



The Twilight Owl

Terry Douglass, Editor

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PARK NEWS...

Yoga Classes at TWP with Nicole Sansone



For men, women and teens
Tues & Thurs / 9:15am to 10:30
TWP Club House
\$10 per class
All Levels of experience are welcome.
Non- TWP participants must have
a Twilight Park sponsor
If you need more information,
contact Sarah Post spost123@aol.com or 589-5485



July 4 – Board Cocktail Party & Dinner Dance
July 10 – Tri Park Cocktail Party
July 18 – Youth Program Dinner & Show
August 1 – All Angels Benefit
August 9 – Art Show

LOCAL NEWS...

OMNY Taiko Drummers: Celebrate the 4th of July with a Bang!

*Featuring Grammy Award-Winning
Taiko Master, Koji Nakamura*

Date & Time: Saturday, July 4, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center

This is a community event and tickets are free.

Go to <http://www.catskillmtn.org/> to reserve seats

Check out www.communityeventsny.com for more events, such as ...

Tannersville 4th of July Celebration

Tannersville Annual Fourth of July Celebration from
12noon-5pm with parade starting at 3pm.

Live music on Main Street with craft and food vendors

OR



TENNIS NEWS...



Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come down to our Twilight tennis courts. Whether you are practicing, participating in friendly competition, spectating or enjoying the sun and view of the falls from the deck, it's great fun to get involved in any way you feel comfortable. The courts are open and are in great shape. Than Ferris is giving private and group lessons. Please contact him with questions and availability at 589-1087. This is NOT the number you will find in the calendar.

We have the following the tournaments on the schedule:

The Fish-Bowl
July 11-12
Mixed doubles
Hosted by Brit and Melina

The Owl Memorial
July 18-19
Women's doubles
Hosted by the Mechlowitz family.

The Owl Matches
July 25
Hosted by the Dayton family
Held at Onteora
Chosen teams will represent the two parks
and always provide exciting competition

TWP continues to hold the overall edge in the Owl matches. We look forward to cheering on our players!

The Tarnowski Cup
Aug 1-2
Men's doubles
Hosted by the Tarnowski family.

Mountaintop Men's Singles
Aug 8-9
Held at Onteora

Mountaintop Women's Singles
Aug 15-16
Held at Onteora

Players and doubles teams of moderate to more advanced levels are welcome to play in the Twilight events so sign up!

Throughout the summer there will be round robin tournaments, clinics, perhaps exhibition tennis. There is also a working grill. Hamburgers, hot dogs and smiles will be a part of the tennis court activities.



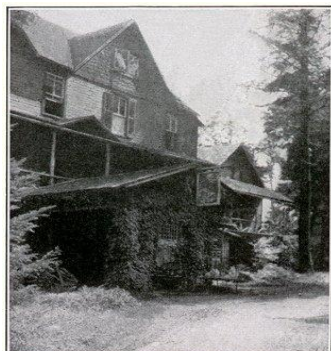
Appropriate footwear is a must.

We ask that no one play after a rain until the courts are firm.

As a reminder; younger players will defer to older and whites to be worn on the weekends.

PING PONG NEWS...

Submitted by John Gordon



Ping Pong Competition In Pursuit of the Twelka



Hi Ping Pong Enthusiasts,

The ultimate ping pong competition of the season is rapidly approaching: Twilight Park versus Elka Park on Sunday, July 26th, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Twilight 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 email 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 518 589-5270 or ellen.lasch@gmail.com

Twelka Cup participants should register with John or Ellen as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, July 6th, 2015. Those registering must be available for the finals on July 26th, and should also be (somewhat) available for practice and play during most of July.

Thanks in advance for your support in once again returning the Twelka Cup to Twilight Park in 2015!

THE OWL YOWLP...

Twin Peaks Donuts and Coffee Revisited

Submitted by Jim Martocci



5 hoots



When I was a little boy, my Dad would drive from our home in the Bronx to St. Patrick's every Sunday so I could sing in the Boys' Choir. After the service, we would walk to the Mayflower Coffee Shop on 59th and Fifth. The doughnuts were made fresh and floated past us in a working doughnut machine. Gosh, they were incredible. I had forgotten all that until a couple of years ago, when those delightful little dunkers were reincarnated in Tannersville at Twin Peaks Donuts and Coffee! The donuts: Try sea salt caramel, eggnog, maple & bacon, ginger, apple crumb, and Samoa (yes, like the Girl Scout S'more)! The coffee: local owners Susan and Charlene are passionate about roasting fresh beans from several countries in their own huge in-house roaster – take home a pound of the wonderful Twin Peaks blend. There is a full breakfast menu including egg sandwiches, omelets, breakfast wraps and burritos, and wonderful pancakes, deliciously light.

