



# TERRACE TALK

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## President's Message

Dear Tioga Terrace Neighbors,

First, I'd like to thank Terri Jo Ramia, Eileen Barr, Nicky Autieri and Christine MacNamee for their excellent work on the Senior parade and photos. What a great job !

If you recall, we had started conversations with the Town of Owego regarding the Tioga Blvd Park. Of course, nothing happened in the park this summer. However, it's still on our To-Do list, so we'll continue our efforts in the Spring.

Our Halloween Party is, of course, cancelled; but that doesn't mean we won't celebrate. Peek inside for details about our Drive-Thru Halloween!

Every family has to make their own decision about Trick or Treating, but understandably a lot of residents don't want to answer the door. Therefore, if your child goes to a home where a bowl of candy is outside, please have them take only a reasonable amount and leave some for the next little goblin or ghost. As usual, leave the porch light on if you have candy, and turn it off if you're out.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 forced the cancellation of all event plans for this year, but we're hoping to start with a few activities in the late spring. Jeanet Hazar, Special Events Chairperson, would love to hear your suggestions for appropriate activities. You can contact her at [jsoccermomh@gmail.com](mailto:jsoccermomh@gmail.com).

Please be sure you are registered to Vote (check on [Vote.org](http://Vote.org)). Remember, your votes for local, state and federal officials are as important as your vote for President. **Please VOTE !**

We rely on your donations, so please, if you have not already made your yearly donation, check Keri Barrett's article regarding membership.

We know this is a hard time for our Terrace families, and we pray that you and yours are careful, safe, and healthy. As always, thank you so much for your support.

*Nancy Sydlosky*



Since Nancy is unlikely to thank herself for her role in helping to make the graduation drive-thru a success, we'd like to add our note of thanks to her. In fact, Nancy devotes a great deal of time, effort and TLC in her role of TTCA President, so we want to acknowledge her contributions to the community and express our heartfelt thanks for all she does. Please join us in giving Nancy a BIG THANK YOU for the great job she continues to do for the TTCA and for our community!

the TTCA Board Members



# Halloween Decorating Contest

This year, the TTCA will be giving out prizes for the best Halloween inflatable display and the scariest decorated yard. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant. Judging will take place 10/23 to 10/26. Unfortunately, prizes cannot be awarded to those who have won in the past two years. Show us your best and scariest, Terrace residents!!

By Kate Lynch

## TTCA HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION GETS A NEW LOOK IN 2020!



On **Sunday, October 25th, from 2 to 3 pm**, the TTCA will be welcoming kids, in their Halloween costumes, to a Drive-Thru Halloween celebration in the Park Terrace Church parking lot, on Glann Rd. So, **decorate your cars** and bring your kids for some goodies to be given out by TTCA volunteers, who will also be showing off their costumes!

*We will also be accepting canned or boxed food donations for the church food pantry at the drive-through.*



## Absentee Voting in NYS



1. You have to apply to vote absentee for the November 3rd general election. Voters have to obtain their applications for an absentee ballot at: <https://www.tiogacountyny.com/media/3084/2020absenteeballotapplication-english.pdf>

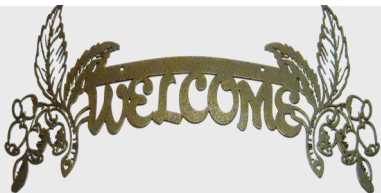
2. In NYS, we need a reason to vote absentee. The law has been updated to **include FEAR OF COVID-19 as a valid reason** for absentee ballot application. Check **temporary illness or physical disability** and check **General Election**.

3. Applications can be processed now, so if you want an absentee ballot, please send in your application as soon as possible to give the Board of Elections (BOE) time to process it. **The BOE requests that you mail it in**, although the instructions on the BOE website give you the option of emailing your application. If you email it, they have to print it and that takes more time and resources. If the technology is available to you, you could fax your application to 607-687-6348.

### Early Voting

Dates and Times for Early Voting in person at the Board of Elections on Rt 38 can be found at:

[https://www.tiogacountyny.com/media/7701/early-voting-times\\_ge20.pdf](https://www.tiogacountyny.com/media/7701/early-voting-times_ge20.pdf)



*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 Meredith (687-3410) 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.*

- ~ Stephen and Ashley Marcin moved from Endwell with their children, Ada, Eden and Eloise, to 1 Sunset Court
- ~ Kristin and Dan Carroll with their children, Kaitlyn and Alyssa, moved from Endicott to 26 Azalea—next to her sister!
- ~ Beth Shenck and Luke Gerhart moved from Endicott to 20 Hillside
- ~ Stacia and Tyler Augare, from South Dakota, moved to 33 Frederick with their children Anntoinette and Thalia
- ~ Mr. and Mrs. Parker moved from Binghamton to 2 Boland with their two children
- ~ Ellie and Chris Mushalla moved from Endicott to 63 Frederick

# Congratulations!



Submitted by Chuck Place  
Scholarship Chair

## TIOGA TERRACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

This year, your Civic Association is proud to announce that Avery Virkler is our annual Scholarship Winner. Avery is the daughter of Steven Virkler and Beth Gance and resides at 4 Alpine Drive. She will be going to Ithaca College, majoring in Communications/Business Management.

