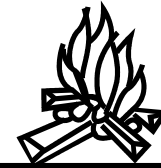


September 2010

Enjoy the
Ring of Fire!



Sacandaga Protection Committee

Last year our lake residents and visitors were shocked by a ruling from the NYS Dept. of Env. Conservation when it made the statements which would have taken away the use of all of our beaches as we now use them. Like wise, the beaches and waterfronts of the Parks and Marinas could still be lost to those enterprises.

Within weeks, we had formed the Sacandaga Protection Committee, June 11, 2009, headed by two businessmen who own camps on the lake, Dick Smith and Joe Sullivan. The SPC has been working for free, hiring a law Firm, (Hodgson Russ) along with a writing team and lobbyists to assist us in attempting to discover our legal options. Please know that this SPC is the most organized and effectively powerful group of men and women we have around our lake who have come forth to serve the rest of us. Since the process of repeal and re-write of the old law is now underway, we beg of you to understand the need for the funds to pay for the process.

Each resident who lives on the lake has been asked to give at least \$200 a year until this process is complete which we hope will be LESS THAN five years. Each back-lotter is asked for at least \$50 a year and each RV Park visitor is asked to consider \$25.

If the Governor had not stepped in, it would have been a tragedy and the Law which the DEC used is STILL on the BOOKS and **we are all still just as vulnerable to losing our beach rights now as before.** It is an old Law but it is there and we, as a constituency, HAVE to attempt to change whatever we can to see this law repealed.

The process of abolishing a law is a mind-boggling and complex legal effort which requires lawyers, law-writing experts and even lobbyists. This takes both time and money. Please consider that these men and women on the SPC continue to meet at least monthly and discuss by email....sometimes every day...since June a year ago. We all owe them a debt of gratitude and their financial support the pay for the legal steps required to change this awful law.



T Shirts & Sweatshirts For Sale

This is your last chance to buy your Fish House T Shirts and sweatshirt. Don't delay! You can buy one or more at the front door today!

Bottle Drive

The FHCC's first bottle drive ends this weekend. It was a fantastic success! Thank you to everyone who brought us cans and bottles and to all the FHCC members who sorted them. And a SPECIAL thank you to Jim Moore who has done MOST of the sorting and driving them to Fuel N Food.



FHCC Windows

The profits of the summer breakfasts are used to help maintain the Community Center. We are busy painting our windows and trim green to match our new roof. We also plan to caulk the windows this fall. Thank you for making this all possible by attending our breakfasts!



Keep up to date on the events held at the Fish House Community Center, check out our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/fishhousehistory/>



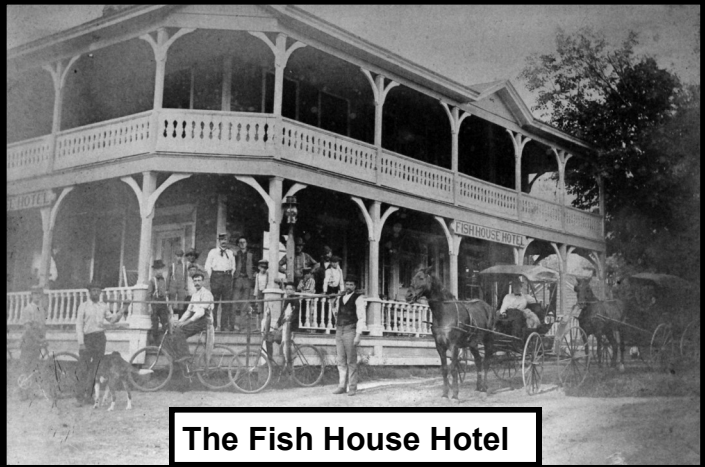
Fish House History

John Fay and his family came to Fish House and built his home here in 1803. It was the largest home in the village at that time. John and Sally Fay had 3 sons and 7 daughters. After the last of the children moved out, the home was converted into a hotel, the Fish House Hotel. It was a village landmark until it burned down in 1920.

In 1809 John Fay built the first village store. The store was also the first brick building in Fish House. It was later torn down. It was located across the town square from the Fish House Hotel. The town square is now under water.



Mrs. Fay



The Fish House Hotel

Along with the Fish House Hotel, John Fay was involved in many other ventures as well as politics. Below is an excerpt from the **Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress:**

“FAY, John, a Representative from New York; held various local offices and was postmaster of Northampton *several years; member of the State assembly in 1808, 1809, and 1812; elected as a Republican to the Sixteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1821); resumed his former activities; served as sheriff of Jefferson County from 1828 to 1831; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket in 1844.” (*Fish House was originally known as Northampton.)

What's In A Name?

The town of Fayville was named after John Fay who owned most of the land in the area as well as the general store. The town at one time had a blacksmith shop, a tannery, a woolen mill, and a shoe shop.



Sinclair Collection

Summer at Fish House. Notice the covered bridge in the upper left.