

Mt Kemble Lake Newsletter March 2009

Coming Events

- March 13....St Patrick's TGIF
- April 5..... Children's Easter Party
- April 17.....TGIF
- April 18....Spring Road Cleanup
- May 2.....VSA Dinner
- May 9.....Beach Cleanup
- May 22....Family TGIF

MKL Association Board Members

President	Austin Godfrey*
Secretary	Nancy Priscu*
Treasurer	Bob Yingling*
Asst. Treasurer	Cliff Bridge
Beaches & Docks	Don Kuhn
Clubhouse	Bettina Bierly
Community Affairs	Barbara Coe
Grounds	Diane Bonar
House Maintenance	Bruce Scolnick
Roads	Gail Chalfant
Water	Rick Barrett

* Lakeshore Co. Board Members

Country Club Board Members

President	Carl Bonar
Secretary	Ruth Chaney
Treasurer	David Dietz
Bar Chair	Mick Merenda
Social Chair	Karen Sabol

Association/Lakeshore Reorganization Completed!

The first joint meeting of the Mt Kemble Lake Association and the Lakeshore Board was held Friday, January 23, following a well-attended TGIF and including presentations by the two boards. The net result of the joint meeting is that the two organizations will continue to exist as separate entities but that the operations will be managed as though it was a single entity.

The purpose of this reorganization was to establish a more efficient management structure for the Lake. The community should now have a clearer idea of who is responsible for various areas. It will minimize redundant activities and sllow for a more efficient utilization of volunteer time.

Austin Godfrey, Bob Yingling, and Nancy Priscu were elected as the new president, treasurer, and secretary, respectively, to the Lakeshore Board at the January meeting. The Association Board is listed at left. We welcome volunteers to work with our elected board members to help with the various responsibilities they oversee, so please feel free to call any of them and let them know your interest.

Bob Yingling as treasurer will oversee the financial aspects of the two organizations and presented a combined financial report that gave a consolidated picture of the financial status of the community. To help him manage this greater responsibility he will have an assistant treasurer, Cliff Bridge.

Remembering Millie Kiernen

Our community has lost a long time member in the passing of Millie Kiernen on January 26th. A resident of Lake Trail East, she lived at Mt Kemble Lake for more than 51 years.

Born August 3, 1932, she moved to the lake in 1958. Her brother, Frederick, lives in Princeton. See the Mt Kemble Lake website for more details of Millie's life at the Lake.

Spring Road Cleanup Date Set!

Gail Chalfant, Roads Chair, has set Saturday, April 18 for our Spring Road Cleanup. (Rain date will be the following Saturday, April 25.)

Save the dates and come out to help clear out the debris from the winter storms and beautify our community and personal properties!

Lake Lowering Alert from Beaches and Docks!

Don Kuhn, Beaches and Docks Chair, alerts all that the lake will be lowered approximately six feet starting April 1 to allow Chris Backshall to get in with equipment to dredge below the diving board. The work should take only a day or two and will involve pulling sand from the lake that has shifted from the beach. Depending on the condition of the sand, it may be necessary to top dress the beach with fresh sand.

Don will distribute a notice to all lakeside residents in case they want to plan any maintenance on their docks.

Please also note the **new** guidelines for boats and docks that are posted on the MKL Web site.

Beach Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, with rain date set for May 16th. Save the dates!

Country Club Meeting Date in June!

The annual meeting of the Mt Kemble Lake Country Club will take place at the Clubhouse on Friday, June 12. Please contact Club board members if you are interested in volunteering for a position on the board.

Please also contact Karen Sabol if you have ideas for parties or want to volunteer! The Talent Show and April Surprise events for March and April are currently on hold.

Electric Dryer Available

The Sabols have an electric dryer available. Call (973) 425 0285 for details.

Jacket Still Missing!

The jacket that went missing after the **October TGIF** has still not been found. Please contact Betty D'Esterhazy if you know the whereabouts of a **Polar-Tec black fleece jacket** with blue stripe inside collar. It belongs to a Club guest from the New Vernon Rescue Squad. Check your closets for duplicates!

Treasurer's Link

The email for Mt Kemble Lake treasury business is: <u>mkltreasurer@comcast.net</u>

Bob Yingling, Treasurer, can also be reached at robert.yingling @gmail.com

and by phone at (973) 425-1192.

MKL Web Site

Check the Web site for photos of the recent parties, etc., at the Lake. Log on using the following link and passwords!

www.mountkemblelake.org

Login: mklresident Password: 425.

Power Outages Survived!

The Lake experienced its longest power outage in 31 years after the windstorm that swept through Morris County on February 12. Power went out Thursday and was not fully restored until Saturday evening. (Some power was restored by Friday night at 6 pm, but not all were so lucky.)

An emergency generator was brought in to the pump house to assure that water would continue to be provided and the water tanks wouldn't run dry. Thanks to our Water Committee overseer Bill Manser for looking out for our community welfare.

Pipes Update

Lakeshore expended \$118,000 on repairs to pipes, valves and a pump in the last two years and also reimbursed the Association for \$45,000 in dam/dredge expenses. Lakeshore's cash will also be decreasing in the future as a result starting to pay down the dam/dredge loan. Lakeshore's cash will be very low in 3-4 years without any adjustment in its fees. In addition, Lakeshore needs to build a reserve of about \$100,000 to cover anticipated replacement of some additional pipes over the next several years. The Lakeshore board will be evaluating this situation in concert with the new Finance Committee that the Association Board is forming to develop a long-range funding strategy for the lake.

Contact Barbara Coe if you have an item to contribute to the newsletter: 973 425 4088 or

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