



The Inside Edge

*A Quarterly Neighborhood Newsletter
for Residents of Water's Edge/Woodlands/Spencer's Landing*

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

I want to start by thanking the newsletter team for reaching out to me to re-introduce myself to the community. As many of you know, I have been on the Board for the past two years and have worked with some great individuals within Water's Edge. I will be assuming the role of President of the Board, following the tenure of our last president, Jason Mazzotti. Jason was very easy to work with and nurtured a culture of working together on issues. His philosophy was to serve the entire community, with no hidden agendas. He was a great example to follow.

The Board has recently turned over three positions. We have added Molly Corbett, Dave Guillett, and Mark Navin. The two other positions are held by me and Kathy Evans, who has served the longest of the current members. We have met only twice (as of publication of this article), but I am looking forward to working with each of them. It is a great group of individuals, and we seem to gel, which will help us as we face the upcoming issues before the Board.

When I became president, there were several issues that are a continuation of past years': completing the new gym, removing the old gym, the new courtyard, and the new front deck, all of which revolve around the Belmonte funds. There are other potential issues, but currently we are not facing any that are time-critical.

My approach will remain the same as it has been for the last two years as a Board member. I will work closely with each Board member to come to a consensus on issues. Whatever title we each hold on the Board, each one of us is equal and has one vote. I will also be working to make sure we have a good relationship with all our volunteer committees that work so hard on the community's behalf.

As a Board, it is our responsibility to make sure we are fiscally responsible, to oversee big decisions with our goal being to make the best decisions for the overall community, and to make the hard decisions when they appear before us. Yes, I'm talking about the pickle ballers! (Only kidding!!) We have a few "pickle ballers" on the Board this year, and we have recently made some adjustments to the pickle ball hours which we hope have added to a better experience for our HOA members.

I think we live in a great community, and I often hear people say, "I can't believe the value we get for the price we pay in our dues!" It is a very true statement and adds to the value of every property in the HOA. The important thing for me as a member of the Board is to maintain the value of the community while simultaneously making sure that the expenditures we make are in line with the budget. We need to maintain the services and amenities we have in a way that respects the dues each member pays to enjoy our HOA. We will have a strong focus on preventative maintenance programs, good planning, and overall management of our facilities.

I am looking forward to working with Bob to continue making this community stronger, both financially and by providing a great experience for all the members here at Water's Edge. I think we have a great staff, great volunteers, a great Board, and a culture of community that we often see around us, whether it's at the community barbeque, fireworks, music events, within the pickle ball, bocce ball, tennis, and swimming groups, or simply sitting by the lake in one of our new sitting areas, having conversations with our neighbors! We are truly blessed to live in a community like Water's Edge!

I am looking forward to a great year on the lake!

Rich Hand
President

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ACC/HOA Board Meetings

October 9
ACC Meeting Only
6:30 p.m.

November 13
ACC Meeting/Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.



Join us at the Fall Festival

October 19
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Don't Miss Aqua Zumba

Beginning October 21
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Delight in an Evening of Songs

with the Cliff Dwellers
November 8
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Read with the Page Turners

November 20
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy the Holiday Party (for Adults)

December 7
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Bob's Lane

Editor's Note: As part of our quarterly newsletter, General Manager Bob Lane shares some thoughts on current news and events in the community from his unique perspective.



As summer has given way to fall, the many projects at your HOA are nearing completion. The new gym space is no longer just space. It has become a wonderful new gym for everyone to enjoy. I would like to thank Mike Munter and his team for doing such a great job. They were easy to work with

and flexible when needed. The design team and advisory group should also be commended for their consideration and selection recommendations. Without them, the gym would not be the finished product it has become.



The courtyard project quickly became an incredible addition to the finished space behind the breezeway. From an undulating wasteland of crabgrass and clover, it has become a carefully planned series of patios and walkways leading to the outdoor pool and tennis/pickleball courts. The patios have a variety of tables and chairs, benches, Adirondack chairs, and casual furniture for individuals and groups to enjoy. Before the ribbon was even cut, owners had started dining and enjoying games and drinks with friends. Many thanks to Pat Coffey of IQ Contracting, Karl Pogge (sprinkler system), and Barnes Landscaping for their fine work. Special thanks to Dale Wade Keszey and Austin Lane for their work helping to design and implement the overall plan and the execution of all details.

The deck off the kitchen and community room was replaced this summer and now provides a wonderfully refreshed area to sit and relax on a sunny afternoon. With the goal of providing more and more common areas for people to gather and enjoy the property, this renewal gives owners the ability to carve out some private, quiet space. We hope these newly finished/improved spaces provide the opportunity for even more use. It has been very nice to see folks sitting out on the deck after years of it being a wasted space.



