

Taconic Shores Property Owners Association Newsletter

Our TSPOA Newsletters will be produced on an “as needed” basis and will try to discuss issues that are important to many of us. If you have questions that have not been addressed, please call your section director who will deal with your problem, suggestion or inquiry.

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Dues

TSPOA dues bills are sent out twice a year (spring and fall) and are payable by July 1 and November 1. Our dues keep our community running, providing water, garbage pickup, lake and road maintenance and all the other services we all take for granted. IF YOU NEED TO WORK OUT AN INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN, please contact TSPOA Treasurer Gary Plotch at gplotch@juno.com or call the TSPOA office at 518-329-2881. We understand that some homeowners may have cash flow issues—but please remember that our association has the same issues! Keep us in the loop so we can help you stay current.

Garbage Pick-Up (Reminder)

Please remember that garbage is to be placed in Columbia County garbage bags and then IN A LIDDED, TIGHTLY SECURED METAL OR PLASTIC CONTAINER. We have had a problem with animals opening garbage bags—this slows down garbage collection and makes an unsanitary mess.



Leaf Pick-Up

Leaf pick-ups will take place on Tuesdays between now and the end of December. Leaves must be in recyclable brown paper bags, which must contain NOTHING BUT LEAVES. TSPOA will lose the privilege of dumping its leaves if we drop off bags with twigs, garbage or anything but leaves. Leaf pick-up is a special, extra service we provide here at TSPOA, and one for which we are deeply appreciative. *Note: you can purchase leaf bags at the TSPOA office, during office hours, for \$.65 each. You must pay by check.*

TSPOA Does Not Pick Up Brush

TSPOA does not have the capacity to pick up brush, nor do we have a place to dump it. We understand that this is the time of year that many people clear up brush, fallen branches, etc. If you have a way to transport your brush, you may take it to the transfer station off Route 23B in Hudson. There are also many services which will dispose of your brush. TSPOA does not recommend or endorse any vendors, but you may want to ask your neighbors or check "Tree Services" in the yellow pages. It might be practical for neighbors to join together for a group pick up. **YOUR BRUSH IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!** If the Shores must step in and remove brush left at the perimeter of property for an extended period of time, and after TSPOA has sent notification to the homeowner, TSPOA will charge the negligent homeowner three times the cost to TSPOA (including staff time, fuel, equipment use, and dumping charges).

If you are thinking of burning your brush, please refer to the last newsletter (available on the TSPOA website) for guidelines. (Burning is risky, threatening our homes and our environment. If you do decide to burn brush—and only brush— please notify the Columbia County Burn Center [518-828-4114] in advance of your intention to do so.)

Security

We are pleased to tell you that the Shores continues to be largely peaceful and secure. For houses that are used mainly seasonally and/or on weekends, we do recommend using lights on motion detectors and installing some lights on timers, to give homes the appearance of being occupied.

Parking Cars

Winter is coming, and with it the problem of keeping our roads clear. Please remember that parking on the roads or alongside the roads is not permitted in Taconic Shores from November 1 through April 15. Cars may be towed away by the Shores, at the owners' expense.

Lake Committee

Our beautiful lake is the central feature that makes our community special and desirable. Our active Lake Committee, headed by Lake Director, Lois Lovisolo, works hard to ensure that Robinson Pond continues to be an asset to our community. The Lake Committee invites interested homeowners to join and be part of our ongoing efforts. Please contact Lois at loislovisolo@yahoo.com or through the office at 518-329-2881.

Drawdown

Each year, we consult with the DEC on the level of drawdown (lowering of the lake) that is recommended. We will not be doing a total drawdown this winter, but will lower the lake to "spillway" level by about November 1. This level should be low enough to enable homeowners to clean their shorelines. (FYI—going forward, in future years, if many homeowners need there to be a full drawdown to permit shoreline repair or construction, we will try to accommodate those needs, with enough notice. Homeowners anticipating shoreline work should contact Glen Ganz, TSPOA Vice President and Co- Maintenance Director as far in advance as possible. Glen can be reached at ganz@fairpoint.net or through the office, 518-329-2881.)

Fishing in Robinson Pond

We have enclosed an "Angler's Survey" with this newsletter. If you have an interest in the state of our fishing, please complete the survey and return it to the office.



Notification System

TSPOA is looking into a mass notification system. We are doing this in order to give us the ability to alert the community to various events such as water interruption, power loss, rescheduling of trash pickup, beach closings, etc. If you go on the TSPOA website, www.tspoa.org, you will find a "Notification System" link that will direct you to the enrollment form for a test of a system that we are currently evaluating. With this system, one can choose to receive alerts thru email, text and/or voice. This is a trial version and your enrollment will be helpful as we look into their services. If you prefer, you may call the TSPOA office at 518-329-2881, and Pat will take your information and enroll you in this notification system for the trial period.

Fairpoint Communications

Mr. Stanley Gansowski, an Operations Supervisor from Fair Point spoke at the last TSPOA Board meeting, to which all homeowners were invited. He assured us that Fairpoint is well aware of the problems within the Shores and has prioritized replacing the cables (which serve both telephone and internet) that they use here. They hope to have our problems resolved by the end of November. One problem is trees threatening the cables. They will try to work with homeowners on decisions regarding pruning of trees. It should be noted that TSPOA owns the property 10' from the road, so Fairpoint has the right to trim freely to that point. Homeowners wishing to talk to Fairpoint about their issues should call 518-329-5200 or 518-329-4111.

Water System

We are shortly undergoing testing for leaks in our system; the results will inform our next actions. Due to community involvement at the August membership meeting where water system upgrades were discussed, we did more research and learned that through leak detection and other investigations of our system, we may not have to add to the storage capacity of the water tower. This is good news as it may potentially lower the cost of the project. We are doing further research, and will then put the project out to bid. After this, we will have solid figures on the cost of the project. We will keep the membership informed and hopefully we will be starting the project in 2012. We will have at least one more, if not two, membership meetings before beginning the project. We appreciate your input on this situation as we move forward.

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TSPOA Dates

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| 11/18/11 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 12/16/11 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 1/20/12 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 2/17/12 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 3/16/12 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 4/20/12 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 4/21/12- 10 AM | ~ | Membership Meeting (General) |
| 5/18/12 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 6/15/12 - 7:30 PM | ~ | Board Meeting |
| 6/16/12 - 10 AM | ~ | Membership Meeting (Informational) |

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