



The Upper Lake Mirror

Upper Greenwood Lake
Property Owners Association's Newsletter

JUNE 2011

SUMMER EDITION

Stump Project 2011

By Karen Sarnowski

The bad news is? We still have them. The good news is? The Association has a plan in place to work hard at removing them.

Yes, the stumps are there and many now are "decorated" with yellow and white markers. Because of a volunteer effort, we were out in full force on the lowered waters this fall marking stumps that fell in the three foot or higher water levels. Now we are beginning the laborious effort to remove as many as possible of these hazards. The POA has hired some young men to work from the Association's barge and to clear specific areas of the marked stumps. They will be out on the lake in the upcoming weeks pulling and bringing to the shores whatever they can get out with our equipment.

Putting this project together was not easy and is the reason for our late start this season (and the weather hasn't helped, either).

When out on the lake, it is an impor-

tant safety issue for yourself and the people working the equipment, as well as NJ Law, that you maintain a distance of 200 feet from the equipment and cause no wake when passing by. This will help in ensuring a safe and efficient operation for yourself and the people working on the equipment.

NJ State law states all power vessels shall reduce their speed to slow speed when passing work barges or floats while actually engaged in construction. "Slow Speed" is defined as speed at which a power vessel moves through the water and is able to maintain minimum headway in relation to vessel or structure being passed.

Anyone who has a boat may also pull out stumps and bring them to the adjacent shores to help in clearing some of the busy waterways, like the channel that runs between Racetrack Drive and the mainland. This area is full of markers making it very difficult to navigate to the bridge.

Many of the marked items in this area are smaller in size and should be able to be pulled out fairly easily. Larger stumps must be left for the barge to retrieve. Do not attempt to retrieve these because it can be dangerous. Give the smaller ones a try; it's really not too hard to do. If every single boat that uses the lake were to pull five stumps to the shore, just think what a difference that would make!

Also, please do not run over the markers with a motorized boat. You could potentially get the rope wrapped around your prop and a stump attached to your boat. That would not be a very good situation. Or, you will cut the rope and our stump will no longer be marked. And most importantly, we know the markers are not the nicest things to look at but they will help us to clean that area of the marked stumps so do not cut the markers from their ropes!

As is usual every spring, carefully navigate the waters. There was a lot of debris floating around after the spring thaws and even in the last week large floating logs have been spotted out on the waters. Any loose markers found should be dropped off to the office for future re-use.

Continued on page 2

Important Message on the Stump Removal Project

By Pat Toffler

During the next several months the Upper Greenwood Lakes Property Owners Association's (UGLPOA) barge will be out on the water actively pulling stumps marked last fall with white floats. There also may be additional equipment out on the water ways associated with this activity. It is an important safety issue for yourself and the people working the equipment, as well as NJ Law, that you maintain a distance of 200 feet from the equipment and cause no wake when passing by. This will help in ensuring a safe and efficient operation for yourself and the people working on the equipment.

NJ State law:

http://www.state.nj.us/njsp/maritime/pdf/030311_boatsafetymanual.pdf

All power vessels shall reduce their speed to slow speed when passing work barges or floats while actually engaged in construction.

"Slow Speed" is defined as speed at which a power vessel moves through the water and is able to maintain minimum headway in relation to vessel or structure being passed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

UGLPOA Contacts

E-mail Address: uglpoa@yahoo.com
Website: www.uglpoa.org
Telephone: 973-853-4262
Fax: 973-853-4106
US Mail: Box 457, Hewitt, NJ 07421

The Upper Lake Mirror

Published Semi-Annually
Editor Lou Mangerpan
Graphic Designer Ken Shafton
Lake History Reporter Julia Held

Security 2011

By Jason Horn

As we welcome in the summer of 2011, I would like to thank all Easement holders for approving an increase to the Security budget. Last year between increased operating costs (taxes, utilities, etc.), combined with very few rainy days, we were forced to limit the presence of the West Milford Police Department to just one afternoon. An increase to the Security budget in 2011 has a large impact in two main areas. First, West Milford Police will be joining the Security team on the Security boat numerous times this year (weather permitting) and second; we will have increased Security patrol hours on

the lake and at the boat launch. We feel this will be a big step in the right direction addressing the main complaints of the membership which are out-of-control people on jet skis and a lake that sometimes turns into a free-for-all during the early evening hours after the Security Staff has finished for the day. Now with the patrols going much later into the evening and the increased police presence who can issue tickets, we hope to calm things down out there.

