



Winter 2008 Newsletter

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A Letter from our President, Ruth K. Lavin

The past seven months were interesting for the lakers. With little rain the lake level dropped all summer and fall. Because of petitions and letters from the residents at the north end of the lake, SLA's Water Quality Committee and Board of Directors, the Silver Lake Watershed Commission and officials from the Town of Castile and the Village of Perry, the DEC in Buffalo held a meeting with all involved groups on November 15th. The discussion topic was the permitting and funding for dredging the outlet and inlet of Silver Lake. The meeting was positive and the DEC officials were encouraged by the large attendance from our groups. Now we await the details. In early fall while the water was very low Ed Koziel, DPW Superintendent for Perry Village, and his staff removed many truck loads of debris from the outlet.

The second topic of concern for SLA is the lack of 911 emergency numbers posted on some cottages. Our Board's goal for 2008 is encouraging each of you to post your cottage with the 4-digit number, making it visible from the road. If you do not know your number, please call 911 and state "**This is not an emergency**. What number is showing on the screen for my house address?" The dispatcher can provide your correct number (see article on page 2).

With the July passage of the Castile Zoning Law (WECS) we are assured no Industrial Wind Turbines could easily surround our lake in the Town of Castile. In order to assist the farmers, 125 foot windmills may be constructed on their land for their use (see <http://www.silverlakeassociation.org> for a copy of the law). No decision about Perry's zoning law has been reached as of Dec. 30th.

This year the annual Howard Benedict Memorial Boat Parade will be held on Friday, July 4th at 2:00 P.M., starting near the SL Marine. A rain date (we all recall last year's downpour) is scheduled for Saturday, July 5th at 2:00 P.M. Bob Frosino, Tract Director for Heron Cove, is in charge of this special event. It never ceases to amaze me how much creative talent participants demonstrate.

Please join me in wishing for a short winter and the return of our "snowbird" friends from their winter quarters~*Ruth*

Upcoming Events & Dates

- 4th of July Fireworks display and Ring of Fire-July 3rd 9:30 pm
- 4th of July Boat Parade-Friday July 4th 2:00(Rain date Saturday July 5th)
- Perry Farmers Market-Saturdays June 16-Sept 29 8:30-12:30
- S.L. Institute Cottage Tour-July 19th (Benefit for the Hoag Art Gallery)
- Hoag Art Gallery Local Artist Exhibits-Saturdays July-August 1-3/5:00
- Castile Bicentennial Celebration-July 12-13th (www.castileny.com for events)
- Tour De Per'ry bike ride around Silver Lake & Perry Chalk Art Fest-July 12th

The Importance of Posting the Correct Address Number for 911-Ruth Lavin

With Wyoming County having a 911 System in place, the importance of having an address number on your home can not be emphasized enough. Consider this real-life incident that recently happened. A call was placed to 911 reporting that a man was in cardiac arrest. The man was unable to provide his address before the call disconnected. EMS was dispatched to the address assigned in the 911 system. They were desperately searching for the address number on homes along the street and stopped at three homes that had numbers that were either not displayed or did not fit properly into the numbering sequence. Fortunately, residents were home and they were eventually directed to the correct address. **“In life-threatening situations, every minute is critical.”** according to Tony Santoro, Director of Fire and Emergency Management Services for Wyoming County.

In an effort to serve you better, the Sheriff, Fire, and Emergency Medical Service Departments are requesting that residents cooperate in posting their street numbers on their homes. Sheriff Farris Heimann advises, **“When we are called to a home for an emergency, time is always critical. That means finding that residence as quickly as possible. Walk out to the street in front of your home and see if your house numbers can be easily seen. If they can be, then we have a greater chance of possibly saving a life.”**

Director Santoro offers these guidelines:

- The numbers on residences should be at least 3 inches high and the numbers on businesses should be at least 4 inches high.
- Numbers should be a contrasting color to the background.
- Numbers should be placed on, above, or at the side of the main entrance, so that they can be easily detected from the street.
- If the entrance is more than 50 feet from the street, or can not be seen from the street, a second set of numbers should also be displayed on the mailbox or on a post at the street or end of the drive.
- Remember-your mail carrier always comes the same way. Police cars and fire trucks may come from any direction. Be sure to mark both sides of your mailbox or mark your house number in such a way that it may be easily seen, no matter which direction they are approaching.
- Reflective numbers or one of the new light-up signs are recommended.

Wyoming County 911 Coordinator, Robert Jae, states **“The main concern of everyone is for the safety of the residents of Wyoming County. You never know when you may be the next one to call 911 for an emergency. Be sure your house number is posted and visible from the road so you can be found as quickly as possible-every minute counts.”**

Passages...

