

MELODY LAKE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE MELODY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS



MARCH 2024

LOOKING FOR MORE IN 2024

You may notice that this newsletter is later than usual. There are several “good news” items that we have been waiting to share with all our members. In order to keep you informed as things progress, it is important that we have all members contact information (phone, email, etc.). As the price of postage continues to rise, we will not be spending our funds on the cost of mailing out information. Board members should not be expected to spend time and \$\$\$ keeping members informed when it is possible to inform everyone with a single push of a button. If your contact information changes please let one of the board members know. Their contact information can be found on the next page. We assure you that this contact information will be used for association business only.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM CONFIRMED

For the first time in 10 years we have had a **confirmed** Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) at Melody Lake. On August 6th, 2023 the board members were contacted by a few members that a suspected bloom was located along Melody Lake Rd. The bloom was confirmed thru photos sent to both NYSDEC and NYSFOLA. Additional information can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

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Melody Lake Association was formed on June 22nd, 1964 to:
Aid and promote the preservation and protection of Melody Lake and the land around it
To aid in the protection of fish and game in such lake and area
To promote and cultivate social relationships among its members
To undertake programs and activities calculated to advance the above purposes

IMPORTANT PHONE #'S, EMAILS, DATES AND INFORMATION

Melody Lake Association

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Cortland County Sheriff – (607)753-3311 or 911

Fire & Ambulance – 911

NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation:

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Permits – 1-800-388-8244 or (607)753-3095 ext. 235

Dam Safety – (518)402-8185

Town Government Officials:

Willet Town Hall – 863-4877 (for building permits)

Town Supervisor – Alvin (Sandy) Doty – 863-3252

Town Clerk – Annie Wilcox – 863-4329

Highway Superintendent – Ted Kemak 863-3265

Tax Assessor – Frances J Butler 849-6966

Other:

Cortland County Health – 753-5035 (permits for wells & septic)

DOGS AROUND THE LAKE:

Remember that your dog must be under your control at all times. If the dog is loose, they must remain on your property. Every year we receive complaints from people walking around the lake that they are confronted by loose dogs. Excessive barking is also a nuisance and is in violation of the Town ordinance. All complaints should be referred to the Town of Willet Dog Warden. (Country Acres Animal Shelter – 749-2734)

There are new operating hours for the Willet Post Office:

Mon – Fri : 10 AM – 12 noon & 1 PM – 3 PM

Sat – 9 AM – 11:45 AM

ASSOCIATION FAMILY PICNIC – TBD

THE MEETINGS FOR MELODY LAKE ASSOCIATION FOR 2024 WILL BE HELD AT 12:00 NOON ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE WILLET TOWN HALL (unless decided otherwise). THE MEETING DATES FOR 2024 ARE: JUNE 9th JULY 14th AUGUST 11th

YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE ASSOCIATION. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THE MEETING TO ABOUT 1 HOUR HOWEVER WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL IMPORTANT TOPICS ARE DISCUSSED.

The Town Of Willet Town Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. The meetings for 2024 are:

January 17 th	February 21 st
March 20 th	April 17 th
May 22 nd	June 19 th
July 17 th	August 21 st
September 18 th	October 16 th
November 20 th	December 18 th

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND THEIR GUESTS THAT EVEN THOUGH MELODY LAKE IS A PRIVATE LAKE, ALL NYS LAWS APPLY. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO FISHING, HUNTING, BOATING AND MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS. ALSO REMEMBER THAT ALL BOATS THAT ARE POWERED BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR (INCLUDING PONTOON BOATS) MUST BE REGISTERED. ALL NON-NYS RESIDENTS MUST HAVE A NONRESIDENT FISHING/HUNTING LICENSE.

CORTLAND/CHENANGO RURAL SERVICES

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Wed – 9:30 am – 11:00 am & 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Sat–9 am –12 noon (also Local Farmers Market in season)

Remember that the speed limit on Melody Lake Rd. is 30 mph and on Melody Lane is 10 mph. Also parking on Melody Lake Road is prohibited unless you are completely off the road. Please remind your visitors and everyone that you may be doing business with such as contractors, fuel delivery companies, etc. Also remember that NO OFF ROAD vehicles are allowed on association property (Melody Lane, right of ways, etc.)

