



CLCS News

SPRING 2015

The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

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President's Message

This winter brought Copake Lake an abundance of snow, frigid temperatures and a frozen lake for many to enjoy. Whether your activities included snowmobiling, ice skating, snowshoeing, ice fishing, or a walk in the brisk air around the lake, the goings-on were everywhere.

We usually see our Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's on and around our lake throughout the summer. How exciting to see them on the ice in the wintertime! On January 13th ice rescue training was conducted at Copake Lake by some of the fine men of our Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's department. The ice was 12 inches thick at the time of their training. They cut a triangle section through the ice and push that piece under the ice.

It is warming for me to know that the icy waters are behind us, and we are making our way into the 2015 spring and summer seasons. There is nothing like hearing and seeing our lake community come alive with boats upon the water, lawn mowers sprucing up the grass, neighbors chatting, cyclists and joggers on the roadside once again. Although you may not see the Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) event signs all winter long, the CLCS Board is always busy planning for the new season's events. Everyone on the Board works hard making arrangements to roll out our calendar with key dates, designing merchandise, and working on enhancing our communication with our community. Our Board hopes that providing this information as early as possible will assist each of you with planning your own personal calendars. We all look forward to seeing each of you at the various community events.

The NYS Boaters Safety Course and shoreline clean up are both wonderful ways for many of us to start off the spring and summer seasons. I hope all of you were able to

mark your calendars for these annual happenings. The NYS Boaters Safety Course is a great course for young and old. The education it provides is priceless. Cleaning up our shoreline is vital to keeping our waterway safe. Often what is "loose" on the shorelines ends up floating in the lake. If you see debris floating in the water please remove it even if it is a plastic bottle. Every little bit helps!

I consider myself blessed to be a part of our lake community and fortunate enough to have the time to be a part of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Supporting CLCS functions and doing your own part to contribute to keeping our lake a safe and a sparkling oasis is always a positive example of donating of your time.

Thank you everyone for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you around the lake! May your spring and summer bring you and yours much joy, laughter and peace.

Debra Ruggieri, President



Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's Ice Rescue Training Day on Copake Lake. Photo by Buddy Sinisi.

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The Communications Committee serves to design, publish, and monitor various media communications, such as the newsletter, website, email correspondence, and road signs.

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The Education Committee is responsible for the design, writing, and dissemination of educational materials, and the presentation of educational programs for the membership.

Cherie Berk	Maria Powers*
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The Finance Committee supports the functions of the treasurer, including the creation of an annual budget, the purchase and review of insurance policies, year end audit, bookkeeping, and filing of tax returns.

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The Nominating Committee is responsible for producing a slate of candidates for the election of trustees, and a slate of candidates for the Officers of the Corporation.

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Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apologize for any errors. If you have contributed and your name does not appear on the list please email us at www.copakelakecs.org

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In Memory of Jean Kahil

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to Russ Funk of RHF Enterprises
(DBA Copake Lake Boat & Ski Marina)
for donating the use of a boat during the spring,
summer, and fall to Dr. George Knoecklein, a
limnologist who is our lake management consultant.
Dr. Knoecklein uses the boat for the better part of
a full day sampling, measuring, and observing the
ecology of Copake Lake.

Proposed 2015 Schedule Of Meetings And Events

Saturday, May 16, 2015
8am-4pm

NYS Safe Boating Course
Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake
Email: craw311@aol.com or call 914-474-3786 for information and registration.

Saturday, May 16, 2015
9am-12 noon

Town of Copake Clean-up Day
Town Garage, 44 School Road, Copake.
No construction or demolition waste. 4 tire limit.

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Milfoil and Pondweed Treatment
24 Hour lake use restriction

Saturday, June 6, 2015
9am

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, June 13, 2015
5:00-7:30 PM

Roeliff Jansen Community Library Gala
Roeliff Jansen Park, Harvest Barn, 9140 Rt. 22, across
from the library. www.roejanlibrary.org

Monday, June 15, 2015

Lake Treatment with Copper Sulfate
Treatment only if necessary. 24 Hour restriction on lake use if treated.

Saturday, June 27, 2015
9am-12 noon

Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-Up Day
Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road. No construction debris.
Rain date Sunday, June 28, 2015

Saturday, July 4, 2015
1pm

Annual 4th of July Boat Parade
Begins at Southwest Colony

Saturday, July 11, 2015
10am

CLCS Annual Meeting and Open House
Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Road, Copake.

Saturday, July 11, 2015

CLCS 12th Annual Summer Bash
The Greens Restaurant. Cocktails 6:30PM, Dinner 7:30PM

Saturday, August 1, 2015
9am

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, August 8, 2015
9am

Town of Copake Board Meeting
Held once a year on the weekend for those not able to attend
weekday evening meetings.

