

# NORMANOCH NEWS

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

August 12th	7pm	WC Theater Show
August 13th	10am	WC Kayaking
August 13th	3pm	WC Theater Show
August 15th		WC Book Group
August 15th	9am	WC Service Project
August 16th	1:30pm	WC Yoga
August 18th		WC Koffee Klatch
August 19th	7:30pm	MC Meeting

## THE LITTLE MERMAID

An adventurous little mermaid, leaves her undersea realm, accompanied by her clam friend, for a birthday excursion to the surface, hoping to find the prince of her dreams. But when a jealous Sea-Witch and her evil shark cohorts sink the ship carrying the prince, the little mermaid dives into the waves to save him, and is then tricked into trading her voice to the Sea-Witch. While the prince recovers from his ordeal, he believes it is another girl who saved him, and as a reward, declares that she will be his wife. The poor little mermaid is heartbroken, but in the end, patience, love and friendship solve this romantic puzzle, and everyone lives happily ever after in this delightful summer musical!

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Friday, August 12 at 7pm

Saturday, August 13 at 3pm

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'N  
CHICKEN  
DINNER  
AUGUST 20  
5 - 8 PM**



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Please welcome John Colyer to the board as well as a second term for Rich Ferlauto and Richard Hamilton.

Congratulations and thank you to all our volunteers.

## SUNSET TIMES

8/12 - 8/18	7:45 pm
8/19 - 8/25	7:34 pm

**THE LITTLE MERMAID - THIS WEEKEND ONLY**

## NORMANOCH NEWS OF CULVER LAKE

The Normanoch News, sponsored by the Normanoch Association, is published weekly from late June to late August to inform members of the Culver Lake Community of activities of the lake and to strengthen the sense of community.

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The Normanoch News  
c/o Normanoch Association  
P.O. Box 477  
Branchville, NJ 07826

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### MAILING

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## ANCHORS FOR LIFE

This is the 400th anniversary of the King James' Bible (KJV). Although most of us now use more contemporary translations of the Holy Bible, we should all agree that the KJV was a tremendous gift of God to God's people. First published on May 2, 1611, it has been the most influential Scripture translation of all time, molding Christian faith and influencing English literature for four centuries. "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" is inscribed on the Liberty Bell and on a plaque at the base of the Statue of Liberty. So much for the separation of Bible and State!

St. Augustine said, "If the entire Bible could be summed up in a single sentence, then it would cry out like the resounding waves of the sea, "The Father loves you." Are we not all familiar with those words from the KJV, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son . . ."? We are living in a turbulent time with natural phenomena, worldwide unrest and wars, and domestic crisis in so many broken and dysfunctional homes. When everything is shaken around us we need to remember that the deepest and most lasting reality of all is God's love for us, a love that will not let us go!

We are looking forward to our first visit to Culver Lake and worship at "The Little White Church by the Lake." I suspect you just love it! You cherish memories of times from your own childhood, times with your children, and perhaps now, precious times with the grandchildren. It is a place where you have experienced the Father's love – the love of the beauty of nature, the love of families playing and praying together, the love of knowing that from sunrise to sunset, God's love will never let you go!

In these challenging times, let us faithfully gather together to sing praises to our Heavenly Father and unite our hearts in the knowledge that the Bible from beginning to end cries out, "The Father loves you."

Rev. Dr. William D. Hess II



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## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

We have a wonderful annual event coming up this month and that is the Steak and Chicken Dinner on Saturday, August 20 from 5-8 pm. It is so great to see everyone coming together to help at this event. The energy is amazing! We will be prepping corn in the a.m. at the clubhouse and prepping chicken the night before starting at 5 pm.

We have received some nice pictures so far this year of some new fish that have been caught and these pictures have already found a spot on the Men's Club wall in the clubhouse. As you are catching lots of fish this summer and taking lots of pictures of those beauties, please drop some photos of your catches in the basket provided on the Men's Club wall at the clubhouse to be included in future displays for the wall. It is a great way to share your fishing experiences with others in the community.