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter by Melody Lake Association's diverse group of volunteers may not necessarily reflect the views held by the Association, its members, or its sponsors.

From the Presidents' Desk

"I'm not good at advice but can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?"

Here it is, early March and I'm just getting around to putting an annual newsletter together. It's been a busy winter for me personally that I won't burden you with. Last year was a busy year at the lake and it appears that 2024 will be the same.

Some things that are planned are:

- taking a look and updating at the by-laws and then being stricter with enforcement
- trying to see what needs to be done regarding the declining fishing conditions at Melody Lake
- trying to increase the attendance at the association meetings
- attempting to address the Chinese Mystery Snail concern
- addressing the concern and liability of "Off Road Vehicles" on association property
- working with Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation Council on identifying and addressing the invasive species in Melody Lake.
- Working with Sara & Mary Jo while trying to record the history of the lake and the area around it.
- Attempting to bring the membership closer together as we try to encourage good stewardship practices as we praise the good and discourage (or maybe even embarrass) the bad.
- Try to make certain members realize that the actions of a few do make a difference and make them realize that if "everyone did it" could make a large difference (both positive or negative) on our beautiful lake.

More on all these topics can be found later in this newsletter.

CURRENT ASSOCIATION BOARD RE-ELECTED FOR 2 MORE YEARS

The elections were held at the August 2023 meeting and for the first time in several years there were some serious and qualified challengers. However, when the count was done, the existing board was overwhelmingly re-elected for 2024-2025. Once again, the board members are:

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The association statement can be found on the bottom of page 1 of this newsletter. When asked of the importance of this mission statement, the past NYSFOLA Attorney David Wright offered the following –

When you purchased your property, you took a silent oath to live up to this mission statement. Through your deed you also agreed to accept the bylaws, rules and regulations adopted or hereby adopted by the Melody Lake Association.

When you accept a position to the association board you go one step further. You should be able to put aside friendships, differences, personal gain, etc. and base your decisions on current or future impacts to lake or other property owned by the association.

"AS PROPERTY OWNERS ON MELODY LAKE, WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO ALTER OUR WAY OF LIFE TO PROTECT MELODY LAKE, RATHER THAN TO ALTER MELODY LAKE TO PROTECT OUR WAY OF LIFE" – Bob Rosati

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) GRANT

Amanda Barber, District Manager
Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation Council

Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District has been awarded \$122,705 – Aquatic Watercraft Spread Prevention Boat Steward Education and Outreach/Voluntary Inspection. We are looking forward to expanding outreach at Melody Lake, Song Lake, and Skaneateles Lake, and continuing collaborative education and outreach efforts with all of you!

Project Summary: Aquatic Invasive Species Watercraft Spread Prevention - Boat Steward Education and Outreach/Voluntary Inspection - Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will coordinate a regional AIS Spread Prevention project encompassing parts of the Finger Lakes and Susquehanna watersheds. We will employ boat stewards and complete over 2500 boat inspections annually. Boat decontaminations/AIS removal is expected for at least 100 vessels annually. Two new waterbodies, Song Lake and Melody lake, will have a boat steward presence. One new project partner, Glen Haven Marina, will allow us to add a new steward site for AIS education on Skaneateles Lake. Additional signage will be placed at Dwyer Park, as well as at the Melody Lake entrance, Girl Scout Camp and Glen Haven Marina. Educational programming with new project partners SUNY Cortland, BOCES New Visions, Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways will result in outreach and education to an additional 500 people annually. Existing AIS disposal stations at Dwyer Park, Fuller Park, and the Tully DEC launch will be maintained/upgraded.

SWCD has conducted AIS spread prevention activities and boat stewarding since 2016. This project will occur over 3 field/boating seasons after award. Seasonal boat stewards will be hired and trained in clean, drain, dry protocol, boater engagement, personal safety/harassment, and other employment and AIS related topics. Boat stewarding and education will begin Memorial Day weekend and continue through Labor Day. Stewards will be distributed among launches to maximize impact and maintain a presence during periods of peak usage. SWCD staff and stewards will also provide education programming. We will engage target groups with outreach; the OCM BOCES New Vision students with AIS spread prevention in June, the scouts through AIS spread prevention programming at Camp Hoover on Song Lake all summer, and future recreation professionals at SUNY Cortland Department of Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies with AIS and spread prevention techniques at the beginning of each fall semester.

