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2018 TRADE SHOW UPDATE

By ERIC B. CLEMENTE & WOODY GOLDSTEIN, CPA

Summer has finally arrived, and we hope that all of you are enjoying the beautiful weather. This new season also reminds us that our 2018 Annual Trade Show is just 2 months away.

As co-chairs of the 12th Annual Trade Show, we want to remind you that CAI-Long Island is holding the event at the Hilton Long Island, in Melville, NY, on October 13th from 9:00 am through 3 pm. We also want to bring you some important information and updates.

This year, for the first time, we are providing **FREE Valet Parking**. For your convenience, parking attendants will be stationed at the rear entrance to the hotel where there is a large parking lot designated for our use; they will park your vehicles upon arrival and retrieve them when you leave the event.

Our **keynote speaker** is Ursula Koenig Burgess, Esq., President-Elect of CAI National! Ursula is a Principal at Rees Broome, PC, and has been representing community associations in Maryland and Virginia for approximately 15 years. She is a

long-standing and active member of the Chesapeake and Washington Metro Chapters of the Community Associations Institute, including serving lengthy terms as Chair of the Education Committee, and as Education Council Chair for the Washington Metro Chapter. Currently, Ursula serves as a Trustee on the CAI Board of Trustees.

Ursula's interactive and engaging **keynote presentation** will deal with **"Conflict Resolution."** This timely workshop should be attended by everyone, since it will be filled with information and ideas that all of us will benefit from. She is scheduled to give her workshop starting at approximately 2:15 pm and you don't want to miss it! The Trade Show raffle prizes will be awarded after her talk; and all winners need to be present to receive their prizes.

We have increased our educational seminars to TEN! These classes will feature panelists from various professions (e.g. banking, legal, accounting, property management) and a cross-section of tradespeople, as well as community volunteers. Remember, as we've said in the past, *"Come with questions, and leave*

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The Newsletter Committee is always looking for new articles to publish. Articles should be educational and non-promotional in nature and have a suggested word count between 500 and 1,500 words. CAI-LI retains the right to edit articles to conform to content and space requirements. If you are interested in submitting an article for possible inclusion, please contact Christine M. Majid, Chapter Executive Director, at info@cai-li.org. Are you interested in advertising with us? Let us know!

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Winter Issue - January 31

Summer Issue - July 31

Spring Issue - April 30

Autumn Issue - October 31

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HYDRO-RAKING AS AN AQUATIC MANAGEMENT TOOL?

By EMILY WALSH, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST - SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT



Community lakes and stormwater ponds can be used to attract native wildlife, facilitate recreation and enhance the beauty of a HOA property, but, over the course of many years, these aquatic resources may experience sedimentation, nutrient loading and other water quality problems. If a waterbody is not properly managed, it will eventually fill in with muck and other organic materials until depths are significantly reduced. To help restore volume, reduce the possibility of flooding during rainstorms, and improve overall water quality, it's important to consider hydro-raking as a proactive management tool.

If you own or manage an association with lakes and ponds, you've likely heard of hydro-raking as a unique strategy utilized by aquatic professionals to remove aquatic vegetation and "bottom sludge." A hydro-rake is essentially a floating barge supporting a mounted backhoe and rake attachment that can remove up to 500 pounds of lake and pond muck, plant material



Hydro-raking can be an extremely effective management tool for the removal and reduction of nuisance aquatic plants found in community lakes, stormwater ponds and private waterbodies.

and organic debris in a single scoop.

The hydro-rake has the **ability to target certain areas of nuisance and/or invasive aquatic vegetation, while conserving other areas in their natural state.** This is crucial in the eyes of aquatic management, which is geared towards retaining and restoring balance within the waterbody's ecosystem. Maintaining an equilibrium of native vegetation enhances the potential for increased species richness and ecosystem resilience – the ability to maintain balance despite challenges posed by nutrient loading, water stratification and other factors that can affect water quality. In addition to proactively managing vegetation, hydro-raking can help reduce or prolong the need for dredging, which is often the costliest project a homeowners association will ever face.

