President's Message

ooking back on my first year as President of the Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS), I am awestruck by how much a focused Board of Trustees (BOT) and lake community members have accomplished. Being on the BOT is a privilege that I didn't take lightly from the outset. But, having watched everyone work together there is an even greater inner pride that I am part of CLCS. Of course, none of this would matter without the welcome support CLCS receives from our entire lake community.

The Copake Lake Conservation Society Board of Trustees has been collaborating since the fall getting ready for our 2016 season. The BOT actively reviewed best practices, submitted permits, developed education literature, planned the calendar and arranged for events that will yield a great season for our lake community, while maintaining the notion that Mother Nature IS the monarch (or matriarch) of Copake Lake!

Each year we schedule the New York State boating course that is held at the Copake Town Hall in mid-May. If you were not able to attend this year's event, please go to the New York State Parks website (http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx) to locate another class or watch for the early registration email blast for the May 21, 2016 class. This is a very informative class for everyone. The operators licensing law changed as of 5/1/2014. All individuals born on or after 5/1/96 must successfully complete an approved NYS boating course in order to operate any type of motorized vessel. You must be 10 years or older to take the course. There is no fee associated with this course that CLCS schedules at the Copake Town Hall.

Our Shoreline Cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25 (rain date: Sunday, June 26). What better way to help keep our lake clean and safe from debris! Under the tent at this event, we will debut our 2016 CLCS merchandise.

The Annual Meeting is set for July 9th at the Copake Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. It's a great opportunity to learn about the work of the Copake Lake Conservation Society and to also voice your opinion.

July 9th is also the CLCS's Summer Bash at The Greens restaurant beginning at 6:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets on our website or reach out to Colleen Closson (518-325-3410). This event is always a sell-out, so be sure to buy your tickets as soon as possible. This event is undeniably a fun-filled lake

community affair.

Keep your eyes on the skies over the lake on August 20th for a majestic firework display. Although this is not a Copake Lake Conservation Society sponsored event, all of us around the lake benefit from its brilliance and glory. Please contact Denise Chickery (518-325-1480) to support this event by making a donation. All contributions are appreciated.

The Labor Day Raffle is the closing event of our summer season. Please be sure to purchase your tickets from any Trustee. The grand prize is \$1,000 and there are many other great prizes that our local businesses donate to the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Your continued loyal patronage of these establishments is appreciated.

While we always ask each of you to support all the CLCS events, as well as to become a member, please know that our efforts also warrant your participation and involvement. We encourage each of you to volunteer. Your input can be as simple as emailing CLCS one of your many interesting pictures of a Copake Lake sunset, sunrise, rainbow or nature photos from around the lake. Please take a moment and share your amazing photos.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a safe and enjoyable 2016 season at the lake, and wherever life takes you. Please visit us at www.copakelakecs.org or on Facebook. Reach out, we'd love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Debra Ruggieri



Moonlight over Copake Lake. Photo by Colleen Closson.

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CLCS 2016 Committees

Communications

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.

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Finance

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.

Jim Murphy Barbara Rindler Debra Ruggieri Edward Werfelman*

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee serves to design, propose and organize activities for the purpose of raising funds for the organization.

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Join any of the committees listed above or consider applying to join the Board of Trustees. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. Go to info@copakelakecs.org to let us know of your interest.

Lake Management

The Lake Management Committee is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding the vitality and maintenance of the waters, shoreline, and watershed of Copake Lake. Grant Committee (GC) is a sub-committee of Lake Management Committee.

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Membership

The Membership Committee maintains a list of membership, addresses, and contribution history; and generates materials that assist in maintaining membership roles.

Debra Ruggieri* Barbara Rindler All Board Members

Nominating

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.

Joyce Craw* Eileen Faranda Jed Luchow

2016 Calendar of Meetings and Events

Saturday, May 14, 2016 CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting

9 a.m.

The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, May 21, 2016

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NYS Safe Boating Course

Copake Town Hall

Email <u>craw311@aol.com</u> or call 914-474-3786 for information and registration.

Saturday, May 21, 2016

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Town of Copake Clean-up Day

Town Garage, 44 School Road. No construction or demolition waste.