We will be in touch within a few months once we know more and contracting advances. I'm hoping there is a 2024 start!

MORE GRANT NEWS FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBER SARA WARNER

Afternoon, All.

Cornell awarded me a \$6,000 grant to create oral histories of Melody Lake, conduct research at Cortland County archives, and digitize materials from people's personal collections of lake life over the years and generations (some people have already given me some material they want included). I'll work with students in my class in Fall 2024 to create some kind of deliverable (website, video documentary, not yet sure) that speaks to MLA, environmental issues, and rural areas of NYS. I've got a few ideas, but need to give this more thought in the context of creating something suitable for culminating course project. This grant is through Cornell's newly re-imagined center for community engagement and outreach. AND..this office would be keen to partner with us and CCSW on the DEC invasives grant (initially musings on this below, which I sent around last week). This means Cornell would cover the matching fund requirement and provide additional resources (yet to be determined). This is all very exciting and will require some collaborative thinking to produce a strong application. We can apply for small-ish grant of \$15K (as initially suggested below) or think of something bigger for a larger dollar amount (provided we have the team to produce the promised outcomes).

NYSFOLA CONFERENCE

Last May, Sara Warner and Mary Jo Watts attended the NYSFOLA Conference at Lake George. They paid for their lodging and transportation and the association paid for the conference fees. A summary of the conference agenda can be found on the association's website. We thank them for their interest and their generosity.

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS:



The first topic of every association meeting is the approval or correcting the minutes of the previous meeting. The second item of business is the presentation and approval of the Treasurer's report by treasurer Steve Smith. We then move to committee reports, old business and new business (not always in that order). We try to keep the meeting to 1 hour but will continue until all business is discussed. Since there are only 3 regular meetings each year (2nd Sunday of June, July, August) it is somewhat disappointing that less than 1/3 of our members regularly attend. The association belongs to all members and we all have a lot financially invested and should keep up on what's happening to protect this investment. There is only one way to make changes about what happens to our lake and that is to attend the meetings. Sitting around the fire with a cold drink and a few unhappy friends will not make the changes you think are important. Let's look at some of the things that happened at the meetings in 2023 with or without your input.

Sunday, June 11th, 2023 (33 members present)

Member Joanne Sweeney stated that current by-laws were not recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office as required*. She also stated that the by-laws are not always enforced. She suggested that a committee be formed to review the current by-laws and to either update them, delete them, or enforce them. Ms. Sweeney was asked to head up the committee and bring the current recommendations to a future meeting. Accepted. (*note – The NYS Not For Profit Law does not require bylaws to be recorded in the County Clerk's Office however they are required to be accessible to all members of the association). Ms. Sweeney was reminded that the bylaws are posted on the Melody Lake Association website at www.stny.info/melodylake which is accessible to all current or potential property owners.

Member Tami Zebrowski-Darrow made a motion that we accept donations to restock fish in the lake and also obtain any DEC permits required. Tami also stated that she would start the fund with her annual can/bottle return donation.

Member Ray Slate suggested that we look into making Melody Lake "Catch and Release" for fishing. Mr. Slate offered to head up a committee to pursue this and other fishing recommendations. These rules would only be a recommendation since DEC Law Enforcement will not enforce this policy without a change in the NYS fish and game law.

