

## The Great Outdoors & Sports

### GRAFTON

## National Trails Day At GLSP

Grafton Lakes State Park and the Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park will host a National Trails Day event on Saturday, June 5. The summer has just begun, and the park could use your help! Join us to restore and maintain the trail system. Pre-registration is required. Spots are limited. The event is free of charge and will take place from 8:30 am to noon.

Has the outdoors been a haven for you during the pandemic? Have you had the privilege of enjoying Grafton Lakes State Park's 25 miles of hiking and biking trails? The park invites patrons to help clean up and improve trails on Saturday morning and indulge in the trail activities they enjoy most in the afternoon.

There will be a range of projects good for all abilities. This event is geared specifically towards adults, minimum age of 13.

Please call Grafton Lakes State Park to register: 518-279-1155.

Please take note of the following COVID-19 safety protocols and precautions. Trails projects will be kept small to limit exposure. Masks will be required during registration and anytime six feet social distance cannot be maintained. The location for the event will be shared upon registration. Registrants will agree to not attend if they are experiencing any symptoms, have been in contact with someone who recently tested positive or is suspected to have COVID-19.

## RPA Programs

The Rensselaer Plateau Alliance is presenting a virtual Land Conservation and Stewardship program on Thursday, May 20 at 7 pm on a Zoom Platform. The discussion will be led by Jim Bonesteel, Executive Director of RPA on land conservation principles, objectives, and stewardship. Topics of discussion may include forests, farms, wetlands, community engagement, and a culture of welcome and inclusion. Other discussion topics include wildlife habitat and forest connectivity, source water protection, economic considerations, timber, recreation, monitoring, maintenance, and sustainability.

### Wild Navigation Workshop

The program will take place on Saturday, May 22 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Albert Family Community Forest in East Nassau. The art of "Staying Found" requires little more than a good map and compass, and the know-how to use them properly. Today's topographic maps are the best available, and magnetic compass models are well-designed for the modern navigator. Learn the basics of how to use these tools for a safe and fun outdoor adventure. Materials and hands-on learning provided. Instruction will be followed by a hike to practice your skills!

### Wasaren Soccer All-Stars

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*Second Team:* Bre Eversten, Tamarac; Amy DiSiena, Mechanicville; Leigha Henkel, Hoosic Valley; Addison Gates, Cambridge; Patty Snyder, Mechanicville; Olivia Strobe, Greenwich; Cassidy McClement, Waterford; Jess Heinrichs, Tamarac; Lexci Woodworth, Cambridge; Kylie Peacock, Stillwater; Abbie Yetto, Tamarac; Jaidyn Wood, Hoosick Falls; Grace Pierson, Emma Willard; Phebe Thompson, Hoosick Falls; Dani Rubino, Mechanicville.

### Boys

*MVP:* **Andrew Kraszewski**, Mechanicville

*First Team:* Wyqie Aguda, Mechanicville; Nick Amodeo, Mechanicville; Thomas Hickey, Mechanicville; Colin McNutt, Mechanicville; Glenn Prairie, Mechanicville; Josh Catanzarita, Waterford; Jaycen Janusz, Waterford; Charlie Gartner, Greenwich; Orion Baker-Porazinski, Cambridge; Alex Bassey, Tamarac; Rocco DiCarlo Tamarac; Kasey Billert, Berlin/New Lebanon; Josh Ackerly, Hoosic Valley; Grant Baker, Stillwater; Alex Salvesvoid, Hoosick Falls.

*Second Team:* Troy Bisailon, Mechanicville; Tyler Tesoriero, Mechanicville; Ty Plumley, Waterford; Matt Soden, Waterford; Owen Keech, Greenwich; Declan Kelleher, Greenwich; Josh Poovey, Greenwich; Jeffrey Burke, Cambridge; Nevin Wilkie, Tamarac; Winter Exley, Berlin New Lebanon; Daniel Hunt, Berlin/New Lebanon; Andrew Wood, Hoosic Valley; Isaac Cutler, Stillwater; Connor Powers, Hoosick Falls; Aiden Lambert, Saratoga Catholic.

