

Taconic Shores Property Owners Association Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Membership meeting, June 18th
Picnic on July 23rd

Lake Committee - We now have our DEC permits to apply RENOVATE against the milfoil which is rearing its UGLY head. The treatment will take place soon -- signs will be posted throughout the community.

Be sure you have your Taconic Shores stickers on your boats, kayaks, canoes, etc. They are available at the office.

Our PILOT project to remove excess sediment from the lake will, hopefully, take place on June 24th. Our lake is becoming eutrophic (*nutrient-rich, accelerating algae and plant growth, while depleting oxygen levels and reducing biodiversity,*) and we need to be pro-active to keep it as a body of water that will provide maximum recreational opportunities and be fish friendly. We will do algae treatments as needed, and the weed harvester will be out scooping the floating algae. Homeowners can also take algae from the lake and remove it to a distant compost.

Bridge Construction - Please be advised that Brown's Bridge on County Route 7A next to the dam is under construction. The road is closed at this location while demolition of the old bridge and construction of a new bridge is undertaken. This process is expected to take approximately six months. Local traffic is being detoured around by using Snyder Pond Road and County Route 7 through West Copake.

Also, the four plus miles of County Rout 7A leading out of town to the intersection of Cambridge Rd. (Center Hill) will be under construction for the next couple of months. Expect delays and single lane closures as well.

Brush and Lawn Care - Brush is no longer picked up by maintenance staff. This is due to not having a suitable location to dump the material and costs involved to truck it to further away locations. Brush, tree limbs, grass or leaves may be brought to the Greenport Transfer Station on Newman Rd, at no charge.

We have received a lot of rain so far this season and the grass is growing well. Please remember that unmowed lawns and unmaintained properties detract from the overall appearance of the community, and provide a haven for bugs and critters, as well as becoming a potential target for break-ins.

New York State Burning Ban - The burning of trash and the burning of leaves is prohibited statewide. This ban includes the use of burning barrels for burning of these items. In towns with a total population less than 20,000, you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves. The limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and less than 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush). Brush burning is not allowed between March 15 and May 15 each year.

Here are a few exceptions to this rule:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, dry, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>

Water System – The Board met with an engineering firm, Crawford Associates, to begin discussing the status of our current water system and the necessary upgrades that will be needed in the future. This will be a major project involving the replacement of the supply lines that cross the lake and the upgrade of the pump house to a more modern and more easily maintained system.

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Office Hours: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Monday and Friday. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Wednesday and Thursday. Closed on Tuesday.
Open first & third Saturday of each month (closed on Thursday when open on Saturday)