

The Lake Carey Welfare Association

A newsletter for the residents of Lake Carey



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THANK YOU

Residents contributed
over \$5,000 last summer
to the Dam Fund!

Saturday, Oct 2, 2010, the
Countryside Conservancy will
sponsor a "Go Green Bike
Tour" for road/mountain
bikers of all abilities and ages.

For information visit

www.countrysideconservancy.org/biketour.htm

A message from the Presidents

Dear Friends and Neighbors—

The summer has been sunny and hot with a cooling dip in the lake providing more than relief from the heat. In my way of thinking "swimming the lake" also has a marvellous effect on one's psyche. The July 4th celebrations up and down the lake brought us much anticipated pyrotechnic displays of color and sound, some loud enough to be felt in our chests.

At this writing we are awaiting the coming of Channel 16's July 23 visit by Joe Snedeker as he makes Lake Carey one of the stops on his annual bicycle road trip, a fund raising event to benefit St Joseph's Center in Scranton. We are also looking forward to Lake Carey Day at the end of the month. While this is a happy time in which we reacquaint ourselves with everyone around the lake; it is also a reminder that summer is nearly gone. In far too short a time, cottages will be closed, families will return home, and the delightful squeals of youngsters playing in the water will be gone.

This past year has been challenging for the Association. We continue to deal with issues on which there is disagreement among us. Revising the PA Sewage Facility Act 537 (Act) Plan revisions and weighing the benefits of centralized vs. on-lot wastewater disposal systems have been divisive.

While there are those who state the Association has been trying to end the work updating the plan, this is far from the truth. The Association has never voted to do so and the officers have gone to great lengths to remain neutral. We represent individuals on both sides of the Act and sewage disposal issues, and have attempted to facilitate reasoned discussion of them in our community. We recognize the need for the townships to update their plans and we have never thought differently. We also believe that the Act needs assessment should be completed in a thorough, professional, and unbiased manner, which does not leave behind more questions than it answers. I see no way for the current needs assessment completed by Mr. Shupp to be "made better"; it needs to be redone. Rest assured the Association has no hidden agenda.

Finally, we will soon be nominating and voting on a new slate of officers. This is your chance to be heard. Join the association, come to meetings, and become involved in the preservation of the lake and lake community. No matter where you stand on the issues, don't let others be your voice. VOTE!!!!

Alan & Trisha Thatcher

LCWA's Stormwater Project Underway

By Walter Broughton

Phase I of the Association's Growing Greener funded stormwater project is now underway. It will install inserts in two existing catchment basins around the lake and construct a three chambered baffle box and trench drain at a third site.

One of the inserts will be placed in the catchment basin at the foot of Demellier Rd. The second will be installed on SR 1005 at the Stone/Catalano property. The three chambered baffle box and drain will be installed at the foot of the dirt road on the east shore of the small lake next to Ed Hetzel's cottage. This has long been the site of significant runoff.

These best management practices will capture nutrient bearing sediment and contain it before it can enter the lake. When all phases have been completed, this work will reduce the phosphorus loading of the lake attributable to stormwater by 40%. A similar system has been developed by Princeton Hydro at Harveys Lake to reduce nutrient pollution there.

Survey work for Phase I is being completed this month, the engineering design will be finished in August, and the final plans will be submitted to the Association in September. Fred Lubnow anticipates that the necessary permits should be in this fall, after which a contractor can be selected. Construction is likely to begin next year as soon as weather permits. **continued on page 2**

Union Chapel Summer Schedule

By Hollie D'Agata

What a beautiful way to start a beautiful week at Lake Carey! Come to a non-denominational service at the charming Lake Carey Chapel. Meet wonderful neighbors, enjoy a great service, and find the peace and joy that is reflected in the whole Lake Carey ambience.

The leaders for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday services for the rest of the summer are as follows:

- Jul 25 - Rev. Dr. James Skinner
- Aug 1 - Rev. Wesley Compton (*reception following service*)
- Aug 8 - Rev. Charles Gomer
- Aug 15 - Rev. James Baker
- Aug 22 - Rev. John Meyer
- Aug 29 - Rev. Dr. James Skinner



Bible Study started on July 14 and ends on August 25. It is held on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 in the Chapel and is lead by Ruthie Slocum. Everyone is welcome to attend; we are studying Prayer.

The board of directors welcomes your input. Please contact any board member for more information: Hollie D'Agata (836-3054), Barry Breeser, Bill Lamoreaux, John Fassett, Frank Oliver, and year round residents Lynn Bierly (836-2530) or Nancy Davidson (996-0209).

