

# Lake Life

## *“Living On The Finger Lakes”*

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## Discovering the Beauty

### The Recognition...

Wow - This place is beautiful. That's what came to mind while driving home from work one day. After turning a familiar corner, my Jeep started down a long hill. I glanced to the right and there it was; an absolutely stunning view of Cayuga Lake.

I started to think about all the personal benefits of living here. Our lakes provide the enjoyment of boating, camping, fishing, and BBQ's. The views afford us with magnificent settings for dinner parties, weddings, and banquets. The list goes on and on. All those times my out of town guests would comment on the serenity finally sunk in. It only took 30 years!



### Taking It For Granted...

How could I be so unappreciative? Maybe it's a case of being spoiled. Any one of our lakes or parks would be a main attraction in most places. In the Finger Lakes, they are just a part of the endless sites of natural beauty. I would put our lakes up against any place in the world. We are truly blessed to live here.

### Lake Life...

I'm very pleased to release this first issue of "Lake Life". Beyond real estate information, the goal of this newsletter is to promote and protect the lakes we live on. Readers are encouraged to share stories, photos, and local places of interest.

*Bob Markel*

### Cayuga Lake

Length: 40 Miles  
Max Width: 3.5 Miles  
Max Depth: 435 FT  
Shoreline: 96 Miles

Cayuga Lake is the second largest of the six major Finger Lakes.

### Featured Lake

This issue will focus on the northwest end of Cayuga Lake. It is here that you will find the historic village of Seneca Falls (Birthplace of Women's Rights). Seneca Falls residents claim their town is the inspiration for the Christmas classic "It's A Wonderful Life". At a minimum, I can testify that living on Cayuga Lake is truly a wonderful life.

Like all the Finger Lakes, Cayuga Lake is great for fishing. The shore is lined with a mix of seasonal cottages and gorgeous year round homes. Although the lake is large, the water stays fairly calm. Not even a ripple on some days. Weekends are busy with boaters and weekdays are often quiet. Cayuga Lake really does have something for everyone.

# Lakefront Real Estate

## Selling Your Lake Home

### Pictures Are Important...

Most people want to get one last summer in before they put their lake home or property up for sale. I can't blame them! However, I would strongly suggest taking pictures (digital) while everything is still beaming. Take a shot from the end of the dock, one from your boat, or any other place that will show how nice it is. That way you will have them when you do decide to list the home or property. Don't have a digital camera? Maybe ask a friend, relative or neighbor to help out. A real estate agent might be your best choice.



## Market Report Lakefront - Northwest Cayuga Lake:

Existing Home Sales	Jan - June 2007	Jul - Dec 2007	Jan - June 2008
Closings	3	14	7
High Sale Price	\$200,000	\$785,000	\$412,000
Low Sale Price	\$130,000	\$126,000	\$148,000
Avg. Sale Price	\$171,000	\$319,000	\$264,000
Avg. Frontage	75	62	92
Avg. Square Ft.	905	1,866	1,522
Avg. Taxes	3,509	7,775	6,703
Avg. Days On Market	89	117	177

On The Market...	
Current Listings	23
High List Price	\$1,100,000
Low List Price	\$ 140,000
Avg. List Price	\$402,000
Avg. Frontage	88
Avg. Square Ft.	1,926
Avg. Taxes	7,182
Avg. Days On Market	133

Note: Reports are based on information gathered from the Greater Rochester Association of Realtors. They are not a complete representation of all homes sold or listed. Reports only represent properties with residential dwellings. All dollar figures are rounded.

### Free Analysis

#### How Much Is Your Home Worth?

I would be glad to provide a complimentary comparative market analysis. Just call (315) 283-8111.

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### Rental Wanted

Winter / Spring rental on Cayuga Lake. NYCC area preferred.

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# Why Cayuga Lake?

## Wineries

You will find some excellent wineries on the northwest end of Cayuga Lake including **Goose Watch** and **Swedish Hill**. Swedish Hill has already won 38 gold metals in 2008. This includes some from international competitions on the west coast. Cindy and Dick Peterson own both of these award winning wineries. The Peterson's are examples of the great people that live in our communities. They graciously provide their scenic Goose Watch lawn for an annual charitable event put on by the Seneca Falls Rotary Club.

[swedishhill.com](http://swedishhill.com) | [goosewatch.com](http://goosewatch.com)

## Restaurants

There are a number of good restaurants, but I would recommend two. The **Deerhead Inn** offers lake view dining and has been around forever. It's my three year old's favorite place to go, although I think he just likes saying the name. The Dearhead is a local favorite. Make sure you try the shrimp cocktail. The other is called **Henry B's**. This is an upscale Italian restaurant located in the village of Seneca Falls. It's truly a great experience with even better food. This is one of my personal favorites.

[deerheadlakeside.com](http://deerheadlakeside.com) | [henrybs.com](http://henrybs.com)

### Featured Listing



#### Cayuga Lake

This home will be available for close on Sept 15, 2008. It has been completely redecorated and will be furnished. The garage is attached and the landscaping is beautiful. There is a one room cottage at the Lake which has a new wall and stairway. The view from this property is outstanding!! In middle of Wine Country!

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## Fishing Scoop

Cayuga Lake is a very diverse fishery. Several bass tournaments are held on the lake.

There is also a very healthy population of Pickerel and Northern Pike. Early May can be unbelievable for Northerns and Pickerel. This month also boasts a great fishery for yellow perch.

Year round fishing is available for Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Landlocked Atlantic Salmon and Brown Trout. In April Rainbow Trout can be found in the streams on there spawning runs. The Atlantics and Browns can be found in the streams in October and November. The average size is 3-5 pounds with fish caught in the 10-15 pounds on rare occasions. Our largest is a 16 lb Brown Trout.

Cayuga Lake is a great fishery and the waters are rated AA to boot! AA is the highest rating for New York. At one point Cayuga Lake was in the top 20 & Skaneateles Lake was Number 5 in the world.

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**Lake Life** - A real estate based newsletter focused on the beautiful Finger Lakes region. Readers will enjoy articles, reports, tips, home listings, and personal insight from locals that live on the lakes. Find out where to stay and what to do.

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