Monday, August 10, 2015

Lake Treatment with Copper Sulfate
Treatment only if necessary. 24 Hour restriction on lake use, if treated.

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Copake Falls Day
Check website www.copakefallsday.org or call 518-966-2233 for events schedule.

Saturday, August 15, 2015
9:30pm

Annual Fireworks at Copake Country Club
Organized by Denise Chickery and supported by community donations.

Saturday, September 5, 2015
9am

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Sunday, September 6, 2015
11am

CLCS Labor Day Raffle
Drawing Lighthouse Marina

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Ride
Call John Strom 518-495-7153 for details.
This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram.
Proceeds benefit the expansion of the Rail Trail.

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Lake Management Meeting
Time and place to be determined

November 2015

Finance Committee Meets
Date, time and place to be announced

***Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection** Check website for date www.colombiacountyny.com

The Copake Country Club Birdhouse Project

Welcome, amazingly, to Year Five of this project. It is now spread across 14 of the 18 holes on our phenomenally beautiful golf course. Ten years ago, there were maybe six old birdhouses sagging from trees out there. In 2011 -- after a few inquiries, and a green light from Jon Urban -- the project took wing. In 2015, we have 37 birdhouses on the property, with as many as 30 of them "active."

Last year, our primary birdhouse "renters" -- Eastern bluebirds and tree swallows, two gorgeous migrants -- successfully produced families from 32 nests in our boxes. Bluebirds, which produce two to seven eggs per brood, authored 13 of those nests; tree swallows handled 19 (four to seven eggs per). Bluebird moms usually create two and sometimes three broods of babies per season; tree swallows generally do one.

So why are these housing projects important?

There are close to 1,000 bird species in North America. Less than 90 of those species are considered cavity-nesters, meaning birds that build nests in holes. Birdhouses are simply more holes -- man-made cavities meant to simulate natural ones.

The bluebird, exclusively a cavity-nester, is one of nature's great comeback stories: The bird was a common beauty in the U.S. until the house sparrow was introduced here from Europe in about 1850. House sparrows also nest in holes, but they're extremely aggressive, and for decades their ugly behavior was a key factor in the bluebird's population decline.

"Enter the birdhouse"-- for decades, campaigns to put up bird boxes around the country, especially in the East, have been a major hit. The Eastern bluebird's population is now healthy (and New York avoided the embarrassment of watching its state bird get wiped out).

Bluebirds migrate (as far south as Central America), but unlike tree swallows, some bluebirds "overwinter" in their nesting areas. So this past winter, hopefully you saw, as I did, bluebirds roaming the snow at or near Copake Country Club.

But then there's public enemy #1 for birdhouse-keepers: house sparrows, the main reason that birdhouses have to be monitored. That species is not protected by U.S. birding "law," because they're not natives, so we're actually urged to discourage them from nesting. A tough birding philosophy: If your choice is a) having birdhouses with house sparrows in them and b) having no birdhouses at all, choose b) every time.

So in nesting season (March to August), generally once a week, keepers like myself carefully open birdhouses to check on nesters -- and also to see whether house sparrows have done their mayhem. House sparrows kill adult bluebirds and tree swallows (peck them to death) and/or destroy their babies and eggs. If the criminals have struck, we have to do our "CSI" analysis, then clean out the house so others can use it. If the house sparrows didn't kill other birds while moving in, we heave them out anyway.

Note to my fellow golfers: This is not a do-it-yourself operation. Please do not open these boxes yourself. (Also, I'd like to send my appreciation to everybody at the club who's been so supportive, in particular Jon Urban; Mark Anderson, the course superintendent, and his crew; and Steve Eckwall and the pro shop staff. It's a pure pleasure to work with you.)

This winter, while I rode sleds with my son, Jack, on the golf course, I remembered that the idea for the birdhouses was born in deep cold. In January 2011, Jack, a fellow birder and golfer, and I lounged on sleds in the snowy 2nd fairway . . . and wondered, "How would Copake Country Club look with many birdhouses on it?"

Now, our migrants are returning to breeding meccas like ours. The birdhouses are ready again to soak up the spring sun and welcome new families.

To quote Henry David Thoreau:

"The bluebird carries the sky on his back." [April 1852]

Thomas Walsh



Photo by Jack Walsh.

Membership 2015

The season of spring — of renewal, transformation and restoration is upon us once again. As we open up our windows and doors letting in the fresh air, the bright sunshine, along with the music of the birds, enhancing our springtime days a new beginning unfolds. Add in the days getting longer and the temperatures rising into the mix and before we know it, the summer season will be here.

