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The KLC News



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Rain Gardens - Function & Form Create a Beautiful Solution

(Reprinted from the Spring 2018 KLC News)

Understanding that it is best for storm water flow to be slowed down and given a chance to be absorbed by the ground before entering the lake is the premise behind a rain garden. Soil serves as a filter for groundwater and reduces the amount of toxins that flow into the lake. Research has shown that a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak back into the ground before rushing into a lake or stream than a standard lawn does.

A rain garden is nothing more than a perennial garden with a few added features. Rain Gardens are designed to catch water that flows from impervious surfaces (like roofs, driveways, or patios) and slowly filter it into the ground before making it to the lake. The soil in our area usually needs to be amended with compost or peat to make the garden drain within 24 hours of a rainfall; perennials planted should be able to bear wet feet for that length of time.

Generally, the rain garden is placed a minimum of ten feet from the foundation of a home and should contain an overflow outlet in the event of an excessive rainstorm. Many use gutter extensions or swales to direct water-flow to a rain garden and, in some cases, many homeowners will plant a small rain garden in planter boxes to catch water coming off their house, garage, or deck. A rain garden is a smart and beautiful solution to storm water runoff and will help decrease the phosphorus and nitrogen flowing into our lake.

The Albany County Soil & Water District has provided an "Introduction to Rain Gardens" pamphlet at: http://www.albanycounty.com/Libraries/Soil_Water_Conservation_District/Albany_County_Rain_Gardens.sflb.ashx, as well as a comprehensive how-to article, complete with native plants that work well in the garden at: <https://www.townofguilderland.org/sites/guilderlandny/files/uploads/raingardenhandoutfromrocklandcounty.pdf>



Search for New Board Members

The KLC Board of Directors is actively seeking two (2) new Directors for election by KLC members at its Annual Meeting of Members on August 24, 2019.

Candidates must have the following minimum qualifications:

- be a current KLC member
- be available to attend monthly mid-week evening board meetings and occasional committee meetings
- be a strong advocate for the KLC, Kinderhook Lake, and community related issues
- have routine access to email, text, and cellular communications.
- be active in organizational planning and become well versed in 501(c)3 nonprofit IRS and NYS Charities Bureau regulations.

Candidates with experience in support of existing or new KLC programs would be preferred:

- outreach & communications (assist with the design and publication of community outreach materials, such as newsletters, social media, e-mail announcements, website postings, and distribution of educational materials)
- fundraising (develop, propose, organize and implement fundraising activities)
- maintain and grow an existing donor database (design, implement, and oversee annual appeal, maintain donor history, recruit new members, donor acknowledgements)
- lake stewardship and support (grant writing, lake habitat and biology, environmental law, legal research, NYS regulations, data compilation, and statistical analysis).

Interested Board candidates are asked to email a letter of interest and qualifications to the KLC Secretary, Lauren Desharnais, at lauren.desharnais@yahoo.com, no later than July 31, 2019.



KLC Community Lake Day



The second annual KLC Community Lake Day will take place on Saturday, August 3 (rain-date 8/4). This year, the event will be moved to the more spacious Haggerty's Island, just north of One Tree Island. Stop by and say hello to KLC members and friends and enjoy a free hot dog or hamburger between 12:00 and 2:00. The KLC will have Lake merchandise available for sale, membership information and applications.

As part of this celebration, winning tickets will be drawn for the 2019 KLC Fundraising Raffle. More details will be available in the near future on our Facebook page and website. See you there!



Harvester Volunteers Needed

The Eco Harvester is in the water and ready for action. As stated many times in the past, harvesting operations are most often limited by the lack of available dump-trailer drivers. If you own a pickup truck, are available weekdays, and wish to volunteer to help with offloading and transporting weeds to the local disposal site, please contact Dan Langer (518-221-8689) or Bill Cleary (518-784-3914). Having a long list of volunteer drivers would allow for additional harvesting time on the lake.

HABs Public Information Meeting

On June 8th, several dozen community members attended an important meeting at the KLIA Hall to learn about Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). Stephanie June from NYSDEC and Ed Coons from the Columbia County DOH discussed what HABs are, why they are now more prevalent in NYS waterbodies, how to recognize HABs, and what to do when you see them. Bottom line - - Know It, Avoid It, Report It!

Visit this DEC website to learn more about HABs, <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html>. Please learn to recognize HABs and avoid them if you see them.



Draft Management Update

Last summer, Kinderhook Lake was fortunately selected for study by a graduate student in the SUNY Oneonta Lake Management Program. Following interviews with lake community stakeholders, an online survey, student observations, and scientific water quality and aquatic weed testing and analysis, a Draft Management Update for Kinderhook Lake was prepared and submitted to the KLC and DEC for review. While the Report did not provide a lot of new or unknown information, it did confirm data and projected lake management practices previously discussed and implemented by the KLC Water Quality and Weed Committees. If you are interested in reviewing the Draft Management Update, it is now available on the LINKS page of our website.

Brianna's Law

The NYS Legislature overwhelmingly passed "Brianna's Law" for 11-year-old Brianna Lieneck, who died in a 2005 boating accident. The legislation, currently awaiting Gov. Cuomo's signature, will require all operators of motorized watercraft over the age of 10 to pass the NYS Boater Safety Course. There will be a five-year phase-in period to pass the online or in-person course. Those who have an existing boating safety certificate from a prior course are already deemed qualified.

July 4th Events

The KLC will once again be hosting July 4th activities.

Kayak Rally: 8:30 – 11:30, rain or shine. Paddle around the lake with any non-motorized vessel and collect as many tickets as you can from orange flagged locations. Print your name and phone # on each ticket and bring your tickets to the Rt 28 launch by 12:00 noon. Tickets will be drawn for prizes. Don't forget a pencil/pen and a plastic bag for your tickets. Please contact Pete Walkes (914-217-6770) if you are able to fly an orange flag and pass out tickets at your dock.

Boat Parade: Starts 1:30 from One Tree Island. Decorate your vessel to tour the lake, entertain your neighbors, make some noise, and have a ton of fun. Be recognized for best decorations and most patriotic boat.

Ring of Fire: 9:00pm. Light your flares at 9:00pm along the shoreline for the annual Ring of Fire. Flares and KLC merchandise will be available at the Rt. 28 launch from 10:00am to 1:00pm on July 4th, or call Pete Walkes (914-217-6770) to arrange for flares at other times.

Keep your fingers crossed for great weather and please be safe.



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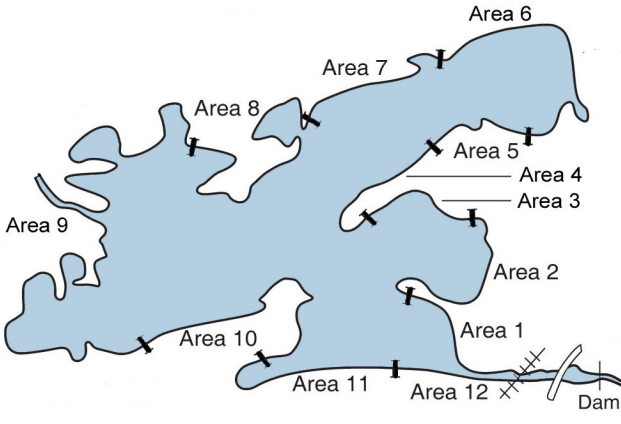
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Money raised through the sale of merchandise is used to benefit Kinderhook Lake programs.

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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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