



# CHEBACCO LAKE & WATERSHED ASSOCIATION *Newsletter*

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## From the CLWA President's Chair

**B**y now, most of you have heard that a major film studio, Sony Pictures will be producing a movie here on the lake this summer. There are a number of rumors and misconceptions going around about what is being built for the film on the lake and how filming will affect our daily activities on the lake. The CLWA Board of Directors met with the Production Manager at our April monthly meeting and he was very gracious and helpful to us with our questions about the production schedule, what the filming will actually involve, who will be in the film and what their needs would be from us as Board.

First, there will be no water sequences involving "takes" on the water. These are very complicated, time consuming and labor intensive. So you don't need to worry. Filming will not stop us from using our boats for the summer or even a few weeks, as has been rumored. If there is a specific shot that involves a view including a home or a yard, the owners of the home will be contacted and agreements will be made to accommodate everyone's needs. If there are times when a shot from land needs to be "clear", then associates of the production will let people know that they need to steer clear of a particular area.

The boathouse that we see on the lake is a movie set and is not permanent. Also the addition to the house will be removed when the filming is done and the excavation to the area at the house is being closely supervised. The filming will begin around the end of May and will likely be done by the middle of August. The film will take place on land, mostly in the house, and will involve many well-known actors. There will be a large scene with a basketball game filmed at Centennial Grove that may require some extras. Keep your eyes open for your shot at film stardom! Go to our website [www.chebaccolake.org](http://www.chebaccolake.org), and find the link for information on the movie.

There are many economic benefits to the area from such a production and it is very exciting to see our lake in a film. The reasons the CLWA Board wanted to meet with the Sony Pictures rep was to be sure that we could be confident that 1. use of the lake would not be restricted, 2. anyone associated with the film would understand that this is an environmentally sensitive area, 3. residents of the lake are concerned about what goes on around the lake, and 4. this is our neighborhood and the lake is our front yard. We all are thrilled that a movie is being made here, but please respect the lake and the neighborhood.

We are satisfied that the movie company's intentions are good, but we will also keep our eyes on things and if we have questions or if you as residents and Lake association members have questions, we will ask them and hope-

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## Mark Your Calendars

### Boat Parade

It's time to start planning for the annual Chebacco Lake Boat Parade which will be on Saturday, July 4.



This year it will start at 1 PM in front of Camp Menorah and proceed around the entire lake. Prizes will be awarded for the Most Patriotic and also for the Best Movie Theme. Last year the participation was great. Let's try for even more boats this year. Lots of spectators along the shore are always a big part of the parade too.

### Casting For Extras

Interested in being an extra in the Adam Sandler movie? Extras will be needed for a basketball scene to be shot in late July. Extras casting will be in late June, if you e-mail us your contact info we will pass it along to the casting director. E-mail your contact info to: [sheri@chebaccolake.com](mailto:sheri@chebaccolake.com)

### Essex Music Festival

This year the always popular Music Festival will be held on Saturday, August 29. The location has been changed for this summer due to the filming of the movie. It will be behind the Essex Town Hall.

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fully get satisfactory answers. We also want to let you know that Sony Pictures will be making a donation to the Lake Association to help us maintain the beauty and quality of the Lake. We hope they will include our July 4th Boat Parade as part of the movie as well.

There are many issues we still need to face on the lake, but this will make our summer even better and more interesting. Watch the website and make plans for the July 4th Boat Parade. If your friends are not members of the Lake Association this is good time to encourage them to join. Speak to your neighbor and if they would like to receive timely e-mail updates have them e-mail their addresses to [sheri@chebaccolake.org](mailto:sheri@chebaccolake.org) and we will add their name to the rolls.

Thanks,

Dave Kerr  
President, Chebacco Lake & Watershed Association

## Designing With Nature Landscaping for a Healthy Lake

**D**o you value a clear, clean lake? Do you enjoy looking at a wooded, natural lakeshore? Has one of your neighbors done something extra special to protect the lake? Introducing the CLWA Lake Friendly Award!

Starting this fall, the CWLA will have an ongoing program that will award a personalized plaque honoring efforts to keep our lake clean. We will also give the recipient a native plant! Many of our past articles have tried to give you some suggestions on things you can do that make a difference, such as limiting lawn area, planting native shrubs and trees, maintaining a buffer and leaving plantings to stabilize the shoreline. Our goal has been to encourage homeowners around the lake and in the watershed to abandon common, suburban landscaping techniques in favor of more natural, lake-friendly landscapes. Now we want to recognize those that have made a contribution to this effort!

Watch for our brochure that will outline some of the things we want to award. The CLWA wants your input as well. Direct any suggestions to our web site.

Planting season is here!

*Robyn Kanter*

***Just a reminder: Please don't feed the ducks and geese.***

# Chebacco Lake & Watershed Association

## Membership Application/Renewal Form

For many years the Chebacco Lake & Watershed Association has been working hard to protect our most valuable asset – Chebacco Lake and its surrounding watershed. The CLWA continues to educate the community about our lake’s history and ways in which we can preserve, protect and continue to enjoy Chebacco Lake. The CLWA conducts water quality testing, works to maintain water flow at Alewife Brook, and supports conservation efforts to protect Chebacco Lake and its watershed. We coordinate lakeside clean-ups, we sponsor our annual July 4th boat parade, and we host our website, [www.chebaccolake.org](http://www.chebaccolake.org), which provides up-to-date information and bulletins.

Please join the CLWA. It’s an investment in the future good health and beauty of Chebacco Lake. All memberships expire annually on January 31. We hope you’ll join us.

**New**    **Renewal**    Member \$25    Patron \$50    Sponsor \$75

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lake Address (if different) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Please circle all that apply to your household:***

Lakeside resident / Property within 500’ of lake / Seasonal resident /

Non-resident property owner / Sport or recreational user of lake area /

Recreational user of Chebacco Woods

**All memberships expire January 31.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Please send completed form and dues to:

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to Chebacco Lake  
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## Just for Fun! Make Words

Salamanders are related to frogs and toads and live in moist areas. Try to make at least 24 words from the letters in its name.



# SALAMANDER

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Answer:  
an, ran, man, mad, mar, dam, lame, sale, land, sand, sled, slam, salad, male, dale, mad, ram, same, dear, mane, lane, same, salad, sander.

### [www.greenscapes.org](http://www.greenscapes.org)

If you haven't already checked out this website it is worth a look. You can sign on to get regular updates. Some of the information is about Pearl's Premium grass seed which stays low and needs no watering after it is established. The site also lists local nurseries where you can get 15% off when buying native plants. Many free workshops are offered locally on topics such as rain gardens, composting, lawn care and using native plants.

*Sue McLaughlin*