



# The Inside Edge

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

## President's Letter

Welcome to the Summer Season!

The weather has finally shown some consistency and, hopefully, we have left the cold temperatures behind! This means that activity around the community center has been buzzing, both inside and out.

The pickleball players have broken out of the indoor courts to enjoy some fresh air while they are playing. It also means that there are more courts to accommodate all the interest our community has for the sport. The courts will be receiving a refresh, and there have been some rumors that there may be a tournament of Water's Edge players in our future. We will see.

The Board has been working on the budget since February and, with the help of the Finance Committee, we have finalized the budget for the new fiscal year. It was a robust process, and I must thank all our Board members and committee members for all their hard work in coming to a consensus. The budget was voted on at the May meeting and it will be available for comments at the Annual Meeting.

The lake has been ravaging our shoreline due to the heavy amounts of rain we got this Spring! Hopefully, the waters will recede before our graduates start celebrating their graduations in June.

Among the changes we have made as a Board are the party fees and the tent fee. The tent fee has been reduced and is a great value for those families hosting their graduates this year! The Board is hoping the reduced price will increase usage. The price was already very low compared to alternatives, but we thought we would see if this latest reduction will increase usage.

The Board has approved several requests by the Design Committee, and they are visible in the clubhouse. The new chairs, workstations, and rug have already given members another area to enjoy.

The Garden Committee is hard at work planting flowers and placing baskets around the community area. The Board would like to thank them and all the volunteers for their willingness to share their expertise with the community.

So much is happening in the community room and pool, like Water Zumba, mah jongg, book clubs, and more! To help keep track of the activities, we have implemented a monthly calendar on our community website along with a monthly email to inform residents of what's happening throughout the month. Make sure to read your email and check our website!

Rich Hand  
HOA President

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## 2025

### ACC/HOA Board Meetings

Annual Meeting  
July 5 Annual Meeting postponed  
Late August date to be announced

ACC Meetings  
July 9, August 13, September 10  
6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting  
September 10  
following ACC Meeting



### Celebrate at Our Patriotic Picnic

July 5: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Experience our Silent Book Club

July 10, September 11  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Enjoy Music under the Tent

Stay "tuned" for the calendar of  
performers in our summer music  
series, soon to be announced.

### Look Forward to the Fireworks

Tentatively planned for Labor Day  
weekend, pending approvals.

Watch for emails with specific dates  
and check the HOA website regularly.

## 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.*



Summer at Water's Edge is once again upon us. With that, it has been really exciting to welcome back many of our seasonal owners. Seeing the incredibly positive reactions to the expansion and newly reimagined spaces has been wonderful. Thanks so much to our talented design team, headed by Lisa Constantino. There is much positivity in the air and excitement to be back.

We have a full complement of activities planned or in the works for the coming summer. The Patriotic Picnic is scheduled for July 5th. The Annual Meeting scheduled for July 5th will be postponed. It is anticipated that the meeting will be rescheduled in late August. A fireworks event has been approved again this year, with a target date of Labor Day weekend (more info to follow). The special night at the opera is on again for 2025. Music events under the tent are being lined up with dates to be confirmed (hopefully by the time of this newsletter's publication.) It promises to be a full summer with a number of enjoyable events.

If you haven't yet done so, check out the newly renovated docks. Every deck board and all cleats have been replaced, yielding a newer look and a functionally more stable set of docks. The improvement is significant, with many positive reviews. Special thanks to Austin and his helpers for their hard work. The boardwalk will be prepped and stained again this summer, and the freshly planted flowers look amazing – thank you Molly Corbett and the Gardening Committee for your planning and hard work.

The kayak area continues to be an area of concern. It seems that a number of folks have not recognized the need to ask first for a spot and then register their vessels. Despite numerous emails on the subject, some are still choosing to “dump and run,” without regard for the impact of their actions. Be reminded that spots are reserved and paid for. Dropping a kayak or canoe just anywhere is not fair to those who have followed the correct process.

Staff has been working hard to ready the facilities for the summer season. While we are at full staff at present, we anticipate the need for a cleaning/closing staff person in the fall. If you know anyone looking for some evening hours this fall, please contact the office at (518) 583-1222.