While the hydro-rake is not a suitable management strategy

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with answers.”

The entire Trade Show Committee looks forward to seeing all of you at the Hilton in October, and also at the Chapter's upcoming events.

For additional information, please visit the Chapter's website and Trade Show Page (<http://www.cai-li.org/annual-trade-show.html>); you may also contact our Executive Director, Christine M. Majid, at info@cai-li.org or call (631) 882-8683. ■



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Saturday, October 13th - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Saturday, November 3rd - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Board Leadership Development Workshop
for Community Association Board Members

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Thursday in November - 6:00 p.m.
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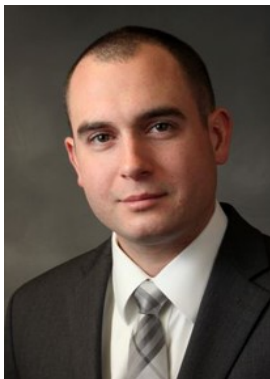
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By CHRISTOPHER BYRNES, ESQ. - SCHRODER & STROM, LLP
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Greetings! I hope that everyone is having a safe and relaxing summer. Everything is well over at CAI - Long Island.

First, I want to thank everyone who attended our Summer Social at Captain Bill’s in July. The weather did not cooperate, but a record number of you braved the elements to participate in the fun. Importantly, we were able to unanimously pass the amendment to

our bylaws, which will allow us to secure tax-exempt status with the IRS. Since we are a nonprofit, all of the savings will go directly back into our organization, allowing us to provide even more education, networking, and resources to our membership.

After a brief August hiatus, we will be back in business on September 13th at Fairfield Corporate Plaza in Melville. Kristi Ladowski from Stony Brook University Hospital Trauma Center will tell us about the fall prevention programs her hospital offers. These free programs help senior citizens in your community continue to live independently and can be offered in your recreation rooms or clubhouses. They are a no-cost way to deliver real value to your residents.

On October 13, 2018 we will be hosting our annual Trade Show, once again at the Hilton Long Island in Melville. This is our chapter’s premier networking and educational event, and this year it will be bigger and better than ever. We are pleased to be offering more educational seminars than any previous event, and we are expecting record turnout. There will be plenty of time to network one-on-one with our business partners, who are eager to help you with whatever issues your community is facing. As always, this is free for community board members.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will see you next month!

Kind Regards,

Chris



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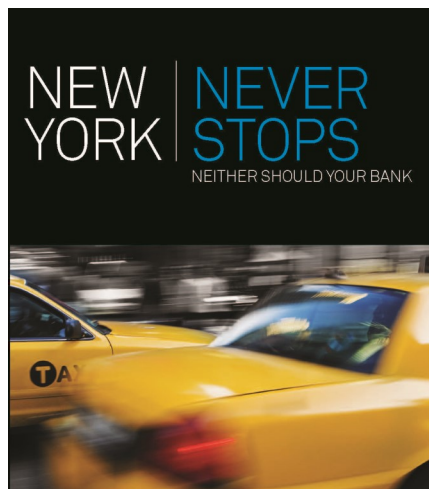
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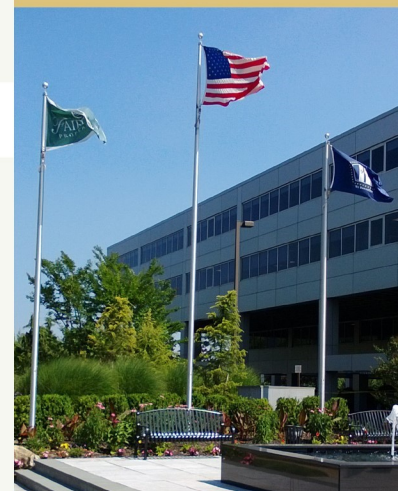
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in every situation, it can be extremely effective when used to control several types of vegetation often found in waterbodies used for recreation, community fishing, the collection of stormwater runoff, or simply the enjoyment of their aesthetic beauty:

