

Mt Kemble Lake Newsletter



January, 2020
Winter Edition



MKL CALENDAR

Events

- Paint Your Pet Night – Sat. Feb 8th 7:00p at the Clubhouse. (See website for details)
- St. Pat's Day Pub Night – Sat. Mar 14th – 6:30 with live entertainment and pub games.



Regularly Scheduled

- Exercise Group M–W–F 8:45a
- Yoga – Tues - 8:45a
- Book Club¹ – 7:00p
Jan 29th
Feb 26th
Mar 24th
Apr 22nd

¹Contact mklcountryclub@gmail.com for book listings.

Board Meetings

- MKL Association Board - 5:30 p
Third Monday of month.
(No meeting in February)
- Country Club Board – 7:0 0p
Mar 31st

All meet in the Clubhouse



Shop the MKL Store

The following MKL items are available from the Store:

- Canvas bag - \$25.00
- Can cozies - \$ 3.00 each
- Tee-shirts - \$13 or \$15.00
- Polo shirts - \$30.00

Call Wendy Hamilton
973 224-1371

A new shipment of children's tee-shirts now available.

All proceeds benefit Clubhouse



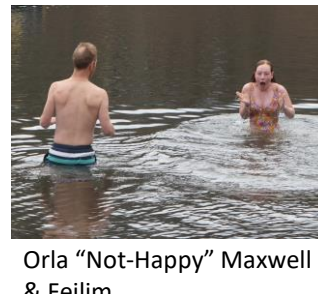
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POLAR BEARS & FRIENDS CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Continuing a tradition started almost 20 years ago, the annual New Year's Day gathering for the MKL Polar Bears' swim took place at the MKL Beach featuring 5 "Bears" followed by the annual Maxwell family swim event with Feilim and Orla Maxwell while Euan served impressively as a comfortable (and dry) observer.

The challenge is to break through the ice for a quick dip in the near-freezing water and return to a small but appreciative audience of on-lookers supporting with towels and this year, Charlie Priscu with some warming chocolate peppermint schnapps.

Although there was no ice in evidence, the 2 or 3° difference in water temperature above freezing was reported to be irrelevant. Participating "Bears" were Joyce Murray (founder), Bobbi Coulter, Marsha Heiden, Roe Bowden and Karen Sabol. Looking to get the New Year off to a brisk start? Join the Polar Bears next year: 12:00 noon – 1 Jan. '21.



ON THE SUBJECT OF SNOW

The Association Board reminds everyone that when snow is in the forecast, Association Rules require that if at all possible, cars must be parked **off** of the roads to allow for snow plowing and sanding, and for the passage of emergency vehicles. If off-road parking is unavoidable, parking **must** be on the side of the road nearest the lake.

Also, do not shovel snow into the roadways from your property or when cleaning off your vehicles. If your driveway is plowed out by a private service, then make them aware of this requirement.

Unless you have contracted separately, driveway clearing by the lake contractor is unable to clear the driveways of residents.

Yes, there is a Santa . . .

And he took time out of his busy Christmas prep to visit the Clubhouse riding on his special firetruck sleigh to dispense goodies to all.

The Annual Gathering of Mermaids

Celebrating another season, the MKL Mermaids held their annual dinner to mark the end of the swimming season and "honor" a few members. And yes, Karen Sabol IS holding a mermaid.




SPRING & FALL ROAD CLEANUP

The 2019 Fall Road Clean-up was held on Nov 23rd with volunteer turn-out about average.

Thanks to all who did come out and to Ken Heiden for organizing us, Dale Scolnick for the warming lunch. Over time, the MKLA Board has been asked to consider contracting out the clean-up especially as both seasonal timings tend to be busy for many folks.

In response to this trend, it was announced at the MKLA annual meeting that at least on a trial basis, Spring and Fall clean-ups will be contracted to the company that is currently supporting clean-up and snow plowing now for an additional cost of \$1,500-2,500 a year or \$16-26 per residence per year.

KUDOS TO TREVOR!