But Twin Peaks is more than just donuts and coffee. Over the past year, TP has expanded their lunch menu to include homemade soups and quiches that change weekly. And great sandwiches (BLT, grilled chicken, hot ham & cheese, etc.) as well as weekly sandwich specials, like pulled pork BBQ and tomato/mozzarella/basil panini. On a recent visit, I ordered potato leek soup, and quiche – maple sausage, smoked gouda and caramelized onion, both fantastic. And Elda had the strawberry/feta salad – mixed greens topped with grilled chicken, sliced strawberries, feta and almonds, dressed with a house-made cranberry vinaigrette. Light and lovely, said she.

The atmosphere is warm and unhurried, the booths and leather couches clean and comfortable – there is a TV (if you insist) and even a pool table, all inviting the visitor to linger a while, and perhaps to reflect:

“As you ramble on through life,
Whatever be your goal,
Keep your eye upon the donut,
And not upon...the hole”

Deer Mountain Inn

Submitted by the Post and Douglass Families



4 ½ hoots

Enjoyed dinner on a rainy, foggy Saturday night. The grounds have been newly landscaped and nicely lit.

They have redecorated the interior and it's warm and homey, especially on a cool night. The cluttered walls have disappeared. (Make sure you check out the postcards on the restroom walls!) We ate in the first dining room and it filled up quickly (with lots of other Twilighters).

The service was excellent. They have a large wine selection to compliment the meals. Every dish we ordered was delicious. The salmon was perfectly cooked, although I thought the dish a little too saucy, but Mary totally enjoyed it. The short ribs, pork chop and lamb dishes were well executed and savory.

I saw on the website that they are now serving a price fixed menu. Visit the website <http://www.deermountaininn.com> for all the particulars.

**SUBMIT YOUR REVIEWS OF LOCAL
PLACES TO EAT AND VISIT**

DON'T FORGET TO HOOT THEM!



ALL ANGELS NEWS...

Submitted by Leslie Mannix

Oh the benefit of the benefit...

Wonder of Wonders,
Can You Imagine
the delight of being with your dear
friends, munching on terrific
appetizers and listening to special
music with the anticipation of a
wonderful meal???
August 1, Clubhouse...All Angels
Auxiliary Benefit!!!

What is an Auxiliary Benefit ??? Where do the funds go ???

These are good questions, needing good
answers. The Auxiliary has a primary
responsibility to maintain the Rectory for All
Angels Church.

The Rectory is a dues paying cottage at
Twilight Park. It is a six bedroom late 1800's
house which is the residence of the clerics who
preach at All Angels Church and is also
available for off church season rental to people
such as those who are getting married or are
having funerals who need local housing.

We all know the cost of maintaining our
Twilight cottages and the Rectory is no
different. We also pay for the maintenance and
up-keep of the property.

The Auxiliary also annually gives charitable
contributions to local needs such as the Haines
Falls Fire Department, Haines Falls Fire
Auxiliary, Haines Falls Rescue, Mountain Top
Library, Tannersville Area Health Committee,
etc.

THE AUXILIARY 2015 BENEFIT!

Starting at the Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m.
You will be served appetizers
with the opportunity to donate for cocktails
while enjoying musical delights floating in the air.

The bar will close at 6:45 p.m. and people will
then go to their host's cottage for dinner. All
meals at each cottage are identical, making all
culinary experiences
equally delightful!

The charge for all of the above, reception,
entertainment and a full meal with wine will only
be \$45 per person.

The meal will be Beef Tenderloin, Haricots
Verdes Almandine, Baked Potatoes, and Salad.

Dinner will be followed by dessert.
Anyone with nut allergies or special needs will be
accommodated (just let us know ahead of time).

Please place a check for \$45 per person to All
Angels Women's Auxiliary in Jacquie Elder's gate
house box.

Name _____
Number of Guests _____
Amount \$ _____



CAMP NEWS...

The fish are coming, the fish are coming, the fish are coming !!!



The Chairman of the Fish Committee, Jimmy Douglass, has informed the TWP Owl that the fish are arriving on **Monday, July 6th** for their new temporary residence in the lower reservoir! Get your poles and orange cheese ready!

CAMP - WEEK 1

The Open House was a great success on Sunday. We had more than 35 parents and many, many children. The Counselors were happy to finally have children to entertain after a week of Counselor training.

