

Kickin' back at the lake

Shore Lines Extra

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Sunny Saratoga Summer

Aquatic Invasion Management

For two weeks starting on August 8, Aquatic Invasive Management (AIM) will be contracted by the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District to provide milfoil hand-



pulling services for the area known as the Sunken Island (roughly a 2.5 acre area located just off the Saratoga Springs Sailing Club).

Trained divers will conduct the milfoil removal work in selected areas of the lake. Four

divers and two top-water personnel will be in the area for two weeks (August 8-12 and August 15-19).

If you see their red and white flags and boat, please

give them plenty of room when passing by. (submitted by Joe Finn, SLPID Commissioner, Town of Saratoga)



Saratoga Springs Waterfront Park

In a recent article by Saratogian reporter Lucian McCarty, the City Council authorized a plan to put in for grants to support efforts to develop the Waterfront Park planned for Crescent Road on Saratoga Lake. For the entire article, please click on:

http://saratogian.com/articles/2011/08/03/news/doc4e38ae5111ca6335548306.txt

Update on Bridge

Final Clean-up Work

The contractor will be finishing up the remaining touch up painting over the next few days. After that, they will be starting the remaining boat launch work (sea wall, wooden bumpers and sidewalk concrete pouring). Following that they will be completing the driveway and boat launch access road paving before they start to remove the temporary bulkhead previously installed near the Point Breeze Marina. Once the bulkhead is removed, they will prepare and complete the asphalt milling and final top course of asphalt pavement placement on Route 9P.

Once all that work is complete on site, the contractor will begin final demobilization from the State Boat Launch parking area. They will pave and stripe the lot they occupied for the project. The total timeframe for this to be complete is hopefully prior to Labor Day. (submitted by Engineer in Charge, John V. Nolan)

Bon Voyage Summer Party

Please remember to mark your calendars for the last event of the summer season on September 10th.

Future events include a holiday kickoff party planned for December 1st at the Saratoga National Golf Club and the regular mixers return starting in October. Watch for further information on these events.

Don't forget to check the Saratoga Lake web site for the daily lake level reports as well as other important information.

www.saratogalake.org



Lake Residents Gene and Dianne Fedoronko paddled by the Annotto residence, but not before Julie snapped a picture!

(taken from the Malta Town Web Site)
"Malta Song Captures Small Town Values"

Monday July 25, 2011, 6:30 PM Malta Town Hall 2540 Route 9 Malta, New York

Small towns all across America are special places to live. In these special places, people are really friends with each other. They are "back door neighbors" where they visit, willingly borrow a cup of flour from each other, watch out for the safety of children, volunteer and help each other out in times of need. Call it "small-town charm."

The small town charm is nowhere more abundant and overflowing than in the small town of Malta in Saratoga County, New York where we have recorded a song to capture the essence of these small town values.

The song was adapted for the Town of Malta from a song written and made popular by country music star Dale Watson called "South of Round Rock Texas." It was offered to the town by Dale and recorded by the local band "Hair of the Dog" especially for the people of the Town of Malta.

Prior to the Malta Town Board Meeting Monday, July 25 at 6:30 PM the song will be played for the first time publicly with students of "Miss Roseanne's Dance Class" dancing a country line dance to the catchy tune of "In The Small Town Malta."

Click here for the words to the song. Click here to listen to the song.

For more information contact Paul J. Sausville, Malta Supervisor



Turning Point Parade/Festival/Fireworks Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7 Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville

The festivities start at 1 p.m. on Saturday with food and entertainment. An "old fashioned" street dance at 7 p.m. will be followed by a bonfire. A parade will begin 1 p.m. on Sunday, with live music by Open Bar Band at 7 p.m. and closes with 9 p.m. fireworks.

Malta Community Center Crafty Shoppers Marketplace August 6, 2011 10:00am - 3:00pm

Come and browse the many vendors and their wares

inside and on the lawn of the Malta Community Center. Art, crafts, retail items and home party products are some of what will be available for your shopping pleasure. If you would be interested in being a vendor for this year's



show please call the Malta Community Center at 899-4411.

Lost

Ski lost in the south end of the lake. If you found it, call Joe DiDonna at South Shore Marina, 584-9125.

In case you missed this article, we thought it worth sharing.

They're back at the lake to fight pests

Published 12:05 a.m., Sunday, July 24, 2011 by Leigh Hornbeck, Times Union Reporter



Corrie Mersereau, left, and Emily Russell work as lake stewards at Saratoga Lake

In the months since Corrie Mersereau last worked as a lake steward on Saratoga Lake, the St. Lawrence University graduate and Corinth resident has been a substitute teacher, worked as a stand-in for the Easter Bunny at Wilton Mall and been a personal assistant. She's grateful to be back at the state boat launch where she can put her degree in environmental studies to good use, keeping invasive plants and insects out of the lake.

Mersereau, 23, works full time, and this summer, she has help. Emily Russell, 21, a Bates College graduate from Glens Falls, is also working full time. One or the other or both women are at the boat launch seven days a week greeting visitors and letting them know about the dangers of invasive species.

