

DEEP CREEK DISPATCH

Summer 2007

Newsletter of the
Property Owners' Association
of Deep Creek Lake, Incorporated

AUGUST POA MEETING

The August General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 25th at 8:30 am at the Garrett 8 Cinema**. Please mark your calendar and attend. It is a great opportunity to meet Garrett County and State of Maryland officials, DNR management, and your POA Board Members. Items of interest to Deep Creek property owners will be discussed and the floor is always open to questions or comments from our members.

LAKE DRAWDOWN

Carolyn Matthews, Deep Creek Lake Manager, is reminding everyone about this fall's drawdown for the purpose of making repairs to the power plant at the dam. On October 16th an additional 2 feet will be drawn down. This will occur very quickly, in about 7 to 8 days, and then the water level will be at the 2454 level instead of the 2456 level. At this point there will be no further drawdown. The lake will then be allowed to start to refill. For property owners this means that boat storage and dock pulls will happen sooner than normal. Marinas and companies that pull docks may want them out mid to late September, if not sooner. Plan accordingly. For more information, go to deepcreeklakepoa.com

EMS PANEL DISCUSSION

The major portion of the August General Meeting will focus on a panel discussion concerning the Emergency Medical Service in Garrett County. The objective of the POA is to insure that the residents of Garrett County receive timely responses from the Emergency Medical Service providers of Garrett County.

One Infrastructure component to insure the Quality of Life in the County is Emergency Medical and Fire Services. A priority is the EMS, which needs improvement in Response Time and an increase in personnel to be available at all times. The panel discussion will focus on the following questions:

- A. Where are we now in EMS Services?
- B. Where do we want to go?
- C. What do we do to get there?

EMERGENCY AND FIRE SERVICES AREAS OF FIRST RESPONSE

The two first-responder fire companies for the Deep Creek Lake area are the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Department and the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department. The

area served by the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Department runs from Doerr Road north of McHenry to Sand Flat Road extending to the Paradise Point area. This includes Rock Lodge Road to Mosser Road and Glendale Road to North Glade Road, including Harvey's Peninsula. It also covers the entire body of water on Deep Creek Lake. The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department covers the lake areas south and east of Sand Flat Road at the Boy Scout Road turn-off. This includes Thousand Acres, Turkey Neck, Green Glade, and Sky Valley, etc.

The lake areas served by the Northern Rescue Squad are the same as those covered by the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company. The lake areas covered by the Southern Rescue Squad are the same areas covered by the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Company.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS

The Garrett County Commissioners' **Task Force on Recreational Trails** has been and is currently working on trying to connect the existing trails in Garrett County to form a larger network of trails. As we do this, there are times when it is necessary to ask **Private Landowners** for Easements to cross their land. In working towards this goal, we ask the **Recreational Users** respect **Private Landowners**. While walking these trails, always stay with the confines of the trail, but if you want to leave the trail, **always ask for written permission** to access private land and please respect the six inch blue markings on trees, signifying a private boundary. Remember that private property does not have to be marked.

NEW DNR WORKBOAT

Roy Musselwhite (Park Service Associate) has provided the following information about the new workboat purchased by Deep Creek Lake NRMA in late 2006. This boat will be used to place navigational buoys and to install public docks along with patrolling the lake. It was built by Ottercraft of Kingston, Washington, has a 23-foot aluminum mono-hull, and is powered by an Evinrude E-tec 225 engine with a top speed of 38.5 mph. It is designed for a crew of four, has survey quality GPS, and has many other custom features. With a fully enclosed cabin, a removable side dive door, winch, 360-degree searchlights and extensive storage space for buoys, chain, and anchors, it will make many DNR jobs much easier and quicker.

ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY

The Allegheny Highlands Conservancy is a new nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and conserving the natural resources of the Allegheny Highlands region. As its President Kevin Dodge explained at the POA June Membership meeting, "AHC's mission is to promote the preservation, protection and stewardship of the forest, scenic, natural, wildlife, recreational and agricultural land and water resources of Garrett County and neighboring areas."

Recently AHC has been actively engaged in the development of Garrett County's proposed Comprehensive Plan. As a land trust, AHC also works with landowners to preserve forested and open spaces by accepting conservation ease-

ments. AHC holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7:00pm in the CAOS building of Garrett College. The next meeting will be September 19. For more information, including details on becoming a member telephone Kevin Dodge at 301-387-3328 or email alleghenyhighlandsconservancy@yahoo.com.

GYPSY MOTHS: FUNDING FOR 2008 SPRAYING

The Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board has been working in cooperation with the Maryland DNR Forest Service, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the Garrett County Office of the University of Maryland Extension Service, the Garrett County Commissioners and many private forest owners to inform our citizens about the Gypsy Moth problem we are experiencing. You can get information from the Conservancy District Board at www.gcforest.sailorsite.net/.

Because the problem is so broad, not all areas were able to be sprayed this spring. The Extension Service will be conducting defoliation surveys to determine the damage and this fall it will be necessary for check for egg masses. Residents who wish to report damage may contact the Extension Office at 301-334-6960 or the Cumberland Office of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's pest control at 301-777-3601. What is needed now is the assurance that funds will be available for spring 2008 spraying. For Federal funding, please contact Senator Barbara Mikulski at Senator@Mikulski.Senate.Gov. For funding at the state level, please contact george.edwards@senate.state.md.us and wendell.beitzel@house.state.md.us

REMAINING LAKE AREA CULTURAL EVENTS

GLAF: (call 301-387-3082 or www.artsandentertainment.org for Tickets and Information: Cost Adult/Student) **September 22nd Philadelphia Classical Guitar Trio and Anna Menendez** (flamenco dancer) (7:30pm) Garrett College Auditorium (\$15/\$7); **October 19th National Players** musical adaptation of Jack London's Call Of The Wild Classic Play (7:30pm) Garrett College Auditorium (\$15/\$7).

Music at Penn Alps: (Tickets at Penn Alps (\$12); call 301-895-4250 or www.musicatpennalps.org for information; shows at 7:30pm but arrive by 7:00pm to assure seats): **August 11th Andrew Kohn and James Miltenberger** (Double Bass and Piano); **August 18th Red and Murphy & Co.** (Bluegrass); **August 25th Peter Kolkat and Pei Sien Lim** (Bassoon and Piano); **September 1st Oxford String Quartet** (Mozart and Faure).

Little Yough Summer Music Festival (Friday evenings at Mountain Fresh Pavilion in Oakland town parking lot; shows begin at 7:00pm; food vendors on site at 6:00, bring your own chairs; free, but donations encouraged); **August 31st The Remedy** (local group).

DOVE CENTER ENVELOPES

Enclosed in your copy of the DISPATCH are envelopes for the fund raising campaign to expand the facilities of the DOVE CENTER. The POA Board voted to sponsor a one-time request for support for this organization.

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