

July	July	August	September	October	November	December
Saturday 4th of JULY Boat Parade	10th Membership Meeting ZOOM MEETING	1st Bottle Drive	5th Bottle Drive	3rd Bottle Drive	7th Bottle Drive	5th Bottle Drive
10AM— 11:00am	11h Bottle Drive Weed Day 9:00am					

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Presidents Corner *by Tom Collins*

Dear Neighbor:
 On behalf of the Board of Director’s, and I’m sure our entire membership, we would like to extend a huge thank-you to all of our neighbors and friends who have been on the front line of this Covid-19 fight.
 I know we are all keenly aware of the impact this pandemic has had, even here at the local level. Many of our neighbors and friends are suffering due to the wide- ranging health and economic effects of the disease.

As a Community Association, we stand ready to be here for our neighbors. We are proud to do the many things we do to make this place we call home a better place. From student scholarships to highway cleaning we are proud of the contribution we make.
 So if you know of a need in our community at this time, we would like to hear about. Many times all it takes is a helping hand or a healthy partnership to meet a need.
 I also know that we have

all been very busy or perhaps more pre-occupied with every-thing that’s been going on, but if you could take the time to renew your membership it would be greatly appreciated. As you know, we are volunteer organization that pretty much exists on its membership dues.

 Sincerely,
 Thomas Collins,
 President

• “It’s easy to make a buck. It’s a lot tougher to make a difference.” – **Tom Brokaw**

Community Service Scholarships

MCA Gave Community Service Scholarships
 Once again this year, the Mariaville Civic Association gave a \$250 scholarships to graduating students who have been active in community service organizations or projects.

One scholarship was awarded to a Schalmont student and Two were awarded to two deserving Duanesburg High School students.
 The awards were based on an essay describing the

student’s community service activities. The essay was judged by the Association president.
 Congratulations to the winning the Students.

Romance on The East Basin

September 19, 2019 was a picture-perfect day on Mariaville Lake. It became an exceptional day for two of our neighbors. Late that afternoon, Jeff and Jenifer Glick tied the knot on their pontoon boat on the east basin.



Jeff and Jenifer both enjoy fishing, generally practicing the “catch and release” rule. This time they were both certain they had keepers and were not letting go! Their dear friend, Kate Kotfila, a Presbyterian pastor from Cambridge, NY, officiated. Family members, a handful of ducks, and schools of fish,

were present for the meaningful ceremony.

Their first married ride together was a circuit of the lake we all love so much. They had both purchased special wedding apparel from the “Life is Good” store. Jeff’s

shirt proudly expressed Blessed while Jenifer’s urged Thankful and Grateful. Both outfits have been and will be worn often to remind them of that special day. Their pontoon boat was decorated with an elegant “Just Married” sign, fresh picked sunflowers, and a flotilla of empty milk containers in tow. Jeff & Jenifer thank their neighbors who greeted them with homemade signs, cheers, and fireworks! May the residents of Mariaville remind themselves to treasure close friends, neighbors, and

loved ones. Be grateful every day for this special place we call home!



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JEAN CUTTITA



Jean M. Cuttita was reunited with her husband, Dr. George A. Cuttita, in the Kingdom of God on Friday, March 6, 2020. Born in the Bronx, NY, as the third child of John and Anne Cerruti on October 9, 1932, Jean and her beloved husband of 50 years produced a loving family that included George III, John, Mary, Terri, Robert, and Christopher, all of whom were at her side.

Jean and George purchased a camp on Mariaville Lake in 1966 where they enjoyed summer and winter activities. All of their kids grew up in Mariaville and enjoyed this community. For the past 54 years Jean and George were Mariaville Civic Association Members and never once missed the opportunity to donate, join and support the association. Later in life Jean and George retired and in 1994 they called Mariaville their permanent home. Throughout the years Jean became more and more involved with the association. In years past the MCA supported an initiative to send letters and cards to MCA members for special events such as births, get well cards and other personal events. Jean was that person behind those cards. This continued even when she and my dad snow birded to Florida. After my father died, Jean, together with Marcia Balis, Joan Case, Sandy Scott, and Betty Weber formed a subcommittee effectually known as the **LADY’S OF THE LAKE**. A social group that met on the lake on their pontoon boats for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. Inviting anyone who wanted to join they continued to meet for other events to include lunches and outings.

In Jean’s memory the family requests, donations be made in her honor to the Mariaville Civic Association P.O. Box 633 Duanesburg, N.Y. 12056, and the Mariaville Fire Department 9284 Mariaville Road, Pattersonville, NY 12137,

MOM you will be missed but never forgotten

MCA Moving Forward

By Robert Cuttita

Due to the COVID-19 crisis this year the MCA is working on a different way to conduct business. According to our bylaws the MCA is required to hold a general meeting the first Friday in July. The governor by executive order has suspended all open meetings currently until June 6th and possibly longer. In an effort to maintain social distancing as well as to keep our members safe this year the MCA will not be holding a general meeting. This is the first time ever that the MCA has not held a general membership meeting.

We do however have to conduct business so therefore we are asking all current members to respond to the enclosed ballot for this year's board of directors.

The Directors shall be elected to serve staggered terms of three (3) years each, with five (5) Directors serving one three-year term, five more serving the next ensuing three-year term and the final five Directors serving the next ensuing three-year term.

Five Directors shall be elected each

year at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation to succeed those Directors whose terms have expired.