The program is run by the Adirondack Watershed Institute, which is administered by Paul Smiths College. There were fewer than 10 stewards in and around the Adirondack Park last summer; now there are 27.

Eurasian milfoil, which already grows in Saratoga Lake; zebra mussels; and water chestnuts can crowd out native species of plants and impede boat traffic. Mersereau and Russell talk with each boater about cleaning their watercraft when they leave one body of water, before they put in at another.

Boaters are not required to stop for the lake stewards, but the women said most people are willing to listen. In 2010, Mersereau had contact with 3,190 boats.

This year on a busy day, 100 to 150 boats come though the boat launch. In addition to educating the public, the women collect data.

Friends of the Stillwater Glen Hollow Park

The Stillwater Glen Hollow Park is now open! The Friends of the Stillwater Glen Hollow Park hosted an opening ceremony on July 23rd to open the first phase of the park. Senator Roy McDonald talked to the community about the importance of a park in our area. Town Supervisor Ed Kinowski and Councilwoman Ginger Whitman thanked the community for bringing such a beautiful park to the Town of Stillwater.



The playground area was built in a community build that lasted 5 days. We are thankful to everyone who came out to help in the build. The park looks wonderful! Please come and visit — it's open from dawn to dusk everyday. Currently, SRE equipment from Stillwater is working on finishing the grading of the entire park project and finishing the walking path around the entire area. Phase 2, the basketball/Tennis court area will begin in Spring of 2012.

We will also be heading a teen action committee for area teens to get involved in the park projects. If your teenager is interested, please call Jacqueline Miller at 518-221-7009 to sign up.

The Friends of the Stillwater Glen Hollow Park will be parking cars at the *Saratogian* news lot on September 2nd. All proceeds from this event go to the park. They are also currently participating in the Macy's shop for a cause. Anyone who is interested can donate \$5 to the Friends of the Stillwater Glen Hollow Park, and receive 25% off the entire day at Macy's on August 27th.

If you would like to assist the Friends of SGH Park or would like to become a member, please call Jacqueline Miller at 518-221-7009. (submitted by Jacqueline Miller, Friends of the Stillwater Glen Hollow Park)

SACC Golf Tournament Friday, August 26

The Stillwater Area Community Center will host a charity golf tournament at Windy Hills Golf Chgolfourse

in Greenwich. All proceeds will be used to enhance the after-school activities for Stillwater area children., The tournament will be scramble format with 4-person teams on an 18 hold course. The \$85 entry fee will get you greens fees, a cart, drinks, prizes and a chicken barbecue dinner. Registration forms are on line at www.stillwaterareacommunitycenter.org.



Old Friends at Cabin Creek Events

Thursday, August 11

2nd Annual old Friends Wine Tasting Crush and Cask Wine and Spirits 170 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs

Enjoy a relaxing evening among friends and enjoy the gracious hospitality of Patricia and Jeff Novo, owners of Saratoga's home for great wines. Must be 21 years or older.

Saturday, August 20

Old Friends at The Saratoga Winery The Saratoga Winery and Tasting Room 462 Route 29 West, Saratoga Springs

Enjoy a relaxing evening in the warmth and ambiance of Saratoga Winery's Adirondack wine bar, sampling the best of New York wines. Must be 21 years or older. Time and further details will be available soon.

Saratoga Rowing Association

Registration is now open for the Fall 2011 Junior Competitive. The cost is \$360 for the season, but you will receive a \$50 discount if you register by August 29th.

For details on this program, schedules of upcoming events, and other offerings, you can go to their website at www.saratogarowing.com.

Saratoga P.L.A.N. 112 Spring Street Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 587-5554

<u>Saratoga P.L.A.N.</u> needs your help to conserve a piece of our community's landscape. P.L.A.N. is working with a

property owner, their neighbors, Saratoga County, and a local town to purchase the development rights on a farm growing alfalfa, clover and grass hay for a thoroughbred breeding operation. This eighty-four acre property, which has been in the same family for 90 years will be protected by a permanent conservation easement, ensuring that it will always re-



main available for continued agricultural pursuits. Horses are an important part of Saratoga County, its economy, its way of life, its landscape. Saratoga P.L.A.N. works to secure the land base that the local equine industry depends upon for pasture and hay. Agricultural fields shape, support, and sustain the region's horse industry and the community's character. If you appreciate the flat or harness track, trail riding, arenas, or the beauty of horses grazing in fenced pastures, and value our community's rural landscape, please help conserve it for the future! Make a contribution today to save this farm! It takes a variety of partners pooling their resources to achieve lasting land conservation. Through grants and donations, we have raised 94% of the costs for this farm conservation project and need to raise \$18,825 now to complete the easement process this summer.

Please help us conserve this 84-acre farm for future generations! <u>Donate securely online now</u> to Farm Project or Mail a contribution to Farm Project, Saratoga P.L.A.N., 112 Springs Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Help make a difference in our community, help save a farm, donate today!

We want to hear from you . . .

Take a moment to send us an item for our Shore Lines Extras. It's summer — there are so many events — family reunions, neighborhood parties, picnics, fishing stories. We are so appreciative of all the input we receive from our readers. Send your submissions to sinnidi@aol.com.