Please take a moment now, before all the seasons pass you by, to submit your 2015 membership dues. We value each and every donation that is made to Copake Lake Conservation Society. Remember that a \$100 dollar donation allows you to vote at the annual meeting. There is a giving envelope enclosed for your convenience or you can use the CLCS website, www.copakelakecs.org, to make your 2015 membership donation.

There has been a change in the membership calendar year from the past years. The membership year as of 2015 will run from January 1 to December 31.

Thank you for your continued support year after year. Without our lake community backing the CLCS, we would not be able to sustain our mission statement, which enriches all of us who love Copake Lake!

Debra Ruggieri

Chairperson, Membership Committee

Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014

Income:

Ads	3,255.00
Fundraising Activities	5,286.91
Contributions	68,288.01
Interest	969.48

Total Income 77,799.40

Expenses:

Administration	3,992.08
Communications	9,799.13
Lake Management	50,718.50

Total Expense 64,509.71

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day & Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day

Although these two events are similar in nature, there are important differences to note.

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day is being held on **May 16, 2015** (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Copake Town Garage, 44 School Road (off Route 22 by the old Roe Jan School). You can bring your broken lawn chairs, old lamps, old mattresses, tires (maximum of 4), and pretty much everything other than household garbage and hazardous waste. Go to www.copake.org for exact information. Proof of residency required.

Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **June 27, 2015** (Saturday, with rain date of June 28, 2015) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This event is sponsored by the Copake Lake Conservation Society for the express purpose of removing debris from Copake Lake and from the shoreline that accumulated over the winter. Copake Lake neighbors are asked to remove debris from the lake and shoreline and place it along the Lakeview Road and County Rte 7. Jon Urban of The Greens/Copake Country Club will donate the services of a pick-up truck and maintenance workers, who will drive along the shoreline beginning at 10:00 am, pick up the debris, and dispose of it in the dumpster at the triangle at County Route 7 and Lakeview Road (where we also have the CLCS Community bulletin board). We encourage residents to bring your own lake debris directly to the dumpster, if possible. Carmen Barbato, Inc. donates the dumpster for the three hours and the Town of Copake pays the tipping fee. Please respect these donations and do not bring any household rubbish to this dumpster. CLCS Board members will monitor the dumpster from 9:00am-12:00noon. CLCS began Shoreline Clean-Up Day nearly two decades ago and since then we have removed tons of debris from Copake Lake and its shoreline.

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Fireworks Light Up August Sky on Copake Lake

This will be the 13th year for a fireworks display at Copake Lake. Last year the fireworks display was exceptional. It was a beautiful night and Legion Fireworks did an amazing job. We encourage everyone to support this fun community event to be held at The Greens/Copake Country Club on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 9:30 pm. If everyone contributes, we can make this year's display bigger and better than ever. If you would like to show your support, please contact Denise Chickery, or Lindsay LeBrecht. Thank you to everyone who made a financial contribution last year. Let's keep this tradition alive.

Denise Chickery, Fireworks Coordinator

Editor's Note: The summer fireworks display is NOT a Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) event and is not financially supported by CLCS. However, CLCS supports the fireworks by advertising the event in its newsletter, its Facebook page, and its website. CLCS encourages the support of the summer fireworks display as well as other activities that seek to enhance the quality of life around our lake community.



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Lake Management Committee (LMC)

In attendance: Fred Bunger (chairperson), Barbara Bunger, Matt Cohen, Dave Craw, Joyce Craw, Brad Dubler, Ron Flaum, Lindsay LeBrecht, Jed Luchow, Debbie Ruggeiri, Keith Schaefer, Buddy Sinisi, Russ Stein, and George Knoecklein of North East Aquatic Research, the CLCS Lake consultant. Marc Bellaud of Aquatic Control Technology (ACT), responsible for Lake treatments, attended by conference call.

The 2014 reports and plans for 2015 are as follows.

INVASIVE WEED CONTROL:

- On June 5, 2014, 43 acres of Copake Lake were treated with Aquathol K® (endothall liquid herbicide) to control invasive weeds Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pondweed and a large growth of native large leaf pondweed.
- The treatment was successful in controlling the large leaf pondweed. No curly-leaf pondweed was seen. The regrowth of Milfoil in mid-season became quite heavy in some areas by the end of August.
- **2015 PLANNING:** The switch to Aquathol K® controlled pondweed, but the regrowth of Milfoil was unacceptable. ACT recommended a return to Reward® (diquat) to insure better control of Milfoil. Reward® would require a 14-day swimming restriction. Alternately, Sonar® (fluridone) pellets could achieve a more lasting control of Milfoil. Sonar® would have restrictions on lake use and downstream irrigation during the treatment. Also, it is double the cost of Reward®. Either of the two alternate treatments would be made early in the season (April or May).
- **Action:** Marc to pursue DEC permits for both Reward® and for the Sonar® alternate. The decision to use one or the other will be made after the permitting restrictions and application strategies are understood. George Knoecklein, Marc Bellaud, Dave Craw, Keith Schaefer and Fred Bunger will confer in February or March and inform the LMC and Board of Trustees of the decision.