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Scheduled weed treatmentCheck website for details

Saturday, June 4, 2016

9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting

The Greens Restaurant

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Lake Treatment with Copper Sulfate

Treatment only if necessary. 24 hour restriction of lake use if treated.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

5-7:30 p.m.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library Gala

Roeliff Jansen Park, Harvest Barn 9140 Rte 22, across from the library

Check website for further details www.roejanlibrary.org

Saturday, June 25, 2016

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-Up Day

Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road. No construction debris, 4 tire limit.

Rain date Sunday, June 26, 2016

Monday, July 4, 2016

I p.m.

Annual 4th of July Boat Parade

Begins at Southwest Colony

Saturday, July 9, 2016

10 a.m.

CLCS Annual Meeting and Open House

Copake Town Hall

Saturday, July 9, 2016

CLCS 12th Annual Summer Bash

The Greens Restaurant. Cocktails 6:30PM, Dinner 7:30PM

Saturday, August 2, 2016

9 a.m.

Town of Copake Board Meeting

Open to the public

Saturday, August 6, 2016

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting

The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, August 20, 2016 Copake Falls Day

Check website <u>www.copakefallsday.org</u> or call 518-966-2233 for events schedule.

Saturday, August 20, 2016

9:00 p.m.

Annual Fireworks at Copake Country Club

Organized by Denise Chickery and supported by community donations.

Saturday, September 3, 2016

9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting

The Greens Restaurant

Sunday, September 4, 2016

II a.m.

CLCS Labor Day Raffle

Drawing Lighthouse Marina

Saturday, September 24, 2016

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 15, 2016

Lake Management Meeting

Time and place to be determined

November 2016 Finance Committee Meets

Date, time and place to be announced

^{*}Check our website for further lake treatments or events www.copakelakecs.org

^{*}Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection. Check website for date <u>www.columbiacountyny.com</u>

CLCS Contributors 2015

Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apoligize 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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Treasurer's Report

JANUARY I, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015

Income:

Ads 3,955.00
Fundraising Activities 6,794.71
Contributions 63,949.62

Interest 971.69

75,671.02

Expenses:

Total Income

Administration 3,999.67

Communications 10,552.90

Lake Management 84,590.80

Total Expense 99,143.37
Total Deficit (23,472.35)

Spring Cleanup – Please Inspect Your Shoreline!

routine visit to check on the Copake Lake dam this late winter, early spring week revealed that the spillway was partially blocked with a Sunfish hull and 2"x6" lumber. The lumber was removed, but the Sunfish got away and is still out on the lake somewhere.

Everyone can help with keeping the spillway clear. When you are walking in that area, take a look at the spillway and remove any accumulated debris if necessary.

For anyone who will be putting a boat in the water in the coming weeks, be very aware that there will be floating lumber, limbs, and other debris in the lake at the beginning of the season. For anyone with shoreline, please take the time to inspect your area and remove any floating material from the lake so it does not pose a hazard to others.

Finally, people who do not pull their docks out of the water at the end of the season create a navigation hazard in the spring. The ice and high water almost always break up docks that are left in over the winter. Please consider this next fall and make plans to remove your dock for the general good of our community.

We are all looking forward to an enjoyable and safe 2016 season here at Copake Lake.

Lake Management Committee

Membership 2016

de made it to the 2016 spring and summer season at Copake Lake. How delightful is that! It is a time when everything around us awakens. The trees begin to bud, the birds chirp, the grass turns green, and the flowers peek through the soil. The rising temperatures begin to warm our earth, our air, our lake and our bodies!

Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) looks to our lake community for its annual support. If you have not yet joined CLCS, please make 2016 the year you begin as a new and valuable member. We welcome all the assistance we can get from our homeowners and local businesses. A minimum of a \$100, tax deductible, contribution (for an individual or a family) will qualify you to become a voting member of CLCS. Membership entitles you to elect the CLCS trustees at our annual meeting in July, and to participate on any of our CLCS committees. Enclosed please find a donation envelope for your annual contribution. Online membership contributions can also be made by going to our website www.copakelakecs.org. Our membership year runs from January I – December 31. We look forward to hearing from you.