We have received some good feedback so far regarding having a game night at the clubhouse for both men and women. We are still in the planning stages right now and hope to get this on the schedule on a weekly basis for next summer. So far the main response has been people interested in playing bridge. We would still like your feedback so that we can make this as successful as possible and a regularly occurring event. Please call

me at 973-948-6982 or e-mail me at dael@embarqmail.com with your feedback, thoughts and suggestions to help plan to make this a successful and fun weekly event to be added to the schedule for next summer.

### Historical Happenings:

First Niters Revival (as reprinted from the July 9, 1982 issue of the Normanoch News):

Yes, the First Niters are reviving. Tom Costello, 1982 President, tells us that at the first meeting of the season, 22 young people turned out to support a tradition that has lasted for 42 years. Although the First Niters disbanded during the war years, in 1946 the young people reorganized "to make their summer more enjoyable by meeting with other young people". Called the First Niters because the first meeting was held on the first night of the week in August 1940, these young people reinstated the novelty dance—square dance, Sadie Hawkins dance, and Pioneer Dance—which was the highlight of the First Niters' early summers. In later years the focus of the First Niters turned to the annual play, largely through the enthusiasm of Ada Leonard. Now reflecting the vigor of the eighties, the First Niters are continuing the tradition of the play, car wash, canoe trip, and Mexican Taco Night...but

are also scheduling events for Culver Lake Day, and are coordinating activities with the other clubs.

Coming events:

Men's Club Meeting, Friday August 19, 7:30 pm (prepping chicken at 5 pm)  
Steak and Chicken Dinner, Saturday August 20, 5-8 pm

Hook 'em and cook 'em...


Dave Supko, President



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## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Let's make the best of our last few weeks of summer! We still have lots of great things to do here at the lake, and we still need help with a few of them if you have some time.

**CHILDREN'S THEATER:** Be sure to join us this weekend for the Culver Lake Children's Theater's presentation of "The Little Mermaid". Shows are tonight (Friday the 12th) at 7pm and Saturday (the 13th) at 3pm.

**KAYAKING:** This Saturday at 10 am we will meet at the Clubhouse waterfront for a spin around the lake. Join us for some outdoor fun!

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** Our book discussion is this coming Monday, the 15th. Jessie Martin will lead the discussion of "The 19th Wife". Light refreshments will be served, and you may bring your own beverage of choice.

**YOGA AND ZUMBA:** Both will meet Tuesday – Yoga at 1:30 and Zumba at 7pm. **KOFFEE KLATCH:** This Thursday our koffee klatch will feature "How to Repurpose Your Wardrobe" by PB & J boutique in Newton.

**STEAK AND CHICKEN:** It's right around the corner and we need volunteers to help out, including baking. Please contact Amy Supko if interested.

**CLOSING DANCE:** Since we will be on our own this year (no Wind-Jammers to help), we definitely need volunteers to help out. Please contact us if you can help with decorating or clean up!

Have a great week!

Lori Caffrey  
Co-President



## BE AWARE OUT THERE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

At a recent meeting of the Culver Lake Neighborhood Crime Watch team, several things were discussed. A moment of reflection was held for Frank Squashic, an active member of the team, who passed away this summer. Then, the first order of business was a brochure entitled "Need help? Call 2-1-1." Apparently, 2-1-1 connects you with a caring professional who knows community resources. If you need answers about nursing care, affordable child care, volunteer services, etc., this is the number to call, 24/7.

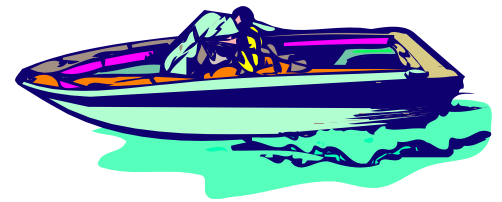
There is disturbing news around our Lake community. Burglaries have been reported on the West Shore, Upper North Shore, Mattison Reservoir, and Woodlawn Trail. State Police are going around, but have no information to report. They advise that if you return home to find your door open, DO NOT go inside. Call the police; they have dogs that can sniff out an intruder. Besides the burglaries, suspicious activity has also been observed on the West Shore.