WATER CLARITY/ALGAE:

- Water clarity in May-June was marginally okay at 6 to 8 feet. The sudden thaw and heavy spring runoff caused high nutrient loading and turbidity. The lake cleared up in June with clarity readings of 12-15 feet recorded through September.
- A blue-green algae, Gloeotrichia, appeared in July as suspended green dots. This algae seems to thrive in clear lakes as it starts its growth when the sun reaches the lake bottom. In August, the algae began forming "green paint" scum along the shoreline. A thick blue-green scum accumulated in several areas around the lake. Samples of the

thick scum were tested for toxicity and it was found to contain concerning levels of microcystin. Lake residents were warned to keep their pets away from the scum and to use common sense after being in the lake water. Scott Kishbaugh of NY DEC was contacted and noted several other NY lakes were experiencing similar blue-green algae blooms. Neither George, Scott or internet searches could explain why this algae suddenly appeared or recommended any strategy for controlling it. If it reappears in 2015, CLCS may consider a pre-emptive copper sulfate treatment, but no decision was made.

- **2015 PLANNING:** ACT will apply for permits to treat with copper sulfate the weeks of June 15 and August 10 if needed. A 7-day notice will be required if the dates are changed from the permit. George will monitor the algae situation during his monthly Lake surveys. All LMC members were encouraged to be vigilant and keep everyone informed of algae status.

CARP:

Carp are a concern to the lake as they eat and crowd-out other fish and harm habitat. The 2014 "Carp-o-geddon" was helpful in removing 16 Grass Carp, common carp and Koi with a total weight of 330lb. It is clear that more needs to be done. The carp are reproducing and it is thought that a koi/carp stocked pond in the watershed overflowed. Goldfish "set free" in the lake also add to the carp population. Carp are invasive and can be taken without limit by anyone with a fishing license. (A newsletter article on invasive species will be written.)

HEALTH MONITORING & TESTING:

- 2014 monitoring for coliform bacteria showed no readings even close to the reportable limit of 200 colonies per 100ml.
- **2015 PLANNING:** Monitoring of 13 locations is planned for the last week of June, the last week of July and mid-August.

LAKE LEVEL:

- The late and rapid thaw caused the lake level to be high which caused some shoreline erosion. It was a dry summer, so the lake level dropped below the overflow in August.
- The lake level monitoring system is still being debugged
- **2015 PLANNING:** The lake will be drawn down the full 18 inches by end of October. The refill will begin at the thaw (hopefully in March) targeting to have the lake full May 15. **The Lake level in 2015 will, again, be totally dependent upon the weather.**

October 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

STORMWATER & SEDIMENT CONTROL:

- No work by CLCS in 2014, but Town paving of Bird Roads will help.
- **2015 PLANNING:** A budget of \$10,000 was recommended to continue the drainage improvements to reduce sediment entering the Lake. Grant proposals were received for work in the Elm/Pine area along Lakeview Rd. Reed and silt removal in the Island channel will be considered.

SHORELINE CONCERNS:

- The late ice and high water caused more shoreline erosion in 2014. The need to educate homeowners about the value of native plants versus walls on their shorelines was discussed at length. It was suggested that the Education Committee revive the welcome packet especially to inform new homeowners and builders of best practices for shoreline design and maintenance.

CLCS GRANT PROGRAM:

- In 2014, a grant for \$5000 was unanimously approved by the LMC for drainage work at Elm/Pine road connection to Lakeview Rd. This work is consistent with the Phase III Stormwater Study.
- In 2014, a grant for \$250 was approved by the LMC (10 for, 1 nay, 1 abstention) for removal of the old bait shed. A further request for funds to remove derelict docks was rejected by the Grant Committee.
- **2015 Planning:** A \$20,000 grant budget was recommended for 2015.

