Mariaville Civic Association

July 2025 Issue 2

MCA News

Message from the MCA President:

It has been a long wet and chilly spring, and the warm weather has finally arrived. I would like to share with you some of what the MCA has accomplished so far in 2025.

Our website has been restructured, which has been long overdue. I would like to extend a special thanks to both Andrew Jensen from Albany IT and Linda Hayen for all their efforts. If you have not had the opportunity to review the website, I encourage you do to so at mariavillecivic.com.

Here a just a few features found on our website:

a. There are many times when the question arises whether the dam is opened or closed. This is very important to the new dam committee, formed upon Bob Cuttita's retirement from the MCA, to keep all residents abreast of the status. This information is found on the home page. Shown below is the status of the dam.



- b. Under newsletter, you will be able to review:
- The most current and previous editions
- Emergency Action Plan
- Dam Engineering Report

c. Under Join:

- Everything you need know about how join the MCA including payment via PayPal or Credit Card.
- What your MCA membership dues are used for.

d. A calendar of events

Boat Launch:

For your information, some MCA members and residents may not have known that the property where the boat launch is located is *cont.:Page 10*

Mariaville Civic

Association

surrounding community



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 Submit an article for our next newsletter to mariavilleocial@gmail.com

Supporting Mariaville Lake and the

WANT TO TRY SOME HOMEMADE WEED-KILLER SPRAY INSTEAD OF USING HARSH CHEMICALS?

<u>VINEGAR</u>

SIMPLY POUR VINEGAR INTO A SPRAY BOTTLE AND SPRAY IT DIRECTLY ON THE WEEDS. SOAK THEM WELL AND WAIT UNTIL IT'S A SCORCHER, DRY DAY. IN ADDITION, MAKE SURE IT'S A NON-WINDY DAY. BE ULTRA CAREFUL TO NOT LET THE MIST TOUCH YOUR GOOD PLANTS. BECAUSE, OF COURSE, VINEGAR DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DISTINGUISH WEEDS FROM PEPPERS.

TWO IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT USING HOMEMADE VINEGAR WEED KILLER FOR NATURAL WEED CONTROL:

- 1. DON'T USE HOMEMADE VINEGAR WEED KILLER IN OR NEAR GARDEN BEDS— IT'S TOO RISKY THAT IT'LL GET ON YOUR VEGGIE PLANTS. HOWEVER, IT'S A FANTASTIC OPTION FOR WALKWAYS OR IN YOUR DRIVEWAY WHERE THE WEEDS JUST WON'T QUIT
- 2. YOU CAN USE A SUPER-STRENGTH VINEGAR (ALSO CALLED HORTICULTURAL VINEGAR) FOR THIS, BUT IT'S MORE EXPENSIVE AND TOUGHER TO FIND. SO UNLESS YOU HAVE A READY SUPPLY, JUST GRAB A GALLON OR TWO OF REGULAR, 5% CHEAP WHITE VINEGAR FROM THE GROCERY STORE.

HERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO MENTION ANOTHER WEED REMEDY THAT EVERYONE HAS IN THEIR KITCHEN. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BOILING WATER IS A DETRIMENT TO WEEDS. JUST DUMP IT ON. THAT'S IT. IT MIGHT NOT WORK ALL YOUR WEEDS, BUT IF YOU HAVE A FULL POT FULL OF BLAZING HOT WATER AFTER CANNING, YOU CAN CAREFULLY CARRY IT OUTSIDE AND POUR ON THE ANNOYING WEEDS POPPING UP THROUGH THE CRACKS IN YOUR <u>SIDEWALK.</u> (JUST DON'T SPLASH IT ON YOUR TOES!)

NEED ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE TO TRY?

• ½ GALLON OF WHITE VINEGAR. THE HIGHER ACETIC LEV-EL OF VINEGAR THE BETTER. <u>HOUSEHOLD WHITE VINE-</u> <u>GAR</u> IS 5%, BUT A 9% OR HIGHER IS PREFERABLE.

