

TERRACE TALK

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So...WHEN'S
Spring???



*Happy New Year from the TTCA
President
Nancy Sydlosky*

First and foremost, your TTCA Board and I wish you all a healthy and happy 2018 filled with wonderful experiences in our neighborhood and beyond!

Our Santa team visited 74 children this year, and I'm pretty sure that's a record! It's a great compliment to the wonderful job done each year by Will and Linda Roden. We also enjoyed three winners of our annual holiday lighting contest who put smiles on our faces with their cheerful decorations. We thank ALL of you who worked so hard to brighten the Terrace and lift winter spirits.

As we mentioned previously, our Vice President, Jim Sprague, has retired from our TTCA Board. He and his wife will be moving south to be closer to their family. We are sad to lose Jim but so happy to introduce a new member to the TTCA board.

Our new Vice President is Joe Dapolito, whose family lives on W Glann Rd. We are excited about the opportunity to get to know Joe better and look forward to hearing his new ideas for our community.

Our annual Membership drive begins in early May. You will notice that dues have increased to \$15. Tioga Terrace dues have not increased since 2010, but our activities and expenses surely have. Our Halloween Party and Santa visits have more than doubled in size in those eight years, and the cost of our Newsletter has increased substantially. In 2017, less than 70% of Terrace households donated to our Membership drive, so expanding some of our planned activities have been delayed or canceled. As always, we will gladly accept any amount you are able to give.

Please continue to contact us with your stories, ideas and thoughts for current or future activities. We love to hear from you. Of course, feel free to join us at our meetings, held the 2nd Tuesday each month (except July & August), 7:00 pm, at the Park Terrace Church on Glann Rd. You're always welcome!

Thank you for your continued support.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

By Chuck Place



For TIOGA TERRACE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

THE TIOGA TERRACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFERS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

For the 18th consecutive year, the Tioga Terrace Civic Association will award one scholarship to a college-bound senior who has demonstrated regular service to his or her school and community. To be eligible, the student must be a graduating senior, a resident of Tioga Terrace and accepted into a continuing education program.

Typically, the scholarship application period is announced in February by the Vestal High School Guidance Department, which also provides application forms (watch for announcements and/or postings). Students attending schools other than Vestal may obtain an application by calling Chuck Place, TTCA scholarship chairman, at (607) 625-4597.

Please note that the selection criteria are identical to that of the Apalachin Lions Club's annual scholarships. If you apply for the Lions Club scholarship, and live in the Terrace, your application will automatically be considered for the TTCA scholarship.

The Civic Association is pleased to offer this scholarship as a way to encourage, recognize and reward civic responsibility among young adults in the Terrace. If you have been active in service to your school and community, we encourage you to apply.



TTCA OFFICERS FOR 2018

- PRESIDENT - Nancy Sydlosky**
- VICE PRESIDENT - Joe Dapolito**
- TREASURER - Sue Balliet**
- SECRETARY - Joe Sienko**



This is the magical story about how Santa came to visit the Terrace.....

It was a picture perfect scene out of a snow globe on Saturday, December 16, when a bright, shiny, yellow fire truck emerged through big fluffy snow flakes with lights flashing and Santa waving from the passenger seat! It may have been chilly, but Santa and his elves warmed the hearts of 74 children, an all-time record, when they surprised the children with a special visit from Santa! Looks of pure amazement and joy danced on the faces of the excited children who greeted Santa and his elves! Santa generously spent ample amounts of time, listening to each child's Christmas wishes. He even surprised the children with a special bag of gifts and many funny jokes! This special experience was made possible by the Tioga Terrace Civic Association's Santa Visit Coordinator, who spent hours coordinating this visit with Santa's Elves!





**11 Cooper
7 Hillside
1 Deborah**



By Rodney Cogswell



2107 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS!



Hello everyone and Happy New Year! It was another good year for house decorating, and I enjoyed touring the Terrace with my family and checking out everyone's lighting displays. I definitely saw more houses this year with some level of lighting and decorations. As usual, though, there are those who go above and beyond and deserve our recognition and appreciation. So without further ado, here are this year's winners...

1 Deborah – Last year, I picked our first repeat winner. This year I picked the Kotchey's house on Deborah as a repeat winner because they put the effort in every year, without fail, and the house (and yard) look great!

7 Hillside – I had never awarded a house on Hillside before, but we came around the corner and BAM, there it was. They had a large and cohesive display with plenty of lights. We especially liked Santa's sleigh and reindeer on the roof.

11 Cooper – The Paccone's have been literally adding to their house every year as they renovate it to make it bigger and better. Along the way, they have been adding more and more lights as well; and this was the year where they tipped the scale. The house really stood out as you made your way up Cooper.

