

The Lake Carey Cottager's Association

A newsletter for the residents of Lake Carey



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2008 Membership

Have you sent in your 2008 membership?

If not, won't you please do so today.

Thanks to all for your support!

A message from the Presidents

Dear Neighbors—

The warmer weather is finally here, and with it warmer water. Docks around the lake are being put in, including our own and more boats are showing up. Our boat is in, but with a slight leak. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about boat, jet ski, canoe, and kayak safety. Watch out for others when out on the water. It could save your life or someone else's!

As we are all aware, the dam, like my boat, has a leak. Plans for repairing the leak on the dam, not my boat, are progressing (see the related article below). We appreciate everyone's willingness to help by volunteering. We promise to keep all of you posted on our plans and progress. Any volunteers to help with the leak on my boat?

A work party will also be formed to do general maintenance (landscaping and painting) on the grounds and the pavilion. Please let us know if you are willing to help out with this project.

With the return of warmer weather and water so has the return of those annoying plants. Short of using a herbicide, pull to your heart's content. Spread the plants out in the sun to dry them out and then compost/bury them. Just remember it is important to catch **ALL** the little pieces that break off; or they too will take hold and spread. A task force was established during the last LCCA meeting and they will be meeting and making recommendations on how we should tackle this problem once and for all.

A few reminders about upcoming events. Walter Broughton's book is on sale and will be sold at LCCA meetings and Lake Carey Day for \$19.99. Proceeds from the sale of his book will go to our Conservation Fund. We had a good turnout for the June LCCA meeting and would like to see that continue. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join the association if they haven't done so already. Remember, we all enjoy and use Lake Carey. The best way to protect this natural resource is to belong to the association committed to its care. And finally, Lake Carey Day is just around the corner. Plans are progressing and as usual the events of the day sound like a lot of fun.

More to come on this. Until next month, Take Care All.

Alan & Trisha Thatcher

Dam Update

By Ed Hetzel

As everyone knows, the Lake Carey dam has been leaking for many years and recently these leaks have worsened. While the leaks do not pose a threat to dam integrity, they do cause the lake level to drop during drought conditions just like what we experienced last summer. The association has been soliciting bids to repair the dam based on engineering plans provided by Dr. Charles Givler. Thus far, only one bid has been received which is beyond the financial capabilities of the association. At the June Lake Meeting the members present voted a spending limit of \$5,000 to make any temporary repairs that might be possible without installing a coffer dam and drawing down a portion of the lake. On June 14th I attempted to temporarily seal a possible leaking area in front of the dam using a sheet of plastic. This was unsuccessful, no impact to leak flows was seen. It is now my belief that the only way to repair the dam is to find a contractor we can afford and complete the full repairs as outlined by Dr. Givler. Work will continue in this area with possible construction start in the early Fall.



Our Growing Greener Grant

By Ed Hetzel

The Growing Greener Grant Application for 2008 was submitted on time on May 14th. Dr. Fred Lubnow of Princeton Hydro assisted with the grant preparation and submission. If awarded, the money will be used to construct one three-chambered baffle box and two smaller retrofits (catch basin replacements retrofitted with Aqua-Guardians). The 3-chambered baffle box will be installed to capture runoff from one of the dirt roads running into Flow Pond. The catch basin replacements will be installed on the big lake where we have identified significant runoff issues.

The change with this year's application from last year's (which did not get funded) was to break up the work into phases, thus lowering the individual application costs and providing an opportunity to demonstrate improvement before moving onto the next phase.

The Bell Will Soon be Ringing Again

By Debbie Tierney

Soon you will be able to hear the beautiful sound of the Chapel bell ringing on Sunday mornings. Beginning July 6th and running through August 31st, church services will once again resume at 10:00. Below is a list of scheduled preachers for this year. Won't you consider joining us on Sunday!