Now that the 2011 boating season has arrived, and you are out on the lake sitting in your boat watching someone pull a wake boarder through the heart of the stump field, you may be asking yourself who are these security people anyway? Well, although they are not Seal Team Six from the U.S. military, they do

carry some impressive credentials. Their makeup consists of West Milford Special Police Officers, Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel, West Milford Firemen (One is a Chief), two EMT's and a retired Police Officer. And did I mention they are all trained in CPR? The reason I have pointed this out is because as much as I want to see every illegal boat towed out of the lake and sent to the crusher or every jet-ski traveling at mach one speed confiscated by the West Milford Police Department or every fisherman who isn't a member charged with trespassing, our number one priority is to be there in case of an emergency. I am proud to say that our staff is up for that job. Stay safe everyone and most of all, HAVE FUN!!!

Beach News

By Andy Fineman

Everyone is looking forward to the new season. Some changes have been made and a lot more of the stuff the POA have always done. Some new staff, but, there will be many returning veterans. To start, weekends only until school is out and then it's weekdays and weekends. Be sure to fill out the application attached to the membership package and

return it in order to register your child for Swim Lessons. Very young children must be toilet trained to participate. Anyone who thinks they can help with the Beach Committee is welcome to join. Just talk to Andy Fineman, Laura Nietzer, or call the office at 973-853-4262. Well – see you on the sand!

Lake Trash, Very Disappointing

By Karen Sarnowski

In the fall of 2009 I spent hours cleaning broken pieces of glass from the exposed lake bed. I collected many grocery bags full of little pieces of glass first in the area by my dock and then gradually moving to adjacent areas. Once done I was fairly confident that the lake bed for that 1/8 to 1/4 mile was free of glass in the areas I was able to reach.

Fast forward to this past fall, with the lake again lowered. I was looking around the area of my dock and immediately spied more glass. I strolled down the lake bed and more of the same! The area at the point was of course the worse

because it seems that any bottles that are left in this area are fair game for the local kids to smash against the rocks along the lake's edge. This was truly disappointing.



I can't for the life of me understand how people have no issue throwing their garbage into the lake.

Please people, this is your lake, take a couple of moments to keep your garbage out of it! Keep a garbage can on your boats, secure your cans and bottles when motoring and if windy make sure your can is not going to blow off your boat. Seems pretty simple to me, but apparently it isn't for some.

Stumps, Stumps, Stumps

Continued from page 1

The Association will try to remove stockpiled stumps once brought into the shore as quickly as possible since they may block some docks, may smell and we know are unsightly. Coordination with the excavators to remove them sometimes is difficult because of their schedules. And please be patient; we are doing our hardest to make our lake the best it can be!

Temporary UGLPOA Evening Office Hours

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

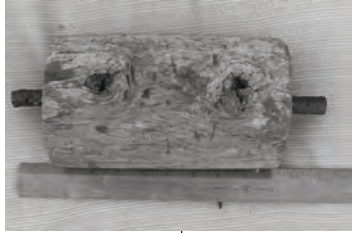
Wednesday, June 29, 2011

The office will be open until 8pm for Residents to make Easement Fees and POA Dues payments, and to submit necessary paperwork (NJ Boat Registration, proof of attending a Boating Safety Class, and car registration) prior to UGL Day and July 4, 2011 weekend. Upon receipt of due and or fees, and the required paperwork, membership packet will be issued.

UGL History Mysteries

By Julia Held

The mysterious object (shown in the photos accompanying this story) is a perfectly cylindrical log 8¼ inches long and 4 inches in diameter through which a 12 inch metal rod was inserted in a perfectly centered hole. The rod's diameter is difficult to ascertain since the rod is severely corroded. It appears that a hole was drilled in each end of the rod. The artifact weighs 8½ pounds.



