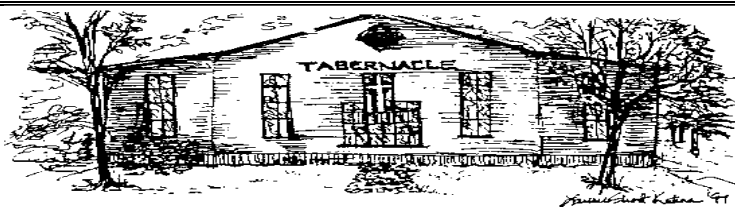


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TABERNACLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *INFORMATION SHEET*

TABERNACLE CHURCH SERVICES

A Catholic mass will be offered in the Tabernacle on July 26th at 8am. The preacher at the **10:30am** Protestant service is the Rev. Roger Richards, a retired Methodist pastor from Endwell NY and Grenell Island. The Tabernacle Choir rehearses with Interim Music Director Diane Ames on Thursdays at 10:30am in the TIP Chapel and gathers at 10am on Sundays in the Tabernacle for a brief run-through session. All are welcome to come and sing!

TABERNACLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RECREATION PROGRAM

- KICKBALL every Monday through Thursday morning at 9am and Fridays at 9:30am
- SOCCER on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10am and Fridays at 10:30am
- SOFTBALL on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am
- TENNIS instruction on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-noon, on the front tennis courts.

Coach Win says bring a water bottle, labelled with your name or initials!

SUMMER “RUMMAGE” SALE: THANK YOUs

The Costello, Vicky Smith, and the always-helpful Corporation Maintenance team! 2026 sale was a success, despite the downpour! The Tabernacle Community Association thanks all the neighbors who donated their stuff, and thanks those who snapped it all up! Special thanks to the 30+ volunteers whose hard work made it all happen: Bev Roux, Brenda Carhart, Cara Costello, Chip Reynolds, Crystal DelGiudice, Debbie Boland, Felicia Alvarado, Glenda House, Jane Scanlon, Jean Ris, Jennie Waldron Moore, Josh DeCesare, Karen Monna, Leo Shuller, Libby Evans, Margie Youngs, Marie Vayo-Greenbaum, Mark Greenbaum, Marilyn Shaikh, Patty Bartfay, Patty Cherry, Ruth McKenzie, Sam Dean, Susan Butler, Tom Costello, Tom House, Valerie Roux, Vera Costello, and the always-helpful Corporation Maintenance team!

THOUSAND ISLAND PARK LANDMARK SOCIETY: The Landmark Society has many upcoming events that are full of spirit! **ILLUMINATION NIGHT AND SUMMERWEEN** are just around the corner! Grab your best costume and join in the fun on July 25th! To participate in Summerween, from 6:30 to 7:30pm, look for a watermelon at participating homes. This marks cottages that are welcoming trick-or-treaters! Cottages interested in handing out candy, please email roseseggos@gmail.com to sign up and receive your watermelon! After enjoying the lights, don't forget to vote for **BEST COTTAGE** and **BEST NEIGHBORHOOD** by 9:30pm on the 25th at the Landmark porch or online at tipregistry@gmail.com. The top three winners in each category will be invited to an Ice Cream Social on the Landmark porch at 3pm on July 26th. Need lanterns or LED lights? Stop by Landmark to purchase yours while supplies last and help make Thousand Island Park shine! Also check out the Landmark Shop to learn about the New York State Historic Tax Credit program or to research the history of your cottage. Mark your calendar for this summer's **TALK AND WALK: Fires in Thousand Island Park** on Wednesday, August 5th, at 2pm, beginning at Landmark. This program will also serve as that week's Preservation Wednesday event. A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who made the 20th Cottage and Garden Tour a success. Your time and dedication are much appreciated! The Landmark Shop and Resource Center is open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11am to 2pm. Browse new merchandise, research your cottage, learn more about the history of Thousand Island Park!

THOUSAND ISLAND PARK LIBRARY: The Library is open Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, 9am-4pm; Tuesday/Saturday, 9am-2pm, with Story Time for ages 3-5 years on Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30-10:30am (capacity is 15; must be potty-trained OR accompanied by an adult), and Kids' Club, for ages 6+, from 11am-12noon (capacity is 12). Reading By the River: Ruth McKenzie will review *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi on July 30th at 11am in the library. Let's gather and talk about books! --Tickets for the TIPL Fish Fry (sponsored by Lots O'Leaks) on August 8th at 5pm are now available at the Library. Don't wait to get yours...only 150 tickets will be sold.

THE THOUSAND ISLAND PARK FOUNDATION: The 1st TIP duck regatta was a huge success! 38 participants, ages 2 to 13 competed. All of the ducks had a good showing in the race. The 3rd place winner, from the Quacker division (11–13 year olds), was Allie Nugent; the 2nd place winner from the Duckling division (7–10 year olds) was Ellie Cup, and the 1st place winner, from the Peep division (2–6 year olds) was Paige Mintel. All participants received a small squishy toy and were able to choose a 2nd prize of either a sand pail and shovel, a beach ball, or a water squirter. A big thank you to the TIP Foundation for sponsoring this event and the tireless efforts of the Stedem Family. Additional thanks to Katie Daly and Blaine Pennington

