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The Song Lake Property Owners Association

SLPOA
PO Box 489
Tully, NY 13159

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**](mailto:songlakeassociation@gmail.com)

and check out the website at:
[**www.songlakewatershed.org**](http://www.songlakewatershed.org)

We continue to encourage any and all to attend the Watershed Committee meetings as well as the SLPOA Board meetings

Song Lake Watershed Committee
Meets the second Saturday of each month at 8:30AM

The **SLPOA Board's** next meeting is scheduled for July 15th at 6:00PM

Look for our email notices, or email the Association at [**songlakeassociation@gmail.com**](mailto:songlakeassociation@gmail.com) to find out more.

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THANKS TO ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND WATERSHED SUPPORTERS!

Renew Your Membership OR Become a Member Today!

Dues continue to be just \$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:

SLPOA Treasurer
PO BOX 489
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Song Lake

Summer Newsletter

From the Song Lake Property Owners Association

Members and Neighbors

Don't Miss the Song Lake General Meeting and Picnic!

August 4th from 3:00 to 5:00 at 1872 Fulmer Road

Once again, Carol Levine has graciously opened her home to us for this annual event. If you are not a current member, it's not too late. You can send in your application now, or come to the meeting and join us then. The dues have not changed for decades. Did you know that the Song Lake Property Owners Association was incorporate in 1956? Since that time the mission has changed a bit, but the focus of protecting Song Lake for our community has remained the same. This year, in addition to the meeting and food from Bob's Barbeque, we will raffle off one seasonal rental of a benthic mat.

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

Wishing All a Safe and Happy July 4th



With the holiday occurring on a Thursday this year, it's difficult to plan events, but if you would like to participate or organize a boat parade, give Marjie Grillo a call at 315 696-5963.

Welcome to Song Lake!

We want to welcome new residents, including Mike Shafer and Kathy Hennessy; Robert and Susan Wilson; Michelle Vaeth and Peter Thorman; and Michael Carroll and Donna Jenney. Welcome also to David and Denise Barber to their newly completed home and to Tom and Monica Abrams, who will now be full-time residents after selling their Tully house.

The Abrams also said their daughter Helene graduated from Gannon University and has one more 5-week rotation to complete the Physician Assistant program.

Their son, Walter completed his 3 years at Oneonta and has just started another 3 years at Upstate Medical University as part of the Physical Therapy program.

We are always interested in including news about neighbors in the newsletter. If you have anything you'd like to share, please send an email to the association.

We hope you still have your American flags flying from Memorial Day!

Watershed Update

Benthic Mats

We did it! As part of our Song Lake Action Plan, we worked with Nathan Sgouris to rent benthic mats for the open water season. Nathan installed mats for 20 homeowners this spring. He will pick them up in the fall, clean them and secure them for us to rent again next year. If you are interested in learning more about this program, call Tarki at 315-696-5262.

Weed Removal

While we have our fingers crossed that the weeds will give us break this year, but we also have a plan for removal. Those weeds that are raked from the surface and hauled to the road, will be collected again this year. Thilde and Carl from the Truxton orchard will take our crop as they did last summer. Carl Grillo is the contact person at 315-696-5963. We will send out an email well in advance of the pick-up date. So, be sure to check your emails.

Boating

Remember to travel in a counterclockwise rotation around the lake, and please stay out of the no wake zones.



Water Testing

We continue to do bi-weekly testing through the Citizens' Statewide Lake Assessment Program. Continued thanks to our CSLAP Team!

Kettle Lakes Update

Don't miss the **NYSFOLA Central New York, Regional Conference**. Our speakers will address CyanoHABs, Fisheries, Invasive Aquatic Plants, Find out what other lakes in our area are experiencing and learn from the experts how they are addressing these issues. The conference will be held on August 16th, from 8:30 to 4:30. The registration fee of \$25 includes lunch and a morning beverage. The Lodge at Welch Allyn is the lovely setting for this informative event. Central NY has ten counties and over 70 lakes, so there will be many associations and municipalities to connect with. This is an opportunity to reach out to other associations and find out what they are doing to protect their watersheds. To register, go to www.NYSFOLA.org under events.

A Word or Two about Healthy Living with Nature

Living near the woodlands and lakes is a delight, and as we enjoy nature's beauty, our chance encounters with wildlife increases. This may include animals with disease.

Healthy Animals in the Wild Will Keep Their Distance from Humans

Already this year, there have been suspicious reports of rabid animals. Rabies virus causes an acute encephalitis in all warm-blooded hosts. Signs in any animal with rabies may be seen as seizures, difficulty breathing, difficulty swallowing, excessive salivation, abnormal behavior, and aggression.



If you suspect an animal may be rabid, use common sense and move away from the animal. Contact: Cortland County: Dept. of Health; 607-753-5035 or Sheriff's Dept. 607-753-3311 or DEC Officer Kostuk 315-741-2205 Onondaga County Dept. of Health: 315-435-3165

Ticks Abound

Ticks, once only seen occasionally, are now common in CNY, and the incidents of tick borne diseases are a growing concern. Most of us on the lake have encountered them in our yards or around wooded areas, and many of our neighbors have already had a tick bite with the need for antibiotics.

Here are some basic precautions: Always do a "tick Check," behind and inside ears, along the hairline and around the scalp, back of the neck and armpits, belly button, waistband area, behind the knees and between the legs. If you find a tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to grab the tick as close to the skin as possible, then use a steady, upward motion to pull the tick out and kill the tick in rubbing alcohol. Wash the bite area well along with the tweezers and your hands. Monitor the site, but there are any doubts, see a doctor.

Use insect repellent that contains the appropriate, non-toxic ingredients, Permethrin can be used on clothing and it will remain through several washes, but remember that the permethrin as a liquid is lethal to cats. Only use the repellent that your veterinarian recommends for your pets.

CyanoHABs Are Back

We have had two certified shoreline blooms so far this year. If you suspect a bloom, simply stay out of the water until there is no sign of the bloom. This is especially important for children and pets. If you do come in contact with a bloom, wash the exposed area well. To help us understand our risks, take a picture and call Carl Grillo so that we can get a toxicology sample. For more information go to: <https://www.epa.gov/cyanohabs> or <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html>