Dan Powell found the object near his house on Upper Greenwood Road in the early '90s when he was seven or eight years old. In 1986 his parents William and Kim Powell bought the property on Upper Greenwood Road. They tore down the old bungalow on the site and built their house in its place.



A 5x9 inch metal plate with the inscription "U.G.L.P.O. ASS'N MEMBER 10...1936," which the Powells found in the basement of the bungalow, hangs in their living room on a wall made of bricks salvaged from the bungalow's demolition. The plate was probably a dock plate owned by the Baker family. Several years ago a granddaughter of the Bakers stopped by the Powells' house remembering that their property was the location where her grandfather's bungalow once stood.



The artifact remained in the Powell residence until several months ago when Bill Powell brought it to my house thinking that I might have a clue as to its origin and use. As yet, there are no definitive answers to the following questions: Questions



such as: How old is it, who made it, how was it made, and, particularly, what purpose did it serve? If you have any knowl-

edge that may help solve this UGL history mystery please send your information via UGLPOA E-mail: uglpoa@yahoo.com.

About two years ago, members of the Upper Greenwood Lake Cub Scout Pack 146, Den 3, were assigned the task of cleaning up debris from the grounds around Upper Greenwood Lake's Volunteer Fire Company Number 5 firehouse on

Warwick Turnpike. Cub scouts Matthew Ferrerra and Joey Miller found what they thought was Styrofoam garbage. To their surprise it was a heavy concrete block — its edges broken and cracked — with "1935" carved on one of its sides. Scoutmaster Jeff Miller said, "I knew it was a cornerstone right away. That's why I did not get rid of it."

Instead, he took it to his house where it sat at the edge of his driveway for several weeks.

Happenstance had it that Richard Zozula — of "Richard's Trimworks" on Warwick Turnpike — went to Jeff's house on a job-related visit. Richard recognized the cornerstone

from a photo he had seen in Upper Greenwood Lake's 75th Anniversary publication, Reflections of the Past. Jeff said,

"We got out the book and compared it with the photo, 'Ceremony and Cornerstone Laying of the Upper Greenwood Lake Fire Co. No. 1, Sept. 22, 1935.' That's when we realized it was a firehouse cornerstone." It so happened that I, too, had occasion to meet with Richard on

work-related business at which time — recognizing me as a writer of Upper Greenwood Lake history — he told me

the story of the cornerstone. A call to Jeff solved the mystery of its final resting place.

The cornerstone now resides where it was found. Shown in the photo at Upper Greenwood Lake Firehouse Number 5 are the following: front row: Matthew Ferrerra and Charles Lane; second row: Aidan Harrington, Joseph Apfelbaum, Adam Nickelston; third row: Jeff Miller, Scott Apfelbaum, and Adam Nickelston.

Richard's friend Donna D'Elia owns the building — now a private dwelling — that was built for the Upper Greenwood Lake Fire Co. Number 1 of the 1935 cornerstone laying ceremony. Its façade retains the appearance of the original building, but at some time, while changes and additions were made; — the structure once housed a print shop and more recently a machine shop — the corner stone was ripped from the building and thrown aside. As of this writing, the placement of the cornerstone as an integral part of the building's structure remains a mystery.



Weeds

By Pat Toffler

The Upper Greenwood Lake Association (UGLPOA) has contracted with Aquatic Analysts to provide lake survey services and weed control for Upper Greenwood Lake and Mount Laurel Lake. Surveys will be conducted bi-weekly and treatments will be applied as required. Copies of the results from the first surveys are shown below. Anyone who notices weed growth should bring it to the attention of Mr. Pat Toffler, Chair Weed Committee, by notifying the UGLPOA Office at 973-853-4262 or use the "Contact Us" link on the Association's web site UGLPOA.ORG. Have a safe and enjoyable summer season.