I look forward to seeing you this summer. Stop by the office to say “hello.” The office is staffed 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the weekends. We hope you all have an incredible summer!





## Your Community At Play

### Spring Brunch



### Aging with Excellence





## The Way We Were: Archaeological History along the Kayaderosseras

In each issue of our “Inside Edge” newsletter, we trace the fascinating history of our Water’s Edge community. In this article, we will go all the way back in our time machine to the prehistoric Early Archaic Era (circa 7,000 B.C.), when early settlers lived near the Kayaderosseras Creek. (“Kayaderosseras” is the Native American spelling, and means “valley of the lake of the crooked stream.”)

### Setting the Stage

Imagine a hot summer afternoon. You climb into your kayak, paddle along the Water’s Edge shoreline past the beach and the marina, turn right at the mouth of the Kayaderosseras Creek where it empties into Saratoga Lake, and suddenly you are in a totally different world. The water is like glass, the trees and foliage resemble a southern bayou, and there are scores of box turtles sunning themselves on the logs that have fallen into the creek. Everything is very still, except for the sounds of the spring peepers, the calls of the several different species of birds, the crickets, the buzzing of the bees and – if you close your eyes and really use your imagination – you can almost hear the voices of the early settlers who spent their summers along the Kayaderosseras, thousands of years ago, hunting, fishing, and enjoying the Saratoga waters just as we do today. But who were these earliest residents of our Water’s Edge community?

### The Archaeological Preserve

Water’s Edge residents who have walked down to the end of Arrowhead Road will be well familiar with the educational display at the end of the road (see photo). Thanks to the Archaeological Conservancy, a national non-profit organization established in 1980 to preserve important archaeological sites throughout the U.S., the area at the end of Arrowhead Road, including a short trail leading down to the Kayaderosseras Creek, has been set aside as a permanent archaeological and nature preserve. This property was donated by developer Andre Schmid of Woodlands of Saratoga Springs, Inc. in January of 2004, and the educational display was made possible by a gift from said organization. The following article provides a brief summary of the information that appears on the display.



The Arrowhead Road educational display



Excavating a basin-shaped hearth

### Prehistory of the Arrowhead Road Area

On the site of the former Arrowhead Casino, to the right of the parking lot at the end of Arrowhead Road, a mid-1990’s archaeological survey revealed the presence of 31 prehistoric sites. The area was repeatedly used by prehistoric peoples as far

back as 6,500 B.C., and possibly as early as 11,000 years ago. Excavations in the late 1970’s revealed 16 intact hearth features, including a wide variety of artifacts that provided evidence of hunting, gathering, tool activities, and food processing (see photo). Among the oldest artifacts discovered are three split-base projectile points thought to have been made 8,000 to 9,000 years ago (see photo). The high number of artifacts discovered from the site indicates that our Arrowhead location saw extended or frequent seasonal use by relatively large groups – not unlike today! In addition to the Early Archaic period hunter-gatherer groups, who may have made seasonal visits to our Arrowhead site, the Preserve contains evidence of other seasonal campsites that date between the Middle and Late Archaic periods (circa 4,500-3,500 B.C.).

### Mahican and Mohawk Territory

If we “fast forward” to the early 17th century, when Europeans first arrived, the Hudson Valley was Mahican (as the native Indians spelled it) territory. When the Dutch established a fort in the present-day Albany area, it caused a great deal of friction between the Mahicans and their “hostile neighbors” to the west, the Mohawks. The period of hostilities between the two tribes involved control access to Dutch trade. In 1628, the Mahicans formally ceded all of their lands west of the Hudson River to the Mohawks and, in 1684, the two patents of Saratoga (1684) and Kayaderosseras (1708) were united by the colonial government into the district of Saratoga. The first European settlers took up residence at the Springs in the 1780’s, and Saratoga Springs was established in 1809. By the late 19th century, Saratoga Springs had become well known as a resort town and the rest, as they say, is history!

### For more information on our rich history:

Take a walk down Arrowhead Road, or visit the Saratoga Springs History Museum, in Congress Park; the Saratoga Room at our public library; the NY State Museum, in Albany; and the Albany Institute of History and Art. There are also several good publications available about our area’s prehistory and history.

