



# The Upper Lake Mirror

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## Lake Water Quality

By *Howie Zemser*

Water quality was one of the issues raised in our 2006 Lake Survey. There was a perception due to the color of the lake water at various times, the presence of weeds, and foam on the water during windy conditions that the quality of the water was below average. While these conditions are natural for a lake, the Board of Trustees began to study this issue as part of our overall long-term management plan.

One of the Board of Trustees' primary responsibilities is to ensure our lake's health is in good condition and to be sure it will remain that way for future lake users. With that in mind, the Board of Trustees in early 2007 contracted with the Princeton Hydro Company to conduct studies and take tests to determine our lake's health and condition as well as to develop a Management and Restoration Master Plan to address any problems or concerns uncovered. This plan would provide both short and long term recommendations aimed at correcting any problems uncovered.

During 2007 Princeton Hydro developed a comprehensive database from historical data, collected field data, and the results of hydrologic and pollutant modeling. In its preliminary report to the Board of Trustees, Princeton Hydro summarized and provided insight on our key challenges. We face two:

Sections of the lake have been severely impacted by the influx of sediment as a result of improper or unmitigated storm water discharges. This is resulting in a severe reduction of the

lake's depth in some areas, and the creation of deltas. This is compounded by the fact the majority of the lake is already shallow, with a mean depth of only 5'2". Shallow areas are well suited for colonization by invasive aquatic plants (weeds). This brings us to our second challenge.

Excessive densities of invasive submerged aquatic plants and at times dense blue-green algae blooms were observed, a direct

symptom of our other key issue, the high nutrient content present, primarily phosphorus (phosphates) which are being introduced into the lake by a variety of sources. **Though phosphates are not toxic to humans**, they negatively impact the lakes ecosystem. This has lead to a condition known as lake eutrophication; the increase of mineral and organic nutrients leading to excessive plant growth and decay, reducing the dissolved oxygen, and producing an environment that favors plant over animal life. While this is a problem common to most lakes around this country, it is not a problem we should take lightly. Without corrective action, our lake's health could be degraded in the near future.

The Board of Trustees was already well aware of these issues and has been dealing with them for many years with ongoing dredging and de-silting projects, and weed control measures. We now however, have gained the necessary foundation, based on all the collected data and professional experience, to more effectively assess, prioritize, and implement



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"best management practices" going forward.

The summary report provided by Princeton Hydro is currently under review by the Board of Trustees to determine

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*Thought for this issue..... "They condemn what they do not understand." by Cicero*

# Proposed UGLPOA By-Laws

By Paul Donoghue

The UGLPOA By-laws Committee, comprised of Karen Sarnowski, Julia Held, Paul Donoghue, and Andy Fineman has been working on reviewing and updating the association's by-laws. Changes were made in the spirit of clarity, uniformity and to close up "holes" that have occurred due to the evolution of the needs of the community. The by-laws should reflect the community's needs and are for your protection. If you think about it, the by-laws are the foundation for all activity on and around the lake.

Several key proposed changes include:

1. **Code of conduct** – A code of conduct has been added to the by-laws to guide the Board on best practices of conducting the Association's business. It helps assure that the Board acts in an ethical and open manner.
2. **Removal of Trustee** – While it is rare that a Trustee would need to be removed, there was no process for this in the current by-laws.
3. **Classes of membership** – Additional language to better define the roles, benefits, as well as responsibilities of membership was needed. Language has been added to better define Easement as well as Property Owners Association membership.
4. **Members in good standing** – To be a member in good standing and to be able to take advantage of the benefits associated with Easement and Property Owners Association membership, one needs to pay Easement fees and POA dues.

5. **Update in title of Financial Secretary to Membership secretary**– It was not always clear to the membership the differences between the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary is responsible for the collection of membership dues, and the record keeping of membership, as well as outstanding Easement fees and POA dues. The title is being changed to Membership Secretary.
6. **Elimination of parliamentarian** – The parliamentarian has not been an active position on the Board, so to reflect the Board's actual practices, the position is being eliminated.
7. **Ability of Board members to nominate for open Board positions** – According to the by-laws, the President may nominate someone to fill an open Board seat. The ability to nominate someone to an open position is being extended to the entire Board.
8. **Committee updates** – Various committees have had their descriptions and responsibilities updated.
9. **Meeting clarifications** – The rules governing quorums and required number of votes for an item to pass have been updated.