I hope you will take time to reach out and ask questions about becoming a member. Membership does make a difference. Each of our members from our lake community is what makes up the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Without your continued support there would be no legacy! Please join CLCS if you are not currently a member. Copake Lake needs you!

Debra Ruggieri

Membership Chairperson

SPECIAL THANKS

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING/OPEN HOUSE TO LEARN WHAT IS GOING ON WITH COPAKE LAKE!

Come meet your neighbors and hear about the CLCS!

Saturday, July 9, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

COPAKE TOWN HALL

230 Mountain View Road, Copake

518-325-1234

9:30 a.m. Light Refreshments Served

2016 CLCS merchandise for sale

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Annual July 4th Boat Parade

istorically, rain or shine, July 4th is the Copake Lake Boat Parade unless the weather is not safe for vessels to be upon the waters (meaning thunder/lightening, hail or torrential down pouring). The departure is from Southwest Colony at 1:00 p.m. sharp. The judging takes place as you pass by the Lighthouse Marina. The judges of the boat parade are the "overall winners" of the previous year's parade.

This year the parade will be judged by the "Support Our Troops" vessel. Onboard their 2015 winning pontoon boat was Captain Steven Chickery and crew Denise Chickery, Becky and Tom Kacherski, Gerry and John Keelyn, and Ross Mauri. Wave your flags high as you pass by them on the judging dock at the Lighthouse Marina!

4th of July is on a Monday this year. Each one of us will be looking forward to a sunshine day filled with lots of patriotism for our traditional Copake Lake boat parade. Either by land or sea it's a wonderful tradition to be a part of and a sight to behold!

Happy Birthday America from Copake Lake!

Steven Chickery and Debra Ruggieri



"Support Our Troops" 2015 4th of July Trophy Winners.
Photo by Danny Cohen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SUMMER BASH 2016

at The Greens
Saturday, JULY 9, 2016
Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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 21, 2016 (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. 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 25, 2016 (Saturday), with rain date of Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. 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 a.m., 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 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. CLCS 2016 merchandise will be available for sale during those hours. 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.

Jed Luchow

Lake Management Committee

SAVE THE DATE

Shoreline Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Rain date: Sunday, June 26, 2016.

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Fireworks Over Copake Lake, Once Again

his will be the 14th year for a fireworks display over Copake Lake. Legion Fireworks seems to outdo itself year after year. We encourage everyone to support this fun community event* to be held at The Greens/Copake Country Club on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. 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 (518-325-1480). 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 this newsletter, its Facebook page, and its website. CLCS encourages 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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FIREWORKS at The Greens* Saturday, AUGUST 20, 2016

*Not a CLCS event; privately sponsored

at 9:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for Labor Day Raffle drawing

September 4, 2016 (Sunday) at 11:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse Marina, Copake Lake



TAKE PART IN THE COLORS AND FLAVORS OF THE SEASON AT THE GREENS

The Greens restaurant at Copake Country Club, an historic 18-hole golf course on the shores of Copake Lake, is open year round. The fresh, innovative menu pays homage to the local farms we rely on for produce, meats, and dairy. Our wine list, with offerings from around the world to our own backyard, has been carefully selected to pair with every dish we serve. The professional waitstaff and classically trained chefs at The Greens will make sure you have an

experience that will have you coming back again and again.

thegreens

Make your reservation online or by phone

518.325.0019 | thegreensatcopake.com 44 Golf Course Road, Craryville, NY



Free Safe Boating Course Offered in Copake

he CLCS has again arranged for a New York State Safe Boating Course to be offered on Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Copake Town Hall. This 8 hour course will allow participants to obtain a safety certificate if they successfully complete the course.

To make New York's waterways safer, state law now requires that anyone born on or after May I, 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 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 Craw at craw311@aol.com or call 914-474-3786. Provide the names of the registrants and a contact phone number. Register early as there is a limit to the number of participants.

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The new law took effect May 1, 2014, so we 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.



Lois and Larry Nipon getting ready to kayak on Christmas Day.

Photo by Bill Sweeney.

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

ersonal 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 I to May I, 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.