Some other topics of interest discussed were:

- Annual Association Picnic will be held on August 19th at the town pavilion. The association will furnish the meat and nonalcoholic beverages. All attendees were asked to bring a dish to pass and any additional drinks. Bring a few \$\$\$ for a silent auction, 50/50 and other fund raisers. **(2024 Picnic date will be decided at the June 2024 meeting).**
- The annual snail-snagging day is cancelled due to lack of interest (further info later in this newsletter).
- Once again, Sara Warner and Mary Jo Watts attended the NYSFOLA Conference at Lake George to represent the association. Melody Lake Association paid for them to attend the conference however Sara and Mary Jo paid the travel and lodging expense out of their own pocket (more information on the conference later in this newsletter).
- Information was distributed regarding a "Septic System" training by Cortland County Soil and Water (CCSSWCD) was discussed (more information later in this newsletter).
- Information on how to recycle your leftover paint was shared.
- Elections will be held at the August meeting for MLA Board of Directors. All offices are up for reelection.
- Lake testing under the CSLAP will continue for 2023 with a few changes.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:24 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 9th - Vice President Bob Eastman filling in for President Bob Rosati

Welcome and approval of June Meeting minutes. Treasurer's report included suggestions by several members that since interest rates were going up, Steve should look into all accounts to see if funds should be transferred to other options in order to gain more interest. Steve will look into options to see that we are making the most of our funds and investments and report back at a future meeting. As treasurer, Steve Smith has the authority to manage funds however he determines is in the best interest of the association. Members Bill Matola/Pat Cerroni suggested that we look into the need to raise the dues from the current \$100. Treasurer Steve Smith agreed to present a report of our income vs. annual expenditures at the next meeting. All in attendance agreed.

Member Bill Matola made a motion that he head up a committee to look into getting an estimate to bring Melody Lane up to environmental standards and will try to have a cost estimate for the next meeting. No decision will be made at this meeting until a cost estimate is received. In the meantime, members were reminded of their responsibility to fill the potholes in front of their property. Millings and/or gravel has been purchased by the association and stored at the powerline right of way for this purpose. This material is to be used for association purposes only and not for private property such as driveways, ditches, etc.

Other items discussed were:

- Contributions to the "fish fund" were given to Treasurer Steve Smith by members Steve Elliot (\$500) , Pat Dickerson (\$200), Julie Kipp (\$15.05) .
- Sara and Mary Jo gave a brief presentation about the NYSFOLA Conference (details later in this newsletter).
- VP Bob Eastman gave a brief summary regarding of the "Dam Walkway".
- Member Anne Corey is taking orders for Melody Lake apparel. See Anne if interested.
- The board members will walk around the lake to see if there are any dead or hazardous trees that need to be removed. This will be presented at a future meeting.

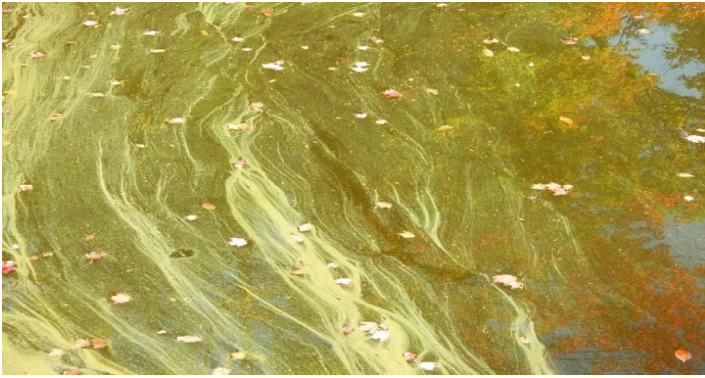
MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:06 PM.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH – Welcome and the approval of the July Association meeting. Treasurer's report by Steve Smith states that Steve has completed some adjusting of our accounts and M&T was able to re-rate our current accounts to give us a higher rate of interest. Steve will continue to work with the bank to see what is available.

- **Fish Committee** – headed up by member Ray Slate but there was no update available however a lengthy discussion took place.
- **By-Laws Committee** – The committee continues to meet but so far, no report is available.
- **Melody Lane** - Bill Matola has received a bid for \$17,500 for labor only. He stated that his best guess for material would be an additional \$40,000. No vote was taken at this time. Bill mentioned he would head up the committee and keep the board members informed. In the meantime, all members are reminded that the speed limit on Melody Lane is 10 mph. There are many who ignore this speed limit and realize that for the most part is a narrow, winding dirt road with several small children and walkers in the summer.
- **HAB's (Harmful Algal Bloom)** - On August 6th, 2023 we experienced a confirmed HAB in the lake between 6054 – 6070 Melody Lake Rd. This was the first confirmed bloom since Sept. 2013. Once the board was notified, an email went out to ALL members that share their email address with us, informing them of the bloom and instructing them to avoid using the lake until further notice . More on HAB's later in this newsletter.
- The elections were held with the current board being overwhelmingly reelected for the next 2 years. Their contact information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:15 pm