• ½ BOTTLE LEMON JUICE. (USE ANY LEFTOVER TO EN-COURAGE HIGHLIGHTS IF DESIRED WHILE OUTSIDE. MAKES FOR A GREAT CRAZY-SCIENTIST HAIR-DO)½-CUP CASTILE SOAP. <u>CASTILE SOAP IS A VEGETABLE-BASED SOAP</u>.

MIX & VOILA!

ANOTHER PET FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVE:

1 GALLON VINEGAR (5% ACIDITY), 1 CUP SALT, 1 TBSP DISH SOAP.

GET A 1 GALLON PUMP-PRESSURE SPRAYER. MIX THE INGRE-DIENTS TOGETHER IN THE SPRAYER. SPRAY ONTO WEEDS. WEEDS WILL DIE WITHIN A DAY OR TWO. AND NOBODY'S ANI-MALS WILL BE IN DANGER. VERY EFFECTIVE THOUGH!



SUNNY SIDE UP

Farm store serving the Mariaville Lake community and surrounding areas featuring baked goods, eggs, poultry, crafts and more!

> Located at 2052 Weast Rd. Open daily 7am-9pm.

From the Recipe File—Taken from the Esperance Historical Society Community Cookbook

Church Slaw

For those wonderful pot-luck meals Lois Gruner Charleston Historical Society

Dressing:

1 cup sugar 1 tsp salt 1 tsp dry mustard 1 tsp celery seed 1 cup cider vinegar 2/3 cup vegetable oil

1 large head cabbage, shredded 1 medium Bermuda or sweet Spanish onion, chopped Mix sugar, salt, mustard and celery seed in small sauce pan. Add vinegar and oil and boil until sugar dissolved.

For color, use 1/2 green pepper, sweet red pepper or 1 grated carrot

Cool. Pour over cabbage. Toss well and refrigerate

RICE CUSTARD PUDDING Glen Glendmyer/Gibby's Restaurant

1 cup cooked white rice 4 cups milk 1 ½ tsp vanilla nutmeg and cinnamon to sprinkle

7 eggs 1 cup sugar

Put the rice in the bottom of a deep casserole dish

Beat eggs and sugar together Gradually add milk while stirring.

Add vanilla and pour over rice Lightly sprinkle the top with cinnamon and nutmeg

Bake in a water bath at 350 degrees for 1 hour (or until knife comes out clean)

Have a recipe you would like to share with the community? Please email Mariavillesocial@gmail.com

Mariaville Lake Dam Update

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The Dam Committee (TDC) has been reconstituted and expanded to five members. The current members are Bob Hurry, Tony Irvin, Chris Hayen, Jeff Glick and Jeff Cohen.

A BIG thank you goes out to Bob Cuttita for the many years of stewardship and hard work as it relates to the dam. Mariaville Lake is a wonderful community (with a beautiful lake) for lots of reasons including all of the excellent work and leadership that Bob Cuttita has done in the past. TDC looks forward to working with Bob in the near future to transition the dam operations, knowledge, files, expertise and contacts that Bob has accumulated over the years.

All new members of TDC met with the representatives of KB Engineering on Wednesday June 4th, 2025. The purpose of the meeting was for the members of the TDC to meet with the experts and review the current condition of the dam and steps to maintain and/or possible conditions to repair.

KB is under contract with MCA and will work in partnership with TDC to interface with New York State DEC on our behalf. KB informed the committee that DEC is the only governmental entity that has regulatory oversight regarding the dam.

The dam (and MCA) is current on all required reports and approvals from DEC. Certain inspections (Safety and Structural Inspection) occur yearly while a more in depth engineering assessment inspection is required every 10 years.

TDC is in the process of creating policies that are written down and maintained in a central location such that TDC and the Board has access. KB Engineering will be going through their files and getting copies of relevant information to TDC. This will allow the members to build a solid base of knowledge over and above the files and information that the TDC will obtain from Bob Cuttita.