Trevor Hamilton joined Team Autism Speaks in the Fall to race to raise funds for autism research. He committed to raising \$3,500 for the charity but with generous support from Lake residents and others raised a whopping \$9,200 to rank 3rd out of 110 team members in total funds raised. Trev noted that 1/3rd of that total came from MKL.

He came very close to his goal of 4:15 (4:19:03) while learning to be a more technically fluid runner. He is currently aspiring to run a marathon in under 4 hours in 2020 and will be participating in one in New Jersey (Monmouth County) in late April to hopefully qualify to compete in the Chicago Marathon in October.

Trev sends along a heart felt THANK YOU! for his Lake cheering squad, without whom he cannot accomplish these goals.



For Board contact information and current schedules go to:
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Reval - Eval

The periodic reevaluation of Harding real estate for tax purposes was completed on Oct. 1st of 2019. This process occurs to realign taxes to better reflect changes in the relative value of properties. As a **rule of thumb** when revals occur the **relative** distribution of taxes goes up for 1/3rd of properties, down for 1/3rd and 1/3rd stay the same.

However, different property classes may experience less balanced relative distributions. For example a review of proposed value changes in Harding by John Murray and Chris Allyn found that the proposed average of **all** residential properties in Harding would increase about 7%. At the Lake, however, values are proposed to increase by an average of 24%! To a significant extent this redistribution would result from a proposed **decrease** in value of the highest assessed properties. For example, the 23 of the 25 highest assessed properties in 2019 are proposed to decrease in assessed value by a net of **over \$17 million** for 2020.

While some individual proposed assessments may change as the result of reviews currently underway the net tax revenue will have to stay the same. Contact john@jimmurray.us for more detail.

MKLA BOARD ELECTIONS

The slate of new MKLA Officers was unanimously elected at the 24 Jan. Annual Meeting. They are: Rebecca Dwyer, Colleen Roberts and Karen Sabol. In addition the following organization of positions was announced:

President – Bob Edgar¹ (New)
Secretary – Gail Allyn¹
Treasurer – Milt Hull¹
Beaches & Dock – Fred Luberto
Grounds – Colleen Roberts (New)
Housekeeping – Rebecca Dwyer (New)
House Maintenance – Karen Sabol (New)
Roads - Ken Heiden
¹ Also officers of Lakeshore Co.
Thanks and appreciation go out to Austin Godfrey, Joyce Murray and Nick Stiers for their Board service.

Environ-Reorg

In the 2018 MKL interests/priorities survey the #1 request for additional information was on Environmental Issues. The MKL Environmental Committee is reforming and needs additional members to help meet that interest.

Ideas currently under consideration include an Environment oriented, family TGIF with a 3D model of our water shed, and Inform Meetings on topics like invasive plant control, the use of phosphates and fertilizers, recommended planting for lake side and in general, and impact on fish and wildlife. New ideas could include projects for children and information on area resources such as the Great Swamp and the Pine Barrens.

If interested, contact Nancy Barrett. An organizational meeting will be scheduled soon and your ideas and enthusiasm are needed.
nancyfbarrett@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

John Mathias Pedersen - 93 – 51 LTW
Joan Haynsworth's father
6/3/26 – 11/19/19
Paula Cole Davidson – 69 - 22 Primrose
12/23/50 – 1/2/20
Phillip Serpe - 94
MKL Resident for 33 years
MKLA Board Member for 25 years
5/8/25 – 11/ 13/19
Marilyn Cornell Dupre – 88
MKL Resident for 41 years
James Irving – 83
MKL resident for 25 years

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

- Kate & Jerome Stanley - 7 LTW
- Rebecca Dwyer & Matt McMorro 58 LTW
- Karen & Eric Helstrom - 58 LTE
- Laura Landy & Robert Corman – 76 LTE
- Tine Olesen & Hans Lilja - 28 LTW (Moved from LTE)

FAREWELL TO OLD FRIENDS

- Diane and Carl Bonar – Last seen Westward bound to California after 23 years at MKL