Jul 6	The Rev. Margaret Reid	Aug 3	The Rev. James Baker
Jul 13	The Rev. James Baker	Aug 10	The Rev. William McCall
Jul 20	Ernie King	Aug 17	The Rev. John Meyer
Jul 27	The Rev. Dr. James Skinner	Aug 24	The Rev. Dr. James Skinner (communion)
	<i>(refreshments/fellowship following this service)</i>	Aug 31	The Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller

Meet Wyoming County's New Wildlife Conservation Officer

By Debbie Tierney and WCO Kadin Thompson

Meet Wyoming County's WCO Kadin Thompson. WCO Thompson has been a WCO for nine years. He previously served in Franklin/ Eastern Fulton Counties, as well as Southern Luzerne/Southern Columbia Counties. Prior to becoming a WCO, he was a life long resident of Bradford County. WCO Thompson was assigned to Wyoming County in August 2007.

Now a message from WCO Thompson...

I would like to raise everyone's awareness to "aquatic hitchhikers". That refers to non-native species of plants and living critters that are introduced into bodies of water by attaching themselves to boats, waders, or other recreational items used in the waters. They generally come into the Great Lakes or Chesapeake Bay watersheds on commercial ships and then are introduced into inland waters by recreational boaters or fishermen. Some of the more common species are zebra mussels, hydrilla, and the newest one, Didymo, which has been found in the Delaware River as far downstream as Calicoon, NY. Most have a negative impact on the waters where they are introduced. It may sound kind of far fetched, but these invasive species could really take their toll on sport fishing and recreational boating. I would encourage those who use their boats, waders, or other recreational equipment to wash them and take steps to prevent the spread of these aquatic hitchhikers. More information can be found on the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) website at <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/ans.htm> or at <http://www.protectyourwaters.net/>.

Walking on Lake Roads

By Debbie Tierney

Summer is finally here and all of us are outside taking advantage of the beautiful weather. The LCCA would like to remind residents that, when walking on lake roads we need to face on-coming traffic and yield to motor vehicles. Last year we confirmed with the state police that in the absence of sidewalks, PA law requires pedestrians to walk on the left shoulder of the road and to give way to motor vehicles. We realize that keeping to the left is potentially dangerous on several of the blind corners and hills around the lake but we were told that the "law is the law."



Lake Carey Day

By Gene Skrynski

Circle the last Saturday in July for Lake Carey Day and make sure you get your rest as that day will be filled with many fun activities.

Starting at 10:00 the Fitzsimmons' Pavilion will be bustling with activity - raffle tickets will be on sale, Lake Carey merchandise will be sold, registration for the poker run will be taking place, reservations for the boat tour, and our own Walter Broughton will be on hand to sign his book.

Before noon you can be in a kayak/canoe race, paddle boat races, and face painting for the kids. During the afternoon there will be scenic boat tours along with our infamous poker run. A delicious chicken barbeque awaits you at the Lake Carey Firehouse. They will begin serving dinner at 5:00 and the cost is \$7.50 per person. Later on you can dance the night away to the music of the Covers, a fantastic rock and roll band. You can participate in a raffle where all the prizes have been donated by local businesses.

A more detailed agenda will be distributed to lake houses along with information posted on the kiosk at the dam site and on the website www.lakecareypa.com.

The Delaware Valley Raptor Center

By Debbie Tierney

Back in August of 2007, the LCCA sponsored a presentation on raptors given by the Delaware Valley Raptor Center (DVRC).

The DVRC is located in Milford, PA and is a private, not-for-profit, tax-exempt, state and federally licensed rehabilitation organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and conservation of birds of prey. They provide humane professional care for orphaned, ill, and injured raptors. Their ultimate goal is to release these birds back to the wild healthy and no longer dependent upon humans for survival. In addition to caring for these magnificent birds, the DVRC continually educates the public, both young and old, about raptors and their place in nature.