What a summer! It has been incredibly busy but so rewarding to hear the many positive comments about the improvements and to see you all enjoying it. I look forward to more wonderful changes planned for 2025!!

Your Community At Play

Guys & Dolls



Patriotic Picnic



Campfire by the Beach



Music Under the Tent



A Warm Welcome to New Board Members Molly Corbett, David Guilett, and Mark Navin

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Water's Edge/Woodlands Homeowner's Association was somewhat historic in nature, with two of the Board members present having been newly appointed and another having just that day been elected to serve. Meet Molly Corbett, a 14-year resident with her husband Jeff and daughters Clare and Katie; David Guilett, a 6-year resident with his partner Deb Mailberg; and Mark Navin, a 20+-year resident with his wife Carol and, for much of that time, their three sons.

Although information about these new directors' backgrounds was provided to all residents when they were appointed/nominated, the Newsletter Committee thought it would be helpful to know how Molly, David, and Mark feel about serving on the Board and living at Water's Edge. So we asked them the following questions, which they very kindly—and thoughtfully—answered. Lucky us to have such informed and dedicated people volunteering their time to our HOA!

1. What is the greatest contribution you think you will make to the Board, and why?

Molly: I have an objective and analytical background, having practiced law for almost 30 years. I believe I can effectively assess and ascertain solutions to problems guided by our declaration, by-laws, and rules. I also bring an additional understanding of, or ability to, research (or seek expertise), and understand overarching legal standards and local ordinances.

David: Besides utilizing my skills and experience from over 24 successful years in financial services, I hope to bring a balanced/rational perspective on issues to the Board. Not having a particular agenda (other than to serve the well-being of the community), I have always fancied myself as someone who is analytical and views issues from different perspectives. I have been called a “Devil’s Advocate” at times, but it has always been with the intent of exploring issues from different angles, understanding different points of view, and helping to arrive at the best solutions possible. I am hopeful that my approach to problem solving will aid the Board in making the best decisions for everyone in the community.

Mark: I am not sure of the impact I will have as my term on the Board is only for a year, while others serve for more extended terms. I do hope that others will see that I volunteered for the role and more community members will consider participating on the Board.

2. What do you consider to be the greatest challenge faced by the HOA Board today, and what is the Board doing to address it?

Molly: The greatest challenges are rising costs and on-going, or added, maintenance expenses. The Board has a finance committee to track expenditures and assets. We will also review areas where we can make fiscal improvements or lower costs.

David: In the current economic environment, with higher than usual interest rates and significant inflation, prices for materials and services have gone up and continue to rise. This will be a significant challenge: continuing to get required goods and services for the community; maintaining (or enhancing) the quality of such goods and services; addressing unanticipated needs, and managing required expenditures in a fiscally responsible manner.

Mark: Managing expectations. There is a diverse population within the neighborhood, with widely ranging views on what progress looks like. Bob and his team do a wonderful job managing the operations and our role is to continually support their efforts in enhancing everyone’s living experience.

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Molly



David



Mark

A Warm Welcome to New Board Members . . . (continued)

3. What do you personally hope to achieve as a member/officer of the Board?

Molly: In joining the Board, I hope to further the recent improvements to the Clubhouse facilities by looking at a long-term plan to facilitate a cohesive approach to maintenance, future additions, and renovations. I'd like to contribute to increasing community connections through other Association activities or additional events (both small and big), and to improving the website. I'd also foster better communication with the members.

David: My goal in running for the Board was to help maintain and improve the wonderful character of this community. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve it and hope to make meaningful contributions to the future state of Water's Edge/The Woodlands/Spencer's Landing. I will consider this a successful endeavor if the community at large is happy with my contributions, feels that I was a good choice for the Board, and if, together, we've accomplished great things for the community during my tenure.

Mark: My one hope is that the decisions the Board makes are seen by the community as positive and for the betterment of our living experience here.

4. What do you like best about living here?

Molly: The community and its commitment to always trying to improve-- both in inter-community relations and the Association's property.

David: This is truly a wonderful community and a phenomenal place to live. Not only is the development aesthetically pleasing; it offers all of its residents so much in the way of amenities, social events, a real sense of community, and excellent value. We often say that being here is like living in a resort! Since moving to Water's Edge, we have developed more friendships than at any of our previous residences/neighborhoods combined. The people here are friendly, welcoming, and just plain fun to hang out with.

Mark: The diversity of the people that reside here. The community includes, but isn't limited to, singles, families, empty nesters, retirees, and summer residents. All these groups bring uniqueness to the neighborhood and make it an enjoyable place to live.

