

Mt Kemble Lake Newsletter



July, 2020

Summer Edition



MKL CALENDAR

Events

- Social Events**
September 6 – Around the ‘World’ Lake Walk - Details to follow.



Regularly Scheduled

- Yoga – Marcia Heiden leads a yoga class on the Clubhouse Deck on Tuesdays (weather permitting). Bring your mat and join in. Reservations not required.
- Book Club¹
July 22, Sept. 23, Aug. 26, Oct. 28 (Meets on the Deck – All at 7:00pm)

¹For book selections sign in at:
<http://www.mountkemblelake.org/>

Board Meetings

- MKL Association Board - 5:30 pm
Third Monday of month.
(Virtual Meeting)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

For assistance during lockdown with groceries, prescriptions, dog walking, etc. Contact the MKL COVID19 Help Line through Joan Fitzhugh, (973) 425-9010 for support or e-mail joancarol@aol.com



Shop the MKL Store

Items are available from the MKL Store: Canvas Bags - \$25 Each
Can Cozi's - \$3 Each or 4 for \$10
Tee-Shirts* (Adult & Kids sizes) \$13
Golf Shirts* \$30 Each
*XL & XXL are \$2 Extra

Call Kara Stires
973 903-4513

All proceeds benefit Clubhouse



The MKL Newsletter is published at the start of every quarter. Your contributions are needed to make that possible. Please sent topics/suggestions to:
john@jjmurray.us

Oh No! Not Knotweed! - Installment 3

Reporting on the progressive invasion of Japanese Knotweed has become a regular series in the Newsletter. That reporting has taken an unfortunate turn, however, with the recent discovery of a significant presence of this invasive plant on MKL properties. Called; "...one of the most difficult to control plant species in the home landscape," it is now an MKL problem.

A recent walk sponsored by the Environmental Stewardship Comm. (ESC) and led by Robert Corman, easily spotted numerous clumps of the weed at the intersection of LTE and Alpine, stretching almost the entire length of Alpine. Most of these have since been eradicated. The ESC is tasked with implementing a best practices plan for remediating this invader by evaluating the effectiveness of different approaches. Knotweed has a smooth-edged heart-shaped leaf. A similarly shaped leaf (shown on the right), however, has a distinctly serrated edge and is NOT invasive.

To participate or for question contact: esc@mountkemblelake.org



School's Out! (officially that is)

Thanks to COVID 19 the school year in Harding ended with more of a whimper than a bang but that did not stop a group of Lake kids celebrating the "official" end of the school year big time,



Note: It is rumored that **no one** was heard to ask; "But what about next year?" except for a couple of really big "kids" not shown.

County Club Board

Board Reorganization

On July 20th, the Country Club Board announced the reorganization following the recent election results as follows:

Alison Maxwell	President
Chris Allyn	Secretary
Kara Stires	VP - Treasurer
Trevor Hamilton	Bar
Joan Haynsworth	Social
Katey Stanley	Social
Barbara Coe	Community Affairs

Invader Update

UNWELCOME INVADERS

Japanese Knotweed - (Story above)

Multiflora Rosa – Despite the pretty name, this shrub forms thorny thickets that displaces native vegetation. The ESC has ongoing activity to reduce its presence on Lake property and recently had a work detail of Nancy Barrett, Barbara Coe, Colleen Roberts, & Joan Haynsworth to remove the shrubs from around the Clubhouse.

WELCOME INVADER

Pirate Sighting! - On July 4th there was a first ever sighting of a pirate ship invasion. The ship was first allowed to make significant progress down the Lake because of initial confusion caused by the Captain appearing to look like Ken Heiden. Since the ship was "Beached" before it could be boarded, no positive identification was possible so you be the judge from the picture below.



Association Board Update

Much has been accomplished at the Lake since the last Newsletter. Still, if you are looking for something to do with your COVID 19 imposed "vacation," feel free to contact any Board member to volunteer. **Spoiler Alert:** You don't have to wait to be asked.

Grounds

Colleen Roberts notes that several activities involving Grounds are taking place around the Lake and more help is needed.

- The LTE entrance and LTW-Trails End corner have been significantly cleaned up and wood chipped to improve site-distances.
- Invasive plant remediation is a significant focus (see Knotweed story elsewhere) and help is needed in support of those activities.

Beaches and Docks

After the County-approved opening of the Beach and docks, Fred Luberto and volunteers have been actively involved in the maintenance and improvement of Lake facilities.

- The Little Beach floating dock was replaced by Bob Edgar, John Hall and Jeff Sabol and son.
- A "Goose Patrol" (Fred, Felim Maxwell & Mark Baumgarten) found and addled eggs to help control this population.
- The team of Fred & Mary Luberto prepped the beach picnic table for painting and upgraded the shallow steps at the beach.
- The caved in fishing hole steps were removed and rebuilt.

Roads

Ken Heiden reports that a milling project on Primrose and several repairs are scheduled for this Summer, most notably at several locations on LTE.

Water System

Charlie Priscu notes that the last 3 mos. Of water reading showed naturally occurring Arsenic levels below the NJ State limits, continuing an encouraging downward trend.

MKLA BOARD MEMBERS
See website for contact info

Thoughts for a Lockdown



Joan Haynsworth has published a book of her artistic guide to survival for those times when we reflect on the more humorous side of the pandemic. Contact Joan directly – Cost is \$40.

How to Survive a Pandemic



A Retirement FIRE (Trucks)



Charlie Priscu celebrated his retirement in style with a personal fire truck parade at his doorstep courtesy of the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Co.

Pickrel Pickle

This almost 2' long Pickrel was caught in the Lake in July. Introduced to the Lake several years ago by an itinerant boat, they fortunately have not thrived as they are an aggressive carnivore of smaller game fish e.g., bass and perch.



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 posted 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 in on your neighbors. These are high stress times and the more vulnerable of us may need a little support and assistance.

Corona Don't – Fish near the Beach!
The hook below was found LODGED in the safety rope at the Beach! Really!?!?



IN MEMORIAM

Richard Manz, 59 LTE, an MKL resident for 55 years left us on June 9th. Dick is survived by his wife Cindy (Daughter of former residents Norma and Bud May) and three children, all raised at the Lake – A true Lake family.

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

- Andrea Couto and Gus Cipella – 19 Primrose
- Barbara and Matthew Stanton – 15 LTW
- Nancy and John Darby – 38 LTW

FAREWELL TO OLD FRIENDS

- Nancy and Mike Witwer
- Liz and Malcom Mead
- Bobbi and Jay Coulter-Pultz

See the MKL Website for more details on Lake Information:

www.mountkemblelake.org

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