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Too Few Riparian Owners Support the KLC

Maintaining the lake and dam takes a great effort by a volunteer Board and a small handful of member volunteers, along with a cost of at least \$30,000 - \$35,000 per year, not including the cost of construction upgrades to the dam. And not too surprising, these cost are rising every year. What do all these volunteers do and where does the money go? Here's a brief list:

- ◆ Maintain and operate the DAM – remember, *without the dam, there would be no lake*
- ◆ Maintain the Rt. 28 launch site, boat access ramp and gate
- ◆ Administer water treatment for control of algae growth in accordance with DEC guidelines
- ◆ Maintain and operate the weed-cutter boat to regulate growth of water chestnuts in accordance with DEC guidelines
- ◆ Maintain and monitor the fish population; coordinate fish stocking with DEC
- ◆ Publish quarterly newsletters and maintain a website to keep KLC members, riparian owners and the community informed of important and interesting news about the lake
- ◆ Host the annual July 4th events, such as the kayak gymkhana, fishing derby, boat parade and circle of lights for all lake users

It's a sad statement to make and perhaps one you may not be aware of, but it is estimated that less than 40% of families who have lakefront property (riparian property owners) are KLC members. There are over 350 riparian properties, yet less than 140 riparian owners are KLC members, meaning that more than 210 riparian families benefit from the KLC's care of the lake and improvements to the dam without making a contribution.

Letters will go out this winter to all riparian owners explaining the importance of membership and encouraging them to join the KLC. Each Board member is now equipped with a tax map of all riparian properties and will make an effort to visit every riparian property owner in their respective lake area to encourage them to join. Some of these efforts have been made in past years with little improvement in riparian membership.

To explore new alternatives to increase riparian membership and raise additional funds, the Board hopes to assemble a committee to develop a strategic plan that will outline a new path for the future of the KLC and the lake community. We will keep our members informed as this process progresses.



Invasive Species Transport Bill Passed

(from Andrew Cuomo press release 9/2/14)

As of September 2014, New York State law prohibits the launch of watercraft without taking reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The new bill advances current efforts by the State and private organizations to halt the introduction and spread of invasive aquatic species into New York's waters.

"The natural beauty that is found in every corner of New York is second to none, and it is imperative that we do everything possible to protect that from the dangers of invasive species," Governor Cuomo said. "We all share a responsibility to protect our natural environment, and this legislation helps ensure that all who enjoy New York's waters will also do their part to limit the spread of different types of aquatic life that would otherwise harm the local ecosystem."

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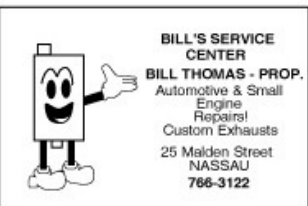


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Annual Notice of Treatment of Kinderhook Lake with Copper Sulfate

KLC has applied to NYSDEC for a permit to treat Kinderhook Lake with copper sulfate in 2015 (EPA Registration No. 46923-4). It is an herbicide which is used broadly to control algae. The levels used will be within the limits permitted by NYSDEC to kill blue-green algae without affecting other forms of algae.

In early spring, when water temperatures are low, white algae, called diatoms, multiply rapidly. Those algae, as well as several other forms of brown and green, are produced as the water warms; they are excellent food for crustaceans, mollusks, and fish fry. However, when water temperatures reach 68 degrees F, blue-green algae begins to multiply rapidly. Since blue-greens are not consumed by other organisms, they grow at the expense of the edible forms. If left untreated, levels will rise, water clarity will decrease and an unsightly, odor-producing scum of blue-green algae will form on the surface. Blue-green algae are not toxic to humans but may be to some dogs and other domestic animals.

Swimming, eating fish, and watering domestic animals will be restricted for 24 hours following treatment. Persons wishing to register their disapproval with regard to the proposed treatment may do so by writing or calling Mr. Mark Solan, NYSDEC Region #4, 1150 N. Wescott Road, Schenectady, NY 12306, (518) 357-2045; persons wishing to do so have twenty-one days from the date of this mailing. No response from riparian owners will be considered consent for the applications.




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We are looking to include new merchandise selections in the future. Please contact Ken Bosen with any ideas or suggestions.

IS Transport Bill *(continued from Page 1)*

The legislation makes it the responsibility of boaters launching watercraft to use common sense when putting in and taking out their boats. Before transportation or launch, the boater should first clean, drain, and dry the boat, trailer, and any other exposed equipment of visible plant and animal matter, or take other reasonable measures to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. This will help prevent the spread between waterbodies and introduction of invasive species in new waterbodies throughout the State.

Adoption of the bill complements a broad approach by State agencies to combat the spread of invasive species in New York's waters. This past summer DEC adopted regulations similar to this bill that prohibits boats from launching or leaving water access sites on DEC land without first taking these precautions. Also this summer the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation published proposed regulations that would place similar requirements on watercraft using State Parks. Several local municipalities and organizations in the State have already adopted local laws to address the spread of aquatic invasive species, including boat inspection and washing requirements. DEC is currently studying alternative methods of enforcement of the new legislation.

More information about the State's efforts to control and rid the environment of invasive species can be found at the DEC website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/265.html>.

The Year in Review

2014 brought many successful accomplishments by the KLC.