5. What is it in your view that keeps our community going strong year-after-year?

Molly: Our community is strong because of the active involvement of the membership, the stewardship of the prior Boards, and the proactive management of our assets.

David: I believe it is the deep sense of community this HOA has that makes it so strong and a very special place to live. I think we are fortunate to have had prudent leadership at the Board level, individuals who care about the issues facing the community, and individuals who deal with those issues in a rational, fiscally responsible manner. There is also great interest within the community regarding various topics and community participation on committees tasked with advising the Board. Lastly, I believe we have an excellent property management team that helps service the community day-to-day, addressing individual and collective concerns, and identifying future issues and opportunities.

Mark: Continual improvements to the facility and social gatherings. I have said this to anyone who will listen: The HOA gets better and better every year. We have lived here for more than 20 years and I can't believe the progress that has been made in making our facilities better year in and year out. Bob and his staff, with the guidance of the volunteer Board, have made this location so unique in our local area.

~ Submitted by Ilene Angarola

The Way We Were: The Last Days of Kaydeross Amusement Park

In each issue of The Inside Edge, we have traced the fascinating history of our Water's Edge community, built on the 50 acres and beachfront that were once the Kaydeross Amusement Park. Previous articles have featured the Kaydeross Park carousel, an interview with two Saratogians who worked at the Park as teenagers, steamboats that sailed on Saratoga Lake and docked at the Park, the trolley that brought visitors out to the Park from the Saratoga train station, the Rafter's Discotheque, an interview with a neighbor who visited the Park every summer as a teen, and others. (These and additional related articles may be seen in the Inside Edge newsletter archives on the Water's Edge website. Go to watersedgewoodlands.org, click on "Community," and then on "Recent Posts.")

In this issue, we will explore the final days of Kaydeross Park: Why was it sold? When was it sold? Who bought the Park? And, what happened to it? We will also share some highlights of a recent interview with former NY State Assemblyman Bobby D'Andrea, who was co-owner of the Park, along with the late Walter Wrobel, from 1957 to 1987.

Kaydeross Park Memories

Most people who grew up in and around Albany have many fond memories of trekking up to the Kaydeross Amusement Park on hot summer days when they were kids, some with school groups, some with church groups, others with their families. They went on the rides, swam at the beach, played games in the arcade, had picnics, twisted to the music of D.J. Boom Boom Brannigan on Saturday nights, and viewed the Park as an important and wonderful part of their summers in the Capital Region. There was much sadness when the Park was sold to real estate developer Bob Kohn in 1987, to make way for "The Vista," the initial development that then became "Water's Edge," as we know it today.

Kaydeross Park was originally built by Elmer Walker, around 1900, with a circular pavilion that served as a bathhouse with six spurs. Walker then continued to add to the Park, with one of the first rides being a toboggan on wheels that went into the water. He also built an outdoor theater and a toboggan slide. The famous carousel was added in the 1930's. Because of failing health, Walker sold the park in 1945 to a downstate businessman who operated it for ten years and then sold it to Bobby D'Andrea and his partner, Walter Wrobel, in 1957. Along with their wives, the two partners developed and successfully ran the Park for 30 years. By 1987, Bobby D'Andrea had already been a NY State Assemblyman for thirteen years, and decided that, "30 years running the Kaydeross Amusement Park was enough." He sold the Park to developer Bob Kohn. (D'Andrea served as a NY State Assemblyman for 27 years.)

An interview with former Park Co-Owner and former NY State Assemblyman, Bobby D'Andrea

In order to trace some of the history of the Park in its last days, and to find out why it was sold, I was fortunate to interview Bobby D'Andrea. We sat around his dining room table, along with his niece, Water's Edge neighbor LouAnn McGlinchey, who was kind enough to set up this interview with her "Uncle Bobby" and her "Aunt Theresa." It should be noted that Bobby was looking forward to his



Bobby and Theresa D'Andrea - August 2024

91st birthday party, on August 17th the following week. He reminisced for almost two hours, and could have gone on for two more without skipping a beat! Standing in the background in their living room, and occasionally chiming in with her own memories of Kaydeross Park, as

well as a few "additions and corrections" to Bobby's narrative, was his charming wife, Theresa.

Bobby D'Andrea was one of 13 kids, and always a hard worker. When he was young, he and his brother--among other ventures-- sold a variety of papers at double the newsstand prices, including the Saratogian and racing forms, at both the harness and thoroughbred racetracks. Bobby earned enough money to buy a brand-new convertible, and his brother put himself through Purdue! It was that work ethic that most likely contributed to the huge success of Kaydeross Amusement Park.