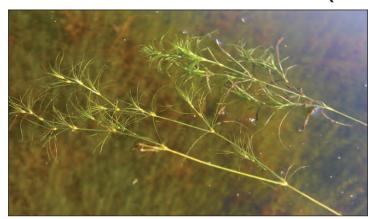
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Hannah Westlake wearing proper safety equipment.
Photo taken by Denise Chickery.

Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

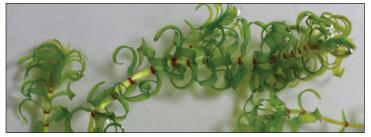
Native (desirable) Plants



Slender naiad Najas flexilis



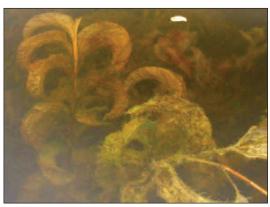
Water stargrass Zosterella dubia



Waterweed Elodea nuttallii



Large leaf pondweed (Potamogeton amplifolius)



Large leaf pondweed - underwater (Potamogeton amplifolius)



Long-leaf Pondweed Potamogeton nodosus



Common elodea Elodea canadensis



Tape Grass Vallisneria americana

Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

Non-Native (invasive) Plants

Threats – not found in Copake Lake YET! And hopefully never will!





Fanwort Cabomba caroliniana

Fanwort - underwater Cabomba caroliniana





Hydrilla Hydrilla verticillata



Hydrilla - underwater Hydrilla verticillata

Copake Lake Conservation Society Annual Recognition Award

Year	Recipient	Award
2015	Rick Aluisio	Engraved plaque
2014	Denise Chickery	Engraved plaque
2013	Karen Schutzer	Engraved plaque
2012	Jed Luchow	Engraved plaque
2011	Fred Bunger	A tree
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
2006	Dave Craw	Certificate of Appreciation
2005	Barbara Bunger	Framed kayaking picture with friends
2005	Elayne Dix	Framed kayaking picture with friends
2004	Jim Carmody	Certificate of Appreciation

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ydrilla verticillata, or Water Thyme as it is commonly referred to is considered one of the worst aquatic invasive weeds and could be considered natures perfect weed. Hydrilla has wreaked havoc in the south, choking out several rivers and ponds in Florida. It is a relatively new invader to New York State; with its largest infestation in the Cayuga Lake Inlet, however, it has several smaller populations on Long Island, in Broome and Orange County. Most recently it has infested the Croton River in Westchester, NY. Just this past summer, a NY DEC funded project began surveying the Hudson River for Hydrilla.

Facts About Hydrilla

- One of the world's most invasive aquatic plants
- Able to grow up to a foot per day
- Forms dense mats that block sunlight and lowers the Oxygen in the water harming native plants, fish and waterfowl.

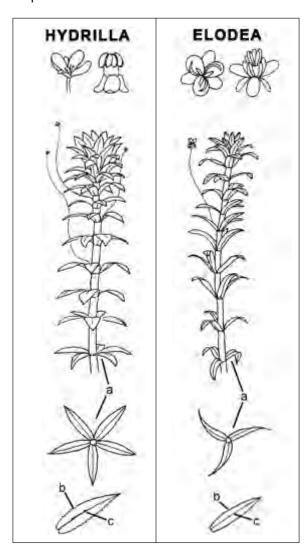
How To Help Stop The Spread Of Aquatic Hitchhikers

- **INSPECT** your boat, trailer and any other fishing and boating equipment and remove all plant and animal material clinging to it.
- **DRAIN AND DRY** everything that came into contact with water. Dry equipment for at least 5 days before using it in another water body. Be sure to completely drain your boat, including baitwells and livewells.
- **DISINFECT** the boat's bilge area, all water-holding compartments, and other equipment with hot water at least 140°F or steam for at least 30 seconds before launching into another water body.

If You Can't Dry Or Disinfect Your Boat

Thoroughly flush all water-holding compartments with water before launching. Don't let rinse water run into a water body.

Homeowners need to be mindful of visitors that come from other waters with their own motorized vessels, water toys, paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes. These are all vehicles for invasive species to enter our lake.



Hydrilla is often confused with the common native water weed, Elodea Canadensis, which has whorls of 3 smooth-edged leaves as opposed to whorls of 4 to 10 serrated and spined leaves.