Other items we discussed is the sink hole on Batter Street involving KB Engineering and the County. KB Engineering will do a Hydrological & Hydraulic analysis so TDC can have an analytical approach to maintaining the appropriate water level for all three sections of the lake (Mud Pond, East Basin and West Basin), maintenance of the dam and the spill way. Discussions also included field inspections by DEC, notification when opening and closing the dam and spill way (even though we don't own it) clean up obligations and various other items.

TDC plans on making a report to the MCA board at every meeting and being proactive and transparent with the "business of the dam" because TDC understands the importance of the dam to our wonderful Mariaville Lake community.

Enjoy the lake this summer!!!

MCA Social Committee





Annual Mariaville Lake Boat Parade Saturday July 5th

It's almost time for the Mariaville Lake Boat Parade AND...we need YOU! Please consider decorating your boat and joining us! This is a wonderful tradition where residents decorate their boats in a friendly competition. The decorated boats circle the lake 2 times for the people on the lake to enjoy! We've had patriotic, movie, TV, song themed decorations...and even a Christmas in July boat in the past. The possibilities are endless!

So...mark your calendars, start decorating your boat and be on the lookout for the Mariaville Boat Parade on July 5th (rain date the 6th) at 11am!

WEST BASIN RESIDENTS SHOULD LINE UP BY 10:50 BY THE CAUSEWAY FOR AN 11 AM START

EAST BASIN RESIDENTS SHOULD LINE UP BY 9:50 BY THE CAUSEWAY FOR A 10 AM START

Please spread the word! Let's make this the best Boat Parade ever!

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ANOTHER CONNOTE CURRENTLY DYSLEXIA EARTH IDLENESS LARVA LEGIBLE MUTTER PORCH REDEEMABLE RUCK SIMULATE STICKER VOCALIST

DIRECTIONS: For each clue, find a corresponding word that starts and finishes with the same letter. There is one word for each letter of the alphabet except for i, j, q, u, v and z.

Spend time in front of the mirror.	PRIMP
Intuitive inkling.	
Pioneer in photocopying.	
Bitterly sarcastic.	
Gas in some signs.	
Eskimo canoe.	
Chinese medicinal root.	
Where a rubber duckie lives,	
Roll in the mud.	
Pleasure traveller.	
Temporary loss of memory.	
Deadly.	
Pizza herb.	
Very knowledgeable,	
Forty-eight hours before tomorrow.	
The most.	
Excessive.	
Feudal land.	
Trepidation	
Water storage area.	

MARIAVILLE HISTORY

Did you know that Mariaville Lake once had a dance hall that drew big crowds from all over the area in the 1940's and 50's? My aunt, Shirley Bendl, used to take two buses from Gloversville with her girlfriends to make it here. One bus left the four corners in Gloversville and dropped off in Amsterdam at the top of the hill near what is now Walmart. Then, they would walk down the hill and pick-up another bus at Route 5 that brought them to Mariaville Lake. That's pretty ambitious!

For the ride home, they worked out a pretty good scheme. They would dance with the "fellas" as they used to call them and whichever one of the girls got an offer for a ride back to Gloversville, she would accept and then mention that he had to bring all the girlfriends back as well. Of course they would arrange for the girlfriend that found the poor dude to be dropped off first so there was no hanky panky.

As you may know, Mariaville Lake was a center of manufacturing in its heyday, with gristmills, sawmills and factories. I thought my aunt's story might add a little more spice to that history.

Submitted by Tim Porter



MARIAVILLECIVIC.COM

Want to know what's going on with the Mariaville Civic Association? Visit our new and improved website mariavillecivic.com.

There is a community calendar where we will post upcoming board meetings and other events. A list of the current Officers and other board members are at your fingertips.

Did you know you can join the MCA from the website and pay using your credit card or PayPal account?