Running Kaydeross Amusement Park

Among Bobby's fondest memories of running the Park were the free passes they gave out to police and firemen for their families, who sometimes brought several hundred kids to the Park on a single day. However, says Bobby, the nuns were their best customers! They brought school groups to the Park by the busload. One day towards the end of each season, recounts Bobby, they would close the Park to the public and open it just for the nuns. No men were allowed. The nuns came from surrounding districts as far away as Syracuse, wearing their habits. They changed their clothes and had a grand reunion, swimming and enjoying the rides. (This was all with special permission from their superiors.) What a sight that must have been! (continued)

The Way We Were . . . (continued)

In the final days of the Park, before it was sold, the owners had a party for all of the Saratoga backstretch workers. Before then, there were also company picnics at the Park, including an annual picnic with GE in Waterford, as well as a huge celebration for the RPI hockey team after winning a major tournament. And, there was the annual July 4th picnic and fireworks. Business was still good, so that was not the reason for selling the Park, says Bobby.

The Amusement Park Closes

“So,” I asked Bobby, “how did you feel about closing the Park?” His response was that he was too busy to have regrets. He was a full-time Assemblyman and happy to have the Park “off his hands.” Even happier to see the Park sold was his wife, Theresa, who reported that she did not miss the constant work, seven days a week from May until October, while also raising five children. “We had no life,” recalls Theresa, who remembers being jealous of the families enjoying their leisure time at the Park.

And so, the Park was sold in 1987, and the contents were auctioned off. Nobody wanted to buy the property as an intact amusement park because, by that time, the liability was just too great, according to Bobby. The key selling point, recalls Bobby, was the famous carousel. The City wanted it, and he helped to negotiate the purchase price. It, alone, was valued at \$100,000, which would be around \$276,000 today. (For the full story of the carousel, see the article in the Winter 2024 issue of *The Inside Edge*.)

The New Development Called “The Vista”

In closing, I want to mention that, despite my best research efforts, it is nearly impossible to locate any photographs or newspaper articles about the transition from an amusement park to the community that we know today as Water’s Edge—neither the dismantling and sale of the amusement park nor the initial construction of the Water’s Edge development. However, we are fortunate to have some early “settlers” among our friends and neighbors. One is none other than our own Maria Harrison! According to Maria, she and her late husband were among the very first owners of the new townhomes in “The Vista,” now Water’s Edge, having signed their deed in October of 1988. These first townhomes were built on Lakeview Road, and Maria’s “historic” townhouse is #14.

Another early “settler” was LouAnn McGlinchey who, along with her husband John, built their townhouse at 76 Kaydeross Park Road in February of 1989. The McGlinchey’s moved to 45 Cliffside Drive in 2002. As an aside, 76 KPR was the original site of Bobby and Theresa D’Andrea’s house. The D’Andrea’s had their house picked up and physically moved across KPR, where it sits today – a brick ranch house – although the D’Andrea’s no longer live there. This cleared the way for the development of the Water’s Edge community. And so began the transition from amusement park to the beautiful community we are all fortunate to enjoy today.



THEN: Bill Harrison in front of #14 Lakeview Road, under construction in 1988



NOW: Maria Harrison in front of #14 Lakeview Road today

~ Submitted by Laurie Wellman
(with thanks to Bobby D’Andrea and his niece,
LouAnn McGlinchey)

A Day in the Life of an Advocate for Retired Racehorses: Rick Schosberg

In each issue of The Inside Edge, we have the pleasure of featuring a very special member of our community. Our Water's Edge neighbor since the late 1990's, Rick Schosberg is a recently retired, highly successful thoroughbred horse trainer, and a passionate advocate for retired racehorses. Let's meet Rick Schosberg and find out about the thoroughbred retirement and aftercare organizations he represents.

Introducing Rick Schosberg

Richard Schosberg retired from training thoroughbred horses in 2022, after 35 years. However, he was not one to be “put out to pasture.” Much like the retired racehorses he cares about so deeply, he is now fully involved in a second career. He is on the Board of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, and is President of both the “TAKE2” and “Take the Lead” thoroughbred retirement programs established by the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (where he serves as first vice president). And if that is not enough to keep him busy in his retirement, Rick also serves on the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's Horsemen's Advisory Group as well as the Racetrack Safety Committee at New York Racing Association (NYRA) tracks.

Before we take a closer look at the thoroughbred retirement and aftercare organizations and what they do, here is some personal background on Rick Schosberg, including what led him to this full-time involvement in racehorses when they are no longer racing:

Born into a racing family, Rick graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in agricultural economics. His late father and his mother, Paul and Jane Schosberg, owned a horse farm in Westchester County, N.Y., and his father served on the Board of Directors of New York Thoroughbred Breeders for 12 years. His family bred and raced horses, and even though his father was also a successful politician and banker, it was the racetrack that captured Rick's attention. He became a groom for trainer Walter Kelley when he was in high school, and told him he wanted to train horses. In spite of Kelley's warning that, “it was a hard way to make a bad living,” Rick persisted.

