

The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.
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WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

I see trees of green, red roses too.
I see them bloom for me and you.
I see skies of blue and clouds of white.
The bright blessed day and dark secret night.
The color of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky,
Are also on the faces of people passing by.
I see friends shaking hands, saying "How do you do?"
What they are saying is "I love you."
I hear babies cry; I watch them grow.
They'll learn so much that I'll never know.
I think to myself "What a Wonderful World."

If we think about it, we really have it "made" here on Copake Lake. We have everything we need and more. We have the beauty of nature, home, and community that surrounds our little piece of the world. The Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) strives to keep "our little piece of the world" safe! And by safe I mean protecting our watershed, our ecological balance and promoting safe recreational use of Copake Lake. Our watershed means any property where water will run downhill to the lake. We all have property in the Copake Lake watershed. We need to be aware that what we do in and around our properties will eventually have some impact on the lake (the Footprint of Man). If you dig up dirt, plant gardens, make drains, resurface roads or driveways, and maintain your BMPs. Barbara Bunger, chairperson of the Education Committee, has started a new CLCS library about living on or around watersheds like ours. Please take advantage of our new library and educate yourselves to a new "greener" way of living in the Copake Lake watershed.

The CLCS strives to maintain an ecological balance in Copake Lake by eradicating "nuisance" weed populations while maintaining plants that support the fish population. It is the natural evolution of inland lakes to "fill in" with sediment and debris that will eventually become swamps. We are committed to holding back the clock and returning Copake Lake to a pristine condition. In 2000, the lake was a stinky, weed-filled, green algae filled body of water. I did not want to swim, fish or boat on the lake anymore. The CLCS had a town hall type of meeting and Fred Bunger, chairperson of the Lake Management Committee, led and steered our organization into making Copake Lake a viable, natural resource for all of us to enjoy. The surveys, permitting, planning, herbicide/algaeicide, applications, water and plant testing took vast amounts of time, effort and money. Most of that time and effort came from our volunteers and contractors. But the "money", that came from YOU! We need your "membership" dollars and support to make Copake Lake as pristine as possible.

A "SAFE" day makes for a "GOOD" day of recreation on the lake. Learn the rules, have your safety equipment, and be "cautious" on the water. The water is not a road; you cannot stand or walk on water. Don't get in over your head. Be prepared. Be alert. Be responsive to others in distress. Do not allow unlicensed people to drive your PWC or wave runner. It is your machine; it is your responsibility. Be safe; be happy.

What a wonderful little piece of the world we get to enjoy here at Copake Lake. It's a pretty nice little community we have here around the lake. I live here year round. I breathe, eat, drink, hunt, fish, snowmobile,

boat, and swim on Copake Lake. It's in my blood, my mind and my heart. You, the CLCS membership and your support, are on my mind and in my heart. This is a great community to live in. Thank you all.

I think to myself - What a Wonderful World!

Dominick "Buddy" Sinisi
President



A SPECIAL JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE IN 2009

The annual July 4th Independence Day Boat Parade drew the largest turnout ever on Copake Lake. Starting in Southwest Colony at 1:00 pm, the parade featured watercraft of every type. Last year's winner, "The Spirit of Copake Lake," led a slow tour around our beautiful lake to the delight of participants and shoreline onlookers who waived and cheered enthusiastically. After circling the lake, all boats headed over to the Lighthouse Marina for a get together. The trophy is with the winners until next year's contest.

In recent years the July 4th Copake Lake boat parade has become a much anticipated summer event. When the parade became a 'contest' a special float boat became a regular entry with Van Mackey dressed as the Statue of Liberty. Van stood tall year after year no matter what the weather was, he honored a glorious day in our country's history and our lake's tradition. Van did it for the love of the lake and the love of his friends knowing that traditions are valuable staples that we all need to have through our life's journey. We are very grateful that the Statue of Liberty won the boat parade for 2009 and that Jake Vitthuhn, by Van's bedside, said he would continue to carry the torch. We have dedicated the trophy for 2009 in loving memory of a wonderful friend who loved Copake Lake and loved his country, Van David Mackey.

Debra Ruggieri
July 4th Boat Parade Coordinator

CLCS 2009/2010 COMMITTEES

Get involved with CLCS. Join one of the many committees listed below or consider serving on the Board of Directors. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. Feel free to contact us at 518-325-5820 or let anyone of us know of your interest. **GET INVOLVED!**

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Dan Cohen	Ira Halfond
Joyce Craw	

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Denise Chickery	Barbara Rindler
John Mastropolo	Buddy Sinisi*

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Denise Chickery*	Melissa Karchmer
Dan Cohen	Sarah Leshner
Joyce Craw	Muriel Muldorf
Lynn Gelman	Rich Pawlikowski
Colleen Gursky	Marissa Shedd

LAKE MANAGEMENT

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Barbara Bunger	Victor Marchese
Fred Bunger*	John Mastropolo
David Craw	Keith Shaefer
Lindsay LeBrecht	Buddy Sinisi

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Melissa Karchmer	Debra Ruggieri

NEWSLETTER

Denise Chickery	Sharon Luchow
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COPAKE LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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***If you are interested in being a representative for Pond Hill, please contact us. Thank you.**

FALL 2009 MEMBERSHIP

Hi everyone, the Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) is optimistic that you had a wonderful 2009 summer. While the rain, at least in July, seemed to be the topic of this season's conversations, many of us still did not let it get in the way of our summertime fun. We dodged the raindrops and admired the rainbows this summer brought to us. The falling raindrops did not hinder us from taking our boats for a ride, paddling around the lake in our kayaks, or pulling up the sails on our sailboats or even taking a leisurely walk, jogging, visiting with neighbors, or just watching children at play. It's all about making memories rain or shine. Where else would you rather be on a summer weekend but at the lake.

The Copake Lake Conservation Society relies on your contributions to preserve the lakes natural beauty and we need your continuing support. Copake Lake has 568 families that CLCS reaches out to each year, usually only about 250 families become members of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Please take a look at the alphabetized list of current contributors in this newsletter. Do you see your name, your neighbors name? We urge you to reach out to those neighbors and ask them to join. If you have not yet given your 2009 membership dues, we kindly ask you to send in your tax deductible contribution and make a difference. It's not too late. We have provided a self addressed envelope in this newsletter.

Thank you for supporting the Copake Lake Conservation Society.

Debra Ruggieri
Membership Chair



TREASURER'S REPORT

COPAKE LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

INCOME:

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	15,149.85
CONTRIBUTIONS	43,433.00
INTEREST	2,243.71
TOTAL INCOME	60,826.56

EXPENSES:

OPERATING EXPENSES	9,234.85
HARVESTER	458.20
LAKE MANAGEMENT	48,844.00
FUNDRAISING	8,535.36
EDUCATION	1,181.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	68,253.79

TOTAL INCOME (EXPENSE)

(6,245.85) DEFICIT

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE FOR 2009!

If you do not see your name listed below, there is still time to contribute for 2009. A complete list of all 2009 contributors will be published in our Spring 2010 newsletter. Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apologize for any errors. Thank you to all of you who support our efforts.

Rick Aluisio
 Robert Aluisio
 Kevin & Gloria Anderson
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