~ Submitted by Laurie Wellman



Split-base projectile points

## Community at Work: Marina Committee

It's Summer 2025 and the boating season is again upon us. The Marina Committee has been working hard to make sure all boat owners are safe and secure as we enter this new season of fun on our beautiful lake. The following summarizes all the information and issues the committee has discussed and what has been achieved over the last year.



### Important Rules for Boat Owners to Follow:

- NYS requires ALL motorized boat and Personal Watercraft (“PWC”) operators to pass a boater safety course and carry a New York boater card by January 1, 2025. However, motorized boat operators born on or after January 1, 1978 have been required to carry the New York boater card starting January 1, 2024. Please go to the NYS Parks & Recreation website for further information.
- ALL boats in our marina must be owned by HOA homeowners. Commercial use of the docks is prohibited.
- ALL boat owners must obtain and carry secondary insurance coverage on their boats to provide liability coverage for others who may be piloting their watercraft. Owners must ensure that anyone else who pilots the watercraft also has a New York boater card, as per above. Owners are responsible for their boats, even if they are not the ones operating them.

### Marina Improvements in the Works:

- Remember that there is a “LOST and FOUND” bin on the marina boardwalk near the boat launch ramp.
- Solar lights have been installed on all the new boards on all the stems of the docks for safety at dusk. Please let the HOA know if any are not functioning.
- All cedar deck boards have been replaced with new pressure-treated boards. This has resulted in more stability.
- Private Property signs have been installed at the outer end of the docks.
- Even though the stems are more stable, the Committee is also looking at other methods to stabilize the fingers.
- The “bird lines” will be reinstalled and their integrity will be monitored closely. Owners are asked to please report broken lines to the HOA office.
- Please be aware that the proposed security cameras for the marina were **not approved** by the BOD. The four signs at the end of each stem indicating that we have security cameras will be removed. The BOD may reconsider installation of security cameras at a future date, so please report any incident/accident to the HOA office so that we can monitor the marina.
- Owners are asked to please periodically check their boats to make sure they are thoroughly secured, especially prior to a storm and/or immediately thereafter.
- The Marina Committee will focus on continuous repair and improvement to the existing docks to postpone the need for complete replacement - which would be at a significant cost to slip owners/lessees - for as long as possible.

### Recommendations:

- Boat owners are asked to use at least ½” double braid nylon dock line for secure mooring. Dock line has been made available, free of charge, on the marina boardwalk. Bring your own cutting instrument. Remember, you are responsible if your boat breaks free from the dock and causes any damage or injury to the docks or other boats.
- Boat owners are urged to review the following videos re: docking & mooring
  - ➡ How to tie a boat to a dock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGfCKxv5t70>
  - ➡ Boating tips: <https://www.youtube.com/@boatinglessons>

Thank you to all of the dock owners who have provided input into maintaining a safe, inviting community for our boating enthusiasts. Happy boating!

~ Submitted by Bob DeFilippi



## A Day in the Life of a Photographer: David Fingerhut

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 for the past eight years, along with his wife Theresa, Dave (as he prefers to be called) Fingerhut is a man who wears many hats. On most weekdays he works remotely from home, serving eight New England VA hospitals, writing software for their HR department. (He is looking forward to retiring this summer.) He is also active in our community, having recently been appointed Chair of the Architectural Control Committee. But, most of his friends and neighbors know him best as a talented and highly experienced photographer. Lights! Camera! Action! Let’s meet Dave Fingerhut!

Originally from Schenectady, Dave Fingerhut has been taking photographs for almost 50 years. He specializes in nature photography and enjoys photographing the American Landscape. His photographs have been shown in 16 countries, at exhibits sponsored by the Photographic Society of America, and he has been designated a “star exhibitor” in both Nature and Color Photography by the Society.

Dave is a past president and director of the Colonial Camera Club, just outside of Boston. He has judged photography competitions for 16 different camera clubs in New England and New York, and his photographs have appeared in books, calendars, and magazines. Most recently, Dave judged the final end-of-the-year photo competition for the Schenectady Photographic Society. (“Each time I do that,” says Dave, “and I critique their photos, I think they will never ask me back again, but they keep doing it!”)