Elections shall be by plurality of the written ballots of all qualified members of the Corporation present and voting at such Annual Meeting. The term "qualified members", shall mean those persons who have paid their annual membership dues in full prior to the Annual Meeting at which the election is held. No other persons shall be eligible to vote. Nominations may be made from the floor, in addition to the nominations presented by the nominating committee, if any, but the only persons eligible to make nominations from the floor shall be "qualified members" as that term is defined above. The purpose of this section is to require written ballots and to exclude from voters, nominees and those persons making nominations from the floor any and all persons who have not paid their annual dues in full prior to the Annual Meeting at

which election is held.

This year's nominations for Board of Directors are as follows:

Sue Weakley

Jim Barrette

Jim Cullen

Jeff Glick

Eric Unser

The board will be conducting a zoom meeting in place of a regular meeting please check the he website for updated and new information.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Board please feel free to contact a board member with your nomination.

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Over the winter I noticed a dock against the dam and our valve. This valve cost the Association over \$35,000.00 dollars and because one person felt they didn't want to take their dock out after the summer it found its way to the dam and froze against the valve. Jim Barrett and I had to chop it out of the ice, pull it out with my truck to keep the dam and the valve safe for

another year.

Please be considerate, after the summer as well as during the year please keep your docks in good working order and remove them when you are done. Floating pieces of dock can cause a hazard for boaters, swimmers and other activity to include our dam. If you need help you can always call a board member.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



BOTTLE DRIVE

UPDATE

This has been a great success but it doesn't come without challenges. Chris and Candy had to redo their trailer as their wheel bearings that froze up. We broke down bringing the bottles to the redemption center and got help from welcome friends. MCA will continue to do the bottle drive this year and expand our drive further into the community. The pickup dates this year are planned for the following Saturdays.

Starting on JULY 11th Due to COVID

August 1th September 5th October 3rd

November 7th December 15th

We will be Picking up bottles in the following places: **South Shore Road, RT159 from Lake Road to the Fire house, the New development off 159, Spring Road, West Road, Batter street to Shore road, Shore Road** . You can always drop off your bottles to 794 South Shore Road in the MCA [bottle trailer](#)



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Mariaville Sewer Project

Back in 2002 the Mariaville sewer project was begun. Its intended purpose was to collect all sewage from the homes around Mariaville Lake and process it in an environmental friendly way. The expected result would be to save our lake from the harmful effects of raw sewage seeping into the lakes' watershed and inevitably to the lake itself. This project began with many obstacles and faces new hurdles to keep up with the dynamics of our evolving community.

We are lucky to have three people who operate our sewer plant. They are Andrew Dennis (chief operator), Tim Rapp (operator), and Cory Viele (maintenance). Andrew and Tim are both certified through DEC as Wastewater Treatment Operators. These certifications come after hours of study and several examinations. These men work as a team and cover the all the maintenance, operation, testing, and pertinent documentation necessary for safe and continuous operation. Yes, they are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are responsible for seven pump stations where raw sewage is collected in tanks ranging from 2,000 to 10,000 gallons. As they fill the sewage is pumped downstream to the plant. Maintenance and monitoring is also necessary on approximately 180 sewer taps. Of these about 70 are grinder pump locations which are often in need of emergency repair. A grinder pump is necessary at a home that is below the level of the sewer main.

On a daily basis personal monitor and control sewage flows in and out, PH, settleable solids, and temperature. Weekly they record dissolved oxygen. Monthly they document total suspended

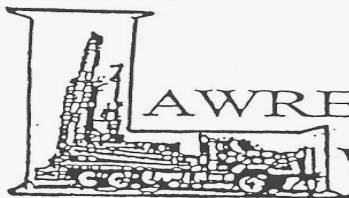
solids and ammonia. Annually they are inspected by the DEC who make certain that the facility, and documents meet code requirements.

A quick and basic description of the sewage process would be as follows. Raw sewage is pumped to the plant and is collected in a SBR (sequence batch reactor) where it is aerated and mixed then allowed to settle. Now the clear liquid is pumped off the top passed thru a 10 micro filter and returned to the Chuctanunda Creek. The sludge is pumped to the digester tank where it is continually agitated. The micro organisms in this tank feed on, digest, and further breakdown the sludge with time. About 6 times per year approximately 7,000 gallons of sludge is shipped to Schenectady for disposal. By 2022 an ultraviolet disinfectant system is scheduled to be installed to further treat the effluent before discharge. At that time the effluent may be safer to drink than some of our own private water sources.

Homeowners connected to the sewer system are well aware of the additional costs associated with this luxury. To help keep costs down we can make certain that only urine, fecal matter and toilet paper are flushed. Feminine products and "flushable wipes" are culprits that often jam up home and pump station pumps. It is against the sewer ordinance to discharge home sump pumps into the sewer system. Let's do our little parts for the environment!

By Mike Phillips

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Thank you to all our members who have donated their time and money to keep our beautiful lake alive and healthy. Our volunteers are involved in monitoring and maintaining the dam, taking water samples of lake, weed control, maintaining the boat launch, attending various meetings with DEC, town officials etc, MCA coordinates the adopt the highway program by cleaning the roads and lake as well as planning and carrying out community activities for all to benefit our community. If you are not already a member, please consider becoming one. Presently the financial burden and volunteer efforts are being carried out by too small a percentage of our community. We need everyone's help.

Vivian Ferraro

Membership Coordinator



Picture by Suzanne Collins



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The purpose of the MCA is “to promote the welfare and the betterment of the community at Mariaville, NY and vicinity, and the preservation and continuance of Mariaville Lake for the use and enjoyment of its residents.”

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