Once again, and this seems to be an on-going problem, the 25 mph speed limit is not being taken seriously. Some people have almost been hit by cars flying by. It is especially dangerous near the Clubhouse. There is one car, in particular, that ignores the speed limit. It is a deep electric blue, older model Toyota sedan. The car is driven by a young girl who was seen giving an obscene gesture when asked to slow down coming down New Street, and also in front of the Clubhouse. If anyone notices this behavior, please get the license plate number, and report her to the State Police. Every first and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., there is a Township Committee meeting, open

to the public. We would like to have safety strips placed near the Clubhouse, in an effort to make drivers slow down. The proposal would need our support.

There are three final reminders:

- Walkers, walk against traffic, single file.
  - Bicycle riders, travel with the traffic.
  - Do not leave cars unattended in the ROWs. It is a safety hazard!
- Until next week, Be Aware of what is happening in your neighborhood.



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## WOMENS CLUB SERVICE PROJECT

### Week 3 Monday, August 15

We have accomplished so much and have had fun too! Thanks everyone! We have made a huge amount of backpacks for Bags of Love and a lot of little dresses for the project for girls in Africa. Now we move on to another project that is close to home, showing our love for our men and women who serve our country. Below are the links for the first 2 projects. Check them out!  
<http://www.bagsofloveinc.org/>  
<http://www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/>

This week we need sewers and non-sewers as well! We are making pillows for use by our military who have a need for them. They are EASY! Best news? There are many that are already sewn that just need to be stuffed! We will have a fun produc-

tion line going with either sewing, stuffing, ironing, or cutting. Join us whenever you are available starting around 9AM and finishing up early afternoon. If you only have an hour, come stuff a few pillows. You will be a big help.

Looking ahead, join us next Monday and work on any of the 3 projects or one that is your own.

LAP BLANKETS: The hospital is in need of knitted lap blankets size 24 x 36. If you prefer knitting, bring your needles and share the conversation while you knit.

Thank you everyone for your great donations of stuffing, trim, fabric and other great additions.

Ginny Kopperl, [kopperl@ptd.net](mailto:kopperl@ptd.net) or 948-5643



## CULVER LAKE FISHING CONTEST

RESULTS ARE NOT FINAL

### 13 and under

Trout	1.		
Bass	1.	Troy Tonneson	4 lbs 3 oz 20"
Smallmouth	1.		
Hybrid	1.		
Pickrel	1.	Billy Talmadge	2 lb 11 Oz 22"
Calico	1.	Chase Kreutz	1 lb 3 1/2 oz 12.5"
Other	1.	Chase Kreutz	1 lb 8 oz 12" (catfish)

### 14 and Older

Trout			
Hybrid	1.		
Bass	1.	Bobby Kreutz	5 lbs 1 oz 20"
	2.	Chuck Kreutz	3 lbs 13 oz 19"
	3.	Biagio Como	2 lbs 14 oz 19"
Small mouth	1.	Ed Prozer	4 lbs
Pickrel	1.	Chuck Kreutz	3 lbs 10 oz 22"
Calico	1.	Bobby Kreutz	2 lbs 7 1/2oz 15"
Other	1.	Biagio Como	1 lb 14 oz 16" (catfish)

Weigh-ins for the summer fishing contest at the Liebl's 948-5544 between 9 am and 9pm. Please call ahead. Or Stokes Sport Shop on Route 206.

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For Sale West Shore 50C Myrtle Ave Culver Lake a 1 bedroom year round house. House was totally updated and renovated in 2009, and a new septic system installed in 2006. House has low taxes and a Private Deeded Shared Lakefront. Great starter house for the Culver Lake Area. Asking \$219,000. For more information call (917) 570-6264.