2011 Upper Greenwood Lake Survey #1
Date: April 27, 2011
Weather: Clouds/sun (75 F)
Secchi* depth: High -Four feet.
*A measure of the clarity of water. Secchi depth is measured using a circular plate, known as a Secchi disk, which is lowered into the water until it is no longer visible. High Secchi depths indicate clear water; whereas low Secchi depths indicate

cloudy or turbid water.

Aquatic Analysts, Inc. made the following observations with their airboat at Upper Greenwood Lake.

Northeast Lake:

Milfoil plants were low and scattered (six to twelve inches tall) throughout. Largeleaf pondweed growth was patchy in Audobon Cove, Firehouse Cove, Bridge Cove and around the islands. Most plants were less than twenty four inches tall. There were some scattered curlyleaf pondweed plants, with a few plants within two feet of the surface in Firehouse Cove. A few bladderwort plants were observed floating on the surface in Bridge Cove and Yardville Cove. A few cabomba plants had emerged from the hydrosol. Some filamentous algae, Spirogyra sp., was growing on the bottom along the shoreline.

Witte Cove:

Milfoil plants were low and scattered (twelve to twenty four inches tall). No cabomba plants were found. Largeleaf pondweed growth was patchy (twelve to twenty five inches tall) and plants were well below the surface. A few bladderwort plants were observed to the south. Spirogyra sp. was growing on the bottom to the south.

Pioneer Cove:

A few milfoil plants had emerged from the hydrosol. No cabomba plants were found. Spirogyra sp. was growing on the bottom.

Some aquatic moss was seen floating on the surface in Yardville Cove and the south end of Witte Cove. Water appeared somewhat turbid. No treatment is recommended at the present time. Aquatic Analysts will re-evaluate after the next survey if treatment is needed.

2011 Mount Laurel Lake Survey #1

Date: April 27, 2011

Weather: Clouds/sun (75 F)

Aquatic Analysts made the following observations from the shoreline at Mount Laurel Lake.

The lake could not be surveyed with their airboat because the dock was moved parallel to the shore by ice. A few milfoil plants had emerged from the hydrosol along the shoreline of the beach point. No aquatic plants were visible from the road.

Aquatic Analysts will survey the lake by boat when the dock is in the normal position. No treatment is recommended at the present time. We will re-evaluate after the next survey is treatment is needed.

Parkland Encroachments

Over the past five to six years the Encroachment Committee has worked diligently to inform property owners of the rules and regulations that dictate the use of Parklands along the shore line of Upper Greenwood Lake. Residents have been fairly consistent in contacting the Property Owners Association (POA) and submitting the necessary application form and drawings when they plan for bulkhead replacement, dock repair and dock installation to be undertaken on or near Parklands. Many have contacted the office at various times with inquiries and were dutifully advised what is permissible under the POA Rules and Regulations and most projects generally commenced without issues.

In a few circumstances, the Encroachment Committee unfortunately had to contact property owners after unauthorized work on Parklands had been completed. There was always general disappointment that monies had been spent on their behalf but the encroaching decks, sheds, fences and large docks had to be

removed or brought into compliance with POA Rules and Regulations. In almost every instance where unauthorized construction had to be removed the question that was always asked is: "Why can the person across the way from me be allowed to have it and we cannot have the same?" The answer from the Encroachment Committee has always been that there will come a time when all Parkland encroachments will need to be removed or corrected. This has always been a difficult conversation.

The time is now upon the lakefront owners to plan for the removal of fences, decks, out buildings & sheds from Parkland property. Everyone knows where their property line is since we all purchase a house with a copy of our property survey. Please take some time to locate your survey and review your property line. The UGLPOA Rules and Regulations regarding parklands encroachments has been the same for decades; Excerpt from: Rules & Regulations-(Rev 02/06)

E. Parklands/ Dam:

- 2.The following is NOT permitted on any parklands owned by the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association (UGLPOA):
 - c.Dumping, littering, or storing refuse or foreign materials of any kind.
 - d.Buildings or structures of any kind.
 - e. Fences, walls or roadblocks of any kind.
 - f. Mutilation or destruction of any plants or trees.
 - i. Parking of any vehicles or trailers overnight.
 - k.Septic or leach field systems.
3. The owners of property adjacent to any parklands are expected to maintain the parkland, keep same free of debris and refuse, cut the grass and undergrowth where and when required. No property owner shall, however, usurp any parklands for personal use or attempt to restrict others from access there

To allow everyone ample time to perform removal of any encroachments the following schedule has been compiled:
Fences - Removal of all fences off of

Continued on page 5

Don't feed the ducks!