DAM HAZARD CLASSIFICATION:

- The NYS DEC recently re-classified the dam (owned by Copake Country Club) as a B hazard which could require considerable modification and extensive monitoring/reporting. CLCS found errors in the NYS DEC data and insisted the dam is lowest hazard class A. The NYS DEC refused to revise the data or the hazard classification and insisted that a hydrologic study be performed by a professional engineer.
- CLCS and Copake Country Club representatives selected an engineering firm for the study. As the hazard classification directly affects the lake level and lake users, the Lake Management Committee voted October 18, 2014 to allocate \$3000 of the \$5000 budgeted for pilot watershed study to pay for the hydrologic study and report to the NYS DEC.

2015 LAKE MANAGEMENT BUDGET:

Aquatic Control Technology

- Herbicide treatment (55 acres) Reward® \$17,500
 - Alternate herbicide Sonar® or \$37,500
 - Contingency algaecide treatment \$4,800
 - Permits, notices, surveys and reports \$3,500
- ACT Total \$45,800**

North East Aquatic Technology

- Lake surveys and sampling \$10,100
 - Testing costs \$2,800
 - Consulting, reports, presentations \$7,100
- NEAR total \$20,000**

- Stormwater & Drainage Improvement \$10,000
- Water Safety Testing \$1,500
- Invasive fish removal \$3,000
- Pilot Sediment/Watershed Study \$5,000

Total Lake Management \$85,300

- Reserve for CLCS Grants \$20,000
- Total Lake Management and Grant Reserve \$105,300**

Long Term Capital Reserves:

- Whole Lake treatment \$100,000
- Waste Water Treatment Study/Pilot Program \$100,000
- Dam repair \$35,000
- Shoreline remediation \$20,000

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September 7, 2015
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2014-present	Debra Ruggieri
2010-2014	Denise Chickery
2006-2010	Dominick "Buddy" Sinisi
2003-2006	Dave Crow
1999-2003	Barbara Bunger
1995-1999	Lindsay LeBrecht
1994-1995	Barbara Bunger/Lindsay LeBrecht
1990-1994	Barbara Bunger
1989-1990	Joseph Gladstone
1987-1989	Tom Williams
1985-1987	Joseph Gladstone
1980-1985	Lucille Landers
1979-1980	Dr. Henry "Hy" Lowenheim (founding president of CLCS, Inc. as a 504 (c) charitable organization)

CLCS Grants

The Copake Lake Conservation Society began a grant program in 2012. The objective of this program is to assist local projects that improve or protect the Copake Lake Water Shed. CLCS implemented this program as a way to become proactive in 'preventing' damage to the water shed, rather than spending money to 'correct' damage to the water shed. I think we can all agree that is money better spent.

Work proposals must demonstrate how it would support the mission of CLCS. Grants are limited to 50% of the costs of the proposal, not to exceed \$5,000. The Grant Committee may use subject matter experts to help determine the value and validity of the proposal. You do not have to be a member of CLCS to apply for a grant.

While we expect most work proposals to be directed at 'run off' projects (catch basins, minor road work, etc.), we are open to any proposal that will improve the water shed. We've made the form as simple and straightforward as we can. A copy of the application can be found in this newsletter. The guidelines for submitting a proposal can be found on the CLCS website (www.copakelakecs.org). Completed forms can be mailed to us at:

CLCS, PO Box 37, Craryville, NY 12521.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Russ Stein

Chairperson, Grants Committee

Proposal Information

Describe your request, incorporating the following points:

- What is the project? Attach any supporting documentation
- Please specify who owns the property. If not owned by the grant submitter, please explain the relationship the grant submitter has with the owner, and provide documentation that the owner approves this proposal.
- How the project supports the mission of CLCS
- Who will do the work (name of contractor, estimate, etc.)
- When the project will start and end



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If yes, in what manner? _____

Amount Requested _____ Total Project Cost _____

Project Start Date _____ Project End Date _____

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If awarded this grant, you and the property owner, agree to indemnify and hold harmless Copake Lake Conservation Society of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, losses, damages, lawsuits, including attorneys' fees and court costs. And, that you acknowledge that CLCS may publicize awarding this grant.

Applicant Signature

Date

Owner Signature (if different from Applicant)

Date

NYS Rules and Regulations for Non-Motorized Watercraft (Kayaks, Paddleboards, etc.)

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) must also be worn year-round by all children under 12 years of age on any boat less than 65 feet in length, unless within a fully enclosed cabin; by anyone engaging in towed activities, such as water-skiers or wake-boarders; and while on board a personal watercraft. Otherwise, a wearable life jacket must be available for every passenger on board every vessel, including non-motorized watercraft such as canoes and kayaks." New York State Boating Laws and Regulations, 2010, see www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating.

Along with rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and sailboats, paddle boards are considered boats and must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly sized, serviceable, and readily accessible life jacket on board for each person, just like any other boat, mechanized or not. From May 2 through October 31 such persons are not required to wear a life jacket, though it is highly suggested (but they must have one on board and readily accessible).