Swim float for sale \$375. Call 973-296-7675 for information.

For Sale: 14 Upper North Shore Rd. (next door to "Pumpkin House") year round home, Central Heat / Air, beautiful lake views. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kit., living/dining room, large sunroom, & breakfast room. House -\$325,000, separate 1.75 acre building lot \$110,000. House and lot combined \$375,000. Call for more information Frank 908-310-8557 or Greta 908-310-8556 or email [frank@bellarchitect.com](mailto:frank@bellarchitect.com).

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## CHAPEL YOUTH NEWS

What a summer! These past weeks have flown by faster than I can snap my fingers! The Chapel Youth programs have been a huge success and I have been incredibly blessed by how God has worked throughout the summer.

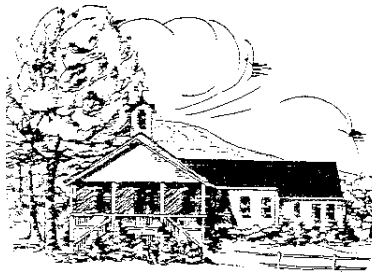
For starters VBS was awesome! We had a great turnout, over 80 kids all together, and an even greater week filled with fun activities ranging from water games to practical Bible lessons that reminded us how much God is wild about US! Our fundraising challenge to support Young Lives camp and the Akselsen family, turned into a huge God ordained success. We raised over \$900 dollars between both missions, plus a plethora of baby clothing and items for Young Lives camp. What an excellent way to serve the Lord through outreach. From the looks on some of those cute little faces, I could tell they were enjoying VBS Pandamania as much as I was. A HUGE shout out to all who were involved during the week, we could not have pulled off such a successful five days without each and every one of those precious, God sent, workers. Thank you so much for giving of your time and energy to serve the Lord in your own special way! And another big thanks to all the children who came! I hope you all come back to next years' VBS, July 23-July 27, for even more fun than this year!

Moving to our weekly youth programs, the Tuesday morning group had a great turnout these past two weeks! It was such a blessing for me to take over for my sister Grace and see so many kids continue to come and learn about God, after VBS week!

The Junior High group seems to still be recovering from having too much

fun at their lock in! Seems like Jon and Kim have run those kids ragged this summer, but by the looks of it, the kids are having a blast! Despite the sudden end, and no event this past week, there will be an end of the year picnic for the Junior High group as well as the Tuesday morning 4 yr to 4th grade group on Tuesday, August 16th, from 10am to 12pm. Come on out for one last hurrah before we close the programs for the summer! Bring your families and come hungry! Thanks to all who have made this summer possible!

Clare Fragomeni



## ROW'S

Dumping of debris of any kind is not permitted on the ROW's. If you are using a landscaping service, please inform them of this regulation.

It is especially important to keep drainage ditches free of debris accumulation. Clogged ditches cannot channelize storm run-off and will allow water to be forced back onto the road surface.

## NEW MEMBERS 7/17/2010 – 7/15/2011

### West Shore

Mary Ann Olinger and Anthony Converso  
Kathleen and Marc Bailey  
Derek Kennedy  
Suzanne Kopycienski and Steven Stark  
Maggie and Mike Costello  
Nancy and John Carrasco  
Stacey Fabricant and Steven Whitehead  
Helen and Gunter Lennon

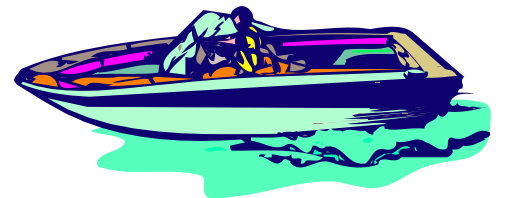
### East Shore

Maryann Cubberly  
Danielle Vento and Michael Fields  
Moiria and Paul Porter  
Lauren Cardinal, Sharon Keller and Chris Keller  
Denise Kay and Curtis Kay  
Maria and Walter Ekiert

### North

Tracy Gibbins-Okeson and Todd Okeson  
Jamie Toscano  
Susan and Kent Sweeny  
Larry Plante

Welcome to all new members!