He went to work for several other trainers prior to going out on his own, and this is when he met his wife, Dawn. Together, they started their own small stable in 1988. He won his first graded stakes race at Belmont Park in 1993, with a horse named Sovereign Kitty. All in all, he saddled 876 winners on the racetrack, including 1995 champion two-year-old, Maria's Mon.

The details of Rick's successful career as a trainer could fill an entire newsletter. However, equally important is his incredible reputation among those who worked with him over the years. In various published interviews with jockeys who rode for Rick, fellow trainers, backstretch workers, friends and co-workers, all are quick to point out that he



Rick riding “Joey,” his personal stable pony

was very conscientious and really cared about horses; that nobody loves horses the way he does; that he never compromised his commitment to the animals and the people on the backstretch; and, that there is no better advocate for trainers, horses, and backstretch workers. Which leads us back to Rick's involvement in the horse aftercare programs, now that he is retired from training.

The **Take 2/Take the Lead** organizations, which are fortunate to have Rick Schosberg serving as President, have overseen the successful retirement of over 1,000 horses since their inception in 2012. If any racehorse is in need of retirement for whatever reason, such as lack of competition or injury, these and other aftercare organizations are there to expedite the process. Staffed mostly by volunteers, these organizations work for the love of the animals and their health and well-being for the 60 - 80 % of their lives when they are off the racetrack. Horses are rehabilitated and retrained for other careers, such as show jumping, hunting, or trail riding.

So, what does a typical day in the life of Rick Schosberg look like? Rick writes:

“Since retiring from training in 2022, the 3:30 a.m. wake-up is finally a thing of the past! I still wake around 6:00 am. and get our dog Ozzie a good walk prior to going to the track to gather information on our Take the Lead retiree candidates. We assist in transitioning anywhere from 170 to 200 horses a year into accredited rehabilitation and retraining facilities in the region and elsewhere. Information like medical records and diagnostics, photos, and videos

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are collected and provided to our accredited organizations for proper placement for second careers. This process is continuous throughout the week and we organize transportation and cover those costs as well as rehabilitation costs, prior to the very strict adoption process. Many days, I have board or committee meetings in the horse business but I also have another side of my life that is non-equine. I'm a director on the board of a commercial real estate company based in Manhattan, where my grandfather was a founding member.

"So, I'm often asked how relaxing is 'retirement'? Well, I'm very fortunate to have had the opportunity to train some fantastic horses for so many wonderful people, and to also have gotten in on the ground floor of the Thoroughbred Aftercare initiative. I spend free time in the gym or on my bike, and have taken up pickleball here at Water's

Edge, while rehabbing shoulder surgeries from tennis and just life's wear and tear. I've met so many fantastic people playing up here. We actually bought a place here in the late 90's and flipped that one on Kaydeross to our present, larger house on Vista, in 2015. Dawn and I (and our pups!) love it here. Everyone is so friendly and the activities are endless. Boating, sports, concerts, etc. . . . just a wonderful place to live!"



Celebrating together after winning a big race at Saratoga

[If our readers are interested in volunteering at, or contributing to, the TAKE2/ Take the Lead aftercare programs, or if owners or trainers would like more information on finding a retirement home for their horses, send an email to ttlhorse@gmail.com, or contact Executive Director Andy Belfiore at (732)673-2855, or President Rick Schosberg at (516) 528-1360.]

~ Submitted by Laurie Wellman

We Celebrate the Grand Opening of EMS/Fire Station 3!

The grand opening of EMS/Fire Station 3 on Henning Road was celebrated with a ribbon cutting and a "'push-in" ceremony on July 9, 2024. The traditional "push in" ceremony dates back to the 1800's, when crews returned from a call on horse-drawn equipment that the animals were unable to push back into the fire station. This meant that the crews had to detach the horses and physically push the equipment back into the bay.



Ground breaking for Station 3 began in August of 2022. Station 3 joins Lake Avenue Station 1, built in the 1930's, and West Avenue Station 2, built in the 1970's, to complete the Saratoga Springs emergency services. The Saratoga Fire Department estimates that the existence of the new station

reduces response time to the outer East Side by three to four minutes, which is critical time in reaching a medical or fire emergency. The station has six fire fighter/paramedic staff on duty full-time, with a fire/EMS engine and an ambulance on site. Overall, the City now has three fire/EMS engines and two ambulances.

