

# MLCA & WAG NEWSLETTER



Fall 2016 Edition  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Thank you to everyone in the membership, all of our volunteers, and community partners for making our past year a huge success! Your support has truly helped the MLCA & WAG grow and continue to work towards our mission!

Our annual meeting was well attended and showcased the hard work of volunteers, the incredible ideas from the membership, and the passion that still exists in this volunteer organization! As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the MLCA & WAG began our 2016-2017 fiscal year (FY). We are hoping to see continued success for this organization, the community and especially the Mt. Lake Watershed!

Sincerely,  
Shannon Schaaf

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Shannon Schaaf	President/Editor
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### **COMMUNITY PLANT SWAP**

**Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am  
@ Pavilion on Lakeside Dr. West**

Have a lot of one perennial/shrub?  
Divide a plant & bring it in to trade  
with a neighbor! No invasive plants  
allowed. Native plants encouraged!

**Swapping will start at 10am! See  
you there!**

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### **MLCA & WAG 2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

Our Fiscal Year (FY) begins annually on July 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year. MLCA & WAG has now entered our 2016-2017 FY. Please detach, complete form on back and mail to:

**MLCA & WAG  
P.O. Box 275  
Great Meadows, NJ 07838**

A \$30 contribution for membership dues helps to support various activities, projects and educational opportunities. **Here are some past/future supported MLCA projects/sponsorships:**

- Lake treatment & monitoring to ensure health and recreation opportunities (Covers treatment of only 12 acres)
- Support the Mt. Lake Ladies Auxiliary & Mt. Lake Fire Company, Sponsorship of Community Day & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kayak Race, local Eagle Scout Projects and other environmental education events that work towards our mission.
- Annual newsletter mailings – Option to go green and receive newsletter via email
- Annual Scholarship Program
- Development of a Lake Management Plan

**2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Community Plant Swap, at the lake Pavilion by the beach 9-11 am.

Oct – TBA Meeting regarding an Executive Director Position and search

\*ML Fire Co – Breakfasts every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, except Jan, Feb, Sept, & Dec

**OUR NEW WEBSITE:**

Thanks to the hard work and donation from Ryan Leonard, MLCA & WAG has a brand new website!

Check it out, send feedback and keep posted for updates! Posted is information about the organization, history, events and volunteer opportunities.

Visit [www.mlcaawag.org](http://www.mlcaawag.org) For more information.

**Tri Mountain Lake Sprint Triathlon 2016**

Our first annual triathlon was a great success! Thank you to all of our volunteers, sponsors, partners and participants for making it a success! We had beautiful weather for 126 participants in the event, ranging in ages from 13 to 68!

With the success of this fundraiser, MLCA & WAG is able to move forward with another component of our lake management plan development! Check the website for more information.

**SAVE the DATE: JULY 15, 2017**  
**For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
**Tri Mountain Lake Triathlon**



**LAKE MANAGEMENT & TREATMENT:**

- Water Monitoring Team: Two volunteer teams have been on the lake once a month taking measurements for pH, temperature, clarity, and visually observing the lake. They have done an incredible job collecting data! More detailed information is available on our website.
- MLCA & WAG contracts with Solitude Lake Management for aquatic weed and lily pad control of only 12 acres, along open space/public access areas. Several homeowners contract their services for their own lakefront management. It is **ILEGAL** to spray/treat the lake with chemicals on your own. For information or quotes, contact Solitude or Aquatic Analysts for a consultation/quote.  
Solitude Lake Management: Hackettstown 908.850.0303  
Aquatic Analysts: Middleville 973.383.6264
- Lake Management Plan UPDATE: MLCA & WAG is currently working towards completing a vegetation assessment and map of Mountain Lake.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Bird House Builder: MLCA received donated building materials and birdhouse plans. Just need saw, hammer, and nails!

Lake Scouts: Identify and report explosive or invasive plant growth in the lake.

Holiday Decoration Contest: Looking for 3-5 volunteers to be on a committee to help run the contest. Contact the association for more info.

**MLCA & WAG 2016-2017 Membership Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here to switch to go paperless:

Active Member dues: \$30

Contribution\* \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Some people wish to contribute more than the amount of their dues. A **Life Time Membership** is available for a donation of \$1000. This includes corporate funds matched in your name.