

MLCA & WAG NEWSLETTER



Spring 2016 Edition

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy 2016! A new year, bringing continued growth and progress to the watershed! Over the past six months, there has been so much support and accomplishments! Thank you to all those folks dedicated to removing trash from our watershed! Thank you to our volunteers who renovated the MLCA & WAG bulletin Board: Rob Bechok who rebuilt the doors and installed new Plexiglas and Dave Snyder for the beautiful new lettering! Thank you to our dedicated Water Quality Monitoring team, Rich and Donna Larsen for continuing to monitor the lake's water quality through the fall. Thank you to all the volunteers who serve as Board members, members of the grant-writing/fundraising committee and trustees. Very importantly, thank you to all who support the MLCA & WAG by attending events and becoming members! None of this is possible without you all! Cheers to a great year!
Sincerely, Shannon Schaaf

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SAVE THE DATE – Sat. July 16, 2016!



SPRINT TRIATHLON

Half Mile SWIM - 15 Mile BIKE - 3 Mile RUN

Liberty, New Jersey

Visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Liberty/>

TRIMountainLake

MLCA & WAG 2015 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Please detach, complete form on back and mail to: MLCA & WAG, P.O. Box 275, Great Meadows, NJ 07838 or via email at mlca.wag@gmail.com. Annual dues for 2016 are due by June 30, 2016.

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

- Herbicide Treatment & water monitoring at the lake to ensure health and recreation opportunities
- Support the Mt. Lake Ladies Auxiliary 2015 Halloween Party & the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt.
- Canoe/kayak storage to be donated by MLCA & WAG to Liberty Twp. – making the lake more accessible! This is still in progress. Funds will be used to purchase this in the near future.
- Annual newsletter mailings – Option to go green and receive newsletter via email
- Sponsorship of Liberty Twp.'s Community Day & the 2nd Annual Kayak Race
- Scholarship Program – The 2016 recipient will be announced at the summer membership meeting!
- 2015 Nature Walk – Provided volunteer support for the event and the educational signs installed around the lake.
- Supported Eagle Scout Project with \$500 donation to build new lifeguard chairs at the beach.

2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 5th – Native Seed Workshop, 9:30 am at Twp. Building

March 26th – Easter Egg Hunt – MLFC Ladies Auxiliary 11 am @ Firehouse

April 23rd– Celebrate Arbor Day with FREE Trees, 10am-Noon at the Lake Pavilion

April 30th – Raymond the Amish Comic @ Mt. Lake Firehouse

May 5th – MLFC Annual Golf outing

June 11th – Liberty Twp. Community Day & 3rd Annual Kayak Race (Youth and Adult categories)

July 16th – Tri Mountain Lake Sprint Triathlon, 8 am

July 29th – Moth Night at Merrill Creek Reservoir, Free evening to view moths and learn, 10 pm

July 31st – MLFC Car, Truck & Bike Show, 10 am

Aug 5th – MLCA & WAG Membership Meeting @ 7pm

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

RECAP: US Auxiliary Coast Guard Presentation

A huge THANK YOU to the Lake Hopatcong Flotilla for an excellent presentation!

Tips for safe boating:

- Check the weather before going out & dress for it
- Have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) on board, always
- Have a float plan – Tell someone where you are going & when you will be back
- Drink water – the sun is hot
- Under 13, you must wear a PFD. It's the law!
- Know your boats weight limit – don't overload your vessel!

Tri Mountain Lake Sprint Triathlon 2016

This event is being sponsored by MLCA & WAG, DASH Multisport and the Mountain Lake Fire Company. This sprint triathlon will raise money to support the goals of the association & support our local Fire Dept. Funds will be used to support a Lake Management Plan and more educational/fun events!

Spread the word! We need participants, sponsors and volunteers to make this event a success!

Date: Saturday, July 16, 2016 @ 8am

Learn more at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Liberty/TRIMountainLake>

Or contact Shannon Schaaf at mlca.wag@gmail.com

or 908.475.5122

We need your help!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2016

Join us on Friday **August 5th** at the Mountain Lake Firehouse at **7pm** for our annual general membership meeting.

We will review goals, update the membership on spring projects, lake management plan progress, and other fall happenings. Hope to see you there!

GET READY FOR SPRING!

- Join us **March 5th** for a native seed workshop! This event is free and open to all ages. MLCA & the Liberty Twp. Environmental Commission (LTEC) will provide information about the benefits of using native plants, as well as provide seeds, soil and pots to grow your own! We are encouraging people to grow them at home and bring them to the MLCA table at Community Day, where the plants will be used in public spaces! **Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am**
- Celebrate Arbor Day – Stop by the Lake Pavilion on Sat., **April 23rd** to pick up **free**, native trees for your property! The LTEC will be giving away over 200 1' tree saplings to good homes! Open to all residents and surrounding community! Information will be available at the event about planting, care and species available. **Time: 10 am – 12pm**
- 3rd Annual Kayak Race- Join us on Community Day, **June 11th**, for a friendly race across the lake! We will have two heats racing – Youth and Adults. Bring your kayak and PFD and get ready for some fun. More information will be available on the website this spring!

MLCA & WAG 2016 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.