As usual, everyone did a great job this year. We all know how much effort it takes to put these decorations in place (and take them down), but the results are impressive and help make the holidays that much more enjoyable for everyone.

On a side note, this is my last year doing this, but fear not as I'm sure a replacement Holiday Cheermeister will be identified. I can't believe it's been seven years since we originally came up with this idea. I have had a blast doing it. Often times it was a family affair, with my wife and daughters helping out. I hope everyone in the Terrace continues to embrace this effort because it truly does help make the holidays brighter for everyone. And the best part of this is that now I'm able to compete myself, so look out! Happy Holidays!!



TIOGA TERRACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month (except during the months of July and August), 7pm, at the Park Terrace Community Methodist Church, 30 Glann Rd., Apalachin. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Apalachin Fire Department EMT Concerns by Nancy Sydlosky

In an October TTCA meeting, a concern was raised regarding an incident of a more than 40 minute response time for an EMT/Ambulance to a Terrace emergency call.

In December, several residents attended the Apalachin Fire District monthly meeting to determine the causes of such a long and dangerous delay. Unfortunately, there are several issues involved with the normal procedure that starts at the Tioga County 911 Dispatch and ends with the limited number of qualified, EMT volunteers to respond to an out of hours 911 call.

Below are excerpts from a letter from Brian Reiber, the head of the Board of AFD Commissioners to TTCA. Brian is planning to attend the February 13th TTCA meeting, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Terrace Church.

“On behalf of the Apalachin Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC), thank you and your team for attending our meeting last night. It is critically important that we hear from our constituents on their concerns as well as recognition. I am optimistic that there was a collective recognition that this feedback was welcome by your Commissioners and that we will continue taking action to ensure the safety of our community members.

Following your attendance, the BOFC further discussed our plan of action. Our next steps are the following:

Develop an organized message for lobbying NYS on providing the allowance for Fire Districts to recover fees for service from insurance companies

Engage the Fire Chiefs and Tioga County 911 Dispatch on an improvement plan to accelerate dispatch of trained resources in a timely manner

Identify short and long-term improvements to EMS coverage by Apalachin staff and volunteers

Partner with the Tioga County Emergency Management Office on potential synergies with other agencies and resources on a longer term, sustainable supply of trained EMS personnel

To reiterate what members of the TTCA can do today, we would highlight the following:

Become trained in basic first aid and CPR. Early recognition and treatment of injuries and illness are always beneficial in the chain of survival. We'd be happy to help facilitate this.

Volunteer. Applications can be found at apalachinfd.com/joining-afd/ and we will take care of all training, development, and financial support for classes.

If you are unable to volunteer, support those that do. Offer to babysit for those with young children during calls or training. Encourage those who may be interested to join and extend an offer to help them in any way possible.

Donate. Your donations continue to enable the Department to fund new equipment and training that serve to empower those that are volunteering and to create an environment that is forward thinking and welcoming to those that do volunteer.”



TTCA VACANCY

HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST CHAIR

The Holiday Lighting Chairperson is charged with making a tour of the entire Tioga Terrace area to compare outdoor holiday decorations during the Halloween and Christmas seasons. The tours and selections are generally done within approximately 5-12 days of the actual holiday.

The chairperson will purchase \$25 gift cards (funded by the TTCA), one for Halloween and three for Christmas, which are to be delivered to the winners.

A short write up is required for the TTCA Newsletter, prior to and after the events. Attendance at TTCA meetings is expected near these holidays for updates, but not required at other times during the year.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Nancy Sydlosky, TTCA President, at nsyd19@stny.rr.com or at 258-0276.



WELCOME

**New
Neighbors**

If you are new to the Terrace or have a new neighbor, our welcome co-chairs would like to hear from you. Just call Linda (258-0161) or send a note to the TTCA website under "Contact Us" with the name, address and phone number of our new neighbor. As part of their welcome visit, we will drop off a packet of useful information about Terrace life. Typically, after several unsuccessful attempts to visit, the packet will be left with contact information.

By Linda Fuerstenberg

WELCOME TO: Karen Putrino and Jeremy Eno, twins Isabella and Abigail Putrino, Mariella Eno (13), Miranda Eno (10) and Alexander Eno (9) who moved here from Vestal in November to **4 HIGHLAND**

WELCOME TO: Trevor Flanagan, Bonnie Kassis-Flanagan, son Liam (1) and on-the-way baby, who moved here in November to **3 OAKWOOD**

WELCOME TO: Zach and Melissa Myers, who moved here in December from J.C. to **18 BROWN**

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