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### QUESTIONS FROM THE 2011 STOCKHOLDERS MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 2011

The following is a list of question topics from the membership at last weeks meeting.

guest badge review; concerning by-laws; sand level on the beach; Women’s Club support with purchase of new chairs; seeking better communication, review of proxy and ballot use; ability of staff to maintain outside flowers; request Board to support petition concerning Dale’s Market parking lot accidents; Board should support all community issues; brick patio; causeway/swamp weeds; does the Board have a “future view” for the Association; Crime Watch; Normanoch News delivery; recent fish kill off; outdated playground equipment and NJ requirements for safe equipment; Fletcher property; Laurel Street ROW and blocked access

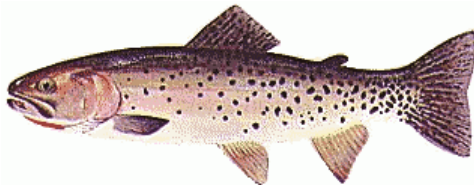
to lake; request for club managers job description and responsibilities; nominations from the floor during the Stockholders meeting; speed limit around the lake and so many speeders – request for speed bumps or cross-walk; and a request of notification to the members when Board has a large outlay of funds.



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### Presidents Report – Rick Ferruggia

I would like to thank you all for attending the 2011 Normanoch Association's annual stockholder's meeting this morning. My name is Rick Ferruggia and it has been my pleasure to serve as President of the Association for the past year. I am about to complete the 3rd year of my 2nd term as a director. It has been a terrific experience to work with people who care a great deal about our lake. My report this morning will focus on the status of the lake's dam which has been under evaluation for the past couple of years to determine what repairs will need to be made to bring it up to the state's requirements. Our engineering company, T&M Associates, has been working with the State of NJ on bringing our dam into conformance. Just to re-cap, there are 4 hazard classifications of dams in NJ.

The classifications relate to the potential for property damage and/or loss of life should the dam fail:

Class I (High-Hazard Potential) - Failure of the dam may result in probable loss of life and/or extensive property damage.

Class II (Significant-Hazard Potential) - Failure of the dam may result in significant property damage; however loss of life is not envisioned.

Class III (Low-Hazard Potential) - Failure of the dam is not expected to result in loss of life and/or significant property damage.

Class IV (Small-Dam Low-Hazard Potential) - Failure of the dam is not expected to result in loss of life or significant property damage. Dam must also meet the requirements of a Class IV dam above.

According to our consultant from T&M Associates, as per Dam safety's e-mail dated July 18th ,2011, the Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood

Control is prepared to accept the conclusions of his report and that the dam will be downgraded to a Class III structure with the 100 year storm event as the spillway design, with the caveat that any revision to the Rt.206 or the culvert under Rt.206 could require a reevaluation. We have not performed any physical work to the dam or spillway because we have been waiting for the state classification of the dam to be officially designated. Formal inspections would not be required, and regular inspections by our Engineer would only need to be done every 4 years as opposed to every 2. The anticipated work will be as follows:

Extension of our outflow pipes with a new bulkhead.

Removal of all vegetation in the spillway and installation of Rip Rap.

Remove and replace the entire concrete spillway at approx. 5 ft. high.

The engineer believes the cost to perform the necessary repairs to the dam, even under the class III designation, may approach \$250,000. We will of course be putting this work out to bid to obtain the best possible pricing from a qualified contractor.

I would like to commend all of the past and current board members as well as many volunteers for their tireless efforts in maintaining and improving the overall health of our lake and Normanoch owned properties.

I also would like to thank our board secretary Mary Clare for doing a very fine job. She is always available to tend to any issue that arises and alerts board members promptly of all matters that require board action.