There is also information on the first page about if the dam is open or closed.

We hope you'll check it out and get more informed about what the MCA is doing.

REMINDER:

MCA ANNUAL MEETING

July 11, 2025 6:30—7:30 577 Levey Rd

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Membership Update:

There's still time to join the MCA before the Annual Meeting. Did you know that as a member of the MCA you can cast your vote for board directors? Get your voice heard and be a part of the Mariaville Community. Your membership is so important in keeping Mariaville Lake a lake by supporting the dam. Thank you to everyone who has joined for 2025. I hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Visit the website at :

Mariavillecivic.com or Email mcamembership2022@gmail.com to request an application.

A very special thank you to Larry Jasenski for working with the MVFD for the use of the boat launch for 2025.

Membership to date (counted by households):				
Individual Members:	21			
Couple:	23			
Boat Launch Individual:	3			
Boat Launch Couple:	16			

Linda Hayen



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Cooper's Award Recipient of 2025: Robert Cuttita

The Cooper's Award, established in 1996 to honor exceptional contributions to the Mariaville community, is being awarded this year to Robert (Bob) Cuttita. This prestigious recognition is not given annually; rather, it is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication and service to the community. James Cooper, the inaugural recipient of this award, devoted countless hours to the Mariaville Civic Association (MCA) and offered free legal counsel during his tenure as he was a long-term resident of Mariaville.

Bob Cuttita has been a long-term resident of Mariaville since the early 80s with his wife, Yvette and always traveled to the lake as a child to his family camp. Bob has dedicated an impressive 38 years to the MCA, recently stepping aside for the next generation of community leaders. His tenure has been



marked by significant contributions, particularly as the Dam Safety Coordinator, where his efforts have ensured the safety and integrity of the dam.

In the 1980s, Bob played a pivotal role in the dam's reconstruction, safeguarding residents from potential flooding both on the lake and downstream. Following regulatory changes in 2010, he collaborated with engineers and MCA members to develop an Emergency Action Plan, in compliance with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regulations. His commitment to maintaining relationships with DEC, engineers, and certified divers has been instrumental in ensuring the dam's ongoing safety through rigorous inspections over the years.

Additionally, Bob has been deeply involved in lake management over the years. Years back, he and Roger Weakley developed the weed pull bar that is still utilized today for weed removal from the lake's bottom during weed pulls. Cont. page 12

Message from the President Continued:

owned by Mariaville Volunteer Fire Department. The MCA was unable to sign an agreement due to insurance requirements. Larry Jasenski, a lake resident, used his company to reach a one-year agreement to manage the boat launch. It is through Larry's tireless efforts, that we have a place to launch our boats.

Weed Management Program:

My wife and I have been residents for over 30 years. For many of those years on both the east and west basin, the MCA had a weed harvesting program where residents volunteer their boats to drag a pipe that was attached to a rope to gather the weeds and bring them to the shore line, where volunteers would remove the gathered weeds and ultimately loaded onto a trailer for disposal. It has been compared to mowing your lawn.

Early in the year, the MCA board members reviewed all aspects of selecting and hiring a weed management company. The board members took into consideration how much this initiative was going to cost the MCA, which was more than \$25K to treat both sides of the lake, and the board majority voted to move forward. Upon approval, the DEC permit process began and on May 16, 2025, the necessary permits were approved. On May 19, 2025, the west basin was treated with ProcellaCOR for Milfoil. On May 19, 2025, the Nautique treatment for Curly-leaf pondweeds, nuisance invasive weeds and algae on the east basin commenced, and due to high winds and unnavigable waters, the treatment was suspended and resumed and completed on June 16, 2025. It should be noted that DEC was on site during the entire day of May 19, 2025 observing the treatment.

