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BOARD'S MESSAGE:

Summer is in full swing on the lake! Yoga and Tai chi are back under the pavilion next to the beach Wednesday evenings at 6pm and three cheers for the beach opening! It feels great to gather with family and friends and cool off in the water. Many hours of meetings, training, and water monitoring have gone into ensuring Mountain Lake was able to open this year. Thank you to the teams of volunteers that continuously monitor the water quality, keep the public notified, our partnership of biweekly meetings with Liberty Township Official and Environmental Commission members, Rec Commission and our Mt Lake Fire Co for aerating the water.

SAVE THE DATES! The MLCA annual membership meeting will be held Friday, August 20th at 7PM at the Mt Lake Firehouse. All community members are encouraged to attend. We are excited to welcome Chris Miko from Princeton Hydro as our guest speaker. Chris will provide insight as to the changes we've seen in our water quality. Stay tuned for our fall cleanup date!

Also, a big **Congratulations to Jacquie & Ken Lunden** on being recognized as Hometown Heroes by Congressman Gottheimer! The Mt. Lake Community Association nominated them because of their extreme dedication and lifelong commitment to the community!

Cheers,
Daniele Nevins, VP

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2021 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 20th - MLCA Annual Membership Meeting

September 25th - Community Day

September 25th - Paper Shredding Event @ Warren County Administration Building (8am-11am)

October 11th -16th - Fall Clean Up Week

November 2nd - General Election Day (6am-8pm)

November - Free Rabies Clinic at DPW Garage

*MLFC event info can be found at
www.72fire.com

MT. LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2021 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Become a member and help us protect the lake! Please detach, complete form 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. MLCA is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization and all donations and memberships are tax deductible.

Here are some past/future supported MLCA projects/sponsorships:

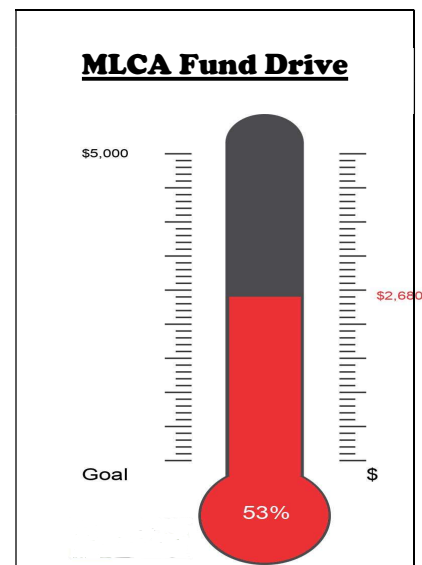
- Lake monitoring to ensure health and recreation opportunities
- Annual newsletter mailings & continuing to work toward developing a Lake Management Plan
- Annual Scholarship Program
- Biannual Newsletters (our goal this year is to increase to three mailings)
- Large scale weed harvesting and hydro-raking project at the lake in partnership with Liberty Township

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on our website

Help Us Help The Lake!

The MLCA needs your help! We have set a goal to raise \$5,000 in donations and increase our membership count to 125 membership households by August 20th. We just passed the halfway mark and need the community's support. If you know a fellow lake lover that is not a member or would be willing to donate, please help spread the news. With the funds raised, the Association can continue to partner in weed harvesting and lake management to ensure health and recreation opportunities. Last year's contributions helped us achieve our goals and reduced the amount of nutrients in the lake. The MLCA website www.mlca.org provides a mailing address for check donations or payment can be submitted on the site via PayPal.

Check out our website for our most current 2021 Membership List.



Water Monitoring Program Update By Bob Ballou

A vital step in identifying and addressing water quality issues in our lake is to have a solid water quality monitoring program in place. The MLCA has been monitoring water temperature, clarity, and pH over the past several years. This year, we stepped up our monitoring program in a big way. With guidance from Princeton Hydro, we established a more robust program involving bi-weekly measurements of temperature, clarity, pH, and dissolved oxygen, and monthly measurements of phosphorus – conducted by a dedicated team of volunteers from the Association. We began on May 15, and will be continuing through the fall. We are monitoring a station at the center of the lake, where the depth reaches a maximum of 37 feet; as well as two other stations at the south and north ends, each at about 20-foot depth. At each station, we are taking measurements throughout the water column to better understand the status of our seasonally stratified lake.

The information we are collecting, and will continue collecting, will better enable us to:

- Keep tabs on current conditions
- Track changes over time
- Flag problems
- Guide and inform management actions
- Gauge the effectiveness of management actions

On a parallel track, we are also collaborating with NJDEP to help ensure the lake is monitored regularly for blue-green algae – at the boat ramp as well as the three lake stations.

Princeton Hydro will review our data and provide recommendations in a report this winter. We look forward to vetting those recommendations with the community and forging a path forward.

We wouldn't be able to do all we're doing without the support of the Association, which is funding and spearheading the new monitoring program. A huge thank you to all involved, with special thanks to Larry Supp, Rich Larsen, Dan Kurela, John Ward, Daniele Nevins, Sarah Longo, and Ryan Leonard.

Membership Registration - Our membership year ends December 31st.

*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.

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