The DVRC receives no state or federal funds and relies heavily on private donations. With this in mind, the LCCA will be setting up a collection station at the Fitzsimmons' Pavilion the morning of Lake Carey Day to benefit the DVRC. We will be collecting the following items:

- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Triple antibiotic ointment
- ◆ Johnson & Johnson first aid rolled gauze – 2, 3, or 4 inch
- ◆ Johnson & Johnson Adaptic non-adhering dressing 3x3 inch (may not be called Adaptic in stores)

In addition to the items listed above, the DVRC can use monetary donations. Many of the medical supplies they need they have to purchase directly from their veterinarian. This year they will also be undertaking a maintenance project. All of the raptors habitats need to be painted/stained. They have 12 8x10 chambers and 21 flight chambers that vary in size from 12x12 to 20x60. Donations collected will help offset the costs for this project.

For more information about the DVRC and raptor , please visit their web site at www.dvrconline.org.



Remember Benson!

An Invitation

By Walter Broughton

Countryside Conservancy cordially invites you to its *Ninth Annual Summer Auction* on Saturday, July 12th on the Green at Keystone College. The event begins at 6 o'clock with cocktails and dinner with live music.

"The Countryside Conservancy is dedicated to conserving lands and waters in and around the Tunkhannock Creek Watershed for the public benefit now, and for the future." All proceeds from the auction benefit open space and natural areas.

Tickets are Dinner / Auction = \$60.00 per person and Patron = \$70.00 per person (patron includes listing in the program).

RSVP to 570-945-6995.

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Won't You Join Us!

The LCCA meets the
second Sunday during
the summer at 11:00 AM
at the Dam Site.

See you there!

Fun Facts...

Did you know that Lake
Carey was originally
called Marcy's Pond.

Want to Learn About Black Bears?

By Debbie Tierney

If you would like to learn more about the bears that live amongst us, then come join us on Saturday, August 23rd at 7:00 PM at the Chapel. WCO Victor Rosa from the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be giving a presentation on these intriguing animals.



Website and E-mail Update

By Debbie Tierney

Have you checked out our website lately <http://www.lakecareypa.com>. We are constantly adding items to it and enhancing its look! Also, keep your e-mails (lake_carey@yahoo.com) coming. We will try and respond to your requests in a timely manner.



Lake Notes

By Debbie Tierney

The PA Association of Conservation Districts has provided us with links to their most recent publications. When you have a moment, take a look at these very useful documents.

Water Pollution Solutions: Canada Geese and Our Lakes and Ponds

http://www.pacd.org/resources/pollution_solutions/geese.pdf

Water Pollution Solutions: Fertilizers and Pesticides

http://www.pacd.org/resources/pollution_solutions/fertilizer.pdf

Water Pollution Solutions: Home and Yard

http://www.pacd.org/resources/pollution_solutions/HomeandYard.pdf

Water Pollution Solutions: Septic Systems

http://www.pacd.org/resources/pollution_solutions/septic.pdf

Water Pollution Solutions: Shoreline Buffer Strips

http://www.pacd.org/resources/pollution_solutions/buffer.pdf

Notes and Reminders

- ◆ **Township Meetings**—Reminder that Tunkhannock Township Supervisors meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM and Lemon Township Supervisors meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please try and attend these meetings.
- ◆ **Compost**—The compost bin at the dam site is only for lawn clippings and leaves. Please do not discard branches, shrubs, or non-degradable materials.
- ◆ **Frank's Marina**—Don't forget, Frank's is open for the season. Visit Frank's for breakfast, lunch, staples etc.
- ◆ **Dam Site Reservations**—If you would like to reserve the dam site for a private gathering, please contact Ed Hetzel 570-836-4733 or at edwardh4@epix.net.
- ◆ **Dredging**—Remember, we are not allowed to do any type of dredging without prior approval from the PA DEP.
- ◆ **Bass Tournaments**—PA Bass Caster's is having the *Lake Carey Open Buddy Bass Tournament* on July 6th and the Clearwater Bass Club is having a tournament on August 23rd. For more information visit Frank's Marina.

