



# Mt Kemble Lake Newsletter

## June 2005

### Coming Events

- July 4 Beach games -picnic at the clubhouse
- August 12 TGIFjFamily Beach Party
- September 4 Labor Day Party
- (Date to be decided)-NY Water ways cruise

### Mt Kemble Lake Association Board Members

*President*            *Joan Fitzhugh*  
*Secretary*          *Lori Denson*  
*Treasurer*          *Karen Morrison*  
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*Clubhouse*          *Bettina Bierly*  
*CommunitY Affairs* *Carol Irving*  
*Grounds*            *Terry DDD'er*  
*House Maintenance* *Mary VanKirk*  
*Roads*                *Cac~ Bell*

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*President*            *Jayce MUTT19*  
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*Social Chaiperson* *Ruth Chanry*

### The Dam/Dredge Project

Bobbi Coulter

There has been much progress on the Dam/Dredge project. The appropriation bill has passed both houses and has been signed into law by our governor. The loan rules and regulations have been amended; a vote to ratify them is due in a few weeks. I met with the town attorney and we're on track to have a resolution adopted by the town in July or August. We're hopeful that we can close on the loan in August.

Larry Bell, Chris Allyn and I met with our project engineer and attorney to review the contracts and bid packages that will be sent to contractors. We'll be sending these out to six to eight pre-qualified contractors within a week or two.

Terry Dwyer and Joan Fitzhugh have been preparing our own internal

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### The Playground Refurbishment Project

A crew of young MKL residents, led by Bettina Bierly, sanded and painted the playground equipment and then celebrated with an ice cream party in Bernardsville. Clockwise from top left:: Whitney Reynolds, George Bierly, Gus Curtiss, Caroline McCabe, Brock Bierly, George and Brock Bierly, Sally Jo Curtiss, Caroline McCabe, Whitney Reynolds, Tim McCabe. Not pictured: R.J.Meyer and Kevin Villagra.

The "parent" department also included Jeanne McCabe, Bruce Chalfant and Sally Curtiss. Terry Dwyer filled all the "holes" from bees and bugs and Ken Heiden loaned the crew his rotary sander.

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operations plan for how to minimize the disruption of the extra traffic. There will be more news and advice when we have our construction schedule finalized.

All in all, we remain hopeful that the project will start this fall, in which case the lake will be lowered in October and November and lakefront residents will have an opportunity to work on their docks.

#### **MKL Association Clubhouse/Maintenance**

The flagpole in front of the clubhouse was sanded and painted. New carpeting has been installed in the front entrance and lounge area.

Special thanks to Carl Bonar for his research in selecting the carpet. and to the clubhouse committee, Ruth Chaney, Jane Dwyer, Jane Kendall, Lori Denson, Barbara and Michael McGoldrick for their work on this project.

#### **Grounds**

Not only was the playground jungle gym sanded and painted, new mats were placed under the tire and swings. The old concrete cylinders behind the playground, were removed.

#### **Beaches**

About thirty people participated in the beach clean-up. Special thanks goes to Lorraine Negele who worked to provide lunch for everyone. The new raft is in place and Bill Canada is planning a demolition party to remove the old raft. It is presently tied to the aluminum dock.

#### **Roads**

About twenty five volunteers made the road clean up a success. The summer road patrol is now in effect. Periodically the MKL roads are closed for 24 hours to ensure their status as private roads. Volunteers work two hour shifts logging vehicles

that enter and leave the lake. Contact Cacky Bell if you would like to help with the next road closing, scheduled for September.

#### **MKL Country Club**

The MKL Country Club Annual meeting was held on June 10. David Dietz and Ruth Chaney were re-elected to the board.

#### **Kudos**

-to the New Vernon Fire Department for their quick response to the fire at the Dupre house that was caused by a lightning strike.

-to College Graduates, Troy Bowden, Christopher Chaney, Tyler Edgar, Katie Galdieri and Jude Coulter-Pultz

-to High School Graduates, Evan Godfrey and Lexi Kuchler

-to the recent Harding graduates:

Colin McCabe who received the Historical Society History Award

Kevin Sullivan-Harding Twp. Police Dept Service Award

Katie Spero -Sportsmanship award and the PTO Merit Award

Matt Spero-Sportsmanship Award

Katie D'Esterhazy who along with Katie Spero was a member of the (undefeated for 4 years) Harding Field Hockey Team

#### **Welcome to Trails End**

Because there are several other roads in Morristown with Dogwood in their name, residents of Dogwood Drive often did not receive their mail. Dogwood Drive has now been changed to Trails End (no apostrophe).

#### **Our Beach Carol Irving**

Our lake can serve as a magnet for people who want to cool off on a hot day, but there is NO LIFE-GUARD and the lake is also a potential hazard for which we are all ultimately responsible.

Guests of children can be a special risk. There is often a strong desire to swim to the raft because "others are doing it". A child who is a "good swimmer" in a pool may panic when they suddenly realize that they are not within a few strokes of the pool's edge. They will not necessarily yell for help (they are too embarrassed), they just start floundering and going under. I know. I have rescued two children in this situation, If your child has invited guests, you should be assuming responsibility for them.

Older teens present another problem. They may be strong swimmers and do not want to be seen with a parent. They should then realize that they are assuming responsibility for their guests' behavior. Make your older teens aware that they are defacto life-guards and should enforce the basic rules of safety on the diving board, raft and in boats.

If residents and guests wear badges it is easier to identify uninvited or self invited guests. Please do your bit to help make the beach a safe place to swim.

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Bob Nofall's name was misspelled in the last newsletter. Bob is living at 1 Beach Trail.