The proposed by-laws have been posted on the web site for review and the By-laws Committee has conducted several review meetings to discuss the proposed changes with the community. The proposed by-laws will be presented for a vote at the June 14, 2008 meeting.



## Upcoming Events

By Craig Hornyak

### Kids Connection Playgroup

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Every Thursday after that when school is in session.

### UGL Day and Fireworks

Date: June 28, 2008. Games, Food, Vendors, and fun. 11:am to 3pm.

Fireworks: after Dusk.

No charge; open to all UGL residents.

### Clambake on the Beach

Date: July 26, 2008.

Time: 7pm to 11pm. BYOB

### Hotdog Roast and UGLPOA Meeting

Date: August 23, 2008.

Time: To be announced. No charge.

### Pig Roast on the Beach

Date: September 13, 2008.

Time: 7pm to 11pm. BYOB

### John Valby Comedy

Date: October 3, 2008 or October 4, 2008.

**One night only** Final Date, Time and

Cost: To be announced.

### Kids Halloween Party

Date: October 25, 2008.

Time: 1pm to 3pm.

### Adult Halloween Party

Date: October 25, 2008.

Time: 7pm to 11pm. BYOB

### Breakfast with Santa

Date: December 13, 2008.

Time: 9am to noon.

For more information see [www.uglpoa.org](http://www.uglpoa.org)

All events subject to change with prior notice.

## Lake Water Quality

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which actions and directions can be taken to best reduce the influx of phosphorus and sediment into the lake to manage and address the effects of lake eutrophication.

Upper Greenwood Lake has a long and rich history as an exceptional recreational water body. At no point has it had any sewage treatment plants or industrial pollutant sources going into the lake. Any

pollutants or nutrient loading entering the lake are coming primarily from storm water runoff, groundwater sources such as septic systems, and the natural recycling of nutrients from the lake's sediment.

In summary, Upper Greenwood Lake is a typical moderately eutrophic water body for which both short and long term actions will result in improvements in the

lake's water quality. As Princeton Hydro's Master Plan is reviewed and understood, plans will be formulated to address all of our concerns in our continuing effort to successfully manage and improve the lake. As more information becomes available and as the Board of Trustees develops its action plans, information will be posted on the web site.

# A Conversation with Jack McGroarty

By Julia Held

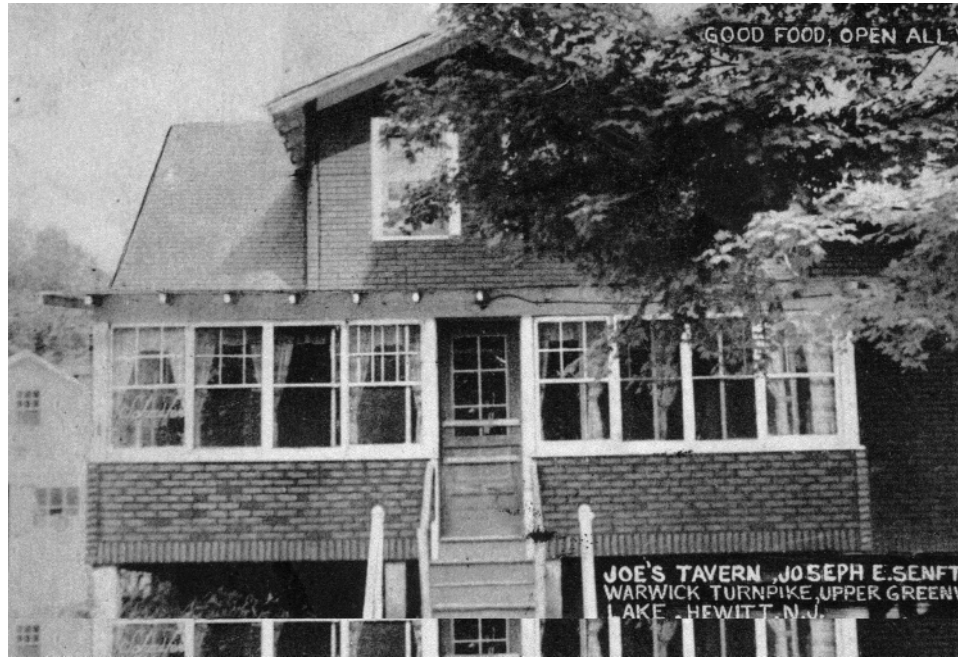
Jack McGroarty upon viewing the website for UGLPOA “noted some inconsistencies in the history section...”. Jack was referring to: “As the visitor continued past the lake, he came upon McGerty’s Tavern ...”.