These last six years serving as a Normanoch board member have gone very quickly. As I enter my final year I think often about perhaps even serv-

ing again in the future. I encourage all members to consider serving as a director at some point in time. Thank you and I hope you find today's meeting informative.

### Community Relations - Rick Ferruggia

The Normanoch Association web site has undergone some changes this past spring. It is still the same address – [www.normanoch.org](http://www.normanoch.org), however, the site is being maintained by the office staff creating a decrease in billable hours from the web site host. A professional web site designer created the site for implementation in the spring. The site has information on membership, the Rules and Regulations, various forms, contact numbers, club events and much more.

The Normanoch News for 2011 was delivered via the internet in order to save substantial printing and delivery expenses. Hard copies were available to be mailed for a fee of \$15 for all issues to member's homes and a limited number of copies are also available at the clubhouse for pick-up. This new plan for distributing the Normanoch News will be reevaluated this fall for the 2012 season.

The Neighbor Watch Group is very diligent in their efforts to help keep our lake safe and Community Relations are kept abreast of their activities – a weekly column appears in the Normanoch News for your information.

Community Relations also keeps track of all applications submitted to the Frankford Township Land Use Board in order to follow any changes small or large that would affect the quality of the lake, both land and water. We are always available for any issues concerning the lake and do

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our best to keep communication open at all times.

### **Finance Report** - Diane Robbins

#### Income Statement Review

Income – Our total income is up 7.5% from 2009 due to an increase in Assessments of \$47,000 from 2009 to 2010.

Expenses – Salaries have risen 3.5%. This is due to increase of hours worked.

The increase of taxes is due solely to timing, as there were five real estate tax payments in 2010 as compared to four in 2009.

Repair expenses remained relatively stable between years as no special maintenance projects were undertaken in 2010, with the exception of grading of the Fletcher property on the East Shore at a cost of \$4940.

Our insurance premiums have remained relatively stable between years.

Lake management expenses have increased by \$37,000 since 2009 due to damn work required by the State for New Jersey.

Utilities have increased since 2009 due to additional electricity usage at the clubhouse as well as an increase in electricity rates. An older, faulty meter was also replaced.

Professional fees have decreased since 2009 as there have been no major legal issues to be addressed.

Office and administration expenses include office supplies, postage, telephone, computer, Normanoch News printing and mailing costs, and the costs of running summer activi-

ties at the clubhouse, the net profit or loss from Canteen operations and Normanoch News advertising. This category has remained relatively stable to reflect normal clubhouse operations with no specials projects being undertaken this year.

Interest expense represents the interest paid on the loan taken out to pay for Clubhouse improvements.

#### Balance Sheet Review

The decrease in net fixed assets on the balance sheet is due to annual depreciation charges combined with no additional fixed asset purchases in 2010.

The reduction in loans payable is due to additional principal payments of \$75,000 made in 2010.

### **House Report** -Judy Nylan

The house committee had a very busy time this winter and spring working on the new guest policies and the rental policy. So far these new policies are working well. The clubhouse staff has been diligently keeping up with checking for guest badges and wrist bands. Our staff has been busy since late May preparing the club for summer use. I would like to thank them in their efforts to keep the clubhouse in top shape, helping us conform to health inspections and even offer some new treats like sweet potato fries and funnel fries.

We have purchased new umbrellas and a bracket for the defibrillator which we hope contributes to your comfort and safety.

If you haven't visited the new Normanoch website, please do. Here you can see what's going on at the clubhouse, read the Normanoch News (if

you want to be paperless) and share what is happening around the lake. We now have a WiFi spot on the beach - which is password free!

We have a new staff member, Lifeguard Hannah Blevins, who comes to us with the extra skills of being a certified EMT. Returning staff have helped brighten up the canteen with new paint, distribute the Normanoch News and sell those collector's item T-shirts. If you haven't seen them yet, take a look at the case down in the canteen.