Lake Carey Day is a Go!

By LCWA

Come meet your neighbors for a pre-day gathering Friday evening, July 30 at *The Lake Carey Inn*. Enjoy music by *Traverse*.

The schedule of activities for Lake Carey Day is as follows:

- 6:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.—Registration for the Frank J. Valvano Memorial 5K/10K walk/race at the fire company
- 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.—Frank J. Valvano 5K/10K Walk/Race
- 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.—Canoe/Kayak Race at Holbrook Rd
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Poker Run registration at the fire company (\$10 per hand)
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Lake Carey Merchandise for sale at the fire company
- 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.—Paddle Boat Race at Frank's Marina
- 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.—Boat Tours at Mr. Robics house (*across from Frank's Marina*)
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—Poker Run
- 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Boat Parade/Cruise/Conga Line starts at the dam or join from your dock
- 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Chicken BBQ at the fire company
- 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.—Dance the night away with *Borderline* at the fire company

Here is hoping that Mother Nature cooperates and all enjoy the weekend!



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Water quality monitoring will be started this summer to establish baseline levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, suspended solids, and Chlorophyll before work begins. Testing will be conducted annually thereafter to confirm the project's effectiveness.

The Association secured a grant of \$308,000 from DEP in 2008 to complete Phase I—the largest Growing Greener grant awarded in the Northeast that year. Project initiation was delayed while the Association secured not-for-profit status from the IRS. Funding for Phase II will be sought in the next round of Growing Greener grants.

The Association's partners in Phase I are PennDOT Engineering District 4-0, the Wyoming County Conservation District, and the Lower Tunkhannock Creek Watershed Association. Ed Hetzel leads the LCWA team overseeing the project.

Memories of Lake Carey in the 40's and 50's

By Pam Dewitt

Ahhh—the good old days! From the early spring when all the flowers were blooming until the crispy days of autumn, our family would come to our cottage on the west side of the lake. How wonderful it was when all the neighbors got together; the adults sitting by the lake with an ice tea in hand and the kids swimming and playing in the water. We all laughed and had fun!

When I was very little I remember my grandmother pulling my brother Tom and me in a red wagon up and down the front yards of our neighborhood. No one cared if you went over their lawns and there were no fences or shrubbery to hinder you from walking. We would ride in the wagon from our house up to the Gingerbread house and back down to the Spring Grove Hotel. Naps were not necessary back in those days as we were swimming all afternoon, going to bed early in the evening. We didn't have big rafts, a jet ski, or even a paddle boat to amuse us—we just played with a small wooden sailboat in the water. Tom and I each had a one piece woolen bathing suit that itched like crazy; a far cry from the bathing suits worn today.

We spent every summer at the lake and as we got older things seemed more daring. Unbeknownst to my grandmother, my high school friends and I would come to the lake before Memorial Day to go swimming. It was a 'big deal' because the lake was sooooo cold! The count down began as we all held hands. 1–2–3 and SPLASH—into the water we all went screaming and yelling how cold it was and loving every minute of it!!! One vivid memory I have happened when I was about 6 or 7 years old and my brother dared me to jump off of our high porch with an umbrella in my hand. Of course I took the dare, jumped off the railing, and the umbrella immediately turned inside out; I was hurt quite badly. Ahhhh, the memories! Tom was grounded for a week.

The most exciting time for everyone at the lake happened when Admiral Stark would land his silver plane. Boats would row out to see and touch the plane. We lived near Admiral Stark and our families were quite close friends. He took me on his plane and then I would ride with him on his row boat to his cottage. He had a maid at the lake and I was fascinated with her—her name was Hatty. She would always give me a cookie without my asking; I loved it! One time Admiral Stark brought me a hula skirt from Guam; I still have it along with this photo.

Many of my childhood friends are still here at the lake. Physically the lake has not changed that much since my childhood and hopefully it will stay that way. Lake Carey has always been a huge part of my life and now my children and grandchildren are creating their own memories.



Act 537 Planning Ended

By Walter Broughton

Work by Tunkhannock and Lemon Townships to revise their Act 537 (Act) plans ended last November, when two of Tunkhannock's three supervisors voted to end payments for the project. Opposition to central sewers by residents of Lake Carey and SR 1001, cost overruns, and a poorly conducted needs assessment appear to have influenced the decision. A group at Lake Carey has continued, nonetheless, to press for completion of the plan's update.