2016 Copake Lake Boating Rules And Regulations

Source, New York State Office of Parks Recreation & Historical Preservation (www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating)

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 May 1, 2014, operators born after May 1, 1996 must have a NYS approved Safe Boating Course and be at least 10 years of age in order to operate a motorboat in New York State.

BOATING HOURS: Watercraft must not exceed 6 mph between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. (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).

SAFETY:

- a. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD): 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 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. 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 of 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

Powers Family on Copake Lake. Photo by Bill Sweeney.

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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY: FREEDOMDAYUSA

or the past three years, on the second Thursday in September, a National Event called FreedomDayUSA has taken place in over thirty-five states. It is a day to thank our active military, their immediate families and veterans for their sacrifices to keep us a free nation.

FreedomDayUSA was originated by a group of dentists from around the country looking for ways to say Thank You. Two members of our community, Dr. Ralph and Cherie Berk are active in the National Committee to promote the non-profit organization, FreedomDayUSA, for businesses. They also want to make sure that our active military families and veterans know about it.

Last year, many companies in Rockland County, such as Rockland Pediatric Dental Group (Dr. Berk's office), Bagel Boys, Agnello's Pizza, Caked Up, Piermont Cleaners, and Valley Cottage Animal Hospital, to name a few, participated by offering free dentistry, check-ups, food and activities. Our local businesses who joined the event were Dutch Treat, The Greens, Copake Golf and Lighthouse Marina. There were many businesses in Orange and Dutchess Counties such as Family Smiles of the Hudson Valley, Dr. Franklin Lackee, Liberty Pediatrics and Gettysburg Flag Works.

This year, on Thursday, September 8, businesses will again be providing FREE services to people with their military ID. The website www.freedomdayusa.org has all the information and forms necessary to either join as a business or find out which businesses are participating in your hometown.

We are looking for other dental, veterinary, optometry, restaurant, service oriented businesses to join and express their Thank You on September 8, 2016. Please spread the

word about FreedomDayUSA! If you would like to help, please contact them!

Cherie Berk, NYS Director of FreedomDayUSA can be reached at cherieberk4@aol.com

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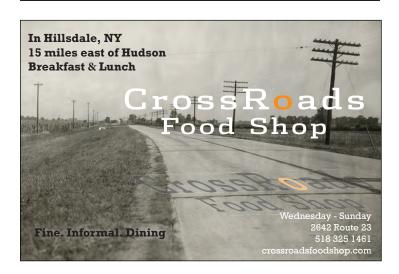
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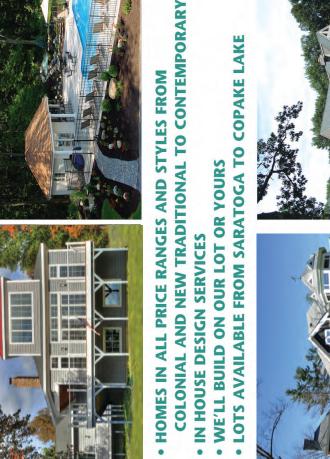
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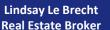
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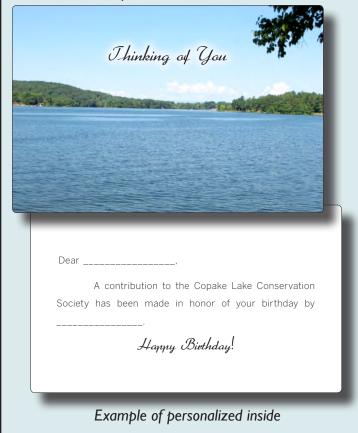


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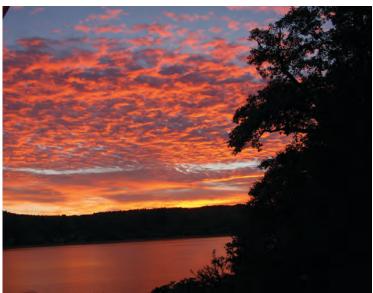




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Moonrise and sunrise over Copake Lake from the same location. Photos by Joyce Craw.