Dave Fingerhut



*The Belmont at Saratoga 2024 – It’s difficult to take more than one good photo of a single race at the track, so I prefer the one which includes the grandstand, making the location easily recognizable. This photo shows Dornoch in the foreground, gaining on Seize the Gray. Dornoch would go on to win the race.*

In this article about Dave Fingerhut, one picture (or three) really is worth a thousand words! So here are some examples of his most popular photographs:



*Royal Canadian Goose – This photo was taken at The Citadelle of Quebec, Quebec City, while on vacation. I was planning to just photograph down the line of guards, when one of them reached forward to straighten out the jacket of the guard in front of him. The photo won first place out of over 2,000 photos in a Boston Globe photo contest and was placed on exhibit at the Epcot Center. It’s been printed in Popular Photography Magazine, National Enquirer, and a Time-Life Book.*



*Three Dories, Peggy’s Cove. I took this photo while on our honeymoon in Nova Scotia. This shows the original color of the three boats, and everything else in the photo was changed to monochrome, using Photoshop.*

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## A Day in the Life of a Photographer: David Fingerhut (continued)

Are you ready for a treasure hunt?

One of the highlights of our newly decorated clubhouse is the impressive gallery of enlarged photographs which adorn the walls of the building. All of these photographs were taken by Water's Edge residents, and they were selected for inclusion in the display by the HOA Design Committee, which reviewed over 150 entries. Each photograph depicts a different scene in and around Water's Edge. Five of the selected photos were taken by Dave Fingerhut. See if you can locate them. They are:

- Eagle photo
- Hawk photo
- A view of the lake with rocks in the foreground
- A rainbow over the pool
- Snow scene with kayaks

Did you find them all?

Before we close, I asked Dave if he had any suggestions for budding photographers who want to improve their skills. His advice is to join a camera club or work with other photographers. In this way, you can get exposed to a variety of types of work, and you can get critiques of your own photos. It will also give you ideas for different methods, tools and subject matter.

Dave does his own matting and framing and sells his framed photographs at outdoor art events and local exhibits. This past June, he exhibited his photographs at the Beekman Street Art Fair in Saratoga Springs. If you would like more information about his work, his website is [DavidFingerhut.com](http://DavidFingerhut.com). Many thanks to Dave for his assistance with this article.

~ Submitted by Laurie Wellman

## HOA Bulletin Board: Important Messages from Management and Your Neighbors

### Indoor Pool Requirements

Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied in the indoor pool by an adult, at all times. If a large party is planned, residents are advised to hire a lifeguard privately and sign a waiver of liability.

### Looking for Volunteers

The newsletter committee is looking for volunteers to write articles, take pictures, and assist with the overall planning of each issue. (See committee members to contact on the last page of this issue.)

### Reminder to Check the HOA Website for Community Events

Click on the monthly calendar, click on the date, and bring up the flyer for each event, e.g., "poker," "book club," etc. It's a good way to keep informed of all the wonderful activities that are available in our community!

## Not Just Horsin' Around, Part II: Celebrating Charlotte Weber, Chair of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame

*In our last issue, we recognized Ramon and Sharon Dominguez, two of our Water's Edge neighbors, who were recently named to the Board of Directors of Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga. In this issue, we are pleased to celebrate our neighbor Charlotte Weber, who, in April, was officially named Chair of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. It is a position she accepted with some reservation and--as it became obvious over the course of our recent conversation--a heart full of love.*

*I am pleased to share the gist of that conversation, which took place on a warm and sunny Memorial Day in the self-proclaimed "Horse Capital of the World" (Ocala, Florida) at Mrs. Weber's office, located on the grounds of her serenely magnificent—not to mention award-winning--4,500-acre horse farm, Live Oak Stud.*

Purchased by Charlotte Weber in 1968, and since expanded under her aegis from its original 1,100 acres, Live Oak Stud has ranked among the top 10 North American horse farms five times since the year 2000. Her office is both inviting and stately, with beautiful wood-paneled walls, comfortable leather seating, a massive desk that sits before a splendid oil painting, and a plethora of trophies and statuettes bearing names like "Breeder's Cup," "Horse Owner of the Year," and the like.