Jack said his parents, Peggy and Ed McGroarty, bought lots on Warwick Turnpike in 1935 from the Mirror Holding Company and in 1937 built the old “Turnpike Tavern” with rooms over the tavern for living quarters. In a later year they built an addition for a dance floor.

In 1947, when Jack’s brother, Edward McGroarty, Jr., was three years old, the McGroarty’s sold the business as a result of Peggy’s insistence that the tavern was no place to raise a family. Jack was born a year later in 1948.

Some of Jack’s old photos shown below depict the early construction of the tavern; the hand digging of their 15 foot well; Ed, Peggy and friends kidding around on one of the original fire gongs; and a picture of a young girl, Peggy Freeman, who lived with the McGoartys for awhile and attended the grade school on Warwick Turnpike. The painting that Jack showed me is a watercolor by T. (Theodore) Knowles done in 1947 before the tavern was sold to Joe Senft, proprietor of “Joe’s Tavern.”

There is an interesting story to be told



about the painter, T. Knowles. I was particularly excited to see his signature on the watercolor of the Turnpike Tavern, since my family had two of his oil paintings – one of our bungalow and one of a lake scene that I still have in my possession. Theodore was a frequent summer guest of the Lichtles, who owned the bungalow between Tansboro Rd. and Lake Shore Drive. Theodore spent the summers at Upper Greenwood Lake turning out oil and watercolor paintings of bungalows and lake scenes and selling them for a small fee.

According to Albert Fischer – another contributor to the early history of UGL – Gus Lichtle would drive Ted back and forth in his LaSalle to a location where Ted would set up his paints for the day’s work. I wonder how many of the original summer residents have one or more of T. Knowles paintings.

Look for the complete and most interesting conversation with Jack in the upcoming compilation of personal histories and remembrances of the Early Years soon to be published by UGLPOA.



# Dredging & Desilting of Road Grit

By Karen Sarnowski

Many people keep inquiring when we will do another dredging project. We have been attempting to dredge the "Canal" area which flows from Mt. Laurel Lake and runs parallel to Warwick Turnpike in the Island Trail neighborhood for some time. Unfortunately, the "Highlands' Act" stymied us for quite some time and after correspondence on behalf of many, the Highlands Council finally figured out that lake dredging was a positive accomplishment for us in the Highlands area and would actually improved the water quality and habitat! This was a very frustrating interlude in which sanity and common sense finally prevailed. Unfortunately, coupled with this delay, the application process substantially changed and combined with the loss of old computer information, we were unable to get the application completed for 2007.

However, we did take advantage of the lake lowering and were able to remove a substantial amount of accumulated road grit that threatened the use of the lake in some areas. You may have seen P&W Excavating trucks and equipment at the Clubhouse, Dover, Audubon, Firehouse, Racetrack and Elizabeth Road covers back in December. All of these areas had accumulated substantial quantities of "road grit". This is the debris that is spread through out the winter with salt to help with icy road conditions. This stuff eventually makes it way into the lake via the storm drains. If it were not removed it may have resulted in docks being unusable as well as blocking boat traffic. At the area of the Clubhouse, the influx of grit was actually forming a "grit-bar" and could have blocked boats from leaving the boat launch area and navigating into the

main body of the lake! Because we successfully lowered the lake, we were able to remove these piles and deltas of grit from the lake to avoid problems this season.

While we are on this topic, road grit is one of the most serious issues impacting our lake and our budget! The report from Princeton Hydro (see related water quality article in this newsletter issue) highlighted this as an area that needs to be

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(and spring) around your home  
and property.*

worked. Basically, if we don't prevent this grit from draining into the lake we will continually need to remove it or the lake will become infilled. This is an ongoing issue everywhere around the lake since ALL storm water that drains from the Upper Greenwood Lake area runs to the lake. With the coming of spring rain, all of the grit on the roads and the edge of the roads will get washed into the storm drains and eventually flush into the lake. That means that road grit spread back up on Papscoe Road will eventually land in Firehouse Cove! It is the same all around the lake. We can access some of these points like the areas listed above but, there are many that we cannot get to with the machinery required to remove the grit. These will eventually become problem areas.