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the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), the project can now enter the initial construction stage replete with many building permit requirements first being met.

The planners approval did not come without a laundry list of conditions including compliance with pedestrian access, a driveway to a storm water retention pond, required easements, tree and vegetation removal restrictions, no extension of sewer or water lines beyond the commercial site, an agreement between the developer and the town of Brunswick for improvements to Ferdinand Avenues (rear entrance) and compliance with the lighting plan, just to name a few.

That rear entrance construction may not be needed after all, since DOT has said if the proposal by Hannaford to build a 50,000 square foot supermarket across the road off Lord Avenue is approved, they would drop that rear entrance condition. Hannaford was also back before the Planning Board at that meeting, to update their plans and storm water drainage proposal. The majority of their time was taken up with traffic questions. Planning Board Chairman Russ Oster said they have already received several comments for residents of the area, about increased traffic flow created by people cutting g over North Lake to Genesee to Duncan Laneto use that Lord Avenue light, to try to avoid the daily back ups on Hoosick Road. Chairman Oster suggested a traffic study be performed.

The Board set a tentative public hearing for the project for their June 3 meeting.

### Harbor Freight Shows Interest In Town

Following the conclusion of the regular agenda, Harbor Freight Tools presents what is known as a "sketch plan" to the board. They would like to construct a store on the north side of Hoosick Road,

between the BMW Motorcycle building and Ace Hardware. This was just a preliminary discussion, and a actual site plan has not yet been filed. One of the concerns then planners spoke about was the buildings proposed facade, which they labeled as bleak and perhaps unattractive. They suggested the company look at some revision that might help it fit better with the businesses around them and some more greenery as well. Harbor Freight representatives indicated their were amiable to the suggestion.

### The Sun Rises A Bit On Tamarac Solar

Those looking to build another commercial solar facility on Brick Church Road (NYS Route 278) were at the last April meeting of the Planning Board, looking to have the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) approved, but were rebuffed by the planners because they did not feel the application was complete enough to act at that time. Their attention was also drawn to some concerns by a residents in Winfield Estates and Bulson Road, as to additional glare generated by the solar panels. They indicated it was a problem created by the installation of the first solar project on the road. Tamarac Solar countered their placement would negate that glare, and also reiterated their panels are not stationary, but are of a solar tracking nature that follows the sun's path across the sky.

The board choose to review the EAF and granted a declaration of

negative environmental impact with several conditions, one of them being that any blasting at the site must strictly adhere to town regulations. If it can be arranged, the board is looking to hold a joint public hearing with the ZBA members on June 20.

### Brunswick Acres Still In Limbo

The only other business before the planners that night was an update on the Brunswick Acres proposal. That is a plan to build 26 single family homes on land located on Brunswick Road (NYS Route 2). Building Inspector Chuck Golden informed the Board the developer has modified that site plan, reducing the number of homes by two, ostensibly to find a place to put some of the 90,000 squares of dirt they would have to remove. That number has been a concern for the board, and Mr. Golden said when they filed the amendment they said the 90,000 number was now better, but they did not elaborate. He questioned what was better. 85,000 square feet? The inquiring minds of the Board members want to know.

## Barbecue Recreation Bowling Results

### Thursday American League - April 29

Team	Won	Lost	High Series	
Cuomo's Gotta Go	522	438	Ryan Bedford	793
Wack'em & Stack'em	519½	440½	Tim McCart	738
RGI	512½	447½	Jason Sykes	690
Team Taconic	490	470	Dave Rice	690
Stevens & Sons Tents	482½	477½	Ron Caron Jr.	686
Huntin' Time	478½	481½	Mike Weeden	677
Dave Clark Excavation	472	488	Kevin Weir	666
Lo-Ridge Farm	467½	492½	Eric Morrett	663
Modern Game Pro Shop	438½	521½	Rich Snyder	661
Lauzon Machine Shop	417	543	Colin Cipperly	659