From November 1 to May 1, everyone on all pleasure vessels which includes paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, and motorboats must be wearing a life jacket while underway, which means as long as the boat is not anchored or tied to a dock. Drifting counts as underway.

Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment on a boat and can save your life; we recommend that they be worn at all times.

Thank you to Ro Woodard, Education Specialist, NYS Parks, Marine Service Bureau for helping to gather this information.

Education Committee



*Hannah Westlake wearing proper safety equipment.
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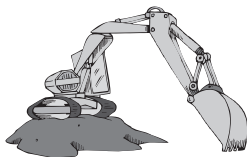
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Our Annual 4th of July boat parade begins promptly at 1p.m. over at Southwest Colony on Saturday, July 4, 2015. This year the parade will be judged by our 2014 winner's The Eagle's Nest Speedboat. The crew consisted of Captain Doug Lyon, with Ellen Reid, Rich Reid, Charlotte Reid, Abigail Reid, and Emily Weiss. Congratulations to all of them! Remember, whether you are on land or you are by sea, this is all about taking a moment to honor our country's birthday along with unifying our lake community! Afterwards, all can gather at the Lighthouse Marina for the announcement of the 2015 boat parade coveted trophy award!

Steve Chickery

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The Eagles Nest, 2014 Winners. Photo by Alicia Gursky.



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Free Safe Boating Course Offered in Copake

The CLCS has again arranged for a New York State Safe Boating Course to be offered on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Copake Town Hall. This 8 hour course will allow participants to obtain a safety certificate if they successfully complete the course. According to New York State Law you must hold a safety certificate if:

- You operate a personal watercraft and are at least 14 years of age.
- You wish to operate a motorboat (other than a personal watercraft) and you are at least 10 years old and less than 18 years old.
- If you are less than 10 years old you may operate a motorboat (non-PWC) only if someone over 18 is on board with you. Anyone may operate a personal watercraft if someone at least 18 years old is riding on the craft and they hold a safety certificate

The course is designed as a comprehensive boating course, teaching the fundamentals of safe boating operation. The

instructor plans to continue instruction through lunch so please plan on bringing a bag lunch. There is no fee for the class. To register please contact Joyce Crow at craw311@aol.com. Provide the names of the registrants and a contact phone number. Register early as there is a limit to the number of participants.

Joyce Crow

Editor's Note: To make New York's waterways safer, state law now requires that anyone born on or after May 1, 1996, who wants to operate a motorboat, obtain a Boating Safety Certificate by completing an approved eight-hour course. The new law will ensure that, over time, all recreational boaters navigating New York's waters will have the necessary knowledge required to operate a motorboat safely.

The new law took effect May 1, 2014, so I encourage you to make sure the young boaters you know have signed up for an approved course. Courses may be completed and certificates obtained through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, U.S. Power Squadrons or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. A list of approved courses is available on the State Parks website at www.nysparks.com. In short, a boating safety course is a good idea for everyone, but is mandatory only for those born after May 1, 1996.

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2015 Copake Lake Boating Rules And Regulations

BOATING HOURS: Watercraft must not exceed 6 mph between 8 pm and 9 am (Town Ordinance).

NOISE: All watercraft must have effective mufflers (Town Ordinance). Watercraft noise must not exceed 75 decibels (NYS Law).

SPEED: All watercraft must slow down to 5 mph when less than 100 ft from shore, dock, or other vessel, or in “no wake” zones (NYS Law).

RIGHT OF WAY: Motorized watercraft must yield to swimmers and non-motorized watercraft (NYS Law).

AGE: Motorized boat operators must be 18 or over. Or, between the ages of 10 and 18 must have completed certified boating safety (NYS Law).

AGE: As of 1/1/04 ALL PWC operators 14 years and older must complete the NYS Safe Boating Course. Go to www.nyparks.com/boats/yb for more informations and to find a course closest to you.

SAFETY:

- a. Personal Flotation Devices: Children under the age of 12 must wear approved PFD while in a watercraft. Approved flotation devices are required for each person on board (NYS Law).
- b. Water Skiing: Water skiers must have a “look-out” over the age of 10 (NYS Law).
- c. BWI: Boating while impaired or intoxicated subject to fines or imprisonment (NYS Law).
- d. Fire extinguisher, distress signal and anchor are required on ALL motorized watercraft.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (NYS Law):

- a. Operators must wear an approved PFD.
- b. Operator must be attached with a cut-off device.
- c. Can only be operated between sunrise and sundown and the town ordinance speed limit on the lake is less than 6 mph between 8:00 pm and 9:00 am for any motorized vessel.
- d. May not be operated within 500 ft of a designated swimming area.
- e. Reckless operation prohibited (wake jumping, weaving through traffic, or other maneuvers that jeopardize safety).