A part-time resident of Water's Edge, Mrs. Weber is a highly respected representative of, and advocate for, the horse racing industry--and one suspects, a formidable competitor and negotiator, as well. On the afternoon I spent with her, I found her to be thoughtful, gracious, informative, and forthcoming—and, perhaps most admirably, humble and down-to-earth.



*Welcome to Live Oak Stud!*

My initial, and very palpable, anxiety about meeting, and chatting, with a woman who has been the recipient of countless awards—including the Penny Chenery Most Distinguished Woman in Racing Award-- was quickly reduced as we spoke of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, the thoroughbred horse racing industry, and living at Water's Edge.

One of Saratoga Spring's must-see destinations, and located at 191 Union Avenue, directly opposite the track, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame is currently celebrating its 75th year of existence. Founded in 1950 by a group of horse lovers led by Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, and initially housed in a single room in the Canfield Casino, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame today attracts as many as 50,000 visitors per year—most of them in July and August—when Saratoga Springs becomes the "summer place to be."

While only recently named Chair after five months in an interim position (she succeeds the late John Hendrickson, who passed away last August), Mrs. Weber has been active in guiding the museum's growth "behind the scenes" for nearly 20 years. Thanks, in large part, to her quiet encouragement and extensive knowledge of museums and their administration (she serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, among other august institutions, and, after college, worked at the Philadelphia Museum of Art), the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame has evolved dramatically in recent years into an esteemed institution that not only showcases thoroughbred horse racing but elevates it through scores of interactive exhibits, an impressive array of programs, an equine research center, and a superlative collection of horse-related art.

In recognition of Mrs. Weber's outstanding contributions to the horse racing industry, an exhibit on her life and involvement is one of five special exhibits that have been mounted in celebration of the Museum and Hall of Fame's 75th year. The exhibit opened on June 4, 2025 and will remain open through November 2nd of this year.

Mrs. Weber was, of course, in attendance at the exhibit's opening, despite a reluctance to be in the spotlight. She describes herself as a "more quiet and reserved person," though she also likes "to have a good time." As I wondered what it must be like to have a museum exhibit dedicated to oneself, Mrs. Weber stated that she is "very proud of the exhibit" and pleased that, through it, she can "share my passion for art and my passion for life."

Much of that passion has been devoted to the National Racing Museum, and her drive to see it evolve and expand well beyond what it was in its formative years. Though she much prefers working "on the periphery" as a Director, Mrs. Weber is pleased to have played a part

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## Not Just Horsin' Around . . . (continued)

in “transforming it into the place it should be,” and gives much of the credit for that transformation to the National Museum and Hall of Fame’s Director, Cate Masterson, who she describes as a “stick of dynamite—thoughtful, considerate, and knowledgeable.”

Recruited by John Hendrickson, at the Board’s and Mrs. Weber’s urging, Ms. Masterson, in turn, says of Mrs. Weber, “Horses, Art, and Benevolence; just three words of so many that come to mind when I think of Charlotte. She is kind, thoughtful, and a wonderful role model. Charlotte’s ability to teach and educate others in a natural way is a gift that I cherish. The knowledge that she possesses in the thoroughbred industry and the art world is like no other, and she is so gracious and willing to share her understanding with those who wish to learn.”

Mrs. Weber’s grace and humility came across throughout our conversation. Asked if any one of the many honors she’s received has been more meaningful than the others, she is quick to say that she has been “honored by them all. I am just so grateful to my horses,” she adds, “and for my hard work with them. I am very proud to have been honored as I’ve been.”

Mrs. Weber was here in Saratoga for the recent Belmont, and will soon return for the 2025 horse racing season, where she expects to see an, as yet, indefinite number of her horses compete. She describes horse racing as “a

tender game,” in which the final decision to race a horse on any given day in any given race depends on various factors that cannot be determined until shortly before it takes place. That said, she currently has 40 or so horses

training in various locations in the eastern U.S, at least some of which will race this summer in Saratoga Springs.

While she “rented a place in town for several years” before becoming a homeowner, Mrs. Weber is one who vastly prefers “sleeping in my own bed and using my own linens and towels.” An original owner in Water’s Edge, Mrs. Weber most enjoys “the camaraderie of the many people involved in horseracing who also live here,” along with the “view of Saratoga Lake.”

