

# KINDERHOOK LAKE CORPORATION NEWS

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## Membership and Dues

Everyone receiving this Newsletter must realize that if the dam were not maintained, if the water were not treated to reduce algae and if fish were not stocked in the lake, Kinderhook Lake would not be the enjoyable recreation area that it is. In contrast to many lakes in our area, support is voluntary and all tasks are performed by volunteers. If you have not paid the dues for the year, please do so. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed to assist you.

Thank you!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 28th  
2nd ANNUAL  
KLC BBQ

AUGUST 25th  
KLC Fall  
Meeting  
KLIA Hall, 7 pm

OCTOBER 15th  
Water Drawdown  
for the Winter

## The Future of KLC Newsletters

The KLC has been able to keep membership costs down for many, many years. To continue that tradition, the KLC Board has been seeking ways to reduce the cost of printing, mailing and postage.

Beginning in 2013, all newsletters will be published and available online on our new website. We will send an e-mail to notify members of each newsletter publication - so be sure the KLC has your most recent e-mail address. If you are not sure KLC has your current address, send it to [klcnews@archman8.com](mailto:klcnews@archman8.com).

For those few members who do not have internet access, we will continue to send newsletters by mail. If you want to have newsletters sent to you, contact any KLC Board member with that request. Again, to reduce costs, we hope to print and mail a minimum number of copies.

We hope you will be pleased with the new online format starting next year. If members have ideas for future newsletter articles or wish to contribute articles, please send them to [klcnews@archman8.com](mailto:klcnews@archman8.com) or speak to any Board Member.

## The 2nd Annual KLC Chicken BBQ - July 28th

Circle JULY 28th on your calendar for the 2nd ANNUAL KLC BBQ and Fund Raiser at the Kinderhook Elks Lodge, 2750 Rt 9H. Chickens will be prepared by the Elks Lodge.

\$12/meal includes half chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw and beverage.

Entertainment and a Raffle with Great Prizes. Proceeds will be used for dam repairs, water quality, weed control and general lake maintenance.

Reservations - Contact Rick Theriault 518-573-5088

## New and Improved KLC Website

If you haven't done so already, please take time to visit our new and improved website at [www.kinderhooklakecorp.org](http://www.kinderhooklakecorp.org). Not only is the new website visually more appealing and easier to navigate, hope to keep it current with update posts and news on the "home" page. Other exciting changes and additions include access to Google Maps for the Kinderhook Lake vicinity, information about advantages of membership, many new links and downloads, a new photo gallery and an open "comments" page where you can ask questions, leave comments or respond to others. Where appropriate, the website monitor will try to reply to comments and questions within 72 hours.

Please let us know how you like the new website format by using the "comments" page. If you have suggestions, please send an e-mail to [klcweb@archman8.com](mailto:klcweb@archman8.com).

## PCB's

Occasionally, articles appear regarding PCB's in Nassau Lake, the Valatie Kill and Kinderhook Lake which contain misleading information. Several which appeared in the Times Union on April 12th and 13th indicated that GE and several other companies are planing to spend up to \$10 million to improve the containment system around the Dewey Loeffel dump site north of Nassau Lake. The articles were informative and the containment system needs to be improved. However, those articles, as well as most articles regarding PCB's, exclude important information and include misleading information.

First: they indicated that PCB's have been found in well water. PCB's are essentially insoluble in water and, according to DEC reports, have not been found in well water or in Nassau Lake water. PCB's bind strongly to soil and are carried during flooding primarily as suspended sediment. Semisoluble solvents, like toluene and benzene, are found in well water in homes near Valley Stream which flows south-east of the dump site. DEC claims that they most likely escape from the site through fissures in bedrock below the site. Their reports indicate that significant levels of PCB's have not been found in Valley Stream or in well water.

Second: articles do not differentiate between the Valatie Kill which flows from the site into Nassau Lake from that which flows over the Nassau Lake Dam into the lower Valatie Kill and Kinderhook Lake. When the dump site was active, substantial amounts of sediment-bound PCB's were washed by surface water into the upper Valatie Kill and Nassau Lake. GE has performed multiple dredgings in the upper Valatie Kill to get levels below 1 ppm but has never considered dredging in the lower Valatie Kill because the Nassau Dam has been an "effective barrier." Prior to closing the dump site in 1970, small amounts of contaminated sediment flowed into the lower Valatie Kill but there has been no evidence of further contamination. Now that a new Nassau dam has been constructed with a 100-ft. spillway, the chance of sediment moving downstream is extremely low.

Third: articles fail to mention that a NY State Dept. of Health study in 2002 found that the incidence of cancer in residents around Nassau Lake was lower than that in residents in neighboring uncontaminated areas. It is important to realize that the major PCB's in the dump site are highly chlorinated and extremely insoluble. However, soil bacteria do ingest them, aquatic insects eat the bacteria and fish eat them. Humans get PCB's primarily by eating contaminated fish. In Nassau Lake, levels in fish are still a concern but the only fish of concern in Kinderhook Lake is the American Eel. Eels live longer than most fish and maintain PCB's in their fatty tissues for many years. As a chemist who prepared Safety Data Sheets and supervised toxicology studies on chemicals for Sterling Drug Corp., I am concerned when individuals, who do not understand the properties or the toxicity-testing methods for chemicals, raise unwarranted concerns and exclude information about them. Major concerns should be:

- 1) sediments containing PCB's should be contained and not disturbed and
- 2) fish containing PCB's should not be eaten.