Upon completing treatment on June 16, 2025, Pete Pelkey took Nicole White CLM, the owner of Little Bear Environmental Consulting LLC around the west basin in his boat for a firsthand look at the effectiveness of the treatment. The treatments were successful in the west basin, but not in all areas. The end of the lake by Batter Street in the cove has weeds as does the shore line moving east. Nicole noted that these weeds were Curly- leaf pondweeds. This weed grows in the fall and winter and matures in the spring, and then dies back in the summer.

These treatments will last for 3 to 5 years. A representative from Little Bear Environmental will be back in late summer for further testing.

2025 Annual Meeting Information

Friday evening, July 11, 2025 @ 6:30 PM Location: 577 Levey Road Please bring a chair There are 8 MCA board members seat up for elections, which will occur during this meeting. To vote, you must be a 2025 MCA member who has paid their dues prior to the board elections. Ballots will be handed out to those in attendance after being verified to the membership roster.

In closing, upon adjournment of the annual meeting, I will be retiring from both the MCA Board and as the president. I would to thank the following people that I had the opportunity to work alongside.

Bob Cuttita for his 35 years of historical knowledge and wisdom and his guidance as the Vice President.

Dottie Tambasco for her untiring efforts as the secretary of the MCA, furnishing all board members with comprehensive minutes.

Nikki Cuttita for her efforts as the treasurer. Finance is very complex as I have a working knowledge of the effort it takes in processing everything she has accomplished.

Pete Pelkey who has done an amazing job as the social committee co-chairman. The MCA social committee has raised a great deal of revenue through different events. Pete initiated the inaugural soup stroll which is coming up on its fourth year. Upon Bob Cuttita's resignation from the board as a Vice President, after discussion, Pete accepted the Vice President role for the remainder of term. Pete did an outstanding job and thank you.

Chris Shaver for monthly collection of returnable bottles that net over \$2,000 yearly, which many residents did not know who was responsible.

Lewis Needham for his lake management efforts over the years.

Sue Weakly for her years of dedication and continuing support.

Linda Hayen who has accomplished much as the Membership Committee, co-chairperson for the social committee, and the newsletter.

Thank you for your time and support.

Eric J. Unser Sr. MCA President



Beyond his essential work with the dam, Bob has served multiple terms as President and Vice President of the MCA Board, contributing to various community events, including Regattas, social gatherings, and fundraisers like the most recent Memorial Wall project in collaboration with Eric Unser, Pete Pelkey, Chris Shaver, and Peter Skelley.

Thank you, Robert, for your unwavering commitment, dedication, and invaluable contributions to the Mariaville community. Your legacy of service will be felt for generations to come. Please enjoy this next chapter in life and enjoy the beauty of this community and lake!

> Article By: Nicolette Cuttita and Sue Weakley

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One From the Archives:

This is probably before my time but we found this in the former Lindsay camp on Weast Road. Suspect it was purchased at Peeks General Store back in the day when the store also was the local post office and had gas pumps out front.

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Mariaville Lake's homes were predominantly summer camps occupied by seasonal residents. The General Store had everything from fresh meats, cold cuts, basic provisions, and bait & tackle to post cards and memorabilia. Here's a photo of two felt pennants. We were lucky enough to have found these souvenirs of

summers long ago.

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Summer...

Terry (Donnelly) Weber





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<u>ditorial</u>

Please let me introduce myself:

Capied from Spring 1992 Newsletter

I am the public relations officer of MCA. This is a brand new position created by the board of directors. It's purpose is to consolidate a closer link between the citizens of the Mariaville area and the association in order that the association may serve this community better than it has in the past. There have been some changes in the association and more will follow in the future. We have instituted some new policies such as adding board members from all areas of the community in order to represent all areas and ideas more fairly than in the past. My purpose as the public relations officer will be to address your concerns and grievances regarding the lake and the policies of the association. I will make myself as available as possible to your concerns through this news letter, mail correspondence, telephone conversations or what ever method is necessary to get to the root of those concerns and reach an understanding. I don't have any quick fixes for any problems and my only real concern is fairness and understanding and a desire to make this community a more fun and rewarding place to live for us all.