CONFIRMED HARMFULL ALGAL BLOOM AT MELODY LAKE



There are more than 2000 species of Cyanobacteria and about 95 of these produce potent toxins that quickly sicken or kill animals, wildlife and even humans. Cyanobacteria can live in both fresh water and salt water (lakes, ponds, backyard fountains, unmaintained pools, etc.) throughout the year. Populations thrive when water is warm and calm, especially after a rainfall washes nutrients from a shoreline that is void of vegetative cover. Until last summer, the last confirmed HAB at Melody Lake was Sept. 2013 however we are sure that there has been many since then.

Confirmed algal bloom along Melody Lake Rd. August 6, 2023
(photo by member at large Eric Wortman)

Poisoning occurs when the animal or human ingests even a small amount of contaminated water and can even develop after inhalation of water droplets or even skin contact. The toxins are released as the Cyanobacteria are disturbed and can be quickly absorbed and circulated throughout the body, causing liver damage and neurotoxicity. Clinical signs may begin within minutes and can include diarrhea, weakness, muscle tremors, paralysis, seizures and even death can occur within a few hours.

On August 6th 2023, the board was notified of a suspected harmful algal bloom (HAB) located along the swimming right of way on Melody Lake Rd. Photos were taken and sent to NYSFOLA and NYSDEC and all members were notified and told to avoid any contact with that area of the lake. Within a very short time, we were contacted that the HAB was confirmed and again, all members were told to avoid any contact with the water of both pets or family members for several days. Unfortunately just one day later some small children were seen playing in the lake at the exact location, with adults present. Luckily, no injuries or illnesses were reported.

If you see any sign of an algal bloom, please avoid the area and notify a board member immediately. Their contact information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

CHINESE MYSTERY SNAILS



The Chinese Mystery Snails are still the major concern at Melody Lake. We have been told by the property owner next door that their pond, which drains into our lake, has had these snails for many years and is probably the source of our snails. Last year we attempted to hold another "Snail Snagging" roundup. Cortland County Soil and Water purchased a quantity of snail snagging buckets for attendees. Unfortunately, the attendance was low, however some loyal members were given buckets and they went and removed several hundred snails from the lake. If we are ever going to get any control over this pest, remember, removal is the only way to get rid of them. See the fact sheet supplied by the University of Wisconsin on the next page.



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Aquatic Invasive Species Quick Guide

Chinese Mystery Snail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis* Reeve)

Description: Chinese mystery snails are often large, up to nearly 3 inches tall. Shells are typically dark brown, and may have some dark vertical ridges near the opening. The lowermost whorl of the shell is usually much wider than the rest of the shell. At the opening of the shell, a thick, hardened plate called an operculum is able to seal the shell against predators or harmful chemicals in the water. Chinese mystery snails are capable of grazing algae from surfaces and filter-feeding on suspended algae particles.



The Chinese mystery snail can be nearly 3 inches tall.

North American Distribution: Scattered across North America, but they are most abundant in the eastern and central United States.



Chinese mystery snails have a tough plate called an operculum covering the shell opening.

Dispersal Vectors: Native to eastern Asia, Chinese mystery snails were first imported to the U.S. in the late 1800s as a food item in oriental markets. It is believed that some people may have “seeded” these snails into local waterways for later harvest. Chinese mystery snails are also introduced to water gardens for the purpose of clarifying the water and grazing algae from hard surfaces. At any time during summer and fall, each female may contain dozens of small snails at different stages of development. She occasionally gives birth to small batches of live young, complete with shells.

Ecological Impacts: Chinese mystery snails likely compete for food and resources with native snails and other grazers or filter-feeders. Some research studies suggest that impacts to native species may be insignificant. Chinese mystery snails serve as a secondary host for a trematode parasite that has been killing large numbers of waterfowl in the Midwestern U.S. Some larger animals like turtles or muskrats may occasionally feed on Chinese mystery snails.