Prepared by Joe Collins.



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### Sad News - Loss of Otto Mueller

A long-time resident and active member of the Kinderhook Lake community, Otto Mueller, passed away on Friday, June 29th in Memorial Hospital with his family at his side. Otto was past president of KLIA and he and his wife Elizabeth have been members of KLC for many years. Several of his children are still residents on the lake.

### Panfish Derby

The youngsters who participated in the Derby had a great time. The largest five fish caught were kept alive so they could be measured and put back in the lake. Prizes were given for the heaviest five fish in three age groups: 6 and under, 7 - 11 and 12 - 15 and for the smallest fish in the youngest age group. A prize also was given for the largest carp.

Age 6 and under:	Daniel Paul Delura	2 lb. 7 oz.
Age 7 thru 11:	Alexander Van Benschoten	2 lb. 12 oz.
	Mandy Crocket	2 lb. 10 oz..
Third-place Tie	{ Tom Shimazu	2 lb. 7 oz.
	{ Sam Andrade	2 lb. 7 oz.
Age 12 thru 15:	Justin Beck	2 lb. 12 oz.
	Brian Davis	2 lb. 3 oz.
Smallest Fish	Daniel Paul Delura	
Largest Carp	Daniel Paul Delura	6 lb. 9 oz.

It was a great day for Daniel!

### 4th-of-July Boat Parade

Hundreds of people around the lake watched the boats in the Annual Boat Parade. \$50 Prizes were given to the following entries.

Most Original: Eileen Owens, Rt. 28B  
 Funniest: Bernie Kelleher Jr., Ottoville Rd.  
 Most Patriotic: Brian Young, E. Northport, LI

This year it was so hot that it was no fun being in the sun on the lake. Hopefully, more boats will be in the parade next year.

### Water-Craft Operation

This year there was more boat activity on the lake over the Holiday Weekend than ever before. We love to see the lake used by so many but we must remind you to be careful in operating your watercraft, particularly jet skis. We had one serious accident between a boat and jet ski last summer and do not want to have any more.

  
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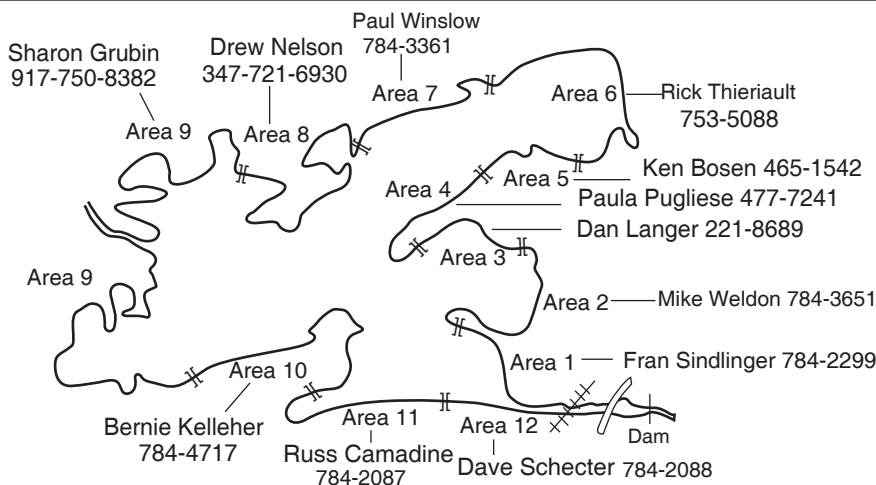
## The Dam

The March Newsletter included a description of the work which was done on the dam over the winter and the fact that the basic structure is sound for many years to come. However, the pipe on the gate-system is badly corroded and concrete around it has eroded away. This winter the KLC Directors would like to have a new pipe installed when the water is down. A study is in progress to determine how this will be done and to prepare a submission to DEC for a Permit. They hope that sufficient funds are available in the Dam-Reserve Fund to cover the operation; if not, you will be informed.

## Fishing

Fishing this year in Kinderhook Lake has been a different experience. For the first time in many years, walleyes, northern pike, crappies and yellow perch are being caught in addition to bluegills, white perch, smallmouths and largemouths. Since both two- and three-foot northerns have been caught and only 40 12-inch fish were stocked by KLC fourteen years ago, it is obvious that they are reproducing in the lake. Walleyes and largemouth bass have been stocked multiple times, so it is likely that most of those caught were stocked. A few of the walleyes caught were 2-foot in length. For some reason, very few of the many tiger muskies which were stocked in the lake by NYDEC have been caught. If you catch any of the stocked predator fish or the bass, please return them to the lake. One reason for stocking is to reduce the population of white perch. It seems to be working, so let's keep it up. Also, if you fish on the lake, please contribute to the fish-stocking fund. Thank you for your support! Have fun fishing!

## Area Directors



**KLC Directors are responsible for particular programs and for representing residents in shoreline areas indicated on the map.**  
**If you have concerns, call your Area Director.**

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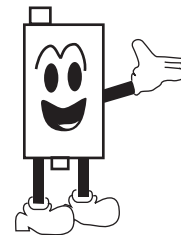
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