Our Board is doing everything it can to compel the Township of West Milford to become more active in the maintenance

of the drains so that the road grit never reaches our lake. This is imperative, otherwise dredging monies will end up being used for "maintenance" desilting, rather than clearing areas of the lake that have never had lake bottom restoration performed. We do not want to see this happen, therefore, we are very actively working to get the town to be responsible for maintenance of their storm drains.

You, as a homeowner can help! You can remove the road grit along with leaves in the fall (and spring) around your home and property. This way it will not wash into the storm drains. Remember that leaves decompose and add to the silting in the lake. You can also call the town and urge them to come and sweep your street. In the future, we may be calling on you to join us in petitioning the town to be responsible for cleaning our streets and drains.

This spring we are scheduled to meet with Fish & Wildlife and County Soils officials to review our lake bottom dredging restoration plans. After this review, all of the paperwork will be forwarded to the state for Dredging Permit approval. We are confident that we will have our permits in hand for an anticipated winter dredging project in 2008. The first area that we will do is the Canal area and then the deep inner recesses of Witte Cove near the location of the church on Warwick Turnpike. This area has been deemed by the Board as a potential area for loss of lake and navigation deep into this cove is impossible with a foot or less of water. Monies will dictate how far out into the main body of the lake we will be able to go. The only thing left in this equation is weather; so we hope the weather gods are good to us!

## Weeds 2008

By Bill Thayer

Our weed control has started. Aquatic Analysts has been hired to help control our lake's weeds. They are surveying the entire lake twice each month and will be treating for weeds as required. This activity will continue until September 2008.

We are treating for a variety of weeds such as Milfoil, Cabomba, Blasserwort, and later in the summer for algae. None of the treatments are harmful to animal wildlife, fish or humans. As noted in this issue of the newsletter, we have received a report on our lake health from Princeton Hydro and will be reviewing their suggested Lake Management and

Restorations Master Plan to decide what should be our best direction for handling weeds and algae.

As always, please remember to have your septic tanks pumped regularly and please do not use fertilizer with phosphorus because it promotes weed and algae growth. If you have any questions please call 973-853-4262.

# Dock Space - Going, Going, Gone!

By Karen Sarnowski

Yes, this season will mark the end of availability of space for new docks. We have known that at some point we would run out of space at areas of accessibility for new docks and this will be the year (dock build out). Given that, for homeowners who live lakeside, know that if there are not docks across the street from your property now, there will be in the future. Remember that this is not your property but is Parklands, which belongs to all of us here in UGL. Think of it as an opportunity to get to know neighbors that don't necessarily live next door.

Since the dock waiting list is in excess of thirty five people, current dock assignments will continue to be scrutinized. Docks in disrepair will be tagged and if repairs are not made in the time

given, the dock space will be reassigned. It is recommended that all dock owners check their docks early in the season to determine if repairs are required and have them repaired as soon as possible. Docks in disrepair have been a major complaint in the past by people on the waiting list who, if assigned a dock, state that they would keep their dock in pristine condition. Other members are unhappy with the rundown look of some docks. Please keep your dock in good repair. Do not cause us to reassign your space. It is not a fun process for us.

There are some areas that docks/bulkheads will be reconfigured to allow for additional docks in that area. Please cooperate with the committee to allow for as many people as possible to have a

dock space.

For anyone assigned a space last season, your dock should be installed immediately. Do not delay on this because someone else may end up being assigned in that locale.

Anyone currently on the dock list will remain there in the time order (when submitted) of their dock application; it is a first come, first serve list. Once all available spaces are assigned, docks will be assigned only when a dock/POA membership is relinquished or a member has failed to maintain their dock in good condition.

Inquiries as to where you are on the dock list can be made by calling the office at 973-853-4262.

# Facts About the Lake

By Lou Mangerpan

- Upper Greenwood Lake has a surface area of approximately 400 acres.
- The lake a manmade Lake, part of the Long House Creek-Upper Greenwood Lake Basin, and is relatively shallow with a mean depth of 5 feet 2 inches and a maximum depth of 12 feet 2 inches.
- The lake has 10.5 miles of shorelines, including the islands and is about 2 miles long. It has many sport fish including Largemouth Bass, Chain

- Pickerel, Perch-yellow & white, Catfish-Brown bullhead and channel, Black Crappie, and sunfish.
- The predominant underwater vegetation is Eurasian Milfoil, Curyleaf and large leaf pondweeds.
- Groundwater accounts for a large portion of the lake's annual hydrologic (net difference between the lakes total inflow and total outflow) load largely due to the predominance of forested lands, shallow soils, and a somewhat

steep terrain around the lake.

