



# The KLC News



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## Our NEW Online Membership and Donation Form

The KLC has a new Online Membership and Donation Form for 2023. The new Form interacts directly with “DonorPerfect,” the database system we have been using for many years to track memberships, donations, and sponsors. Using the new Form will help reduce countless hours of manual data input by KLC directors and help to reduce database errors.

Although paper membership applications will still be available, we urge ALL members, donors, and sponsors to please begin using the new Online Membership and Donation Form. The new Form is simple and safe to use and can be accessed from the [KLC Membership](#) page of our website, [kinderhooklakecorp.org](http://kinderhooklakecorp.org).

If you choose to come in-person to **Membership and Merchandise Days** in the spring, laptops will be available for you to pay for your membership and make any donations using our new Online Membership and Donation Form. You will then be able to walk away with your membership poster, gate key, and trailer sticker, thereby reducing additional time and cost of mailing these items to you. Membership and Merchandise Days will be held in the tan metal building located at 9 Old West Shore Drive in Valatie from 9:00am to Noon on April 8 & 22 and May 6 & 20.

We thank you for your cooperation in this new endeavor. If you have questions about the new payment system, please send your inquiry to [klc@kinderhooklakecorp.org](mailto:klc@kinderhooklakecorp.org).


## Reserve Funds

In addition to your membership dues, please consider donating to our Reserve Funds. These Funds were created to help meet larger expenses as they become necessary to maintain the dam and lake in optimal conditions.

- ◆ The **Dam Reserve Fund** was created specifically to cover the cost of maintaining and upgrading the dam. To be ready for any potential or unexpected repair and upgrade projects, \$850 per month is transferred from the General Fund to the Dam Reserve Fund. Through these transfers, along with your generous donations to the Dam Fund, we have been able to keep the dam in excellent operating condition. As with all dams, however, ours will continue to be subject to deterioration over the years, and we must be ready as additional repairs and upgrades are required in the future.



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- ◆ The **Weed Management Fund** is designated to controlling the spread of invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation. Along with member donations, Weed Management funds helped to pay for the ProcellaCor treatment to rid the lake of over 200-acres of invasive Eurasian milfoil in 2021. KLC hopes to use additional Weed Management funds for continued ProcellaCor treatments in small areas as milfoil may try to return to the lake. Weed Management funds are also used to pay for fuel and maintenance of the EcoHarvester, now being used to battle the presence of invasive water chestnuts at the north end of the lake.
- ◆ The **Water Quality Fund** is all about controlling algae and potential harmful algal blooms. To control algae, the lake is treated with copper sulfate throughout the summer based on chemical analysis every two weeks. The Water Quality Fund pays for testing equipment, training, and license fees for our herbicide applicators, and fuel and maintenance of the herbicide application boat.
- ◆ The **Fish Fund** was created decades ago to bolster one of the KLC's original purposes, "...to help secure the planting of bass and other game fish." Dozens of people can be found fishing on the lake on a typical day during the summer and most report Kinderhook Lake as a wonderful and enjoyable place to fish. As funds become available, the KLC will continue to stock the lake with bass, feeder fish, and appropriate habitat as needed.



**Get to Know the Board**

The KLC is operated by a 12-member volunteer Board of Directors. Each Director is elected by the members and serves a three-year term. Here's some info to help you get to know a little about each board member.

**Linda Brady:** Retired from 40-year career in Banking, from teller to Security Investigator. My parents moved to KL in 1973. My husband John and I moved here permanently in 2011 from Hyde Park, NY. Our two children and four grandchildren have enjoyed quality time on the lake. When not boating, I enjoy gardening, painting, and cooking. I joined the KLC Board in 2021.

**Bill Cleary:** Worked at GE and Lockheed Martin for 39 years; now 10 years retired. I've enjoyed 70 summers on Kinderhook Lake and 25 years on KLC Board of Directors. I'm the 3rd generation, our daughter is the 4th generation, and our grandson is the 5th generation to enjoy the Lake. I believe in giving back, to help preserve and improve the resource we call Kinderhook Lake.

**Steve Everett:** Retired from 30 years of dairy farming, 10 years contracting, and 20 years as a manager with FedEx. Donna and I moved to Kinderhook Lake in 2016 to fulfill our lifelong dream of living on a lake. I enjoy fishing, woodworking, and maintaining/improving our property. I joined the KLC Board in 2018 to participate in the care of the lake we love so dearly.

**Mike Francoeur:** Clinical Engineering Manager for St Mary's Healthcare. I love spending time on the lake with my family and friends. My wife Dawn and I have three children and eight grandchildren. We are either on the lake or in our pool all summer long making the most of the short season. If you see us out there, please come by to say "hello."

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**Ron Jensis:** Graduated from Maple Hill, then got my degree in Electronics. I've worked at Brookwood Secure Center for 25+ years. I enjoy tennis and golf but love boating on the lake. I've been a KLC member since moving here in 1999, but volunteered for the Board in 2016 to try and repay the lake for all the good times it has given me.