Less to her liking are the crowds that frequent Saratoga in summer—not just in town and at the track, but at the HOA’s tennis courts and outdoor pool.

While Mrs. Weber lives an extraordinary life, quite different from the lives I imagine most of us live, notwithstanding our own achievements, I drove away from Live Oak Stud feeling we’d connected, and grateful for the precious time and insights that she shared.

Congratulations, Mrs. Weber, on becoming Chair of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga. You are yet another reason for our community to take pride in where we live.

~ Submitted by Ilene Angarola



Live Oak Stud Silks

### Fun In the Sun at Water’s Edge

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#### Find the words in the puzzle!

Basketball	Fun	Pool
Beach	Ice Cream	Ray
Bike	Jetski	Tennis
Bocce	Kayak	Sand
Courtyard	Lazy	Sun
Fishing	Pickleball	

(Solution on Page 12)

## At A Glance

*This column was created for the newsletter to provide readers with short, but important, updates on issues of interest to the community.*

### Update on Use of Amenities



In the Spring issue of the Inside Edge, a chart was created to assist residents with information about the process for reserving amenities within the clubhouse and surrounding area. That chart is also located on the HOA website. Since that publication, the Board of Directors has established a fee

schedule for certain amenities. This information will enhance the ability of homeowners to access facilities for their personal use. Following is a summary of those fees.

At the May 14th Board of Directors Meeting, a motion to update the party fees for the rental of the clubhouse and tent was approved. The new fees are as follows:

- 10-25 people - \$25 party fee and a \$100 refundable deposit
- 26-50 people - \$50 party fee and a \$100 refundable deposit
- 51-75 people - \$150 party fee and a \$300 refundable deposit
- 76-100 people - \$200 party fee and a \$400 deposit (Over 75 attendees requires Board approval.)
- 101+ people - party fee & deposit TBD (requires Board approval)

Tent rental - \$150 rental fee plus the cost of the party (see above)  
Both the chart and the fee schedule will be available on the HOA website.

### Renting Your Home



It's time for summer fun. Many of our homeowners rent their homes during the summer, especially for the track season. With an expanded calendar for the track season this year, it is important that all homeowners remember that no portion of a home, other than the entire home, may be rented or leased, and no home shall be subleased by a lessee or renter. In order to maintain the residential intent and harmony within the community, the HOA prefers that there are no short-term rentals of two nights or less, including those that involve two or more renters at the same time. Homeowners must register any tenants with the HOA, at which time they will be given a brief orientation and a temporary security fob. Let's make the community a welcoming place by following the guidelines.

### Boating Safety

On May 19 and 20, over 30 members of the community attended the eight-hour New York



State Safe Boating Course. Participants learned about boating safety in an interactive classroom environment that included discussions of boating safety on Saratoga Lake. This is a reminder that completion of a NYS Boater Safety Course is a requirement for anyone operating any powerboat, including personal watercraft on all New York State waterways. If you have family members or guests operating watercraft, such as jet skis, please ensure

that they have access to, and complete, the required course. We want everyone to be safe and in compliance with the law. The New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation website at <https://parks.ny.gov/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx> has information about both in-person and on-line courses for certification.

### Courtyard

The newest amenity available for its first full season at Water's Edge is our versatile courtyard. This season will be our first opportunity to discover its potential, complete with comfortable seating and wonderful garden scapes, prepared by our Gardening Committee. The space has three distinct features surrounding a trendy water fountain: a firepit with relaxed seating, a dining/game area complete with tables and chairs suited for a variety of dining options and card or other games, and a seating area overlooking the pool for small gatherings or casual conversations. The courtyard is designated as a "Non-Smoking" area for the benefit of all residents. It has easy access to both the tennis/pickleball courts as well as the swimming pool, for everyone's enjoyment of the greater community facilities. Stop by to enjoy a moment of tranquility in our newest community space.



### New Monthly Dues

As a result of the new budget, starting July 1, 2025, the monthly dues will be as follows:

	Townhomes	Single Family	Single Family 2 Spencer's Landing
Dues	\$358	\$204	\$378
Spectrum	\$62	\$62	\$62
Total Monthly Dues	<b>\$420</b>	<b>\$266</b>	<b>\$440</b>

It is important to note that homeowners must change their monthly dues designation, especially if they are making automatic payments, in time for the July 1, 2025 transition, to accommodate the new dues structure.