- The lake's flush rate, the number of times the lake water flows through, on average is 3.8 times per year which is relatively quick for a lake this size.
- Forested lands account for approximately 50% of the lake's total watershed area. Approximately 24% of the land in the lake's watershed area is residential. Water and wetlands comprise the bulk of the remaining lands in the watershed area.
- Various birds make our lake their habit including Cormorants, Swans, Goose, Ducks, Gulls, Heron, Osprey, Hawks, Owls, and on occasion Eagles.

# Clubhouse News

By Laura Nietzer

Have you visited the clubhouse lately to see the new renovations? Not only is the paint new (complete with a faux finish that is stunning), a chair rail has been installed to help prevent damage to the walls and costly repairs. The paint complements the carpet that was recently replaced. The new doors offer an unobstructed view of the lake from inside the clubhouse.

So, do you have a reason to celebrate? Come rent our newly renovated clubhouse for your next party. Any member of the Upper Greenwood Lake com-

THE COSTS	
From 11:00 AM -2:00PM:	
POA Members: .....	\$100
Easement Members: .....	\$160
Regular Rentals:	
POA Members: .....	\$290
Easement Members: .....	\$430
Weekend Wedding Rental:	
All members: .....	\$650

munity, Easement or POA member is eligible to rent the clubhouse.

The clubhouse is open for community

group functions based on availability. We already have the cub scouts and boy scouts holding their weekly meetings, not to mention their Blue and Gold dinners at the clubhouse. Cheerleaders have held practice, a children's playgroup meets weekly, not to mention our lake association committee meetings. And we are always looking for new ways for our community to use and enjoy our clubhouse facility. Just contact Lisa in the office at 973-853-4262 for additional information on clubhouse availability.

# 2009 Lake Survey

By Lou Mangerpan

Perhaps you noticed that there was no lake survey sent out with this year's renewal notices in January. The response over the last two years has been fantastic. People raised some very important issues and concerns, as well as provided excellent suggestions. The Board of Trustees has been reviewing all your input. It does take some time for the Board to study these issues and formulate plans. Therefore, the Board decided to take a lake survey every other year. This will allow us the time to adequately address

your comments.

We will begin the process to develop our next lake survey in August 2008. The first step in the process is to decide what questions we should be asking our members. To do this, we assemble a small group of Easement and POA members. They help us identify what concerns they may have or want addressed. It is like "taking the pulse" of the lake community.

This effort will require volunteers to attend "one" fast moving one hour fun meeting in which the issues are uniquely

identified, most important selected, and questions developed. We will hold three of these one hour meetings with three different groups of volunteers. Dates and time will be announced.

The meetings will be held during the August and September time frame. If you would be interested in attending one of these meeting and taking part in the development of the lake survey, please contact Lou Mangerpan at 973-853-2198.

## Word Game

An anagram, says the Concise Oxford Dictionary, is 'a word or phrase formed by transposing the letters of another word or phrase'. Can you transpose these words or phrases to make new words or phrases?

**Example:** Rearrange the letters of the word 'rail' to make a dishonest person  
**Answer:** Liar.

1. Rearrange the letters of the word eat to make something to drink.
2. Rearrange brush to make a kind of bush.
3. Rearrange lemon to make something else to eat.
4. Rearrange skate to make a poet.
5. Rearrange wand to make a time of day.
6. Rearrange Alice to make another woman's name.
7. Rearrange Dorothea to make another woman's name.
8. Rearrange supersonic to get part of an orchestra.
9. Rearrange hormone to get the name of a bird.
10. Rearrange spectrum to make some eatables.
11. Which food might you make out of stale lamb?
12. What do you have to be if you want to listen?
13. Which word describes lithe acts?

14. Which part of a newspaper may be an adroit lie?
15. Which animal would you not touch with a bargepole?
16. In two words, where can you find a schoolmaster?
17. In two words, what is worn by a stripteaser?
18. Which London regions or suburbs are anagrams of canto, Hamlet, leaches, and poems?
19. Rearrange stealer to make a Shakespearean character.
20. Which part of the body is a ten-letter word in which the last five letters are an anagram of the first five letters?
21. Make two other words from the letters of idolatry.
22. Make three other words from the letters of the word gallery.