The Department provides a wide range of services, from emergency services to educating the public, and has conducted in-service training for Water's Edge/Woodlands residents. Examples include home-, fire-, and emergency- preparedness; building inspections upon request-- at no charge; and First Aid/CPR/AED training and refresher courses. In addition, the Fire Department section of the Saratoga Springs website contains a variety of fire and safety tips and brochures at Saratoga-Springs.org. Click on "Fire Department" on the home page.



Station 3 is a long-awaited and very welcome addition to emergency and fire services on the East Side of the City.

~ Submitted by Dennis McGhan

Fall into Spring: A Perpetual Garden

With fall now upon us, we invited two of our community's eminent gardeners, Carol and Len Squillaciotti, to tell us how they keep their gardens blossoming from fall into spring.



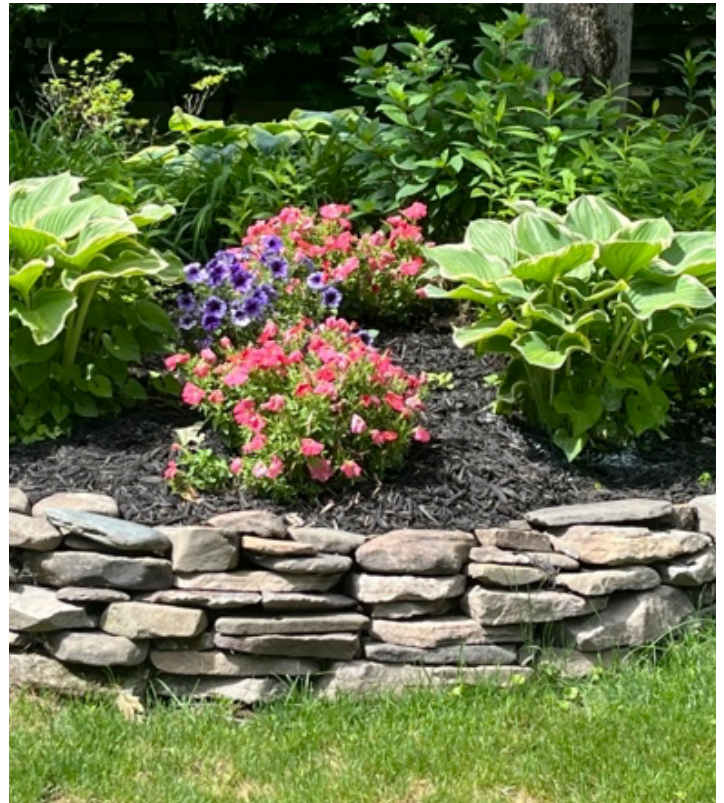
You might think that there was some master plan and organization to our flower gardens at 25 Horizon Drive in the Woodlands. We just help Mother Nature do her thing. Much of what you see now are perennials that have proliferated over 30 years. In this article, I will try to document the flowers and plants that rotate in bloom from fall into spring.

In the fall, I do plant new bulbs of crocuses and daffodils. They are early bloomers. Sometimes the crocuses bloom right through a light snowfall. This appearance provides a nice reminder that spring is coming and adds some color to the grayness of winter. We have not had any luck with tulips, as the rabbits and deer love them. We have, in the past, planted green-house tulips and associated annuals in stairway pots, hanging pots, and window boxes. However, we have since changed to using high-quality faux flowers because of maintenance issues.

We do add some extra color with annuals like impatiens, new guinea impatiens, zinnias, coleuses, and petunias. These flowers provide color all season long.



As the weather warms and the days get longer, the green of the hostas and other perennials start to cover the beds. Early color comes with the yellow evening primrose, common blue violet, woodland forget-me-nots, and orange day lilies. Hanging over a stone wall beside the front steps are moss phlox.



The short blooming irises and daylilies provide a quick burst of beautiful blossoms. In the partial shade of our backyard, the hostas are maturing, providing a variety of colorful leaves and flowers, and the lady fern (giant fern) provide great ground cover at the edge of the wooden areas.

In July, the black-eyed Susan (orange cone flowers) bloom along with the tall white and violet garden phlox. Also blooming from mid-summer into the fall are the hydrangea bushes and trees. This year we had wonderful success with the giant leaf elephant ear, which grow from large bulbs. All I need do is supply sun, water, and a little fertilizer. Mother Nature does the rest.

~ Submitted by Carol and Len Squillaciotti

Board Passes New Guidelines

At the June 14, 2024 Annual Meeting of the Homeowners Association, the following notice was read into the meeting minutes by the President of the Board of Directors and is now incorporated into The Rules and Regulations for the Homeowners Association.