who served as our starting and finish line, to Steve Baker, our diligent photographer, and to Ned Adams, Bill Burns, Savannah Pennington, Steve Wyma, and Stacy Wyma for helping with set up, break down, registration, and announcements. Fishing Derby#1: The July 12th Fishing Derby was a huge success. 60 children between the ages of 2 and 12 participated and 169 fish were caught, 99 of which were Gobies that were removed from the River. The winners were: MOST Fish Caught – Emma Clifford who caught 8 fish; BIGGEST Fish caught was 18 inches, reeled in by Will Carter; SMALLEST Fish caught (a whopping 3 ½ inches!) reeled in by Annie Carter. The Lou Turri Conservation Award for the most Gobies removed from the River went to Sullivan Pennington, who successfully removed 11! The TIP Foundation would also like to thank the D’Agata Family & Fremac Marine for providing the Ice Cream Cone rewards from the Wellesley Island Market as well as Price Chopper for providing the buns and condiments for the hot dogs that were provided and grilled by the Brasser Family for all of our participants. The Derby would not be nearly as successful without all of our volunteers – Stacy Wyma and Katie Daly for registering and keeping a tally for all of our participants; Lou Turri, Brenda Bauch, and Red Costello for measuring and removing all of the fish; Steve Baker for photographs; Bill Burns, Monk D’Agata, Dave Hanretty, Kevin Hatton, and Kent Humpries for endlessly baiting hooks! New this year, the Adirondack Loon Conservancy and Rita Gefell shared information about the dangers of lead sinkers to wildlife, and Sheila Smith from Save the River was there to educate and make awareness of River dangers. Upcoming Events: The first Moon Viewing will be on Friday, July 24th at 9:30pm at the Gazebo. Stephen Karon of the Watertown Science Tech Center will be in the Park with an Electronic Telescope and a Refractory Telescope. This event is a lot of fun for children as well as adults who love astronomy and seeing the planets up close! Save The River Trash Free Day is Saturday, July 25th. Meet at the cement dock at 9am. Equipment will be supplied by Save The River. Get a free Save The River tee shirt! You must register in advance at Save The River’s website under their Events tab! This year’s Summer Soiree will be held on Saturday, August 1st at 7pm at the Pavilion. The theme will be Mardi Gras; the cost has been reduced to \$80 per person. Live music by the Frank Sacci Big Band! Hors d’oeuvres, wine/beer, and refreshments will be served. SPECIAL THANKS to Joe & Kate Turri for sponsoring the music entertainment! Tickets are limited; please contact Jim Brasser. The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Foundation will be held August 6/7th from 9am – 3pm at the Pavilion. Please call 1-800-red-cross or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter *1000IslandsPark* to schedule an appointment.

FRIENDS OF ROCK RIDGES NATURE TRAIL: It’s been fun enjoying Family by the Fire Thursdays! Next Thursday, July 30th, at 6:30pm, there will be Songs around the Campfire and a banana dessert cooked over the fire. Then, join us on Friday, August 7th, at 10am at the Treehouse for a Geocache-like activity on the Trail. We will be using compasses (and we welcome adult participation!).

Great Lake Swimmers at the Tabernacle
Friday, August 14th | 7:30 PM

Don't miss an unforgettable evening with **Great Lake Swimmers**, the acclaimed indie-folk band led by Tony Dekker. Known for their warm harmonies, acoustic sound, and captivating live performances, the band is bringing a blend of folk, Americana, and heartfelt storytelling to the historic Thousand Island Park Tabernacle. This promises to be a memorable summer concert. And *** Tonight at the Tabernacle *** Friday, July 24, at 7:30 PM, join us for an incredible evening of live music featuring **Loren Barrigar** with special guest **Jay LeSage**.  **Get your tickets today at RiverTakeMeHome.com** 

COMMUNITY NOTES

MELT is hosting a sunset event at the TIP Pavilion on July 31st, 5-8 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a simple bar, appetizers, and a silent auction. MELT supports 20 primary schools in Malawi with a mobile library! Tickets at www.MELT.africa or call Heather White at 315-778-9867.

Densmore Church Concert: 7pm on Sunday night, July 26th: Rachelle Coba, traditional blues!

Composting: contact them at TIPCompostcoalition@gmail.com for more information. Free compost buckets for your cottage are available; the regular drop-off of food waste is on Mondays between 10am and noon.

Recycling: drop off your returnable New York State bottles and cans can in the blue barrels on the trailer parked by the Corporation Barn (near the back tennis courts!); refund \$\$\$ benefit the TIP Playground.

- **TIP Security:** 315-215-2851
- **TIP Corporation Office:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4pm; Saturday, 8:30am-noon (315-482-2576)
- **TIP Gas Dock:** Open seven days a week, from 9 am - 4 pm
- **The Guzzle:** Tuesday-Sunday, 8 am - 9 pm. Closed Mondays (315-203-2166)
- **The Wellesley Hotel:** Dinner service 5pm – 9pm Tues-Sun; Sun Jazz Brunch, 10am - 1pm; Closed Mondays. Reservations via *OpenTable*. <https://www.opentable.com/r/wellesley-hotel-restaurant>

Please support the Tabernacle Community Association! Mail your check to the **Tabernacle Community Association** at its POSTAL ADDRESS: **PO Box 362, Wellesley Island NY 13640**. *You can also hand an envelope to Coach Win at Morning Rec or drop an envelope directly into the locked wooden “ballot box” on the wall in the TIP Post Office OR use the Tabernacle Community Association’s new QR code!. Contributions for any of the eight TIP 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations—the Tabernacle Community Association, L’Atelier. The Foundation, the Friends of Rock Ridges, the Landmark, the Library, the Museum, and the Yacht Club—can be dropped into that wooden box. No postage needed!*
