



THE TWILIGHT OWL

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Fourth of July Dinner Dance Saturday, July 4, 8:00 pm - Midnight Twilight Clubhouse

The annual Twilight Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, July 4, at 8:00 pm, following the Board of Directors' Cocktail Party.

\$60 per person
\$15 for dancing only



- Great food prepared by a Culinary Institute graduate
- Fabulous eight-piece band *Celebration*. Listen to them at www.leighhenrymusic.com.

RSVP by June 28

Name: _____

Number of persons @ \$60 _____

Dancing only, number of persons @ \$15 _____

Seating preference: _____

Make checks payable to *Twilight Cottagers* and leave at Martocci Box at the gatehouse or mail to: Martocci, Box 300, Haines Falls, NY 12436

Questions? Call the Martoccis at (518) 589-5090

In the meantime, dust off your tuxedos, dinner jackets and party dresses. See you on the dance floor!

The deadline for the next Owl is Sunday, June 28. Submissions may be dropped in my mailbox at the gatehouse (call to confirm that I will be there if it is time-sensitive) or e-mailed to me at TwilightParkOwl@gmail.com.

Skip Pratt to be Honored

Skip Pratt is to be honored at the Hunter Foundation's annual fundraising dinner on June 27, to be held at the Coppertree Restaurant at Hunter Mountain. The Hunter Foundation is dedicated to improving the Town of Hunter, initially through beautification and restoration of the homes and businesses along Route 23A.

News from Grace Boyle

Caroline Francis, daughter of Steve and Kathleen Francis of Eagle's Nest and granddaughter of Grace Boyle, graduated from Greenwich Academy this year and will attend Dartmouth College in the fall. Pictured here are Grace and Caroline.



Upcoming Events – see inside for details

Saturday, June 20

9:00 am – Linger Not hike to Boulder Rock. Meet at the Clubhouse.

Friday, June 26

7:00 pm – Drop-In Dinner at the Clubhouse. Rachel Roll and Annie Braunstein make their Drop-In culinary debut.

Saturday, June 27

Pool opens

Sunday, June 28

10:30 am – First service of the season at All Angels. Followed by *Lemonade on the Lawn*.

1:30 pm – Clear paths with the Twilight Pathfinders. Meet at Wingate field.

Monday, June 29

9:00 am – First day of camp

Saturday, July 4

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Board of Directors cocktail party on the Clubhouse lawn.

8:00 pm – 12:00 am – Fourth of July dinner dance at the Clubhouse

Kids' Summer Activity Center

Hello Twilight cottagers, renters, and guests!
We are pleased to announce that we will have a fully operational Activities Center for the children of Twilight Park this summer. It will run from June 29th through

August 14th. (If there is enough interest, we may extend the center for the older children through August 21st.)



Based on current projections, we expect to offer two groups. (If enrollment exceeds expectations, we will add a group.)

Cubs

- Age 3 - Kindergarten (must be fully potty trained.)
- Monday – Friday, 9 am - 1 pm
- Senior counselor: Beth Carlson, a certified elementary-school teacher

Bears

- Grades 1 - 6
- Monday – Friday, 9 am – 2 pm
- Senior counselor: Sandra Truesdell, our own Twilight lifeguard and swimming instructor, as well as a certified specialist in special education

Activities will include: daily swimming, including lessons three times a week; twice-weekly tennis lessons; group sports (soccer, football, etc.); and games. This year we're also proud to announce our new art program with working artist Jessica Mack (B.F.A., Boston University) three times a week.

Each week the Bears will have a different "special" activity. We are still finalizing these programs (and we welcome volunteers with fun specialties to teach!). For example, one week, cottager Nick Lemann will teach hiking and camping. For another two weeks, art teacher Jessica Mack will oversee a theater project (play to be written and sets and costumes to be designed by children).

There will also be field trips (boating at North Lake, Zoom Flume, and so on) but for legal reasons we cannot let the children off Park grounds without one adult per family.

Fees are as follows:

- Daily: \$50 a day for first sibling, \$40 a day for all siblings after that
- Weekly: \$200 a week for first sibling, \$175 a week for all siblings after that

We will accept payment (cash or checks) at the camp house at 9 am on the day your child or children begin camp. To keep our billing costs to a minimum, we will not enroll any child in the Activity Center until we have received payment in full.

We are also looking for "specialists" from among our own cottagers and renters willing to share their time and knowledge with the children of the park. Please contact Judith Shulevitz at judithshul@mac.com or Sarah Killough-Dhar at sarahkdhar@gmail.com



News from the All Angels Vestry

Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday services begin for the summer season and continue every Sunday through September 6. The Vestry is adding a new dimension to our Sunday services with a social hour following our first service of the summer – **Lemonade on the Lawn**. We will have our first lemonade social after the June 28 service, and others will be announced month by month. All are welcome! After the benediction please join us outside for light refreshments on the church lawn before you return to your homes. In case of rain, John and Joanne Ainsworth will host the lemonade social at their cottage.