REGISTRATION: All motorized watercraft must be registered and display the registration numbers (NYS Law).

ENVIRONMENT:

- a. Help keep unwanted aquatic plants and zebra mussels out of the lake. Thoroughly wash your vessel and flush the cooling system at a location away from the shoreline.
- b. Avoid spilling gasoline or oil. Repair leaks immediately.
- c. Dispose or litter properly in bins on shore.
- d. Do not use soaps or cleansers in or near the lake.

Common sense and respect for others are the way to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone using the lake. CLCS is not a law-enforcement agency and leaves such duties to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. The CLCS has posted rules and regulations and distributes these excerpts to encourage lake users to know the rules and observe them.



Concerns about speed, noise, or safe handling of any motorized watercraft on the lake should be directed to: COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 518-828-3344.

A Guide to Aquatic Plants in Copake Lake

Copake Lake is home to a number of **native, desirable plants** that are good for the ecology of the lake and the well-being of its fish and wildlife. However, in Copake Lake

there are also **non-native, invasive plants**. These plants can destroy the ecology of the lake by spreading and choking out our desirable plants and eventually interfer- >>>

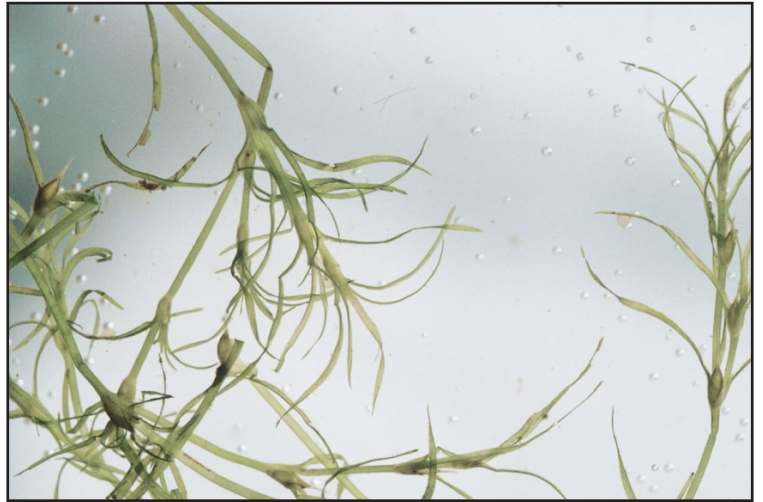
Native (desirable) Plants

These plants are desirable for the well-being of Copake Lake.

Waterweed *Elodea nuttalli*



Bushy Pondweed *Najas guadalupeensis*



Common elodea *Elodea Canadensis*



Slender naiad *Najas flexilis*



Pondweeds *Potamogeton pusillus*



A Guide to Aquatic Plants in Copake Lake

ing with swimming, fishing, and boating.

The CLCS Education Committee hopes that by using information about the weeds in Copake Lake as well as these pictures,

each of our members can make informed decisions about the growth of weeds and proper removal of weeds in their immediate area. **Joyce Crow**, Lake Management Committee

Non-Native (invasive) Plants

If you find any of these plants it is best to pull them out by the roots, bag them, and discard.

Avoid tearing parts of the plant as many of them can re-grow from fragments.

CLCS is removing many of these invasive weeds through its spot chemical treatments.

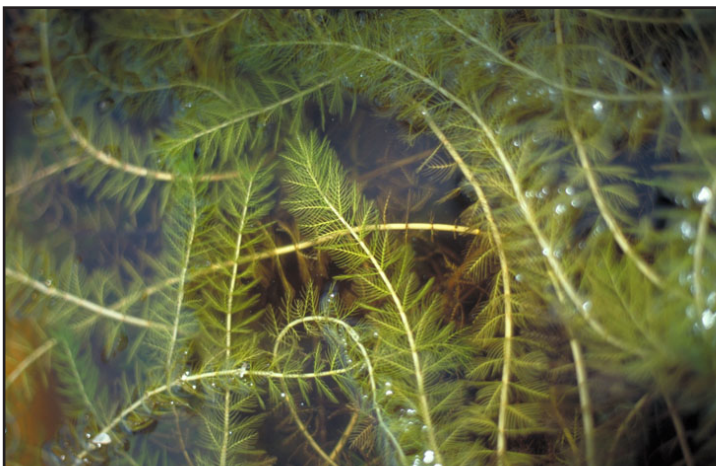
Curly-leaf pondweed *Potamogeton crispus*



Najas minor



Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*



Water chestnut *Trapa natans*



Leaves



Be on the
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these
invasive
plants!