- ◆ The Board is proud of its continued improvements to the Niver's Dam. Under the watchful eyes and guidance of the Dam Committee (Bernie Kelleher, Bill Cleary and Russ Camadine), the sluice pipe was replaced and the sluice gate repaired; all accomplished for less than the original estimated construction cost.
- ◆ In the spring, several Board members and volunteers cleaned the lake bed below the railroad bridge and retrieved dozens of old bicycles which would have made boat passage under the bridge difficult in low water conditions.
- ◆ Rick Theriault and his committee helped organize another successful summer picnic. 300 meals were served, raffle prizes awarded, logo merchandise sold, and over \$3000 was raised to add to the KLC coffers.
- ◆ A committee (Sharon Grubin, Bill Cleary and Paul Winslow) started discussions with DEC in an effort to extend the expiring agreement to continue using the Rt. 28 boat launch as public access for car-top boats in exchange for DEC's help with maintenance.

◆ With the legislature recently passing the new Invasive Species Transport Bill, the KLC has been exploring new ways to reduce the spread of invasives by gaining better control of access to the lake. To this end, the KLC recently obtained permits from DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers to install a lake access gate at Rose Street Ext.

◆ Treasurer Fran Sindlinger recommended and the Board approved the purchase of new software specifically designed to organize and improve the membership, sponsorship, and fund raising activities of non-profit organizations such as the KLC.

◆ The Board helped organize two (2) NYS Boater Safety Courses this past year, successfully helping 40 students become better, safer boaters.

It was another successful year thanks to the efforts of our Board and member volunteers.

2015 will bring continued efforts to upgrade the Niver's Dam, explore new methods to reduce the spread of invasive species, continue discussions with DEC about the Rt. 28 launch site, and assemble a committee to prepare a new strategic plan for improving riparian membership, sponsorship, and fund raising activities.

Work on the Dam to Continue in 2015

Following the successful completion of dam repairs last year (replacing the sluice pipe and repairing the sluice gate), the dam will undergo additional repairs in 2015. These repairs include replacing areas of deteriorated concrete on the downstream face of the dam as requested by DEC and replacing the sagging foot bridge over the dam. Repairs will be completed under the current DEC permit by the same contractor who completed last year's repairs.

Important Dates to Remember

April 15

Approximate date to close down the sluice gate and start refilling the lake. Actual date is weather and ice dependent.

Board Notes

Discussed at recent Board Meetings:

- Water quality and weed control issues
- Next phase of dam repairs
- DEC meeting regarding the Rt. 28 launch site
- New management software for non-profits
- Controlling the spread of invasives
- Obtaining permits for lake access gate at Rose St. Ext.

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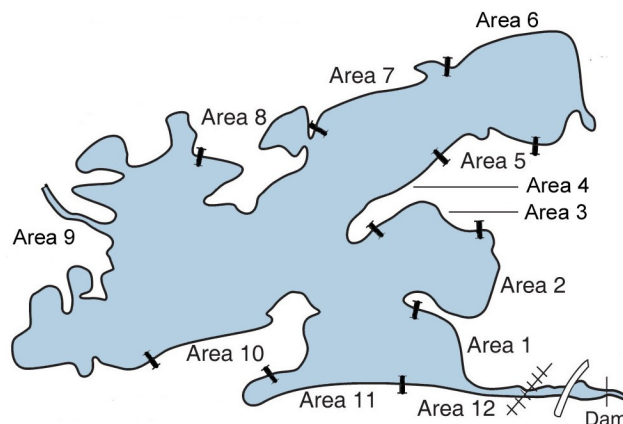
	2014 Actuals	2015 Estimate
Operating Income		
Contributions & Net Fundraising Events	39,771	40,850
Board Designated Funds to Dam Reserve *	(10,200)	(10,200)
Total Operating Income	\$ 29,571	\$ 30,650
Operating Expense		
Water Quality	17,777	18,000
Insurance Expense	4,805	5,100
Postage, Supplies, Utilities	1,532	1,950
Equipment Maintenance	378	500
Fish Stocking Expense	0	1,650
Professional & Program Fees	1,206	1,900
Merchant Disc & Bank Chgs	166	250
Licenses, Dues & Permits	200	300
Dam & Property Maintenance	599	1,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 26,664	\$ 30,650
Surplus (Deficit) Before Dam Improvements - Operating	\$ 2,907	\$ 0
Dam Reserve Income		
Contributions to Dam Reserve	1,205	1,100
Board Designated Funds From General Fund *	10,200	10,200
Total Dam Reserve Income	\$ 11,405	\$ 11,300
Dam Reserve Expense		
Dam Improvements	27,670	25,000
Total Dam Reserve Expense	\$ 27,670	\$ 25,000
Surplus (Deficit) Dam Reserves	\$ (16,265)	\$ (13,700)
Organizational Surplus (Deficit) December 31	\$ (13,358)	\$ (13,700)

* Note: Each month, the Board transfers \$850 from the General Fund to the Dam Reserve Fund.

Liquid Assets	General Fund	Dam Fund	Total
December 31, 2013	\$ 32,491	\$ 69,722	\$ 102,212
December 31, 2014	\$ 35,357	\$ 52,857	\$ 88,855

Area Directors

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



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