The Vestry will meet in the church following the lemonade social on June 28.

*Doug Hulse
Senior Warden*

News from the All Angels Auxiliary

The Auxiliary met at the Rectory over Memorial Day weekend to plan for Summer Season 2009. We are excited about our 2009 Benefit – **"Beatles Cabaret"** under the artistic direction of Jim Martocci! Mark the date, Saturday, August 1. Cocktail and buffet hour is at 6:30. Soft drinks will be provided, and you may also bring your own choice of BYO beverage. Show Time starts promptly at 7:30. Les Rogers Manix will be posting notices and mailing reservation forms to your boxes at the Gate House. Send your reservations at \$35/person to Barbara Swanson.

The next Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for July 11. I will email minutes with confirmed time and location and post hard copies in the boxes at the Gate House.

*Karen Hulse
Auxiliary President*

Take a Hike with the Linger Nots

Saturday, June 20 at 9:00 am

- June's hike is to Boulder Rock
- 3-hour hike
- Meet at the Clubhouse parking lot
- Bring food and water

If you have questions, call Elda Martocci at 589-5090.

Happy trails!

Calendar Alert – Garden Trip Cancelled

The July 19 trip to the Garden Conservancy gardens has been cancelled because I cannot be in Twilight that weekend as planned. If anyone would like to go on the trip, please go to www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays for full instructions on how to get to Hillsdale in Columbia County.

Bonnie MacKenzie

Mother-Son Tennis Tournament

Friday, July 17 at 5:00 pm

Twilight Park is pleased to announce its first annual Mother-Son Tennis Tournament, open to all levels and all ages. Come on out for some fun on the courts and camaraderie on our tennis deck!

Play will be followed by barbeque on the deck. Food will be provided. BYOB.

\$10 per team.

Finals will be held on Sunday, July 19

Sign up with Daren by Monday, July 13

New to the Mountain:

The Mountain Top Garden Shop

Looking for some plants to spruce up your cottage? Visit the new Mountain Top Garden Shop, located on 23A in Tannersville, about 100 feet past the Snowed Inn. They have flowers, herbs, hanging plants, and planters, and feature competitive prices. Stop by and introduce yourself to the owner, Robin Leach (Eric Leach's wife).

Sally Maurer

Restaurant Review:

The Café at the Astor House

Elda and I have already made several lunch runs to the Astor House, the restored Victorian on Main Street in Tannersville. Chris Cade has brought his kitchen artistry to the Café with splendid results. On a recent visit, I ordered a "Cuban," a mix of fresh and cured ham slices, Swiss cheese, black olives, and ever-so-slightly sour cukes on fresh baked flatbread foccaccia. Gigantic, marvelous, \$5.95. El had the Cobb Salad wrap: chicken breast, bacon, chunks of blue cheese, lettuce, and tomato. For dessert, we each had a "creamsicle," a biscotti topped with candied orange and white chocolate icing. Total bill (with two hot teas): under \$17.



All is homemade and wonderfully fresh. Chris had prepared the pork that morning, and used the remainder for another selection, a pulled pork BBQ sandwich. Other regular offerings include chili with cheddar and onions, lemon-ginger chicken on fresh greens, and the patriotic Red, White and Blue plate – cherry, cheese and blueberry blintzes. All desserts are baked at the café and, on this day, included huge oatmeal raisin and sugar cookies, almond and anise biscotti (light), pain au chocolat, and cheese crowns, delicious puff pastries with cream cheese filling and apricot glaze (not so light but totally yummy). Chris is happy to prepare any of his lovely desserts or cookie bouquets for your house party or gifting.

The Astor House provides wireless Internet, a charming selection of housewares, eclectic gifts, and antiques, and a large bookstore. There are local jams, sauces, and honey for sale, as well as artwork by local artists in the upstairs gallery. Something for everyone! The Café operates on "mountain time" – relaxed and unhurried. El and I think you'll enjoy it.

Jimmie Martocci

Twilight Owl Publication Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
July 4	June 28
July 18	July 12
August 1	July 26
August 15	August 9
August 29	August 23
September 12	September 6

New CD from Gemma Genazzano

Gemma Genazzano (wife of Greg Dayton), has just released a new Latin/ Soul CD, *Si Me Quieres/ If You Love Me*, now available for purchase through her website at www.gemmagenazzano.com, CDBaby.com (Editor's picks), and iTunes! All the songs are co-written with Greg Dayton (also on guitar) and producer Marlon Saunders (known for his work with Bobby McFerrin, Sting, and Michael Jackson, among others).



The CD has already received rave reviews all over the world, and the video for the song "Take Me Away" is now airing on *HBO Latino* and *HBO Zone*! The music is also now on radio programs across the US, Puerto Rico,

BBC (UK), Brazil, the Netherlands and more. *All About Jazz* (USA) calls the CD "reminiscent of... Sade...and Donna Summer..." *Echoes* magazine (UK) calls her a "breathy Latin soul goddess." National Radio in Puerto Rico calls her "a breath of fresh air..." Save Our Soul (Netherlands) named her Artist of the Month.

