



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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## Welcome, 2022!

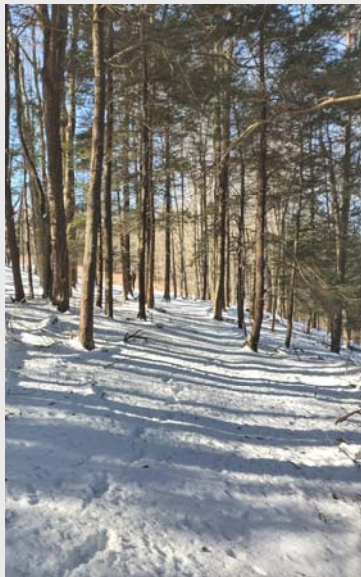
It's a new year. We have a new coat of snow on the ground, new programs in the works, even a new board president. We're thinking ahead to our work-days, prioritizing some maintenance projects, and daring to hope that this year electricity will be restored in the campgrounds and a new footbridge will replace the old one.



We, the Friends of Salt Springs Park, began our journey here on the old Wheaton farmstead 28 years ago, and we continue to strive to keep Salt Springs, in the words of our recent president, Tom Stoll, "the best place around to Come to Your Senses!"

## Salt Springs in January

On January 20, Dana Rockwell and Cain Chamberlin hiked about 5 miles in the park, scouting out possible trails for inclusion in the Endless Mountains Heritage Region's two-day hiking event on June 18 and 19. Here are some of the pictures they took that day—especially for those of us who don't get out and about in the park after the snow flies and the ice builds.



Left: Silver Creek Trail, near the intersection with the Meadow Trail. Above: The McCabe foundation, at the intersection of the Border and Wetland trails.



Above left: Behind this wall of ice is . . . (Above Right) this cavernous space.

## In Case You Missed This— Meet Marty Kane

Tom Stoll's term on the board ended in December 2021. Having served the six consecutive years allowed in our by-laws, five and a half of them as president, he has stepped down. Also in December 2021, the board voted Marty Kane as the new president, effective January 1. Please join us in extending him a hearty "Welcome!"

Marty was raised on a dairy farm near Montrose. He graduated from Montrose Area High School in 1976 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation. He joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1985 and retired as a Colonel in 2016 following 37 years of combined USMC and National Guard service. He has served in Bosnia and Iraq, and his awards include the Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Star Medal. He possesses a Master's Degree from Temple University and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. He has also served in various administrative positions at local vocational/technical schools, and his volunteer service includes working at the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry and as Ambassador for Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors.

Marty's wife Connie is a Real Estate Agent for Coldwell Banker in Montrose. His daughter Jessica is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and is currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner at the VA Medical Center in Louisville, KY. His son James is a Survey Technician for JHA Associates in Montrose and is also a Company Commander in the PA Army National Guard.

Marty and his family have a deep connection to Salt Springs Park through hiking and camping and attending a variety of events. He would like to help continue the work that has been done by the Friends, particularly in regard to ongoing improvement of facilities, while keeping admission to local families free of charge.