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Papakeechee Protective Association

Regarding the Association, it's been awhile since you've received a newsletter on what's been happening. For the benefit of new members, Newsletters provide information on what's happening with projects around the lake, dam and levee. Just to name a few topics, it also includes: reminders about rules and guidelines as outlined in the Bylaws and Covenants booklet (all members need to have this booklet, if you need a copy, please contact the Secretary); and gives updates on your Board Members and District Representatives. So WELCOME new members! If you are uncertain who your District Representative is, please contact me and I'll provide you with that information. The following is a current listing of the Board of Directors and District Representatives for the Papakeechee Protective Association.

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By the time this newsletter circulates, the chemicals will already have been applied to the lake. May is the time we apply Avast to start killing off the big leaf and curly leaf weeds. This is a one-time application for the season, so we try to time it right for application. Due to the heavy rains recently and the constant water flow out of the lake into spillway, the application was delayed until May 25th. There have been signs posted around the lake to remind members of the one-day restriction from swimming and the 30-day restriction from watering yards and flowers using lake water.

It has been a difficult past couple of years for association members who have been anticipating the completion of this dam and levee project, which the State has imposed on us. Dealing with the government and the vast amount of red tape has been amazing and frustrating. Concerning this project, there have been numerous meetings with the Engineers, DNR and IDEM. Finally, construction plans are now being finalized and hopefully, permits will soon be issued.

In 2006, we began addressing upgrades required for the dam and levee. Updates on how this project has been progressing have occurred several ways. We have held special meetings that included a Power Point presentation, provided information in newsletters and at the annual meeting. The following provides an update as to what has been completed. Header items reflect original time line submitted to DNR. Bullet items reflect to date what has been completed.

2007 Lower Lake Water Level

- Lowered water level to bottom of gate opening

Install Staff Gauge

- Purchased Staff Gauge

Monitor Water Level & Ground Wetness @ Dam & Levee

- Installed Monitoring Wells

Research Leak @ Dam –

- Pipe from Fish Ponds?
- Artesian Well?
- Actual Leak in Dam?
- Found Leak at Artesian Well Cap

Treasurer

Sherry Donerty

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Complete and File a 401 Water Quality Application for Permit to Fill Abandoned Fish Hatchery Pond

- Part of early coordination meeting and project permitting process

Complete Topographical Site Survey by end of July

Raise Funds

Secure Engineering Firm / Earth Explorations

2008 Raise Funds

- Obtained Survey for Dam & Spillway.
- Found leak at dam to be an Artesian Well cap that is the source of the leak.
- Removed piers, steps, stairs, trash piles, and personal property from the levee.
- Invited State Representative Ruppel to our monthly meeting, showed our slide show to him and discussed our concerns about the requirements of the DNR.
- Met with the Syracuse town hall and representatives from Tri-county, Lake Wawasee & Syracuse Lake to discuss the overall project concerning the water shed.
- Met with DNR Deputy Director Ron McAhron about the requirements of the DNR. State will look into possible solutions.
- Met with a dredging firm about possible dredging of low areas of the lake.

Toe Drain @ Dam

- 1) Diagram of Construction
- 2) Secure Construction Firm
- 3) Perform Work \$ 30-110K

2009 Raise Funds

- Contracted with EE to obtain additional core samples and to install monitoring wells.
- Survey boundaries for properties on the Levee.
- DNR would like to see a different order of events than they had previously had expressed. DNR wants to make changes in their requirements for the Levee. Raise the top level 1 foot.
- Contracted EE to perform Geotechnical work and Hydraulic & Hydrology Studies for finalizing submittal to DNR and to make possible solutions to obtain 100% compliance

2010 Raise Funds

Toe Drain @ Levee

- 1) Diagram of Construction
- 2) Secure Construction Firm
- 3) Perform Work \$ 100-230K

- Met with DNR at Indy to discuss proposed solutions for upgrading the dam & levee.
- Met with DNR at Indy to present plans for 30% stage including construction details and Hydraulic/Hydrology studies.
- Received approval to continue with permit application
- Met with JFNew (Environmental Specialist) on the impact of the wetlands and possible mitigation solutions.
- Met with EE at Lake Papakeeche to determine location of Toe Drain Outflow.
- Working with Army Corps of Engineers & IDEM on details for Early Coordination Meeting to

obtain permits for filling in first pond.

- Submitted details of the proposed work to be done on our Dam & Levee to ACOE & IDEM.
- Collecting names of reputable contractors in area to begin bid submittal for construction.

2011 **Raise Funds**

2012 **Raise Funds**

Hydrology & Hydraulic Study \$ 25-100K (Began in 2010)

2013 **Raise Funds**

2014 **Raise Funds**

2015 **Raise Funds**

Auxiliary Overflow

1) Diagram of Construction (Began in 2010)

2) Secure Construction Firm

3) Perform Work \$ 350-500K

There have been several changes in the time line by the DNR including moving up the Hydrology and Hydraulic study. For this study we were also able to secure and apply a \$5,000 grant towards the expense.

The original time line goes into 2014-2015 for projected completion of the dam and levee project. The Board realizes once we begin the actual construction the project will accelerate. We'll be facing more rapid depletion of the current special dam assessment funds. We all want to see this project end as soon as possible, but if the special dam assessment fund run short, it will delay things. So the Board is asking if there are members who are able to consider loaning the Association money to allow for a sooner completion. The Board is checking with the banks, but since we are privately owned it's highly unlikely they will come through for us. The special assessment funding would continue until the loans were paid in full. Please contact me if you have questions about this and would considering partnering.

Financially, many Association members are struggling and we're sensitive to this. We're all a part of the project because we are property owners in the Association. Each member co-owns and is responsible for the upkeep/upgrades needed within the lake, dam, levee, and all Association properties. Thank you, to the members who have faithfully paid their dues and special dam assessment on time. For those members who haven't paid, you know what to expect. There are a number of members who, by the time you receive this newsletter, liens and small claims will be filed. This saddens me, because these members choose not to contact any Board member or District Rep about concerns, issues, or what's going on. Sherry, our Treasurer, has sent out reminder notices and these people still haven't responded. Again, if you have any questions, or concerns, please contact me.

As a reminder, motors are not allowed on the lake (this is a Covenant in your deeded lot on Lake Papakeechee), and association dues must be paid (Bylaw). The Board of Directors may revoke any member's privileges if he violates any of the Covenants, Bylaws, restrictions of the Association, or the deed of the Papakeechee Corporation. After revocation, neither the lot owner nor any person in his name, or stead shall have any rights on Lake Papakeechee and shall be prevented by the Board of Directors from exercising any such rights. He shall be required to remove his boats, docks, etc from Lake Papakeechee. This requirement shall be enforced until he is reinstated by the Board of Directors. A request for reinstatement must be made to the Director of his District. He will also be required to sign an agreement stating that he will comply with the Covenants & Bylaws and give reasonable assistance in enforcing them.

On a lighter note, we've now had the Papakeechee web site running for about a year. The website address is: lakepapakeechee.org.

Also here's plenty of notice that the annual meeting date is August 21st. The meeting starts 9:00 a.m. here at the Papakeechee building. Coffee and donuts will be available at 8:30. Come and meet your lake neighbors!

So here's to a season of great fishing, swimming, and enjoying our lake!

Ron Schug, President
Papakeechee Protective Association