Here are upcoming events and things parents should know:

Parking and Drop Off:

We need volunteer parents to help with morning parking and drop off. **(You get to wear a fun orange vest!)** Please let Sarah Post or Melina Fisher know if you are willing. Parking is tight and if you are dropping off older children you may want to park on the road.

Friday July 3rd- Parade & Family Lunch and Games:

The Children's parade will start at noon at the Camp House and the children will walk across the bridge to the Golf Course Field. Please come and watch and cheer them on. Each child has made their own red, white and blue tie dye shirt to wear. Parents and friends are invited to bring lunches and join their children for a picnic at the Golf Course Field. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

After Lunch the LIT's have planned lots of old fashioned family games to play... for both parents and children. You may want to try your hand at Gaga Ball or archery also. **Closing flag and afternoon pick up for all groups will be at the Golf Course Field.**

Check out the other activities and all the fun pictures from Week 1 of Camp on the website



HOW I CAME TO TWILIGHT SERIES...

Submitted by Leslie Mannix

Well, without being too wordy (oops, can never be the case!) -

Rick and Leslie Manix decided that they wanted to have a house near the mountains. We also decided that a two hour trip from where we lived in Scarsdale, NY was perfect. Well, after going hither and yon for several months, we - being good Hunter Mountain skiers - went to Jeff Prince Real Estate in Tannersville to find a place.

We looked and looked, and Jeff kept saying, you are going to end up at one of the parks. Turns out that a friend of Rick's at work had a cottage in Onteora Park. I was a bit pregnant with Catherine when we began to look. We saw several places in Onteora and at one point met a cottage owner who asked if we had looked at Twilight. We said no, and he immediately got on the phone and called Skip Pratt to introduce us.

The following weekend, we had tea at Skip's winter portion of his Twilight cottage. The following weekend, we met Skip again and Ann and shared a cup of tea. He said that he would be willing to sponsor us, but couldn't show us the available cottages. Carole Buffett was the real estate person, but her husband, David's parents were in Albany, so he could show us the five cottages available.

We fell in love with our cottage upon first sight. Skip then introduced us to Joyce and Bernie Meyer, who would be our neighbors. They agreed to co-sponsor us. Skip then introduced us to Emily Fisher, with whom we had tea at the Helmsley Palace Hotel.

We official became cottagers in May, 1986. Catherine was born in July, and came to Twilight when she was 12 days old. Two years later, Jamie was born and came to Twilight when he was 3 days old. Needless-to-say, we are enchanted by Twilight and have the next generation waiting in line!

Submitted by Susie MacGahan

I don't think of "how I came to Twilight"; I've always been here! Every summer of my life (67 years and counting!) has been spent in the park but the roots go way deeper. My Great-Grandparents on both sides of the family have had cottages here since the 1890's.

Barbara Elagin MacGahan (an acquaintance of George Wingate) built Bearloga in 1891 and the cottage has been in the family continuously ever since. Barbara to her son Paul to my father John to my sister Barbara and then my sister Patty. The current owner is Barbara's son (5th generation Twilighter) Michael Poremba.

On the maternal side, I can claim two branches. Frederick Hutton owned Take Off (now Braunstein) from 1895 to 1952 with interim owners of my mother Carroll and her sister, Ann Janeway. Charles Carroll Whitney, a member of the Twilight Club of NY, built his cottage in 1890. Esther Whitney married Lefferts Hutton in the park in 1914; her son Lefferts was born in the Whitney cottage and owned it for many years before passing it onto his sister Ann. Sonenschine, now

Whittonway, is owned by Ann's son Whitney...another unbroken family line.

My parents, John MacGahan and Carroll Whitney Hutton grew up together here and eloped from the park (with the assist of Sue Eltinge) in 1941. When they retired, they built Ledge End in 1980 and it was their year round home until their passing in 2005; both of them in the cottage. Fitting.

Both of my sisters were married in All Angels; generations of extended MacGahans have been baptized there. I myself was baptized in Union Chapel; I guess Granny Hutton won that one! Growing up, I had relatives in cottages all over the park (2 sets of grandparents; 2 aunts; 1 Godmother). Getting away with anything was out of the question (not that I would ever.....)

Like Mary Douglass, I have lived in many places: Chicago, Conn, Mass, NY, NC. Texas, Vermont. When asked where I'm from, tho, the answer is always the same: Twilight Park in the Catskill Mountains. Home

A SHORT STORY...

