

# MLCA & WAG NEWSLETTER



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## Special Points of Interest:

- *THANK YOU GIRL SCOUTS*
- *GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMER 2011*
- *RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW FOR 2011*
- *THOUGHTS FOR JUNE*

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The last week in July will be a busy one here at the Lake. Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> Liberty Township will be holding an auction for the Lodge. Lets be optimistic for success!

Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> is our annual meeting at the Firehouse at 7 PM. I hope many of you will attend. It's an opportunity to keep up with the latest news, visit with neighbors, and give some input on what you may like to see happen.

If that isn't enough for one week- Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> is Liberty Community Day at the Firehouse from 11 AM on through to fireworks over the Lake at 9 PM. The Association will share a booth with the Environmental Commission, so stop and say hello. From 2-10 PM there will be live music, partly sponsored by our Association. along with the Fire Company.

The municipal beach is now open daily from noon – 7 PM. The larger swim area and fresh sand are very inviting. Wa-

ter quality tests are coming back with very good results. The boat launch dock has been pulled out for repairs. I'd like to remind all the users of the ramp that the \$5 fee funds the portable rest room available year round, as well as any repairs or improvements, so please don't forget to use the envelopes.

Have fun this summer- there's plenty to enjoy.

Your President,

Eileen

## GIRL SCOUTS ADOPT MOUNTAIN LAKE

Well we're not sure if "adopt" is the right word or not but we hope so! The Liberty Township fifth grade Girl Scout troop came up with the idea to build a flower box around the Mountain Lake sign that has been welcoming visi-

tors to the lake for generations. With the help of their mothers and fathers, the girls, measured, cut and assembled landscape timbers. They proceeded to fill the box with stone for drainage, added topsoil, and then planted beautiful flowers

to fulfill their Bronze Award Project. Gary and Donna Wolfgang will be redoing the sign this summer as one of their many retirement projects. Thank you to Lori Donnelly who coordinated the scouts efforts and to Gary & Donna.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Our Welcome to Mountain Lake sign will be redone this summer by Gary and Donna Wolfgang.

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**LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MLCA & WAG MEMBERSHIP**

This newsletter marks the final call for 2011 membership in your prestigious, local, environmental organization. Please take a moment to fill out the attached Member Registration Form and mail it to our treasurer, Carolyn Pullman.

We are hoping

to attract at least one more family for lifetime membership this year to help us maintain our string of five consecutive years. Such a decision demonstrates a true commitment to environmental activism at its most needed level, the local community.

As of June 1, 2011, our membership stood at a respectable 85. Although that is a strong number, it is far below our yearly goal of 200. If you have already sent in your dues, thank you. Now, please encourage your neighbors to do likewise to help us preserve and protect this watershed.



The "Red Canoe" at rest, waiting to enjoy a peaceful paddle around the lake.

*Dates to Remember.*

7/28/11-Lodge Auction

7/29/11-MLCA & WAG General Membership Meeting

7/30/11-Community Day

10/16/11-The Annual Cancer Walk

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7/29/11**

The 44th annual General Membership Meeting of the MLCA & WAG is set for Friday night, July 29th at the Mt. Lake Firehouse. President Eileen Grea-son will bring the gavel down at 7PM.

Although the evening's program has

not been finalized yet, updates will be provided on the municipal beach, The Lodge, The Casino, water quality, and aquatic weed control. The fifth recipient of the Ruth Ballou Environmental Activism Award will be announced as well.

The meeting will include time for general discussion to permit members and guests to voice their concerns and celebrate successes. The evening will conclude with the election of officers for 2012. Hope to see you there.



This lakeside bench invites you to "sit a spell" and savor the summer views of the lake

**THOUGHTS FROM A BEAUTIFUL WEEK IN JUNE**

The bottom line, of course, is that every week is beautiful if you want it to be. But I especially want these weeks in June to be beautiful because I remember vividly the long, cold winter that was 2010-11. The lake was frozen solid for almost four, full months.

June is really the first month that I start spending any significant amounts of time on my deck

overlooking the lake. I notice many things that I classify as taking the time to "stop and smell the roses" time. On this particular week there is everything imaginable: stifling humidity; haze; driving rain; a light mist; crystal clear, blue skies; snapping turtles excavating my bank to lay eggs; Baltimore Orioles darting in and out of the trees often chasing a noisy Blue Jay; one

morning the lake is tranquil; the next evening there are white caps; at times, sunshine diamonds twinkle off the water's surface dancing in my view; there's algae, milfoil, and leaping fish; there are walkers breaking the silence with their steps and bikers doing likewise with whirling spokes; I've seen a muskrat, a bluebird, and people fishing for a good time; let summer begin!