

# Mt Kemble Lake Newsletter January 2006

#### Coming Events

January 21 Lakeshore Annual Meeting

. January 27 FamilyTGIF

. February 5...Super Bowl Sunday

March 11 Lake Association
Annual Meeting

. March 17 TGIF

. April 8 Children.s Easter Egg Hunt and party

# MKLAssociation Board Members

President Joan Fitzhugh
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Beaches & Docks Bill Canada
Clubhouse Bettina BierlY
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# So what's happening with the Dam/Dredge project?

Like the proverbial slow and steady tortoise the Dam/Dredge project moves along.

Negotiations with the contractor, Union Paving, and the engineer, langan Engineering have been completed. We closed on the 2% loan with the state and have started submitting bills for reimbursements for expenses to date.



The ball field being prepared to receive the dredge material.

Because the contractor is uncertain

about using the dredge material on the dam, the contractor has guaranteed our price even if he brought in fill for the dam. The dredging material will now be stored on the Lakeshore property which is known as the old ball field, northwest of the garden area and we are preparing to begin the dredging phase.

We have received all our permits from the town and state including the permits to store the dredge material on site. Union Paving has been preparing the ball field to receive the dredge material. Last week you may have seen large trucks on Primrose Trail carting out soil and heard the backhoe at work creating a holding area. We now need to have Harding Township inspect this site and approve the work that has been done.

The contractor is ready to begin, there will soon be heavy trucking from the fishing hole road to the old ball field site. There are still some boats being stored at the area where heavy equipment will be operating and there is a possibility that they will be damaged if they are left there. If you own one of these boats and you care for it, it would probably be prudent to move it.



The endangered boats of Mount Kemble Lake

#### Lake Association Clubhouse Bettina Bierly

Many thanks to the dumpster crew (who cleaned out and organized the basement on December 8th). The group included Joan Baumgarten, Terry Dwyer, Karen Morrison, Joyce Murray, Mary Van Kirk, Phil Van Kirk and me. It was a huge (and freezing), job but the results speak for themselves. We actually removed two tons (no kidding) of trash. The basement is starting to look spacious again.

There are a number of old folding chairs and long tables left, which are up for adoption. Call Bettina Bierly or Mary Van Kirk if you're interested.

Editors note: In the future, if you want to store things in the basement that you consider "too good to throw out", make sure that Bettina does not have your fingerprints on file.

#### Country Club

The January 27th TGIF is sponsored by the MKL Environmental Stewardship Committee. It will feature speakers presenting information on caring for our lake environment. Plan to come and bring the family.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the MKL Talent Night, originally scheduled for February 11, had to be postponed until further notice.

Calling all Irish and would be Irish-A TGIF is planned for March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). Betty D'Esterhazy is the committee chair. Call Betty if you would like to help with this event.

Add some sparkle to your life, call Ruth Chaney and offer to help on a committee or just share your ideas for future events.

# Protecting the Environment Jane Kendall

Common Rock salt, used to melt ice is the worst environmental alternative around. It is terrible for our plants, hurts the feet of our pets, pOllutes the watershed and potentially our drinking water. It can damage the pavement and when tracked in the house it damages rugs and floors.

Alternatives that are currently available at Home Depot and Lowe's. include: Calcium Chloride (be careful around plants, too much can damage them), .Calcium magnesium acetate and Garden fertilizer: 5-10-10 Read labels and avoid large amounts of Sodium Chloride.

Gravel, sand or cat litter can be used for traction, keep a rug at the front door to get it off shoes.

A good web site is: oldhouseweb.com, or google ice melt salt alternatives.To buy in bulk try interstateproducts.com.

Happy De-icing from the Environmental Stewardship Committee.

#### MKL Planning Committee

Seven Planning Committee outpost meetings have been scheduled in January and February in homes around the lake. In addition to being an excellent opportunity to provide input into the future activities and plans for our community, it is a great chance to interact with neighbors. While residents will be invited to specific meetings in their neighborhoods, all are welcome to attend any meeting that better fits their schedules.

The outpost discussion will be followed by a survey of interest in all the issues raised That, in turn, will be presented to the community, most likely at a special meeting in the spring. For those who can not attend any meeting, written comments are most welcome with suggestions and thoughts about any aspect of our lake community. These can be sent to Larisa Gjivoje or John Murray.

#### Harding Twp. News

AT 7:30 pm on February 6, John Murray will be giving an address at the Civic Association annual meeting at the new Vernon Firehouse. This is a chance to learn what's going on in the Township and what is being planned for 2006. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

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Ruth and Fenton Chaney have purchased the former Lappas house at 28 Lake Trail West. The Chaneys are presently living at 30 Primrose Trail.

If anyone has found a camera please contact Rose Wrigley.

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This winter we have had several losses in our community. On November 7, 2005, Joyce Canada died. Lou Bowden died on November 30, 2005 and Ros Reusser died on November 16, 2005.

Recently I received notes telling me that Barbara McGoldrick's mother and Gail Allyn's mother had passed away

We offer our sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of these former residents and relatives.