Buttermilk Falls By Katie Cummings

PART 2

So one night, Matie and Kara decided that this would be the summer that they would strike off on their own to find Buttermilk Falls. They were older now and not going to camp so could devote a whole day to the effort. They got up very early the next morning (even before Uncle Wally), quickly ate their oatmeal and even got one of the really nice cooks to pack a picnic lunch for them. They were already out the front door and halfway over the entrance bridge when they heard someone shouting their names and asking where they were going. It was Sissy. Now it wasn't that Matie and Kara were really trying to sneak off without Sissy but they were just afraid she was too young for the big adventure (and if you believe that I have a bridge in Brooklyn to sell you). Anyhow...once Sissy spotted them it was clear that she had to be taken along or the hike would be off. Sissy wouldn't necessarily tell on Kara and Matie but she sure couldn't be counted on to keep her mouth shut!

So off the three girls went. They walked past the pool and took a sharp left at the bear den rock. Up and up they went. Once they got up to reservoir they weren't sure which way to go but Kara boldly started down one of the paths with Matie and Sissy close behind. The Goings girls found themselves getting deeper and deeper into the woods. They didn't spot any bears but they sure heard plenty (or at least that's what they told Sissy).

It wasn't long before Matie and Kara realized they were lost although they didn't let on to Sissy (hey...they were her big sisters and not always mean). But still they all kept bravely trekking on. It must have been hours...but all of a sudden; the girls heard birds singing all around them and saw what appeared to be incredibly bright sunlight glistening through the trees off in the distance. As they got closer to the light, they could hear rushing water and something that sounded like soft laughter. While their first instinct was to rush forward...something told them to proceed cautiously. It seemed like forever but a few minutes later they went around a corner and gasped all at once. Just ahead was

the most beautiful waterfall they could imagine and there were three little elf-like men (but with long white beards) merrily dancing around and laughing up a storm.

The girls didn't know what to do...Matie and Kara were pondering their next move...when all of a sudden Sissy strolled calmly past them and right up to the elves and said hello. The elves froze but didn't run off...I guess Sissy didn't seem too scary ...she was just about their size. Anyhow, Matie and Kara ran to Sissy's rescue (although unnecessarily it would seem). Luckily this didn't scare the elves off either. It was a stand-off...the three elves were staring at the three girls and the three girls were staring at the three elves.

Matie tentatively stepped forward and asked the elves if they had found Buttermilk Falls. One of the elves replied yes but that the Falls wasn't lost (and of course that made all three elves roar with laughter) and then offered to show the girls around. It was the most magical tour and afterwards the Goings girls shared their picnic lunch with the three elves. But before too long, the girls realized it was getting late and they had to soon find their way back to Twilight Park and Santa Cruz. (Sissy was wearing her Cinderella watch but who knew if it was set correctly in the first place since Sissy couldn't tell time.) The elves graciously offered to lead them back as far as they could (but they couldn't venture too far from the magical Buttermilk Falls). As they parted from the elves...the Goings girls could hear the elves sweetly chanting something...they couldn't quite make it out but it almost sounded like a bark with a high pitched trill at the end.

It wasn't too long before Kara spotted the King and Queens' bathtubs and sighed with relief as she knew they would shortly be back in Twilight Park. They quickly made their way down the trail and the third level...it was definitely a lot easier going down the mountain.

In no time, the Goings girls were back at Santa Cruz. Unbelievably, no one had realized that the girls

had been gone almost all day. But Sissy was already jumping up and down exclaiming about their great adventure so the cat would soon be out of the bag. From the start, Kara and Matie had told Sissy that the hike to Buttermilk Falls had to be kept a secret but even so Sissy's reaction was no surprise to them. Luckily, they had hatched an alternative scheme (and unbeknownst to Sissy) to just play along with Sissy's tale. (Although Matie figured if that didn't work...she was in the clear since Kara was the oldest.)

The girls spied their mother and their grandparents (better known as Nana and Tata) sitting in the big rocking chairs on Santa Cruz's porch...so they planned to quietly sneak up the back way to their room and change into their bathing suits and head off to the pool to cool down...and act like they had been there all afternoon. But of course, Sissy ran right up to their mother and started chattering about getting lost in the woods, finding Buttermilk Falls, bearded elves, and even the delicious chocolate chip cookies packed with their lunch (Sissy loved cookies). Their mother seemed perplexed and turned to Kara and Matie for an explanation. Kara winked and responded that everything Sissy said was true and Matie whispered in her mother's ear that "Joey" had even been with them (for those that don't know...Joey was Sissy's imaginary friend). This seemed to reassure Matie's mother and Nana and Tata delighted in hearing all the "fantastic" details from "little" Sissy...their youngest grandchild. And that night at dinner, Sissy entertained just about everyone else at Ledge End Inn with her enchanting tale about their great Buttermilk Falls adventure. Kara and Matie just smiled to each other knowing that no one would ever believe that Sissy's story was actually true.

