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Newsletter

About 1910 Road leading to Resorts Pavilion and Lake

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Fall Community Garage and Yard Sale



When: September 16th Friday / 4:00 pm Start
September 17th Saturday / 7:00am Start

Where: Friday all sales must be held at your home only.

Saturday you may bring things to the Pavilion and surrounding Green Areas or again at your own home.

We as an HOA will provide FREE advertising in all local papers and will allow signs to be posted in the PUD on Friday and Saturday.

We will be hosting this event every Fall and Spring and hope to see it become a BIG SUCCESS.

Presidents Message

Change is in the air! School has started, our website is being revamped, the Harbor area is getting cleaned up, the pool hours are changing, there are free community want ads in the newsletter, a community yard sale, picnic and concert in the park are coming this month and free classes for community education at the clubhouse. These are just a few of the things you will find information about in this newsletter. Please take the time to read your newsletter carefully as it is the only way we have to communicate important items to you. I hope you have a great month!

Kelly Rogers



Fish, Birds, Bugs and Other Utah Lake Biologicals

Living in Saratoga Springs, we are fortunate to be near Utah Lake one of the largest freshwater lakes in the western United States. Utah Lake and the Great Salt Lake to the north are remnants of the huge Lake Bonneville that covered this area (and more) many years ago. However, unlike the Great Salt Lake, our lake remains fresh because it has an outlet, the Jordan River that does not let salts build up like they do in the Great Salt Lake. This lake-river complex is very similar to the Sea of Galilee-Jordan River-Dead Sea complex in the Middle East. Historically, before farming and cities came to the Utah Lake drainage it was somewhat different, supporting a population of trout and later even a trout fishery which need cooler, clearer water. Although the Utah Lake water quality has changed considerably since then it is still healthy at this time. Quite apparent is the color of the water and the presence of suspended materials (sediment, plants, plankton) that reduce water visibility to a considerable extent especially during wind situations and plankton blooms that we are experiencing in the lake at this time. The plankton bloom is most likely the cause of the recent bad odor present from the death and breakdown of the green algae on the lake surface. Water quality tests (4 August 2005) taken on water from the lake surface at one of the docks in our marina show that generally, lake water quality is pretty good. Turbidity and phosphate tested fair; water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, nitrate, and biological oxygen demand tested at good levels. Only coliform bacteria tested poor based on levels of more than 20 colonies per 100 milliliters of water. The Utah County Department of Health says this level of coliforms is to be expected in waters like that from the lake that are not treated like our drinking waters are. Approximately 226 species of birds are known to use the Utah Lake wetlands including gulls, coots, various ducks, white pelican, bald eagle, great blue heron, cormorant, western grebe, killdeer, northern harrier, sand hill crane, and white-faced ibis. Eighteen species of fish are

now present in Utah Lake with carp as most likely the dominant species. Others include channel and bullhead catfish, white bass, largemouth bass, bluegills, walleye and Utah lake chub. The latter presently on the federal endangered species list. Utah lake has produced state size records for channel catfish (39 3/4 in length, 32 lbs) and white bass (4 lb. 1 oz, 13 1/2 in. length). The Utah Lake wetlands are also home or range to 49 species of mammals including raccoon, skunk, mule deer, mink, and beaver (a pair living near the SSOA marina). Recent sampling indicates large and lively levels of plankton including the algae mentioned, copepods, round worms, rotifers, and ostracods. Also present are leaches, segmented worms, fly larvae, freshwater limpets and clams. With the huge hatchings of mayflies present almost daily throughout the spring, summer and fall, and all the other biology present, it is quite evident that Utah Lake is in good health and a very important natural area. To add to this importance is the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve that is being established at the southern end of the lake that includes Goshen Bay and Benjamin Slough.

Dee Chamberlain

HARBOR AREA CLEANED UP
The harbor area has been cleaned up. Trees trimmed, over grown bushes cleared out and all in time for LABOR DAY! Come see the difference and enjoy your holiday weekend on our beautiful lake!

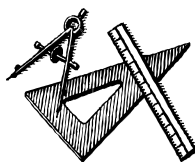
Calendar

Sept 5 LABOR DAY— Last day of Summer pool hours. Pool and Parks will close at 10 pm until Memorial Day 2006.

Sept 6 starts Euclids Elements— Geometry Class 6-7:30 pm @ Clubhouse every Tuesday until Christmas (except 10/11) To register or for more information contact Pablo Riboldi @ 766-0991.

Sept 16-17 Community Yard Sale

Sept 17 Concert in the Park



Sept 22 SSOA Members Meeting

Sept 23 Free Stress Workshop

Oct 1 Webelos Scouts and New Scout Requirements at Pool 9 am— 1 pm

Oct 8 Scout Swimming Merit Badge at Pool 9 am—1 pm

Oct 15 Scouts Life Saving at Pool 9 am—1 pm

For any questions or more information contact Greg Patterson at 766-8802.

Oct 11 Lakeshore HOA Annual Meeting

**NEW POOL HOURS
(LABOR DAY TO MEMORIAL DAY)**

5:00 AM—10:00 PM

OPEN PLUNGE

CLOSED FOR CLEANING

8:00 AM—9:00 AM

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