

# Mt Kemble Lake Newsletter



Fall 2020 Edition



## MKL CALENDAR

### Events

- Social Events**  
October 10 – **COVID Mask-erade Octoberfest** – 3:00-7:00  
Bring your best COVID Mask & enjoy an afternoon/evening of food, fun and music for all-ages with games in the afternoon and a concert on the Clubhouse lawn in the evening. RSVP by 10/3. Masks are required, but have fun with it.



### Regularly Scheduled

- Yoga – Marcia Heiden leads a yoga class on the Clubhouse Deck on Tuesdays (weather permitting). Reservations not required - Contact Marcia, as colder weather will change schedules.
- Exercise Class –Suspended until the Board reopens the Clubhouse.
- Book Club<sup>1</sup>  
Oct., 28, Nov, 18  
(Location TBD– All at 6:00pm)

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

### Board Meetings

- MKL Association Board - 5:30 pm  
3rd Monday of the month.  
(Virtual Meeting)



### A Non-note on Halloween

As of this writing, neither the state, Morris County, Harding nor MKL have announced any restrictions on Trick or Treating. Still, these are not normal times – caution is the word.



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](mailto:john@jjmurray.us)

## Oh No! Not (more) Knotweed! – Installment 4

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 discovery of a significant presences of this invasive on MKL properties. Called the 'Godzilla weed' —it is one of the world's most tenacious invasive plants It is well established along Rt 202, up and down Primrose Brook/Bailey's Mill and now right here at MKL. Killing and/or removing this invasive early is important as it is very difficult to remove once rooted. Mature plants not only crowd out other plants but can destroy concrete foundations and change in flow the watershed. A similarly shaped leaf (shown right), however, has a distinctly serrated edge and is NOT invasive.

**Disposal:** Cuttings/roots MUST be properly disposed of in black bags to stop further spread. Unfortunately, at this point Rubinetti will NOT accept bagged cuttings so contact the Environmental Stewardship Committee(ESC) for suggestions and/or to report growth, participate in remediation or for questions at: [esc@mountkemblelake.org](mailto:esc@mountkemblelake.org)



### A BIG Thanks



To show their appreciation, Maddie, Peter, Emilia and Miles made a BIG “Thank you” banner for Ken Heiden & Bob Edgar for their work repairing the playground.

### Mighty Fishman Bests Might Fish

Ten YO Griffin Lucas bested a possibly “older” but not “wiser” large mouth bass weighing almost 10% of his 80 lbs. He has caught a larger fish (he says), he named Chill Bill but “did not get a picture”. Humm. This bass was returned to the Lake to fight another day. When asked for the location he would not divulge his lucky spot but said: “You can go fish by Godfrey’s dock if you want.” Smart kid.



### Not Travelling the World Much These Days?

The MKL Country Club & Lake Residents brought the World to us. The very successful Walk the World (at Home) event attracted around 100 “travelers” who were pampered with treats and décor from 14 different countries. Takk, Danke, Gracias, Xie xie, Thanks, Tak, 고마워, Teşekkür to Joan Haynsworth and her Committee. See the attached pictures and for more (and better pictures), visit the MKL website at: [www.mountkemblelake.org/blog](http://www.mountkemblelake.org/blog)

## Association Board Update

There has been a lot accomplished over the Summer.

### Beaches and Docks – Fred Luberto

Bacteria levels at the beach were very low throughout the summer, as beach use was at a high due to hot weather and fewer people traveling.

A few geese tried a return, but Gavin Lucas chased them with his RC speedboat.

With the help of the ECS, natural weed control with the use of fewer chemicals distributed by airboat is being tried.

A lot of beach things have been stored under the Clubhouse deck. If anyone is missing anything they should check there.

### Roads – Ken Heiden

All milling and repair projects on Lake roads have been completed.



Once again, Fall road clean-up will be by a contractor. On or around Thanksgiving weekend, leaves will be picked up.

Some reminders:

1. Members may place yard leaves roadside to be picked up.
2. If piling leaves roadside, avoid restricting the road.
3. If you live next to a vacant Lake lot, members may spread leaves on the lot. Do not dump in piles.
4. DO NOT dump/blow leaves into the Lake. This increases eutrophication and adds cost to control algae growth.
5. Members only may dump leaves at the former ballfield. Throw them beyond the high area.
6. DO NOT place leaves on the former dumping area by the garden.
7. Contractors may NOT use any Lake properties for leaf dumping.


**Note:** Out of safety concerns, the Speed Limit around the Lake has been reduced 15 MPH.


**MKLA BOARD MEMBERS CONTACTS**  
See website for contact info


## Halloween Update

The MKL Country Club is seeking resident input on preferences for celebrating Halloween at the Lake.

Options are:

 Celebrate Oct. **30th** for MKL children only, no outside children.

 Celebrate Oct. **31th** for MKL children only, no outside children.

 Celebrate Oct **31st** - outside attendance.

Send preferences (and comments) by Oct 5 to:

[mklcountryclub@gmail.com](mailto:mklcountryclub@gmail.com)



### Respect Our Neighbors

Many residents do not realize how “tight” the boundaries of Lake Properties are making it easy to stray on to private property. Along Primrose, Trails End Alpine for

example, the boundary is actually the back of the property of Lake residents. At one point, however, the open space lot next to the tennis court, has inviting trails that venture onto the property of a neighbor who is fine with visits from MKL folks but request the following:

- Stay on the improved trails
- Leave “no trace.”
- Make sure children understand they are on private property AND have permission from parents to go there.



### Grounds – Colleen Roberts

Major tree work is scheduled for this quarter that may result in temporary road blockages.

### Water System – Charlie Priscu

For the last 5 mos. water analysis has continued to show naturally occurring Arsenic levels below the NJ State limit, which is half the Federal limit, continuing an encouraging trend.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOR

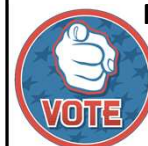
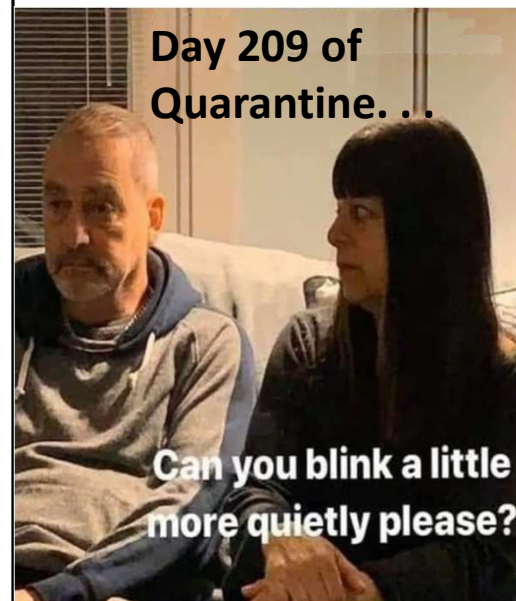
Nicole Wescoe – 40 LTE

## Corona Do's

**Do** – Drive carefully - There are still 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 15 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.



### November 3<sup>rd</sup>

While in-person voting will be possible on a limited basis in Harding, Morris

County is setting up 15 secure boxes around the county – none in Harding. So, if you are considering mailing your ballot, it must be **postmarked** by Nov.3<sup>rd</sup> to be counted. For more detail, see:

<https://elections.morriscountynj.gov/ways-to-vote/#boxes>

See the MKL Website for more details on Lake Information:

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

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