Our lake shines less bright without you.

***Irene Mueller-Fairview North
Robert Stevens-Fairview South
Bill Bruyere-Old Orchard Beach South
Rev. Ardell Gould-Institute
Albert Miller-Austin-Shearman
Ed Gouinlock-Austin Shearman
Roberta Green-Waltz
Vernon Saunders-Traber North***

Our sincere condolences to their families.

Helpful Websites

www.silverlakeassociation.org
www.silverlakeview.com
www.wyomingcountyny.com
www.perrychamber.com
www.castileny.com (under construction)
www.villageofperry.com (to pre-register for the bike tour)

An Inviting Yard Can Be As Close As Silver Lake
Betty Nasca-Chairperson, Homeowners of Distinction Committee



Winners of the 2007 Homeowners of Distinction Award-Jack, Roxanne & Collin Tuttle

The Homeowners of Distinction Committee is once again seeking lovely yards and gardens to recognize for Summer 2008.

Started in 1997, we have honored 13 families in and around Silver Lake. In past years we recognized Al and Viola Lubert, now of Rochester, Terry and Judy Baumer of Waltz, Bob and Annette Payne of Broadbrooks, Rod and Sue Eaton of Sutton, Ken and Karen Greedy of Munger, Jeff and Amy Kramarz of Institute, Peter and Ruth Lavin of Walker, Howie and Sue Baumer of Fairview North, Patrick and Marcia Urshel of Broadbrooks, Bill and Mary Kay Barton of Traber North, Mike and Gail Serventi of Luther-Wheaton, Steve and Pam Tarbell of Fairview South and Jack, Roxanne and Collin Tuttle of Shearman. Certainly you know from your travels in the summer in and around the lake of deserving lakers who should be honored for their creativity. Beautiful yards filled with trees, shrubs, plants and flowers are everywhere. One needs to take a few minutes of their time and nominate deserving homeowners.

Nominees must live in the Watershed District. Nominations should be based on one's yard. Attractive properties with soil holding plants are considered. This award is announced at the annual July Silver Lake Association meeting at Kiononia Inn, Camp Asbury. The 2008 meeting will be held Saturday July 12th at 9am.

Winners receive a trophy and their names are added to a plaque displayed at the Silver Lake Marina. Alternates receive a certificate of Honorable Mention.

Committee members Carol Brakenbury, Rich Elias, Linda Holz and Betty Nasca are hopeful you will take a few minutes of your time to nominate a deserving person or family for the 2008 Homeowners of Distinction Award.

I (We) _____

Would like to nominate _____
For the **Summer 2008 Homeowners of Distinction Award.**

Location of property _____

Distinction _____

Please return your nomination(s) on or before **April 15, 2008** to: Betty Nasca, 103 Sherwood Drive, Brockport, New York 14420. Thank you so much for taking time to do this. We appreciate it.

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Silver Lake Outlet Trail News

Mary Kay Barton

The Silver Lake Trail Council continues to make further strides in working to establish a strategic plan with both Castile and Perry in order to improve the existing Trail along the outlet, with the vision of ultimately expanding on the existing trail. The envisioned Silver Lake Trail (proposed only on public land) would offer a safe walkway and bicycle path which the area is in desperate need of, and will thereby enhance community health and improve the standard of living for all lake & village residents. Rich Eliaz, Mary Kay Barton, and Kathy Musclow are your Silver Lake Tract Directors who are serving as SLA representatives on the Silver Lake Trail Council. Any of them would be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may also contact Jeanne Stillman-Morey, Chair of the Silver Lake Trail Council, at jstillman50@msn.com.

Castile Bicentennial Celebration News

Mary Kay Barton

Make sure to set aside July 12 & 13 on your calendar to come be part of Castile's Bicentennial Celebration this summer. Scheduled festivities will include a chicken BBQ, scavenger hunt, bike ride around Silver Lake and through Letchworth State Park, and much more. Castile's new web address will be www.castileny.com. It is projected to be up and running sometime in March. Until then, you may call Denise Ballinger, Castile Town Clerk, at 585-493-2440 if you would like to volunteer to help, wish to help sponsor the event, or have any questions.

SLA Logo Gear Now In!



See your Tract/Assistant Tract Directors for photos of products, pricing and ordering or call Betty Nasca at 585-637-4439 until 6/1 and 585-237-3119 after 6/1 to order your gear today!



Silver Lake Association Officers-President: Ruth Lavin, Vice President: Ann Heizmann, Secretary: Julie Ciferni, Treasurer: Betty Nasca