Be sure to check out the website for music, amazing photos, to see the video, purchase your own copy, and join her mailing list! Also keep your fingers crossed for a possible live show on the Mountain Top in early July before Greg and Gemma set off to tour in Spain.

Join the Twilight Park Pathfinders

The Twilight Park Pathfinders will gather again for more path-clearing activity on Sunday, June 28. Please bring a pair of work gloves, a rake, and a branch clipper, if you have any of these handy. We will meet at Wingate Field at 1:30 pm. Thanks to everyone who participated in the clearing during the Memorial Day weekend. We got a lot done in a short time.

For anyone who is not familiar with the project, we are locating, identifying, and restoring some of the historic walking paths that connected the cottagers with each other and the Park's hotels in the past. The purpose is to afford cottagers better access by foot to the different levels, enjoying a pleasant, scenic walk along the way.

Bob Sheridan

Ping Pong Competition: In Pursuit of the Twelka Cup

Hi Ping Pong Enthusiasts,

The ultimate Ping Pong competition of the season is rapidly approaching: Twilight Park versus Elka Park on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 2:15 pm in the Elka Park clubhouse, in pursuit of the vaunted TWELKA CUP!

Now is the time for Twilight Cottagers and renters to sign up to play in the preliminary matches which will determine who will represent Twilight Park in the finals.

Please call or e-mail one of Twilight Park's Twelka Cup Co-Captains to register, providing your name, phone number, email address, and tournament category (men (age 17 to whatever); women (age 17 to whatever); kids (age 12 through 16); and kids (age 11 and under).

John Gordon (518) 589-6540 or jrg07@aol.com

Ellen Lasch (212) 579-6483 or elasch@nyc.rr.com

Twelka Cup participants should register with John or Ellen as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, July 5, 2009. Those registering must be available for the finals on July 26th, and should also be (somewhat) available for practice and play during late June and most of July.



Thanks in advance for your support of returning the Twelka Cup to Twilight Park in 2009!

June at the Mountain Top Arboretum

Route 23C in Tannersville

Call (518) 589-3903 for more information

Mushroom Growing at Home

Saturday, June 20, 11 am

Bob Beyfuss will lead a workshop on how to grow mushrooms. Participants will get to inoculate bolts of wood with Shiitake spawn and take home a bolt with them afterwards. Call or email to register.

Servers Needed for July Fourth Dance

Attention Twilight Children!

Waiters, Waitresses, and Bun Boys and Girls are needed to help make the July Fourth Dinner Dance a success!

Ages 7 - Teen

A limited number of spots are available

Please contact Ellen Lasch by June 27th if your child would like to volunteer. First come first served!

elasch@nyc.rr.com

Are you going to the All Angels benefit?

It's a Beatles cabaret revue!

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!



Saturday, August 1st

6:30 pm - cocktails & refreshments

7:30 pm - cabaret

Price: \$35 per person (BYOB)

Angels: \$100 per person

ArchAngels: \$250 per person

Heavenly Hosts: \$500 per person

Fab Four food for all
More information to come...

Group Baby Sitting for July Fourth Dance

Senior counselors Sandy Truesdell and Beth Carlson will once again offer group childcare for the July Fourth Dance. Dance the night away at the Clubhouse while your little ones are expertly entertained next door in the Camp Building.

Hours: 7:00 to 11:00 pm

Cost: \$20 for the first child; \$15 for each additional child in the same family

Food: Pizza and a juice box will be provided for an extra fee of \$3 per child, or bring your own snacks or meal

Activities: Beth and Sandy will entertain the kids in the Camp Building's indoor playground with toys, games, and a movie

Other: Please provide all diapers, snacks, etc.; feel free to bring a sleeping bag for your child

**RSVP to Sandy by Wednesday, July 1,
to reserve your spot**

Please include your child's name, age, and whether or not you would like pizza and a juice box provided

**Payment due onsite July 4 – Cash only
Please bring exact change**

Safe Swimming – keep your bug to yourself

A nice dip in the Twilight pool is a great way to cool off, but there is one safety measure that swimmers may not be aware of. An article from the June 15 *New York Times*, sent to the Owl editor by a cautious reader, reports that gastrointestinal illness from the use of public pools has risen sharply in recent years. The leading culprit is a microscopic organism called cryptosporidium. A parasite, cryptosporidium can survive as long as 10 days in chlorinated water.

The parasite causes a diarrheal illness called cryptosporidiosis, or crypto for short. This nasty little bug is found in human feces, and the illness is spread when people ingest contaminated pool water. Though most cases of crypto clear up on their own, the illness can be more serious in small children and people with weakened immune systems.

What does this mean for you? Please do not swim or allow your children to swim when you or they have diarrhea. Children who are not potty-trained must wear swim diapers and should be closely monitored.

Don't be the one to put the *poo* in *pool*!