Under no circumstance shall any resident (owner or tenant), or the resident's guests or invitees, harass, demean, or confront any Board Member, HOA employee, instructor, or contractor while on any of the Association Lands or in any of the Facilities owned and maintained by the Association, or harass, demean, confront, or disrupt any Board meeting. Any future violation of the above standard of behavior may result in a hearing being held upon notice to the alleged violator or the owner responsible for such person, and, after affording the alleged violator or the owner responsible for such person an opportunity to be heard and to defend against the allegations, if it is determined by the Board that the above standard has been violated, the Board may impose a suspension of the resident's amenity privileges for a stated period of time, or in the case of Board Members or meetings, the violator or owner responsible for the violator may be prohibited from participating in or attending Board Meetings for a stated period of time.

This new addition to the Rules and Regulations shall take effect ten days after the date of this notice.

~ Submitted by the Water's Edge/Woodlands Board of Directors

HOA Bulletin Board: Important Messages from Management and Your Neighbors

Keep Sidewalks in Good Repair

Homeowners are reminded that the upkeep and repair of the sidewalks in front of their property are their responsibility. Please check your sidewalks from time to time, and make sure that there are no tripping hazards.

Reminder to Lock Your Car

If you park your car in your driveway or on the street, remember to remove valuables and lock all doors. Break-ins can occur in any neighborhood—and do.

A Love Story: Celebrating the Soon-to-Be-Wed Christy Bottomley and Austin Lane

By the time Austin Lane and Christy Bottomley say “I do!!” at The Hall of Springs on the thirteenth of October, they will have had a LOT of experience celebrating the love they share.

Just ask the 100+ friends and neighbors who joyfully joined in the festivities at a pre-nuptial party held lakeside in their honor on the 14th of September, on the grounds of Water’s Edge!! And what a fantastic party it was—just see the photos below!



Having attended Skidmore, Christy was familiar with Saratoga but was actually here for a weekend in her capacity as maid-of-honor for a friend she’d met at school. Capitalizing on the brief window afforded him while Christy was in the area, Austin reached out to her on Tinder. They say that timing is everything, and in this case, they were right!

Just about 13 months later, Christy moved to Saratoga, and is currently in her second year as a kindergarten teacher at the Saratoga Independent School. Not long after she moved here, Austin proposed to Christy while walking around the Spa State Park, right by Tallulah Spring. Their wedding will take place one day shy of a year from the day he proposed and she said “Yes!”



The brainchild of local resident (and party organizer extraordinaire) Ann Marie Lange, the recent event was a way for us to celebrate the upcoming marriage of someone we’ve seen evolve from a naïve 13-year old, shadowing manual laborers around the beach and the clubhouse, into the very capable head of maintenance he is today.

As those of us who’ve had the pleasure of interacting with Austin know, he is a terrific, multi-faceted young man and a real asset to our community. While always an upbeat individual, he’s been all the more so since meeting Christy on a dating app when she was visiting Saratoga from her home in Connecticut, about two years ago.



Following their wedding, Austin and Christy will honeymoon on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. We wish them endless joy as they embark on their life as husband and wife.

~ Submitted by Ilene Angarola

It's Official: We Have a New Gym!!!

It may have been a long time coming, but there's simply no denying -- it was well worth the wait!!!

On Wednesday evening, September 25th, more than 100 residents gathered at the HOA clubhouse to celebrate the official opening of the new gymnasium and the beautiful new courtyard that connects the clubhouse to the outdoor pool and pickleball courts.

With 15 pieces of equipment, including three treadmills and three ellipticals, the 1,200-square foot gymnasium is ready for use! The black and white interior complements the exterior of the building and includes a large-screen TV for those who like to watch while working out. Just outside, the courtyard is a lovely place for quiet contemplation or for easy socializing with a group of friends. This new space features clusters of tables and chairs, a fire pit, and a fountain at its center, flanked by concrete paths and enhanced with greenery.



Kicking off the celebration, General Manager Bob Lane acknowledged those whose efforts

contributed to these new additions—among them members of the consulting committee and both current and previous Boards. To make things official, new Board Chairman Richard Hand graciously passed the super-sized scissors to long-time Board member Kathy

Evans, whose cutting of the ribbon led to wild applause and cheers.

If you haven't seen the new gym and courtyard yet, be sure to make time to visit. Were there any doubt that Water's Edge is the best place to live in Saratoga Springs, the newest of our amenities have surely laid that doubt to rest.

Kudos to all involved!!!

~ Submitted by Ilene Angarola

Community Residents Visit Snake Hill

The history and future of Snake Hill were presented in an article that appeared in the summer issue of The Inside Edge. More recently, on October 1, a group of Water's Edge/Woodlands community residents participated in a hike on the trails that have been developed on Snake Hill so that we could provide additional input into the Snake Hill planning process.



