Annette & Ted Dickinson, Diane & Craig Doby, Danny and Nancy Fairchild, Mike & Marie Fay, Tammy & Mike Foti, Tony & Donna George, July Griffin, Tina and Tony Goddard, John & Jacki Goddard, Judy Griffen, Marjie & Carl Grillo, Rick & Debbie Henry, Donna & Michael Jenney, Rhea & Danny Jezer, Martha & Paul Kolodzy, Jan Kublick & Kim Cameron, Carol Levine, Don & Kim McMasters, Linda Metz, Jane & Jerry Miller, Pat & Dick Morgan, Beth & Lance Mosely, Terry & Donna Evans Orr, Martha & Peter Quinn, Dorothy Sarvay, Rick & Judy Shafer, Nate & Debbie Shirley, Robert & Pam Sinko, Rose & Al Socha, Steve & Leslie Soos, Kevin Stack, Tim & Cindy Stodsdill, Mike & Renee Strangeway, Peter & Linda Tague, Jean & Jim Terrell, Tom &, Linda Terry, Kathy Thompson, Christopher Viene, Brian & Katie Wells, Gloria Wright

Special Thanks to those who contributed to our Watershed Fund along with their dues. Your generosity goes a long way to help preserve water quality in the lake we all enjoy.

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Make sure your membership is up-to-date!

Stay in touch using our website for new and past postings of Newsletters and Water Quality Reports. www.songlakewatershed.org

Song Lake Action Plan

Song Lake has gone through many changes over the years. Some are easy to see, others are less apparent. In 2018 two issues became obvious: sudden and abundant plant growth and the profusion of invasive zebra mussels. These two issues are linked. As the water became clearer through the filtering action of the zebra mussels, the plants began growing at depths not possible in the past. The unprecedented exposure to sunlight at the lower, soft soil depths caused the plants to grow at a rapid rate. During the night, they released themselves from the soil (gasses created bubbles at the root), and the entire plant floated to the surface. We experienced entire masses of floating plants all around the lake. As the zebra mussels continue to multiply by the millions (trillions), this will likely reoccur. Less obvious were the changes in water temperature and the other ecological changes due to the presence of zebra mussels. However, our CSLAP data show dramatic increases in temperature at the lower depths along with decreasing dissolved oxygen. Without cool temperatures and oxygen, our fish populations may be at risk.

To address watershed issues, both near and long term, we developed a plan that has many prongs, dividing them into those that we must address with immediate action, those that need NYS DEC permitting, and considerations for longer term water shed management planning.

Immediate action items

☑ Weed removal – We will work again next year to rake and remove floating plants. Thilde and Carl from the Truxton orchard will take our crop as they did last summer. Carl Grillo will be the contact person.

☑ Weed Harvesting - SLPOA is coordinating with our Soil & Water District. to restart weed harvesting.

Actions Needing a NYS DEC Permit

☑ Benthic mats at swimming areas- Action timed for spring 2019

☑ Reintroduce Grass Carp - Action for spring release 2019

Longer Term Watershed Management Planning

These are being examined as part of a watershed management plan being developed for spring, 2019

☑ Chemical and/or biological “remedies”

☑ Aeration for Oxygen Issues

☑ Floating Wetland Islands for internal loading of phosphorus

Resident Choices and Best Practices

☑ Create shorescapes and shoreline buffers to reduce stormwater nutrients and other pollutants

☑ Keep boats in deeper water to limit resuspension of sediments into the water column and erosion along the shoreline.

☑ Pumping (every 3 years) and proper maintenance of septic systems. SLPOA will continue the septic system incentive program

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Let's Celebrate Spring!

Winter can be tough. The days are short and the wind sure can blow cold on the lake, so as we creep closer to spring, we would like to share in a celebration of our lakeside community.

On March 17th, 2019, we will hold a Pot Luck at Carole Levine's home to celebrate the coming spring. **Let's meet at 2:00** to share good food with great neighbors. The longer, warmer, brighter days of spring are coming! You can bring your shamrocks if you like!



Kettle Lakes Update

CNY Regional NYSFOLA Conference This Summer

The Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations is teaming up with the Madison County Federation of Lakes to hold a Central New York, Regional Conference. This conference will be sponsored by the New York State Federation of Lake Associations, and cover ten counties and over seventy lakes in central NY. Find out what other lakes in our area are experiencing and learn from the experts how they are addressing these issues. Details will be shared through our email link as we learn more.

Stunning Pendants Representing Our Lakes

These unique and beautiful pendants were designed exclusively by and for C-OFOKLA. All of our Kettle Lakes are accurately and lovingly represented along with our connecting Tioughnioga River. Each white bronze piece is 2-1/4 inches long, hand painted and soldered by Joanie DeSimone of *Moonheart Studios*. Find out more and place your order at www.cofokla.org



Ongoing

☑ Coordination with Cortland County Soil & Water for shoreline buffers and shorescaping.

☑ Continue to work with the experts as we monitor the changes occurring in the lake.

☑ Toxic Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring.

We work with many experts including close contact with the DEC Lakes Monitoring Program, professionals within NYSFOLA, and experts within our local universities including SUNY-ESF and SUNY Oneonta. We have more expertise available to us than most lakes and we make use of all these resources.