We welcome any comments or help to keep our clubhouse running smoothly. Please help us by wearing your badges and getting guest wrist bands when needed.

### **Membership Report** - Claire Allen

From July 17, 2010 through July 15, 2011 there have been 18 new memberships within the Association – six more than last year. Specifically it is 4 new memberships on the North Shore, 8 on the West Shore and 6 on the East Shore. There have been 16 new memberships from sales of homes, 2 from transfers within family. 4 of the 18 new memberships involve payment of back dues.

Paid membership number is 458. If the outstanding 22 are paid up by the end of the year, we expect our membership to be at 480.

### **Lake Patrol Report** - Richie Ferlauto

The Lake Patrol is up and running on all cylinders this year, the Patrol of Culver Lake is being performed by Roy Chiariello, Jessie Strehl, Gary Scymanski, Seamus Campbell, and Joe Kopec. The Patrol has been instructed to perform random checks

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on all motor boats on Culver Lake to verify all operators are in compliance with NJ State Boating Laws. All members or individuals that operate a members boat on Culver Lake must have a valid NJ Boating License and have taken the NJ Boating Safety Course. Proof of NJ Boating License and NJ Boating Certificate must be on your person's while operating the boat. All individuals that operate a boat on Culver Lake must provide proof of NJ Boating Certificate and NJ Boating License when registering the boat with the Normanoch Association. The Normanoch Association also still requires that all first time boaters at Culver Lake take the Culver Lake Boating course that is offered four times throughout the late spring and summer season. Check with the Clubhouse or in the Normanoch News for scheduled dates and times for the Culver Lake Boating Course.

Since Privacy has been an issue recently, we have asked the Patrol to step up and help out the Canteen Staff regarding non-members using the Clubhouse Facility, they are doing hourly checks on the Clubhouse Grounds making sure all guests have proper Guest Bands for the day, and at certain events at the Clubhouse. We have had no major incidents to date on the lake regarding boat usage, this is due to a great Patrol staff, and the sensible operation of boats by our members. As a reminder the State Police Marine Unit can access our lake at any time and issue any tickets for any violation of the NJ State Boating Laws, please make sure that all operators of your motor boat have NJ Boat License and NJ Boating Safety Certificate.

### **ROW Report-** Claire Allen

Usage of Normanoch Right-a-Ways,

continues to go smoothly. Right-of-ways on the North and East Shore are filled to capacity, in their current conditions. There are a couple of spots available, but there are a lot of rocks prohibiting boats to be docked. If you are interested in one of these spots and are able to move the obstacles, please contact the office. There are open spaces on the West Shore. Please contact the office if you are in need of a right of way spot. If the one you are interested in is not available, you will be placed on a waiting list. All Normanoch members are encouraged to report abandoned boats or docks that are on ROW's to the office. We would like to keep the ROW's as clean as possible.

Any difficulties on rights of ways should be brought to the attention of the Right of Way Captain. If a situation cannot be resolved, then members are encouraged to contact the office for help in resolution. Members are reminded to please wear your Normanoch badges while utilizing a right of way.

The Board of Directors, in May 2011, endorsed a new rule for ROW users. All ROW's must be fully utilized with boats. Dock owners who have not had a boat in the water at the ROW for the past two (2) years will be asked to relinquish their ROW spot.

Lastly, thank you to all of the ROW captains that have sent in their diagrams of the ROW's to the office, and to those of you who have not, please get them in. Having the documentation in the office really helps us oversee the usage of Right of Ways.

### **Water Quality Report -** Lauren Cardinale

The results of our most recent water testing show that the lake is clear and well stratified, not surprising given the recent dry weather. The depth of

clarity is greater than 1 meter, which is decent for this time of year. The distributed oxygen saturation in the surface layer is not overtly high, and the aerobic conditions persist down to 12 meters, which is quite respectable for close to the 4th of July (most recent available results). While we await information on zooplankton count, we continue to enhance the population of such by maintaining prime lily pad areas (best breeding places for zooplankton) and adding additional, larger, hybrid fish to assist in containing the herring/alewife population. As we do so, water clarity will continue to improve, as the "green" we see now is likely a result of low zooplankton grazing rate (fewer zooplankton, less grazing on algae), as opposed to accelerated productivity (growth) of green algae. Midyear water quality reports from Eco Systems and Princeton Hydro are available in the office as well as on line.