In high school, she initiated Unified Basketball, a new varsity athletic club in which athletes with special needs are paired with general education students. Through Running of the Bears 5K Committee, she presented her Power Point to five elementary schools to promote awareness, spoke on WBNG, and encouraged 500 in the community to participate. She mentored freshmen every year.

Avery also planned and supervised events for younger children through the PEACE Program. Her community service includes nine years of volunteering at the Just Keep Believing Fundraiser for spinal cord research. She volunteers at the Willow Point Nursing Home and the St. Ambrose Soup Kitchen. For four years, she has been involved with the Interact Club and initiated an Instagram page to encourage community involvement.

We wish her all the best as she continues her education into college.

An updated **Terrace Babysitter/Odd Jobs List** will be available in the next newsletter. If you are interested in being included, would like more information or need to be deleted from the listing, please contact Jennifer Savelli at [jsavelli@uek12.org](mailto:jsavelli@uek12.org).





## INTRODUCING, TTCA'S NEW PHOTOGRAPHER!



**Nicky Autieri**

Nicky has lived in the Terrace for seven years. She's a stay-at-home mom with, as she says "two sets of twins and one cream filling". She runs a photography business and she "side hustles for the Norwex company". They love the Terrace and all it has to offer, including the school.

We don't know how Nicky has time to fit in volunteering for the TTCA, but we're sure glad she does!

# Membership Drive News



Currently, we have only collected donations from 1/3 of our Terrace residents. Our newsletters, our social functions and many of our services for the community depend on this revenue so please continue to send or drop off your donations (\$15) to:

**Keri Barret, 4 Bowen Lane, Apalachin 13732**

Since we are no longer collecting door-to-door and for your convenience, we are in the process of setting up a Venmo account for an alternative way for contributions. Of course, cash, check or money order will continue to be accepted.

Information regarding the Venmo account will be posted on our Facebook page in the next couple of months, so be sure to check it out!

Thank you to all that have already given and a special thank you to all the volunteers who have called to offer their help.

**The PARK TERRACE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
requests your help**

in packing **Christmas shoe boxes** for the Red Bird United Methodist Mission. Items needed, along with details, will be listed in the Park Terrace Church and Tioga Terrace Facebook pages.



# ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WERE TWO BOYS FROM APALACHIN.....

“Surreal” as the word Dean Hurley used to describe his experience witnessing his brother, Doug’s, rocket launch on May 30th this year. Dean, his wife, Jolene, and their children, Jaylin and Ridge, along with his parents, shared the excitement. In fact, Dean said it was such an emotional moment that it brought the family to tears.



The brothers grew up in Apalachin, where they lived on Forest Hill Rd. Dean has established his career in Vestal, while Doug’s career has taken him just about as far away from his birth home as possible!

Doug had piloted the last Space Shuttle in 2011, under NASA; and the May launch, his third, was as commander/pilot under SpaceX (a commercially built and operated American spacecraft). He and his fellow astronaut, Bob Behnken, made history with their successful launch.

Dean and his family have attended all three launches, starting in 2009, when Ridge was only one year old and Jaylin was five. However, this launch, with the kids older, has given the family a memorable experience they could all share with their friends.

Because of COVID-19, Dean and his family didn’t get the green light to attend until two weeks before the launch date. Usually each astronaut can invite up to 200 guests. At this launch, they were limited to 15 guests each.

An exciting highlight of the experience was the tour of the SpaceX facility where they were able to see and talk to Doug and his family from a short distance, which was necessary due to the quarantine required prior to launch.

It’s interesting to note that Doug shares his career choice with his wife, Karen Nyberg, an astronaut who as spent 180 days in space (2008 and 2013).



Dean wasn’t particularly disappointed when weather delayed the initial launch for a couple of days because in 2009 he recalled making two trips, one in June and one in July, before finally seeing that launch.

During this launch, Doug spent two months in the space station. He frequently communicated with Dean via emails. However, at one point, Dean was on his boat on the St. Lawrence River, when he received a phone call from an unknown number. Imagine his amazement when he answered it and discovered it was from his brother. He had debated answering the unknown caller; but when he did, he found himself talking to his brother in outer space for 30 minutes!! Amazing!



by Bill Donahue

The Dean Hurley Family at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center



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## **TERRACE TALK NEWSLETTER**

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