It was been brought to my attention that there are many residents of the area, permanent and seasonal, that are very dissatisfied with MCA. This for the most part seems to stem from misunderstandings from not communicating positively to the general public of the community at large. To many residents we are not their managers of the lake who are here to improve the lake and the community but rather some private organization serving its own interest. This image we must change. These people are not going to come to us. I think it is in our best interest to reach out to these residents in an effort to show them that we are here to serve their best interest, are interested in their concerns, and it's in their best interest to support us.

We, the association, need to initiate a program to change our image and communicate to the residents that this is a new era of cooperation, communication and unification of this community, and we want it to be fun working as a team, and these are our goals. We all want a lake we can be proud of and in order to achieve that goal we must first build a community we can be proud of. There are some out there with very bitter feelings towards MCA and it will not be an easy task to overcome. It will require a new and open minded effort to understand, communicate, educate and to forgive and forget. The later being the hardest lesson for humanity to learn and is the most damaging. We must make an honest effort to consolidate our community. The challenge is ours.

It's a real tragedy when one person who's out of line or an incident which rubs the wrong way conditions a person or persons to quit trying, to stop moving forward towards making things better for themselves and those around them. This association is not about one person in charge or it's board of directors. They are as I am, just temporary trustees of this community. Our purpose is to maintain and improve the conditions of the lake and the community, not for the interest of those in charge but for the best interest of the community as whole in a fair and just manner. Not everything done pleases anyone, there have been and will be mistakes and people who disagree. It's a fact of life. It's easy to say the hell with it when something has gone astrray and it takes tough, strong willed people to suck it up, look past the "boloney", get involved, stay involved and continue to work together to make this a better place for us all, our children and our children's children. There are lots of people I disagree with but I'll still respect them as individuals. We all have our days in the sunshine and the rain. We the people of Mariaville are a diverse group of individuals with beliefs, life styles, hobbies and views as different as fruit juice and sour mash but I've mixed a bit of the later with a bit or the former and it went down just fine, provided I stuck a couple ice cubes in to cool the mixture down a bit. Who's to say absolutely for sure which is right and which is wrong. None of us is going to know for sure till the end anyway maybe.

This is a democratic organization and if it's not getting the job done it can be changed by the will of the people. Sure you have to donate \$20.00 a year for membership and \$10.00 for a boat launch key, which I will get to. Would you rather be forced to pay through higher taxes some state official some gaudy salary who most likely would do less. The state can't take care of it's self at the moment.

This is a volunteer group, our interests should be to make things better cause this is home and the greatest satisfaction should come from getting some good results and seeing some happiness from the other residents. The conditions of the lake are not that good but it takes research, volunteering people working together and of course some cash to make improvements and maintain whats there. We are a talented group of people and can make and shape this lake and community into whatever we want.

As for the boat launch:

1. This is a small lake and it doesn't take many boats out there before it gets congested. It seems the fair thing to do is to give the people that are paying for it's care first choice.

2. Infestation of N.Y. State lakes by Zebra Muscles and milfoil are a growing problem. The primary cause is by boats transporting them from one water way to another in their bilges. In order to limit this possibility, it's almost mandatory to limit some of the outside boats. We could just charge people to launch their boats but then someone would have to be there to collect voluntarily or we would have to pay someone. The key system is an honor system based on trust, what could be fairer and provide some money to pay for a better launch and a better lake.

Life is:

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Life is a journey through the corridors of knowledge and learning, to the oasis of understanding on the roller coaster of emotion and never ending change. Understanding is a process of thought which weighs the evidence of knowledge, of the negatives and positives unbiasedly, to form an unshakable truth. Truth is the laws that which governs the processes of nature. Nature is the progression of all things or space through time. Space is all things that require room, be it solid rock or emptiness. Time is without beginning or end, the cradle from which all is manifest and through which all must pass. Time is everyone and endless. Lets share it in joy and happiness.



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