

## **Tropical Storm Isaias Made A Mark Clean Up Underway!**

Many of our preserves were impacted substantially by Tropical Storm Isaias. There were numerous downed trees, uprooted trees, large branches on trails and damage to gates and fence lines. Many thanks to SLT volunteers Mike Mattera, Mike Lyons, Andy Chapin, and Terry Brenn who spent several weekend hours with chainsaws in hand clearing our fields and pathways. Also thanks to those who have walked and cleared the hundreds of small branches from our trails. For those enjoying our properties, please be careful and patient as we continue our clean up efforts.



Pictured are clean up efforts at Platt Farm Preserve, Phillips Farm Preserve and Lovdal Farm Preserve.

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**Meet Joe Ruggiero**  
**Our new Southbury Land Trust President**



Joe Ruggiero was elected President of the Southbury Land Trust, taking over from Leslie Kane who is now serving as a Vice-President along with Tom Crider. Many thanks to Leslie for her strong leadership during her tenure as President.

Joe Ruggiero settled here with his wife Jennifer, and children Christina and Diana in Southbury in 1994. He is a consulting engineer by trade and predominantly writes computer software for his work but is interested in many community and civic activities. He is a member and past president of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus and is currently their treasurer. He is a very active congregant of Sacred Heart Church here in town. He joined the SLT when he and his family started to hike the area and when he became a Justice of the Peace in the year 2000, he determined to donate all of his fees derived from performing weddings to the SLT. For 16 years Joe helped to run the local bike-a-thon, the Tour-de-Tribury which raised significant funds for the local fuel bank. He later became involved as a volunteer in local government where he is currently the Chairman of the town Ethics Commission.

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## Board of Trustees Statement on Herbicide Use

We have received some questions/concerns related to herbicides used early this summer on a field at The Platt Farm Preserve. Please click [here](#) for our statement in response to these inquiries.

### Herbicide Use Statement

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## Please Join Us!

The Ludorf barn and barnyard preservation was a joint project between the Southbury Land Trust, the Southbury Historical Society and farm owner Marie Ludorf. The result was the preservation of one of the region's most beautiful and historically significant farmscapes! Mark your calendars and stop by on September 20th. This event is free and open to the public. All guests should plan to follow social distancing and mask guidelines.

# Open House at The Ludorf Barn

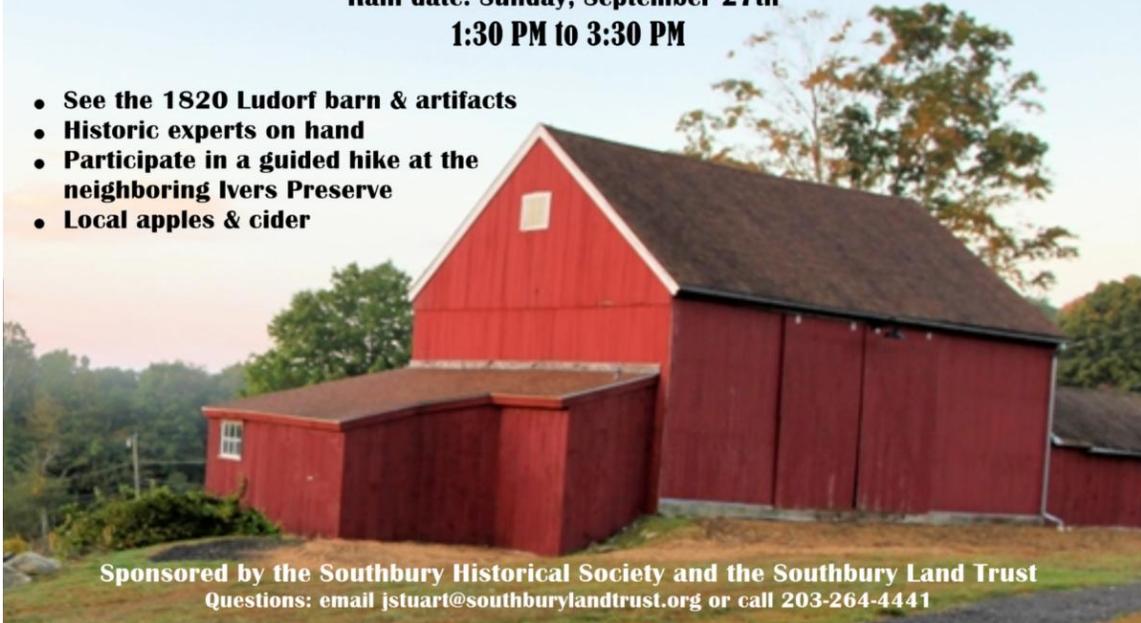
502 West Purchase Road, Southbury (parking across the street)

## Sunday, September 20th

Rain date: Sunday, September 27th

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

- See the 1820 Ludorf barn & artifacts
- Historic experts on hand
- Participate in a guided hike at the neighboring Ivers Preserve
- Local apples & cider



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## Caption This! Contest

Congratulations to Jill Hannan, the winner of our latest Caption This! Contest. See below how she captioned the thoughts of these two turtles at the Bassett Preserve. Note the runners up:

1. I am not just another bump on the log.
2. Stop tailgating!
3. Slow your roll dude.



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