Control Options: Manual removal of Chinese mystery snails remains the only effective method of control. Of course, the effect on the population depends on the number removed and the total population size. These snails prefer mucky, organic sediments, so manual removal is likely to be a difficult option in many areas.

Chemical control efforts tend to be unsuccessful and have unintended consequences to native snails and/or other animals. Chinese mystery snails can seal up their shells with their operculum, protecting them from unfavorable conditions like chemical pesticides. Most North American snails do not have this ability and would be harmed.



Juvenile Chinese mystery snails, just minutes old.

Additional Information:

Dillon, R. T. Jr., M. Ashton, M. Kohl, W. Reeves, T. Smith, T. Stewart & B. Watson 2013. *The freshwater gastropods of North America*. <http://www.fwgna.org>.

Global Invasive Species Database. *Bellamya chinensis*.

<http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=1812&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>

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Brianna's Law

Under a law known as Brianna's Law, all motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2023. regardless of experience. Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2024. All motor boat operators regardless of age or experience, will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025. Approved courses include those offered by NYS Parks, the [U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary](#), the [U.S. Power Squadrons](#) or [U.S. Powerboating](#). Certain allowances to this law have been made for visitors to New York, persons renting a boat from a livery and persons purchasing a new boat for the first time. Please refer to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information

ATV'S AND OTHER OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

We continue to see off road vehicles being used on, and often causing damage to, association property. Our by-laws clearly forbid these types of vehicles on all association property. For years, this was never a concern until one member decided that he could do whatever he wanted and since then it has been a competition so see who could have the most, the best and the biggest toys. We still have not heard any sensible reason why they needed these toys and we question what kind of message they are giving to the youths around the lake. These members continue to say that the UTVs do not require registration.

During this winter, I have contacted Mark Schroder, Commissioner, NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and was referred to Christine Legorius, Director of the NYSDMV Law Bureau who agreed that there is NO registration class for UTVs however stated that since Section 401 of the Vehicle Traffic Law (VTL) requires that all motor vehicles must be legally registered and insured to be operated on the roads of NYS so there fore are not allowed to be operated on these roads. Ms. Legorius also stated that farm and construction type vehicle are only allowed while performing agricultural and or construction activities. Since Melody Lake Rd is a public road, these regulations apply and should be easily enforced. Melody Lane is a private road owned by Melody Lake Association and are prohibited by our bylaws so therefore enforceable by NYS Not For Profit Corporation Law.

Ms. Legorius suggested that we should work with the local and state law enforcement and our state legislative representatives to attempt to have stricter enforcement of the current laws and perhaps even stricter conditions of permitted/prohibited operation of these types of vehicles.

We must keep in mind that for the most part, these vehicles are uninsured. We have been told by our past and current insurance carrier that while they will not dictate what we allow or not allow on association property, but since this is an obvious liability they will not ever accept a claim involving these types of vehicles and in the case of such an incident would most probably result in either an increase in our premium or even a cancelation of our coverage.

We welcome your thoughts and comments as we attempt to protect our mambers and association property.move forward.



