

# Mt Kemble Lake Newsletter



April, 2020

Spring Edition

## MKL CALENDAR

### Events

#### Social Events

None Scheduled



#### Regularly Scheduled

- Yoga – Marcia Heiden has a yoga class routine posted to YouTube as an excellent substitute. Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOTygWQCehA&feature=youtu.be>

- Book Club<sup>1</sup> – 7:00 p May 27<sup>th</sup>  
(Virtual Meeting)

<sup>1</sup>Contact [mklcountryclub@gmail.com](mailto:mklcountryclub@gmail.com) for dates and book listings.

#### Board Meetings

- MKL Association Board - 5:30 p  
Third Monday of month.  
(Virtual Meeting)
- Country Club Board – 7:00p  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Need assistance during lockdown with groceries, prescriptions, dog walking, face masks? Contact the MKL COVID19 Help Line through Joan Fitzhugh, 973 425-9010 for volunteer support or [joancarol@aol.com](mailto:joancarol@aol.com)



#### 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 Kara Stires  
973 903-4513

Children's tee-shirts now available.  
All proceeds benefit Clubhouse



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[john@jjmurray.us](mailto:john@jjmurray.us)



## Invader at Our Border

Just over the hill from the Lake where Rt 202 crosses Primrose Brook and Glen Alpin, lurks a water-loving invader, Japanese Knotweed. The plant, a non-native, is a very large herbaceous perennial with green or reddish stems resemble bamboo, though not

related. It's called; "...one of the most difficult to control plant species in the home landscape". It spreads by both underground stems and seeds and forms dense clumps that crowd-out other plants. Once established it adapts to most conditions. Native in the Far East, it arrived here in the late 19th century as an ornamental. If found in/ around the Lake, contact Ken Heiden or Colleen Roberts. On private property use products like glyphosate-based herbicides e.g., Roundup and Rodeo. Typically they are mixed with water and applied with a garden sprayer.

Last Fall, the weed was "topped" along Rt 202 which appears to have checked the existing growth. Look for a reoccurrence though when driving North but especially be alert to growth in our Lake environment.



## A Perfect Pet Painting Party

The Paint Your Pet Night event was held at the Clubhouse on February 8<sup>th</sup> and by all measures was thoroughly enjoyed by all 21 artists. Guided by an art instructor, the results produced some pretty impressive efforts.

Unfortunately, Rick Barrett (not shown), through an unfortunate misunderstanding of the intent, brought his dog Suzy to have her coat touched up, and had to take her home. He did return, however, to produce a marvelous Cubist representation of her.



## St Patty's in the Age of Coronavirus

Arguably the last Clubhouse social event at least through the summer, the St Patrick's Day party in March was an unqualified success except for the qualification that it was pretty much stripped of attendees because of rapidly increasing concerns over COVID 19. Reservations started the week before with over 50 confirmed attendees but by the night of the party only 21 intrepid folks (including the committee) were comfortable attending.

But attend they did and had a great time!



The Hooley Shooters Band provided a lot of life to the party, while the Witwers walked off with the dart competition first prize (Girl Scout Cookies). The most excellent traditional Irish fare, supervised by Irish Person Roe Bowden, was appreciated by all. Thanks to Gail and Chris Allyn and their committee for a great COVID 19 send off.

## Boxwood Pandemic

Most folks are aware that English Boxwoods, popular in landscaping around the Lake, are under siege from a disease. To avoid spreading of the disease, it is **very important** that the affected plants be appropriately disposed of.

Affected Boxwoods should be plastic bagged and put in the regular trash to be taken away by Rubinetti. NEVER put plants in community composts

## Garden Club

Colleen Roberts, MKLA Grounds Chair, is looking to form a Garden Club for folks interested in gardening around their homes and of course at the Lake garden.

If you would like to participate, contact Colleen for follow-up information: [colleen109@gmail.com](mailto:colleen109@gmail.com)

## Grounds Committee Update

Colleen also notes that several activities involving Grounds are taking place around the Lake and more help would be appreciated.

- The playground is being repaired and cleaned up.
- The LTE entrance and LTW-Trails End corner are being cleaned up for better site-distancing
- Numerous small improvement jobs are available.
- Spring Clean-up will be conducted by Chris Backshall and company

## Beaches and Docks Update

Fred Luberto has been advised by the County Health Department that the Lake Beach will not be issued a use permit and is to remain closed until further notice. Lake-side resident use is not restricted by the County order.

The MKLA Board is working on a plan to make sure that the Beach is ready for use when restrictions are lifted that would involve a few folks at a time, respecting social distances guidelines, working over several days to make that happen. Fred will be issuing more information later this Spring.

## Anything's Possible on Lockdown

Nancy Priscus & "Dogs" Reading Together.



Nancy notes: "Yes, they are adorable and available for "walkies" if you want to get to know them better."



## Birthdays on FIRE (Trucks)

In late April, two MKL boys celebrated separate Birthdays in grand style with the arrival of a surprise parade of fire trucks and police cars right at their doorsteps. Miles Brock (10) and Peter Johnson (9) were both surprised when 4 firetrucks escorted by police cars arrived at their houses with lights flashing and sirens blaring, courtesy of the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Co.



See the MKL Website for more details on Lake Information:

[www.mountkemblelake.org](http://www.mountkemblelake.org)

Login: mklresident

Password: Lake#425

## MKLA BOARD MEMBERS

See website for contact info

President – Bob Edgar<sup>1</sup>

Secretary – Gail Allyn<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer – Milt Hull<sup>1</sup>

Beaches & Docks – Fred Luberto

Grounds – Colleen Roberts

Housekeeping – Rebecca Dwyer

House Maintenance – Karen Sabol

Roads - Ken Heiden

Water System – Charlie Priscu

Dam Maintenance – Rick Barrett

<sup>1</sup> Also officers of Lakeshore Co.

## Corona Do's

**Do** – Drive carefully - There are many more walkers on the roads these days AND to maintain social distancing they may unexpectedly split to opposite sides of the road as cars approach. Although the posed speed limit is 25 mph, when passing walkers on both sides of the road, a much slower speed is warranted.

**Do** – Walkers – If you are walking your dog(s), please make sure to pick up any "waste" AND take it home with you, or it will be returned to you 10 fold.

**Do** – Check out a Virtual Book at the Kemmerer Library in New Vernon. Alison Maxwell of LTW, doubles as Country Club Secretary and Head Librarian and would be happy to recommend good reads and/or provide guidance on how to access them virtually.

**Do** – Check in on your neighbors. These are high stress times and the more vulnerable of us by need a little support and assistance.

## IN MEMORIUM

**Don Kuhn** – 89 of 15 LTE died on March 30. He is survived by his wife Teeny and their six children and their spouses.

## WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

- Hallie Bulleit & Chris Gethard - 33 LTW
- Nancy and John Darby - 38 LTE (June move-in)
- Lindsey (Tong) & Tim Addison - 25 Primrose
- Joanna & Wayne Canada – Bill Canada's son and daughter-in-law – 11 LTE
- Karen & Eric Helstrom Renting 58 LTE
- Randy Stoddard – Renting 83 Primrose

## FAREWELL TO OLD FRIENDS

- Bobbi Coulter and Jay Pultz have officially moved to another lake community in the North Carolina Piedmont. They are leaving the Lake after 42 years.
- Bill Canada is moving to Fellowship Village near Liberty Corners, after 26 years at the Lake.