EMERGENT SPECIES

Emergent vegetation such as cattails, common reed and maidencane are common plants that can plague waterbodies; however, removal can be achieved by utilizing the hydro-rake as a stand-alone management option or as a complement to other management approaches. Emergent plants are fantastic candidates for the hydro-rake because they are usually found along the edge of the waterbody, where they can be easily accessed by the rake attachment. During the removal process, the hydro-rake will extract the plant in its entirety, as well as its attached rhizome (root) structure lain beneath the water's surface. **Because the hydro-rake works from the water rather than land, desirable ornamental and buffer plant species along the shoreline are not impacted.**

FLOATING LEAF SPECIES

The hydro-rake is effective when removing common floating leaf vegetation such as water lily and watershield. These plant species are ideal for hydro-rake management, due to their leaf



Emergent vegetation that thrive in shallow lakes and stormwater ponds, like water lily and water willow species, are suitable candidates for removal by hydro-rake.

structure and attached root systems underneath. As with common reed and cattail removal, the hydro-rake can remove the plants, as well as the root structures. Open water is then restored, thus enhancing the ability of native aquatic flora and fauna to repopulate the area. Other common floating-leaf species, such as water hyacinth, water chestnut, and water lotus

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are additional candidates for hydro-raking service

SUBMERSED SPECIES

Submersed species such as curly-leaf pondweed, big leaf pondweed and tape grass can be effectively managed through hydro-raking. These prescribed programs can provide sufficient plant reduction, especially when combined with herbicide management options. As with any management strategy, it's important to always consider the biology of the targeted plant before beginning a hydro-raking project. Some submersed plants, such as such as milfoil and fanwort spread heavily through fragmentation and may require alternate management strategies to ensure fragmentation and repopulation do not occur.

Hydro-raking is a management tool used in a wide array of aquatic restoration projects ranging from inlets, outlets, littoral zones, coves, private shorelines, and more. Aquatic vegetation removal projects can be performed any time of year, but the best time is when the nutrients are in the vegetative structure; this is relative to the associated region, weather conditions, and plant biology. When considering this service, the first step is to contact your local lake and pond management professional to conduct a site visit. During this time, they will identify nuisance plant species and management areas, and consider a strategy that aligns with your association's long-term waterbody goals.

As with any form of proactive management, hydro-raking can help improve the health, longevity and beauty of your community's lake or stormwater pond for years to come, but is most effective when used in conjunction with other preventative management methods, including aeration, buffer management, nutrient remediation and other strategies that prevent the premature aging, or filling in with sediment, of the waterbody. ■

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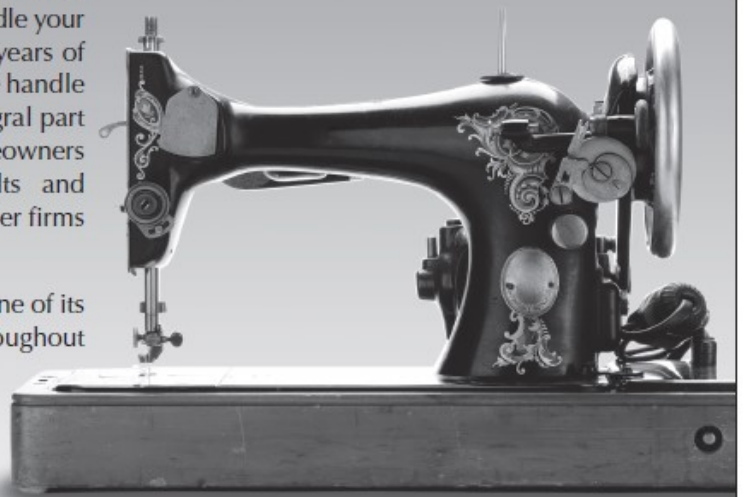
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