**Bernie Kelleher (President):** Retired from the Columbia County Highway Department in 2019 after 42 years, the last 12 years holding the position as Director of Highways. I have lived on the lake year-round since 1981 when I married Judy Goad. We have three children and four grandchildren. I Enjoy doing whatever I can to help maintain the lake infrastructure.

**Dan Langer (2nd VP):** NYIT grad. Retired 2011 from 35-year career as managing principal of two mid-sized architectural firms. I love spending time with my wife, Robin, of fifty years, our two sons, and three grandsons. Since 2010, we spend summers at our Rose St cottage; winters in Troy. I enjoy photography, gardening, hiking, reading, and hanging out on the lake. I joined KLC board in 2012 to help with lake stewardship.

**Drew Nelson:** As a licensed commercial pesticide applicator, I started out assisting Joe Collins and joined the board in 2010, taking over the lake's chemical applications from 2012 until 2022. I continue to serve on the board as a member of the water quality committee and ready and willing to serve in any ways needed. Looking forward to a productive 2023.

**Brigette Roos (Secretary):** I moved here from Vermont in 1988. I grew to love the lake and community during the 10 years I owned and operated the Niverville Meats & Deli with my two sons. I love photography, nature, and traveling, especially visiting my two granddaughters. In the summer you can almost always find Ron and me on our two-story pontoon boat—stop over to say “hi.”

**Rick Theriault (1st VP):** My wife, Maura, and I have enjoyed our summer home on KL since 2004. In 2021 we made the lake our full-time residence. KL is a special place for us to share with family and friends. Having an interest in the lake's preservation, I volunteered as a KLC director in 2007. I hope the lake continues to thrive and bring enjoyment for generations to come.

**Pete Walkes:** SUNY Cobleskill nursery management graduate. Past owner of Saw Mill River Nursery in Bedford Hills, NY; in the business for 30 years. Retired 2017. My wife, Catherine, and I have had our lake house since 2003. I love fishing, boating, and life on the lake. Joined the KLC board in 2016 to help in any way to preserve, maintain, and improve lake-living.

**David Wilens (Treasurer):** Iona College grad; specialized in International Banking. My wife, Deborah, sons Ethan & Jared, and our dog, Romeo, have been part-timers on KL for 20 years, moving in full-time in 2020. We enjoy boating, swimming, entertaining, winter skating, and visiting with family/friends. I joined the Board in 2022 to help where my skills would be of most use.

**In Memorium**  
 We would like to recognize past KLC president and board member Merl Smith, who passed away in December 2022 at the age of 95. Merl first arrived at Kinderhook Lake in the early 1970's with his wife Connie. He loved the lake and was dedicated to improving it as much as he was to enjoying it with his family. He was a great asset to the lake and this community. He will be missed.



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**Did You Know?**

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**Dates to Remember**

**Early Spring**

Lake level starts rising to summer level. Date is weather dependent and will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20**

**Membership & Merchandise Days:**

9am-noon, 9 Old West Shore Dr, Valatie

**July 4**

**Annual Independence Day Events:**

Kayak Rally: 8:30-11:30am

Boat Parade: 1:30pm start at One Tree Island

Ring of Fire: 9:00pm

**August 5**

**Annual KLC Community Lake Day:**

12:00-2:00pm at One Tree Island

**August 26**

**KLC Annual Members' Meeting:**

10:00am at the KLIA Hall

**Annual Notice of Copper Sulfate Treatment**

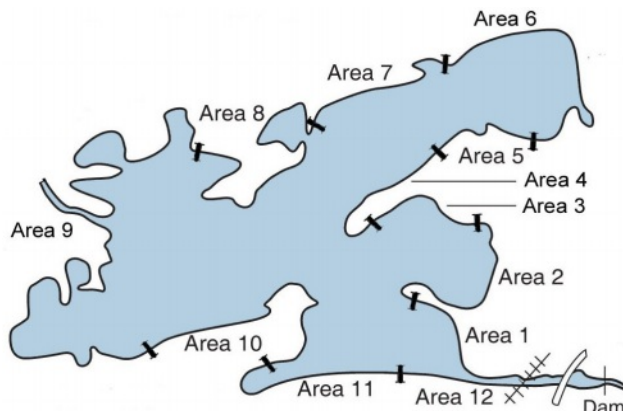
The KLC has applied to NYSDEC for a permit to treat Kinderhook Lake with copper sulfate (EPA Registration No. 46923-4). Copper sulfate is an herbicide which is used broadly to control algae. The levels used will be within the limits permitted by NYSDEC to kill blue-green algae without affecting other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

In early spring, when water temperatures are low, white algae, called diatoms, multiply rapidly. That 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, 1130 N. Wescott Road, Schenectady, NY 12306, (518) 357-2045; persons wishing to do so have twenty-one days from the date of this notice. No response from riparian owners will be considered consent for the applications.

**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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