This visit was arranged through Saratoga PLAN and Julie Stokes, our neighbor and a past Board President of Saratoga PLAN. The Water's Edge/Woodlands community was pleased to be invited to take part in this process. Many of us have enjoyed swimming, fishing, and enjoying the birds in the shaded waters adjoining Snake Hill, and now welcome an opportunity to explore Snake Hill itself.

Saratoga PLAN is currently analyzing the response to three options presented to the community for the future of Snake Hill and will be sharing those results, and their plans to implement them, once that review has been completed. More detailed information can be found on the Saratoga PLAN website at saratogaplan.org.

~ Submitted by Julie Stokes and Connie Sullivan

A Cryptic Welcome to Water's Edge/Woodlands

The following cryptogram was developed for your enjoyment, using a substitution code to convey a message about the community where we live. For example, THE SMART CAT.... might become MRX DGYUM LYN, with M being substituted for T, R being substituted for H, X being substituted for E, and so on. One way to break the code is to look for letters that are repeated. E, T, A, O, N, R and I are the letters that are most often substituted in a cryptogram. When you see a single letter, it is usually A or I. OF, IS, and IT are common two-letter words. THE and AND are common three-letter words.

A helpful hint: In the following cryptogram, the letter M is substituted for the letter W. Enjoy!!

MPOBD'W BYIB / MXXYZPKYW XK WPDPOXIP ZPUB
RBPOHDBW P MBPZOQ XR BKOBDOPAKAKI AKYXXD PK
YXHOYXXD PCBKAOABW, AKFZHYAKI RAOKBWW
RPFAZAOABW, WTPFBW RXD WXFAPZ IPOQBDABIW,
PKY DBZPVAKI ZPUBWAYB JBKHBW.

The answer to the CRYPTOGRAM is on page 16.

And Another Thing . . .

Fall Festival: Saturday, October 19

Celebrate fall with your friends and neighbors on Saturday, October 19th, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Begin the evening with music and a chili cook-off from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the fireworks at 7:30 p.m. and participate in raffles and other fall festival activities beginning at 8:00 p.m. Top off the evening with football and beer-tasting 'til 10:00 p.m. If you are bringing a chili for the cook-off, please let Kathy Evans know at KathyEvans530@gmail.com by October 12th.



Aqua Zumba: Beginning Monday, October 21



Splash-splash! Join us for a fun five-week series of Aqua-Zumba dance classes to be held on Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the community pool. Classes will run from October 21st through November 18th at a cost of \$40 for the five classes. Payment can be made by bringing an envelope and a check made out to Janine Hawthorne (a certified Aqua Zumba instructor) to the HOA office by October 14th. Please include your name and e-mail address on the outside of the envelope. All participants must sign an

HOA Release Form (available at the HOA office). Registration is limited to 15 participants, first come-first served, with a required minimum of 10 participants. Anyone can join!

An Evening of Songs: Friday, November 8

Back by popular demand, the Water's Edge Cliff Dwellers will be sharing "An Evening of Songs" on Friday night, November 8th. Come gather 'round the fireplace in our clubhouse living room for an evening of fun and music. No songbooks needed-- just come, relax, and enjoy. Please BYOB and a snack or dessert to share. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



Page Turners: Wednesday, November 20



Participate in Water's Edge/Woodland's first "silent" book club, "Page Turners," on November 20th from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. At a silent book club, community members get together to relax for an hour of quiet, uninterrupted reading among friends, with a book of their own choice (any length, hard copy, paperback, electronic, any genre, novel, history, short story, etc.) accompanied by soft background music. At the end of the hour, each individual shares a brief statement about the book they are reading. Afterwards, join participants with some cider, cider doughnuts, and fresh apples. Everyone is welcome! Page Turners is scheduled bi-monthly for November, January, March, and May.

Holiday Party: Saturday, December 7

On Saturday, December 7th, at 6:30 p.m., celebrate in our soon-to-be newly renovated community room. The adult HOA Holiday Party will return, with dinner, music, and raffles. Guests will be asked to bring appetizers and desserts to complement the holiday meal provided by the HOA.



~ Submitted by Connie Sullivan

CRYPTOGRAM Solution (from Page 14)

Answer to CRYPTOGRAM, with the second line indicating the letters that have been substituted for the letters on the first line:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
P	-	F	Y	B	R	I	Q	A	-	U	Z	C	K	X	T	-	D	W	O	H	J	M	V	-	-

Water's Edge/Woodlands on Saratoga Lake features a wealth of entertaining indoor and outdoor amenities, including fitness facilities, spaces for social gatherings, and relaxing lakeside venues.

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