23. Make four other words from the letters of the word players.
24. Make four other words from the letters of inlets.
25. Make four other letters from the letters of the word maneless.
26. What quality might characterize a prime dunce?
27. Which adjective might describe a problem in Chinese?
28. In three words, what characterizes the nudist colony?
29. Which gambling event may seem like totally inane rot - especially if you lose?
30. Which German opera asserts the fact that a kinder love's rare?

See answers on page 10

## New Residents Breakfast

By Lou Mangerpan

The Public Relations Committee will be sponsoring a light breakfast on June 14, 2008 for all residents who moved into the community in 2007 and early 2008. Invitation letters were released in mid-May with the time and location. If you are new to the community and did not receive an invitation letter, please contact the office immediately.

The breakfast will provide new residents with the opportunity to meet other new residents, members of the Board of Trustees, as well as to obtain information from community organizations, or discuss issues and concerns they may have with members of the West Milford Township Council and/or Department Heads.

Anyone interested in setting up the breakfast or cleaning up after it, please contact Lou Mangerpan at 973-853-2198.

# Phosphate Content in Popular Cleaners

By Lou Mangerpan

While you should be using non-phosphate automatic dishwasher detergents, if you can't find it you can still reduce your "phosphorus impact".

Choose a detergent that is lower in phosphate per dishwasher load. The phosphate content of detergents varies significantly among brands. In this table we've included phosphate content per tablespoon to let you calculate the phosphate you're using per load of dishes. Try it out.

Measure the number of tablespoons that you use per load of dishes and multiply by the grams of phosphate per tablespoon to get total phosphate per dishwasher load.

Use less! Manufacturer's directions say to fill both detergent cups of your dishwasher. However, unless you have very hard water and very dirty dishes, you may find that considerably less detergent gets your dishes clean.

A recent Consumer Reports study found that enzymes in detergents make the biggest difference in a detergent's cleaning ability: **"Green products can get dishes clean"**. Most dishwasher detergents contain phosphates, which enhance cleaning ability. Phosphates also have a well deserved reputation for being environmentally harmful because they promote the growth of algae. But four enzyme-containing, phosphate-free detergents—Ecover tablets and powder; Trader Joe's powder; and Method Dish Cubes tablets—were very good to excellent in overall quality."

Best products to use are Citrus Magic, Seventh Generation, Trader Joe's, Palmolive Liquid ECO, and Clorox Green Works. Remember, one lb. of man made phosphates produces 1,100 lbs (the size of a large gorilla) of wet algae in your lake. Or looking at it another way, one ounce (2 tablespoons) of phosphate produces about 62 lbs (about the size of two or three large full grocery bags) of wet algae. Do you want this stuff in our lake? Let's get the gorillas out of our lake.

Dishwashing Detergents (for automatic dishwashers)	Type	Phosphate content by Percentage	Grams Phosphate per Tablespoon
Bi-O-Kleen	Powder	0	0
Citrus Magic	Gel	0	0
Ecover		0	0
Seventh Generation		0	0
Shaklee	Powder	0	0
Sun & Earth	Tablet	0	0
Trader Joe's Automatic Dishwashing Detergent		0	0
Palmolive Gel	Gel	1.6%	0.32
Electra-Sol Gel	Gel	3.7%	0.7
Wal-Mart Automatic Dishwashing Detergent	Gel	4.0%	0.8
Pure Power Gel	Gel	4.0%	0.8
Sunlight Liquid	Liquid	4.3%	0.83
Electra-Sol Powder	Powder	4.5%	0.72
Cascade Liquid	Liquid	5.0%	1.0
Sunlight Powder	Powder	4.5%	1.4
Cascade Complete	Liquid	5.0%	1.0
Pure Power Powder	Powder	5.3%	0.6
Hannaford Dishwasher Detergent	Powder	5.3%	0.6
Shaws Automatic	Powder	6.0%	0.8
Wal-Mart Automatic Dishwashing Detergent Powder	Powder	6.3%	0.8
Cascade PureRinse	Powder	6.4%	1.0
Cascade Action Pac	Tablet	8.0%	1.1
Electra-Sol Tablets	Tablet	8.7%	1.74 per tablet
Electra-Sol GelPac	GelPac	8.7%	2.2 per gelpac

# Lake Environment 2008

By **Howie Zemser**

As we all get ready to start enjoying the 2008 season around the lake, we hope everyone will do their part in taking some simple steps to limit our negative impact on our water. I'm only going to discuss one here, because it's so important.