The Act requires communities to plan for sewage/wastewater disposal. Lemon and Tunkhannock's plans are over 20 years old. The townships decided in 2005 to update the plans to address two areas (Lake Carey and Hilltop/Maple Lane) which PA Dept of Env Protection (PADEP) had deemed in 1990 to be inadequately served. Work began under Carson Hilfrich.

A plan for central sewers developed by Harley Davis, now the project's consultant, and Milnes Engineering (Milnes) was presented at a public meeting at the Lake in August 2009. Petitions, both in favor and opposed, were circulated in the next months, each securing over 100 signatures. Apparently, Chairman Randy White was most impressed by the numbers attending November 2nd's township meeting who were opposed. At that point, he called for a vote among the supervisors; Chairman White and Ernest Reich voted to suspend payments and Glen (Ace) Shupp voted to continue them.

Cost may also have been a factor. The project was initially budgeted for \$82K, 50% of which would be reimbursed by PADEP upon completion. Cost overruns, however, were substantial. By last November, expenses had mounted to \$138K and were estimated to rise to a total of \$200K before the work ended. Moreover, Chairman White appeared to question whether any PADEP funding would be available for reimbursement for several years. The single largest expenditure was \$58K paid to Milnes for the design of a central sewer system along with consulting fees of \$55K and the expense of surveying on-lot systems of \$10.6K. An analysis of the soils at the lake, the full evaluation mandated by PADEP of all possible wastewater solutions, and a final report were not completed.

In a private meeting including representatives of the Association in September 2009, Mr. Davis indicated that he was unable to map the location of failed on-lot systems because some of the surveys did not record a property's location. *continued on page 4*

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Boater Safety!!!

It is recommended that boaters use a counter clockwise route around the lake. This will make the lake safer for all boaters.

Fun Facts...

Lots in the lake's first development on the east shore sold for \$25 in the 1880's.

Facts from "Lake Carey" part of Arcadia's Images of America series by Dr. Walter Broughton



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He also indicated that he had sometimes had to revise the surveyor's conclusion that a system was or was not operating properly. A consultant hired by the Association, John Miller of Princeton Hydro, expressed stronger reservations about the survey, as well as its timing in the project. After reviewing the Act update materials the LCWA secured under PA's Right To Know Law, Mr. Miller concluded that the needs assessment was inadequate. He noted at our July meeting that only one of the surveyors was a trained Septic Enforcement Officer qualified to evaluate on-lot systems. He was especially critical of the lack of detailed information recorded on the forms and the failure to include records of past failures/problems. He also noted that a central sewer system should not have been designed until a good survey had been conducted and all alternatives to a central sewer system had been evaluated and ruled out.

In Tunkhannock township's next four meetings after November, a motion was made by either Mr. Davis, Mr. Shupp, or lake resident Chris Ziembra to reverse the decision to end funding for the update; each of which failed. Last month, "Residents for a Healthy Lake Carey" privately requested PADEP to order Tunkhannock and Lemon Townships to revise their official, Act plans. The request signed by Minturn Smith was supported by 77 other property owners at Lake Carey.

Lake Carey's Valvano Race

By Dick Daniels



The 2nd annual Frank J. Valvano Memorial 5K/10K Race will be held in conjunction with the annual Lake Carey Day festivities on July 31. Registration occurs from 6:30 - 7:45 a.m. at the Lake Carey Fire Company pavilion. Shirts are guaranteed to the first 150 registered participants.

Lake residents can be helpful by getting out and cheering for the participants as they run or walk the 5K course that circles the big lake. 5K run/walk participants should start arriving in the area of the Toole/Robic residences around 8:04 a.m.

10K runners will veer left off SR 1005 and go out to the end of Mason Rd and turn right onto SR 1006. They will then proceed approximately a half mile on SR 1006 before turning right onto SR 1001. They will travel 2.7 miles before turning right onto Hillbilly Village Rd and back to the lake via SR 1003 to SR 1005. The 10K'ers should start arriving in the Village around 8:25 a.m. Besides encouraging the runners, residents can help by having a water spray or handing out cups of water along the course; especially if it's a hot, humid day. Race applications are available on the Lake Carey website or at www.neparunner.com.

Septic Wise

By Deb Tierney

Don't forget to do your part and have your septic systems pumped out regularly. It is recommended that year round residents pump out every three years and seasonal residents pump out every five years. Remember, preventative maintenance is the key here!



Notes and Reminders

◆ **LCWA Monthly Meetings**—8/8 and 9/12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dam Site.

◆ **Township Monthly Meetings**—

⇒ Lemon Township meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at 2 Tague Rd, Tunkhannock.

⇒ Tunkhannock Township meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at 438 SR 92 South, Tunkhannock.