### **Weed Report**

The first weed collection of the season began just prior to our July 4th weekend. The weed collection concentrated in the areas on the West shore (Stehr tract and around the island) in addition to an area within the no wake zone yet outside the entrance track to Blue Ribbon. This particular area had a mass of milfoil that would have very likely got caught in props as the area is susceptible to boats at higher speeds while approaching the entrance track to Blue Ribbon. While a main focus for the harvesting on the West shore is to keep a pathway clear for boaters (and prop safety), by doing so, we also reduce the possibility of further weed growth from fragmentation.

The recent bloom of blue-green algae, fortunately, has acted as a barrier to sunlight. This creates a positive

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effect on weed growth as the weeds need this sunlight in order to grow. Water clarity has been increasing throughout the past few weeks, and we expect this to continue as the summer proceeds. As water clarity improves, weed growth will also be promoted. We will have the opportunity for at least one more, larger, weed collection in the 2011 season, with continued focus on the above mentioned areas, in addition to the causeway area.

The Board of Directors will continue to encourage members to remove weeds from the area in front of their docks. This has a significant impact on fragmentation and weed growth around the lake, and can significantly and positively impact the budget for weed harvesting in the coming years. The first session (6/30/11-7/7/11) consisted of approximately 60-80 tons of plant material removed. Total hours Harvested: 35.5 Pre-dominant species harvested: Milfoil and Coontail. Also harvested Elodea, Curly-Leaf Pondweed, Water Lilies and Tapegrass.

As the kayak use has increased, it remains very important to wash kayaks, as well as any boat, prior to entering the lake to prevent other weeds from growing in our lake.

**Aeration Report** - Ronnie Gibbins  
Last fall both of our aeration compressors had complete service. Upon completion it was noted that we had a leak on an after cooler, a small leak on a PVC line, and two drain valves were replaced. This work was completed last March prior to start up this spring. At start up, number 1 compressor had 59,513 hours and number 2 compressor had 51,779 hours of service.

Two weeks after the raising of the Hypo unit a leak was detected in the

feed hose on the bottom of the lake. Eco-systems was called for repair immediately, but due to their busy schedule hypo was down for three weeks. All repairs were completed and 60 feet of feed hose was replaced with a much more durable version. Our experts feel that there were no adverse effects to the lake due to the rainy spring weather. The system has been up and running in good condition since then.

### Maintenance Report-Ronald Gibbins

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for overseeing the general maintenance of the buildings and grounds owned by the Normanoch Association. I am working on the completion of the paver brick patio. The engraved blocks have just been delivered and are due to be installed when activities slow down at the clubhouse. This has been an ongoing project and will be a welcome addition to our clubhouse.

Last fall we insulated and sheet-rocked the ceiling downstairs below the floor under the office. In addition, we installed plexiglass on the office windows. These improvements will

help to reduce our heating bills during the winter months. The winter weather did some damage to the soffits and the gutters which were repaired as needed. Multiple porch screens were also repaired or replaced due to winter damage. While replacing some ceiling tiles in the copy room of the office, we also moved some filing cabinets to create more space.

We have enclosed the area under the side porch with lattice to provide a secure area for storage of outdoor items. One load of sand was added to the beach this year. The swim floats were in poor condition. The planking was rotten and the flotation units were leaking. Two new floats were therefore purchased and installed.

Looking forward, the fire alarm system was inspected and found to need replacements of heat detectors, smoke detectors and it was recommended that we install new fire siren strobes. We will investigate the necessity, obtain another estimate and check to see if this will reduce our fire insurance premium.



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