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2011	Keith Schaefer	Engraved plaque
2009	Sarah Leshner	Engraved plaque
2009	Barbara Rindler	Engraved planter
2008	Lindsay LeBrecht	Engraved planter
2008	Marissa Shedd	Engraved planter
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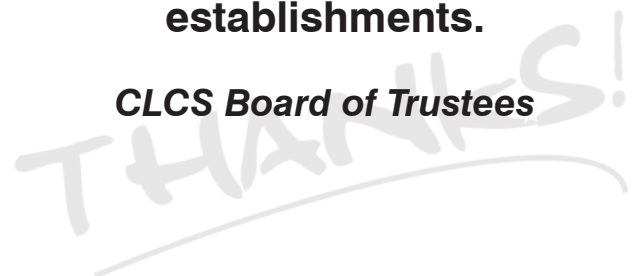
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- The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has a new alarm program. County Local Law 7-1990 requires the registration of all residential and business alarms in the county. This includes burglar, intrusion and fire alarms. Failure to register or renew the registration annually with the County may result in fines and police non-response. The annual alarm registration fee is \$10.00. Go to www.columbiacountysheriff.us and click on the alarm registration tab. You must first create an account before you can register your alarm.
- What to do, if you see a stray dog? An article in the September 13-14 issue of The Register Star, shed some light on this topic. The Columbia-Greene Humane Society cannot pick up a stray dog nor can a private party bring a dog in without a 'sign-off' from the town in which the dog was found. Who to call? The Dog Control Officer for Copake is Wes Powell, 518-339-4008. If a 'sign-off' is needed, contact Town Supervisor Jeff Nayer at 518-329-2892.
- Congratulations to our very own Sonia Pilcer on the release "The Last Hotel: A Novel in Suites". Other books she has published include "Teen Angel", "The Holocaust Kid", "Maiden Rites" and "I-Land: Manhattan Monologues". Way to go Sonia!
- Swan Song – many of us know "the singing bridge" between West Copake and Copake on CR 7A. Its actual name is the Dinehart Bridge. During an inspection in 2014, it was determined that the bridge needed to be replaced. Weight limits were put up and detours established. One of the detours takes traffic past Copake Lake on CR 7. Work to replace the bridge should get underway in the spring of 2016 and take about six months. In the meantime, there will be additional traffic over by the president roads. If speeding becomes a problem, do not hesitate to contact the Columbia County Sheriff's Department to complain at 518-828-3344.
- The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, which is a repository for the CLCS Newsletters and guidebooks for management of the Copake Lake Watershed, will hold its annual gala on June 13, 2015, Saturday, from 5:00-7:30 PM in the Harvest Barn at Roeliff Jansen Park, 9140 Route 22, across from the library. See the website for details, www.roejanlibrary.org.

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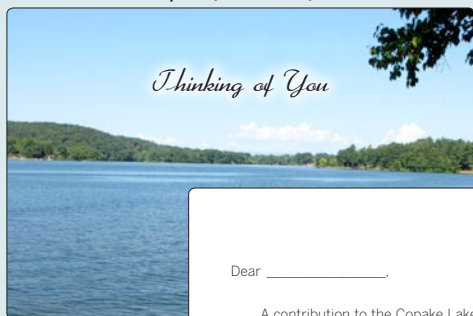


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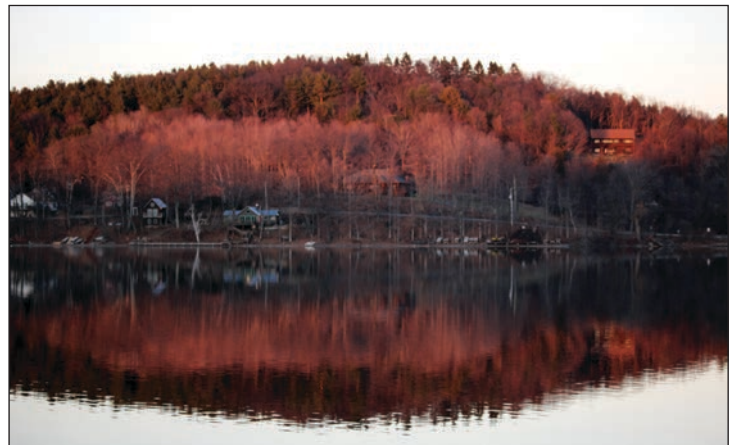
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