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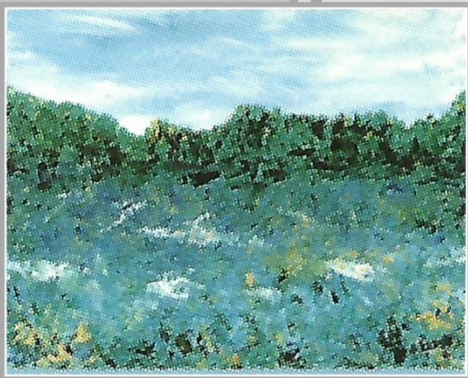
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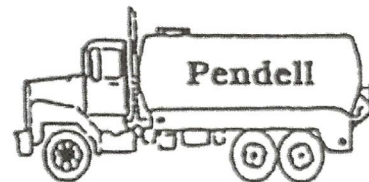
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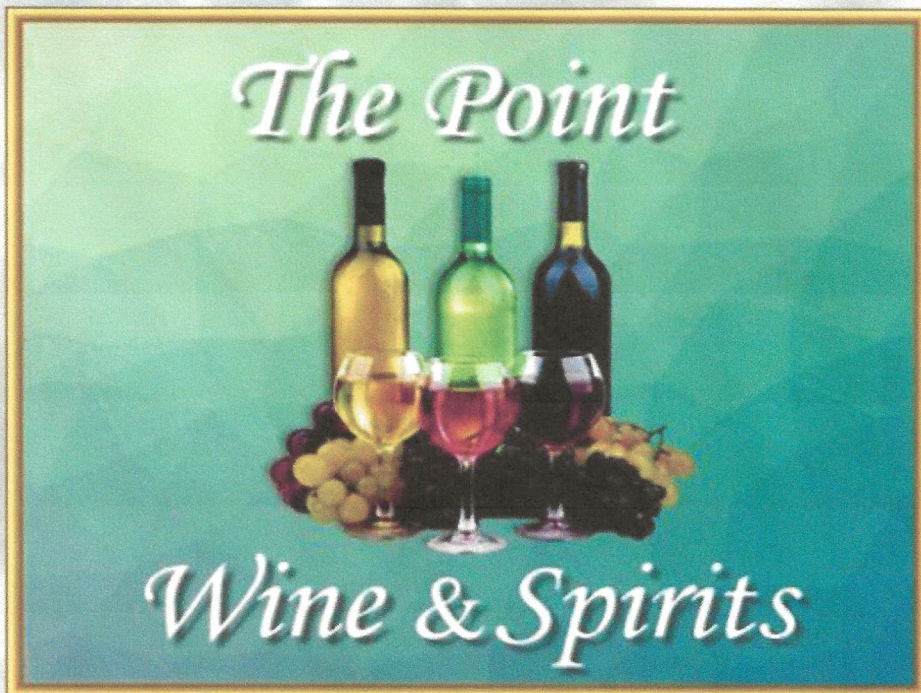
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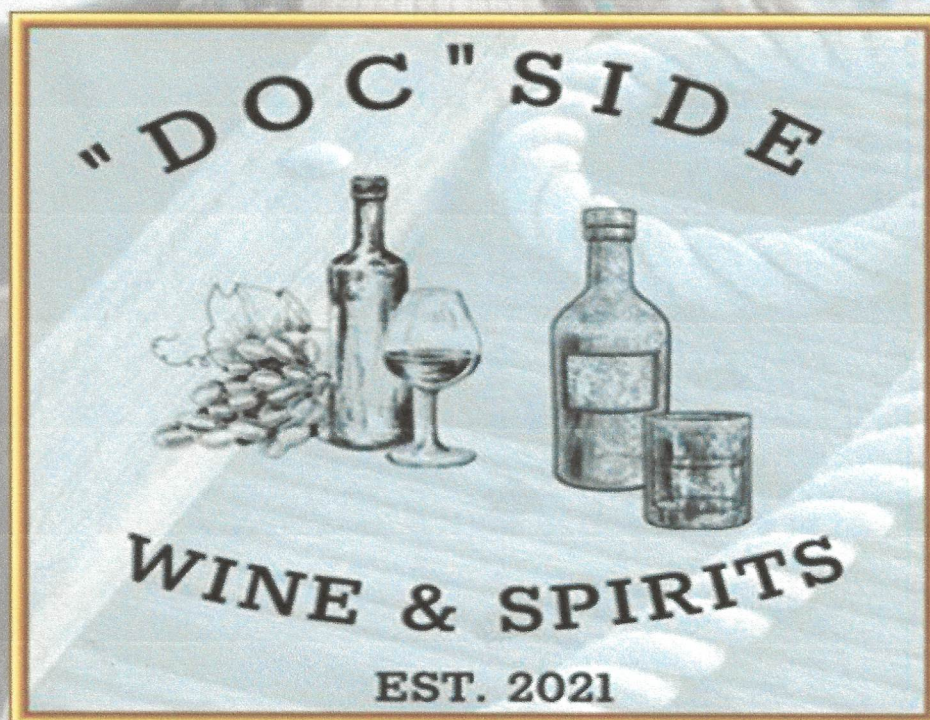
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