We have written about phosphates in past newsletters, and it continues to be one of the major threats to the health of our lake and all the waters in our watershed. To help preserve our lake, we need to dramatically reduce the amount of phosphates we put into it. It has to be a community effort.

Very simply put, phosphates (phosphorous) are food for algae and weeds and too much phosphorous leads to the frequent algae blooms and the overabundance of weeds in our lake. This damages the lake's ecosystem, robbing the water and aquatic life of all-important oxygen, producing fish kills and shifts in numbers and types of aquatic animals.

Algae blooms and weeds affect the lake's aesthetic and recreational value, by choking the waterway, producing surface scum, unpleasant odors, and poor water clarity due to decaying plants. Phosphorus does not break down. It collects at the bottom of lake waiting to be released.

**One lb. of man-made phosphates produces 1,100 lbs. of wet algae.** The cost of combating algae and weeds is very high

and takes the lion's share of our easement budget.

You can help by simply avoiding products containing phosphates.

Alternative products are readily available that will ease the strain on our lakes ecosystem. All you have to do is use them.

You probably have

heard that it is now illegal in this township for commercial landscapers to use fertilizers that contain phosphates. There is good reason for this ordinance and hopefully it will be expanded to cover all fertilizer use in the near future, as has been done in other NJ counties and states. We can either wait for the township or state to mandate further

restrictions or we can do the right thing right now. If you must use fertilizer, choose brands that contain little or no phosphorous (.5 or less). **Nitrogen based** products are more "**lake friendly**". Test your soil PH first to see if you really need to fertilize, and if so, always follow the package instructions.

Phosphates are also present in household cleaners, with **automatic dishwasher detergent** being the **major culprit**.

The good news is there are plenty of eco friendly, phosphate free or low phosphate alternatives available today, and **yes**; they are now on the shelves of our local stores. Look for "**Green**" or "**eco-friendly**" products. Most major manufacturers are producing "**low**" or "**phosphate free**" products, as the trend in many states is to severely restrict or ban phosphates all together. You may remember how it was phased out of laundry detergents in the early 1980's.

A number of states have limited phosphorus content in dishwasher detergent to .5 percent. Many popular brands at our local supermarkets average between 4 to 9 percent. That's a lot of phosphates! By contrast, alternative brands like Citrus

Magic, Seventh Generation, and Trader Joe's contain **0**. Products such as Trader Joe's are **top rated** by Consumer Reports for their cleaning ability. The key effective

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ingredients these days are the **enzymes**, not phosphates. If you want to stick with the familiar brands, look to brands like Palmolive Eco and Clorox Green Works products. You will be seeing more and more of these kinds of products on the shelves.

Spring produces lots of green things. A green attitude will be a most welcome addition this season, helping to keep the green where it belongs.

## Encroachment

By **Laura Nietzer**

After a cold winter, we are all ready to get outside and enjoy our lake. It is also the time many of us are working on our property. It is important for those of us living in adjacent to our lake to remember that most of the land along the lake is owned by the association as Parklands. It is important that property owners who live along the lake consult the survey of their property (or obtain a survey if unsure of property boundaries) before doing work which would include, but is not limited to, building of any kind or changing the landscaping. However, if there is an improvement on Parklands that you feel is needed, contact the POA office so that you can be given the information on how to get board approval. We would like to thank all those property owners who did contact us prior to working on bulkheads during the lake lowering in the fall.

## Original Vogel's Store

By **Julia Held**

The original Vogel's store, which was on the corner of Warwick Turnpike and Lake Shore Drive South next to the new Pioneer Tavern, was recently torn down. We are looking for any original photos of Vogel's store and also original photos of the Sugar Bowl that was located at the corner of Warwick turnpike and Lake Shore Drive North. Please contact the UGLPOA office at (973) 853-4262 if you have or know of someone who might have photos of either of these.

# Security Update Spring 2008

By Gary Gallicci

As our winter season closed out there were very few issues or concerns on the lake. The winter freeze occurred quite erratically during the winter months and allowed very little opportunity to enjoy the ice. As a result, we had minimal activity taking place on our frozen waters.