It's now the law

By *Howie Zemser*

In case anyone doesn't know it yet, West Milford Township has passed a new ordinance prohibiting the feeding of waterfowl. Penalties can be a fine up to \$2000 and 90 days imprisonment, or 90 days of community service.

This new ordinance is the result of the efforts of the West Milford Lakes Committee and general public in implementing "best practices" strategies to protect, maintain, and improve the environmental quality of all of West Milford's lake communities. While wild ducks, swans, and geese are a valuable natural resource, the congregation and congestion of waterfowl can lead to many health hazards. Resident Canadian geese populations have been exploding in recent years becoming a serious nuisance. Their increasing numbers are having a detrimental environmental and financial impact on our lakes.

What's all the poop about? One goose can consume up to four pounds of grass per day, creating about three pounds of fecal matter daily! This fecal matter makes grassy and shoreline areas unappealing and, even worse, pollutes our lakes, accelerating the growth of aquatic plants and algae blooms. In addition, this fecal matter creates a public health hazard, and can make those who recreate in the polluted water sick by introducing the swimmer's itch organism and E. coli bacteria into the water and by possibly causing toxic cyanobacteria blooms in the water to become more frequent and severe. For these reasons, you should avoid contact and ingestion of water in areas frequented by geese.

The Association on Upper Greenwood Lake has received many complaints about some residents feeding ducks, attracting great numbers of ducks and geese to congregate near their property. This has produced a very "unnatural" environment, resembling a scene from "The Birds". These birds serve as live "decoys", attracting more and more migratory birds to the areas. This behavior has led to problems for everyone that uses the lake, not to mention the neighbors who have had to deal with all the fecal matter around their properties or

docks. After a rain, it all ends up in the lake. We have had to close the beach because of fecal levels. Before this ordinance, our hands were tied.

Bird lovers should know that this ordinance also helps protect the welfare of the birds themselves, as wildlife studies have shown that feeding waterfowl and migratory birds can interrupt their normal migration patterns, cause nutritional problems, and promote the spread of bird diseases.

In many areas it has become necessary to 'manage' geese populations. As with our bears, we should appreciate all our wildlife in their natural environment, and not "help" turn them into pests.

We on the Upper Greenwood Lake Environmental Committee would like to thank the Lakes Committee, and their chair, the recent township volunteer of the year and Upper Greenwood Lake resident Dave Lynch, for all the tireless efforts on our behalf. Last year the township instituted the septic ordinance, a result of their labors. Though not everyone may agree, these proactive ordinances are needed measures to help preserve the environmental health of all our lake communities, producing a positive effect on recreational use and property values.

Parkland Encroachments

Continued from page 4

Parkland property by December 31, 2011. Shrubs and vegetation may be planted in lieu of any fencing that is removed.

Shrubs being planted must be non-invasive, non-harmful to humans, and spaced to allow access to cross parklands. (i.e. No thorny bushes, bamboo, blackberry, raspberry etc.)

Sheds & Outbuildings - Removal of all sheds & outbuildings off Parkland property by December 31, 2012.

Decks & Patios- Removal of all decks and patios off Parkland property by December 31, 2013.

Additional information on Easement Rights can be found on the Association's web site, UGLPOA.ORG, under the link "Easement Rights".

As the warmer weather arrives, the Encroachment Committee will be surveying lakefront properties and noting, by an orange colored stake, where Parklands ends and private property begins. A letter will be sent to the encroaching property

owner, accompanied by a picture showing the stakes and the respective encroachment. If there is discrepancy regarding the property line, there will be a review process in place. Property owners should first send a copy of their survey that

details their property lines to the UGLPOA office (address and telephone number can be found on the UGLPOA Web Site). Adjustments will be made accordingly. Should a personal appearance

Continued on back page

Dock Agreement/Contract

By *Karen Sarnowski*

This year, 2011, the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association (UGLPOA) has instituted a Document of Agreement between all dock holders and the Association. The Agreement must be signed by the dock holder and returned to the UGLPOA Office as soon as possible.