A few days later, the Goings family packed up the car and headed home. It was always sad when their

vacation ended but, fortunately, the magic of Twilight Park stayed with one for a very long time. The Goings girls did not know how true this was...as they did not return to Twilight for many, many years.

More than twenty-five years passed as it was not until August 1987 that the Goings girls finally returned to the Catskills and Twilight Park. They were back to spend a week in the beautiful Twilight cottage that their parents had just bought in the fall of the previous year. The memories flooded back...so many changes...like Ledge Edge Inn having burnt down years ago and Santa Cruz being restored into a private home. But so much remained the same...the red clay tennis courts, the rustic clubhouse, and most of all the magic of Twilight Park was still there.

The Goings girls were anxious to explore Twilight again and so that first morning they got up early and headed down the road to the tennis courts...this time with a new addition as Kara's daughter, Dora Sue was 11 that summer. The girls strolled around the park, pointing out all the places they remembered and Dora Sue was quickly charmed by Twilight. As the girls headed back up the hill from the tennis court...Matie stopped abruptly and pointed to the street sign. Her sisters looked up and all at once the Goings girls gasped! The Goings' new cottage was on Barkaloo Road. Bark-a-loo! Bark-a-loo! Bark-a-loo! That was what the elves were chanting so many years ago!

Nor does this story end here...for the Goings girls now return to Twilight Park every summer...they have become true Twilighters! Their only regret is that they haven't found Buttermilk Falls again but suspect it won't be too many years until Dora Sue's children, Emily, little Kara, and Conner ("Big" Kara's beautiful grandchildren), are out searching for the Falls themselves.



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CLASSIFIED ADS ...
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For Sale – Classic 1979 Jeep Renegade

Good condition. 6 cylinder engine.
Runs well. Manual transmission. 4WD.
Inspected for 2015. Under 46,000 miles.
Used only in summers as auxiliary vehicle.
Stored inside at Haines Fall Auto every
winter. Mostly all original including frame,
paint, interior details seats.

Extras - authentic Jeep bikini top AND cover.
Very little rust.
Asking \$6,000.
Call Joe Butt @ 617-510-2589

Editor's Note:

KEEP THE SUBMISSIONS COMING!
TRYING TO GET TO 20 PAGES (Yikes!).

Again, thanks to all.

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Submissions may be edited.

Deadline for Issue 4 is JULY 12th !!



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RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Recycling is mandatory in Greene County!
PLEASE SEPARATE YOUR RECYCLABLES
and prepare them for collection as follows:

- Glass bottles and jars: clean, with metal and plastic neck bands removed
- Metal cans: clean
- Plastic bottles: clean, with caps and metal rings removed. Only soft plastic with recycling number 1, 2, 3, or 5.

Use see-through bags for the above items. The driver must be able to see what is in the bag

- Newspapers: tie with cotton twine or put into brown paper bags. Glossy supplements and telephone books can be included.
- Magazines, catalogs, glossy paper: tied with twine
- Office paper, envelopes, junk mail: separated into brown bags
- Corrugated cardboard: flattened and bound. No waxed cardboard or pieces larger than 3' x 3'.

Appliances, car batteries, tires and other items should be taken to the Hunter Transfer Station on Hylan Road. Check out <http://greenegovernment.com/departments/solid-waste/services/accepted-waste/> for what is accepted.

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, Sat: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Sun: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wed: CLOSED

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Tuesday pickup: May 19 - October 20nd
Saturday pickup: June 27 - Sept 5

Remember....

Consolidate smaller bags into larger ones as we are billed by the bag. Up to 40 gal bags are \$2, larger bags are \$4. Multiple tall kitchen bags will fit into a 40 gal bag!

Trash Drop Off: If you need to dispose of smelly trash before a scheduled pick up day, there is a bear-proof receptacle behind the club house.

Mountain Top Library
(518) 589-5707
www.mountaintoplibrary.org
Mon – Fri: 10 am – 7 pm
Sat: 10am – 2 pm; Sun: Closed

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Check the website
www.trailwaysny.com