As we begin our Spring/Summer patrol season, you will notice some changes regarding our Security Patrol. Security has added additional personnel in our ongoing endeavor to maintain a safe and secure lake community. Please welcome our new personnel to the lake patrol as you see them working the lake and parklands this season. In addition, our patrol boat has been re-motored for the upcoming season. The many hours we place on our security boat provided us with 6 to 7 years of good motor life. Last year we struggled with engine repairs and realized our engine had lost its reliability. The good news is that earlier Board members had the foresight to escrow

\$1000 per yr. away for an event like this and the actual expense only had a small impact on the Security operating budget for the

2008 season. Add to that a lighter-than-budgeted winter patrol season, and we weathered well the financial burden of re-motoring the patrol boat. Feel confident in the knowledge that our Security patrol boat will be available for any emergencies that may occur on the lake.

This year we will be working aggressively to advise boaters of NJ State laws

regarding operation of all boats in New Jersey regulated waters. We will be working with the Passaic County Sheriffs Department Marine Division and the West Milford Police to encourage and maintain safe, courteous and lawful boat operation by all our boating residents. PWC operators presented some of the more significant issues of 2007 and we expect to address these issues during the 2008 boating season. The lake should be shared and enjoyed by all, but safety and courtesy need to prevail.

Please pay special attention to the "No Wake" areas of Upper Greenwood Lake. These are locations where the NJ State Police-Marine Division has determined to be the areas of CAUTION AND LOW SPEED operation

of your boat. Security will be taking note of these areas in 2008 and issuing a UGLPOA notice to operators found to be ignoring the NJ approved "No Wake" zones. Notices will be forwarded to members with a copy remaining in the UGLPOA files. Please advise all guests, who may be operating your boat with a disregard for these zones, that your membership will receive a notice on file.

In an effort to eliminate the small amount of illegal boats that are placed into our lake every year, we will be imple-

menting *boat specific stern stickers* for all motorized vessels in the lake. As you receive your 2008 packets, you will notice all stern stickers now have boat registration numbers inserted onto them. The UGLPOA stern sticker on your boat *must* match the registration number shown on the bow of your vessel. Please make sure you display the proper stern sticker on your boat. Stickers are available by sending a copy of a valid registration, in the

property owner's name, to the UGLPOA clubhouse address. All Upper Greenwood Lake boat operators must be aware that

*The NO WAKE zones have been prominently noted and must always be observed.*

the State of New Jersey is phasing in the *mandatory* completion of the Boating Safety Course for all New Jersey boat operators. This includes *all motorized boats* in addition to the previously mandated course for PWC operators. It is being phased in by birth date. The *first violation* is a \$250-\$400 fine with loss of boat operation privilege for one year and loss of automobile/ truck operation privilege for three months. The State of New Jersey has put significant fines/ penalties in place to enforce the mandatory Boating Safety Course. Always carry your Boating Safety Certificate with you when operating a boat. If your birth date requires mandatory completion by 2008, please check the local newspapers for dates of US Coast Guard approved course instruction classes in our area.

As always, have a safe and enjoyable summer on the lake & parklands.

*The good news is that earlier Board members had the foresight to escrow \$1000 per year away for an event like this*

## Beach News

By Andy Fineman

It is the beginning of another beautiful season at the beach. This year we have a new Beach Manager, Jen Potosnak, who has been with us for a while as our head water safety instructor and is now stepping up to the helm.

The beach itself has a new look and a smoother feel because of the new higher quality sand. We are looking forward to a glorious season and hope to have many new and exciting things to do at the beach. If you have comments, or suggestions, or if you would like to become a part of the action and join the committee, call Lisa at the office or Andy Fineman at 973-853-5189 or email [afineman@warwick.net](mailto:afineman@warwick.net).



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### ANAGRAMS ANSWERS

1. tea

2. shrub

3. melon

4. Kats

5. dawn

6. Celia

7. Theodora

8. percussion

9. moonhen

10. crumpets

11. meatballs

12. silent

13. athletics

14. editorial

15. porbeagle (a kind of shark)

16. the classroom

17. sparse attire

18. Acton, Eltham, Chelsea, Epsom

19. Laertes

20. intestines

21. adroitly, dilatory

22. allergy, largely, regally

23. parleys, parsley, replays, sparsely

24. enlist, listen, silent, tinsel

25. lameness, maleness, nameless,

salesman

26. imprudence

27. incomprehensible

28. no untidy clothes

29. National Lottery

30. Der Rosenkavalier