All dock holders will receive this document along with a cover letter of explanation in their membership packets. Anyone who has questions can call the office and speak with the Office Manager, send an e-mail to the office at Uglpoa@yahoo.com, or use the "Contact Us" link on the Associations web site and someone will get back to you. If there are enough questions that are similar in nature, answers will be posted on the "FAQ" link on the website.

In the future, all new dock holders will be given this agreement to sign when their dock is assigned. The Association does not anticipate the need for the resigning of this document on an annual basis. Once you have returned the signed agreement it will be kept in your property file.



Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association

Box 457
Hewitt, NJ 07421

Website: www.uglpoa.org

PRESORTED
STANDARD U.S.
POSTAGE & FEES
PAID
WEST MILFORD, NJ
PERMIT NO. 128

POSTAL PATRON

In This Issue

Stumps Project 2011	1
Important Message	1
Security 2011	2
Beach News	2
Lake Trash	2
Temporary UGLPOA Hours	2
UGL History Mysteries	3
Weeds	4
Parkland Encroachments	4
Don't Feed the Ducks	5
Dock Agreement	5
Activities	6
Board of Trustees	6

**Additional article on 2011 Lake
Activities can be found on the
Website under Newsletters.**

Board of Trustees

John Veninger, President
Andy Fineman, Vice President,

Beach*, Easement*,
Lou Mangerpan, Secretary, Publicity*,

Newsletter, Webmaster, Messaging
System

Paul Donoghue, Treasurer,
Insurance, By-Laws*

Karen Sarnowski, Membership
Secretary, Docks*, Dredging*, Legal

Rob Burr, Weeds, Boat House*,
Warren Colnaghi, Entertainment

Jason Horn, Security*,
Craig Hornyak, Activities*

Gary Gallucci, Encroachment*,
Edward Igielski, Parklands,

Docks, Dam Safety*,
Jim Jones, Parklands*

Renee Manzo, Environmental,
Town Liaison*

Laura Nietzer, Clubhouse*, Beach
Parklands, Weeds*

Pat Toffler, Master Plan*,
Gary Zielinski, Stumps

Howie Zemser, Environmental*

*Committee Chair or Co-Chairman

John Veninger, President,
Andy Fineman, Vice President,
Beach*, Easement*,
Lou Mangerpan, Secretary, Publicity*,
Newsletter, Webmaster, Messaging
System
Paul Donoghue, Treasurer,
Insurance, By-Laws*
Karen Sarnowski, Membership
Secretary, Docks*, Dredging*, Legal
Rob Burr, Weeds, Boat House*,
Warren Colnaghi, Entertainment
Jason Horn, Security*,
Craig Hornyak, Activities*
Gary Gallucci, Encroachment*,
Edward Igielski, Parklands,
Docks, Dam Safety*,
Jim Jones, Parklands*
Renee Manzo, Environmental,
Town Liaison*
Laura Nietzer, Clubhouse*, Beach
Parklands, Weeds*
Pat Toffler, Master Plan*,
Gary Zielinski, Stumps
Howie Zemser, Environmental*

The Encroachment Committee thanks everyone in advance for assisting us in expediting the removal of all Parkland encroachments.

The Encroachment Committee thanks everyone in advance for assisting us in expediting the removal of all Parkland encroachments.

The Encroachment Committee fully understands the imposition this places on some property owners but this is a process that is long overdue. Despite the general assumption that exists, there is NO grandfathering of Parkland encroachments. Daresay, there is not a single non-lake-front property owner that would ever consider building a fence or structure on their neighbors' property and lakefront owners should not be at liberty to construct or maintain structures on what is UGLPOA community property. Parklands were originally set aside to be a community area and the time to start removing what has become a personal use of this property is now.

Parkland Encroachments

Continued on page 11