### Gardening Committee

Summer's in bloom, and thanks to our Gardening Committee, under the guidance of our talented Chair and Board member Molly Corbett, so is Water's Edge! From the courtyard to the view from the beach, from the Adirondack Chair area to the Point, and through the various entrances to the community and the clubhouse, we are alive with blooms and color. You too can participate! Use your green (or not so green) thumb to be a planter, a clipper, or a weeder. If you are not currently on the committee and have an interest in enhancing our community along with a group of energetic and enthusiastic residents, contact Molly Corbett now at [mcorbett21@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mcorbett21@nycap.rr.com) and join in the fun!



~ Submitted by Connie Sullivan.



## And Another Thing . . .

*"And Another Thing..." is a column that appears in each newsletter to inform HOA residents of scheduled events in our community.*

### Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Water's Edge/Woodlands HOA is officially postponing the Annual Meeting of Homeowners scheduled for this coming Saturday, July 5th. The postponement is the result of an administrative error on the official notice and ballot. After careful consideration on how best to proceed, the Board has decided that issuing a revised notice for the meeting, correcting relevant details, and providing the required period for notice and a vote is the most appropriate action.

The Board of Directors and Staff of the HOA appreciate the patience and understanding of the community as we work through this process. A late August target date for the re-scheduled Annual Meeting is anticipated. More information to follow.



### "La Vie Parisienne" ( June 28)

Approximately 40 Water's Edge residents and their friends and neighbors joined Opera Saratoga's Board of Directors at Universal Preservation Hall to attend

the "La Vie Parisienne" performance. Water's Edge residents graciously provided an array of hors d'oeuvres at a jointly planned opening reception, and Opera Saratoga provided a variety of delightful beverages. "La Vie Parisienne" provided an outstanding evening of entertainment. Given the buzz during the intermission reception hosted by Opera Saratoga, the opera was hilarious, delightful, and an immense success. We have our own community member John Zizzo, a member of the Opera Saratoga Board, to thank for this opportunity. It was a spirited way to enjoy an outstanding performance.



### Patriotic Picnic (July 5)

The much-anticipated Patriotic Picnic celebration has been set for Saturday, July 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The grills will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be an array of barbecued foods, from hamburgers to sausages to hot dogs, as well as a vegan option.

Community members are also invited to provide "pot-luck" side dishes and desserts, resulting in a wide selection of food options. At this annual lakeside event, community members will have the opportunity to mingle and enjoy music by the Water's Edge Strummers at 3:00 p.m. The fee for picnic guests who are

not members of the community is \$5.00. Please let Kathy Evans (at [kathyevans530@gmail.com](mailto:kathyevans530@gmail.com)) know by July 1 if you plan to participate. In addition, if you would like to join your neighbors and volunteer, let Kathy know if you would be willing to help with set-up, grilling, or clean-up.



### Silent Book Club (July 10 and September 11)

Imagine reading a book that you couldn't wait to read and then sharing it with others! If this sounds

like you, come participate in our Water's Edge/Woodlands' silent book club, "Page Turners," on Thursday, July 10 and Thursday, September 11, from 3:00 -4:30 p.m. At a silent book club, community members get together to relax for 45 minutes of quiet, uninterrupted reading among friends, with a book of their own choice (any length, hard copy, paperback, electronic, etc.) and any genre (novel, history, short story, etc.). At the end of that time, each participant shares a brief statement about the book they are reading. Afterwards, participants enjoy light refreshments. Everyone is welcome! "Page Turners" is scheduled bi-monthly on the second Thursday of the month in May, July, September, and November. Come join us!



### Music Under the Tent (July and August)

Water's Edge offers a unique music venue under the tent in the picnic area. Imagine relaxing by the lake and listening to a variety of music while enjoying a lakeside breeze, throughout the summer.

There are several performing groups in the process of being confirmed, and more to be expected. Stay "tuned" for a complete listing in the next few weeks.

Please bring your beverage of choice, and a chair, and join your neighbors under or near our beautiful tent overlooking the lake, while enjoying some great local music.

~ Submitted by Connie Sullivan

# The Inside Edge

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