

The Lake Carey Cottager's Association

A newsletter for the residents of Lake Carey



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A message from the President's

Dear Neighbors—

It's time once again for the President's message. This one brings with it the end of another Lake Carey summer season. We've noted that some of the leaves have a different hue, the days are shorter, and the night's are certainly cooler. The Triton Hose Company had their carnival, Burt Sharpe's end of season party was held, the Wyoming County Fair has come and gone, and the school buses are running again. The summer seemed to be almost perfect. Cool mornings, warm afternoons, and rain at night to keep our lawns and flowers beautiful. The 4th of July celebrations continued through the entire week with fireworks that were every bit as spectacular as those put on by many of the municipalities.

A work party was formed in August to try and slow the water leak around the dam by placing sand around the apron and wings. Some success was had but was not long lasting. Another attempt was done on September 13 but this time a heavy plastic was placed down first and then sand on top. This again was successful with a significant reduction in water flowing from the sides and relief pipes. Perhaps with the addition of the plastic liner, there will be a longer lasting affect while we raise money for a permanent repair. Donations for the dam repair and for the weed problem have been coming in. To date, \$3,120.00 has been donated by people from the lake and outside the lake community. Our thanks go out to all who have sent donations and we encourage others to help out with this worthy cause. And of course, we thank all of the volunteers who turned out for both work parties. We would also like to thank the Skrynski's for their hard work sprucing up the pavilion. A recent visitor asked me if the roof on the pavilion was new.

At our September association meeting, we were joined by Lemon Township supervisor John Keefe, Tunkhannock Township supervisor Ace Shupp, and Harleth Davis, a sewage system expert. An update on the sewage study currently being conducted was given. The study is currently in rough draft form and looks at all possible system types including central systems, cluster systems, and intensive septic management. This study is in conjunction with the Chesapeake Bay Initiative which seeks to limit pollutants from entering the Bay. While we wait for the completed report due out sometime in 2009, we ask everyone to maintain their systems and protect the lake.

We look forward to the return of summer and warm weather, an increase in lake activity, and when we can once again hear the screams of delight from those who are young and young at heart.

Alan & Trisha Thatcher

Thank You!

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who has made a donation to the **Dam and Aquatic Plant Fund**. If you haven't donated yet, it is not too late. These monies have been set aside strictly for the dam repairs and for eliminating the aquatic plants.

Sewer System Discussion Recap

By Deb Tierney

The Boards of Supervisors of both Lemon Township and Tunkhannock Township have agreed to have an Update Revision completed to their respective Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plans that will address the sewage needs of the Lake Carey basin and consider alternative means of sewage disposal to protect the public health and environmental well being of its inhabitants. The Tunkhannock Township Board has agreed to have the project expanded to include other areas in their township that have similar concerns.

Mr. Harleth "Harley" Davis has been hired by the two Townships to develop this Update Revision with assistance to be provided from Milnes Engineering; Carlton Shupp, Sewage Enforcement Officer; and Pocono Soil Environmental Consultants. It is hopeful a draft of the Update Revision will be completed and submitted to the supervisors by the spring of 2009 for review and comment.

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The Chapel Closes the Door on Another Season

By Hollie D'Agata



The Lake Carey Chapel provides a beautiful setting for people to gather for fellowship with God and each other on Sunday mornings during the months of July and August. Many chapel attendees have enjoyed their chapel experiences so much that they have requested services in June too. Therefore, next summer the chapel will open its doors in June.

This past season the chapel not only provided non-denominational, inspiring, worship services, baptisms, and a communion service, but also was the site of weddings, Bible study, a program about bears, and a reception on Lake Carey Day weekend.

The chapel is available for weddings from April 1st through October 31st.

The board of directors thanks those of you who attended chapel services and invites all others to join us next summer. Please contact any board member for more information: Hollie D'Agata, Barry Breeser, Bill Lamoreaux, John Fassett, Frank Oliver, and year round lake residents Lynn Bierly 836-2530 and Nancy Davidson 996-0209.

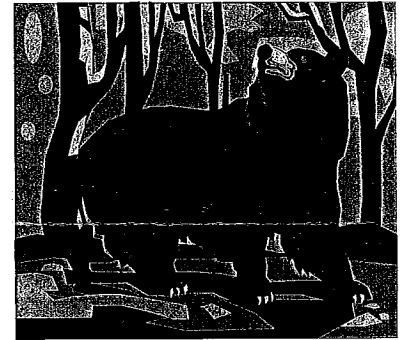
Bears, Bears, and more Bears!

By Deb Tierney

On Saturday, August 23, the Chapel opened its doors to the community for a presentation on bears given by Officer Rosa of the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC). At least 30+ residents learned about the black bears that live amongst us.

Some *Bear* facts:

- ◆ Northeast PA has the largest population of black bears in the US
- ◆ Males are called boars and females are called sows
- ◆ Males can weigh as much as 600 lbs were as the females weigh much less
- ◆ Males can travel up to 60 miles and females up to 10 miles before back tracking their trails
- ◆ Bears can mate multiple times with multiple males during early June - to mid-July
- ◆ During late summer and fall, bears prepare for hibernating by eating up to 20 hours per day; consuming up to 20,000 calories
- ◆ Bears hibernate in winter months (November/December to April) in dens that are only as big as they are
- ◆ Bears eat insects, berries, bird food, fruit, corn, honey, grease from bar-b-que grills, and more
- ◆ Sows give birth in January while hibernating; cubs weigh under 12 ounces; a sow's litter can have multiple fathers
- ◆ Cubs are born blind, toothless, and covered with short fine hair
- ◆ Bears standing on their hind legs are not showing signs of aggression; instead they are detecting scents in the air



What should you do if you come in contact with a bear?

- ◆ Stay calm; do not run—no one can out run a bear
- ◆ Make a loud noise (i.e., clap your hands) and yell to the bear; letting it know you are there; chances are the bear will be the one to leave
- ◆ Avoid direct eye contact
- ◆ Back away slowly
- ◆ Do not get in between a sow and her cubs

For more information on black bears visit the PGC web site at www.pgc.state.pa.us. If you experience a problem with a particular bear, please contact the Northeast Region office at 570-675-1143.

Did you have fun?

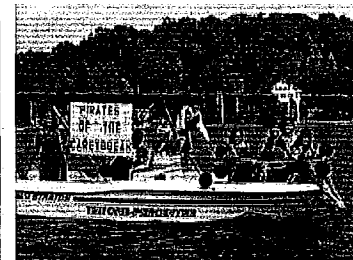
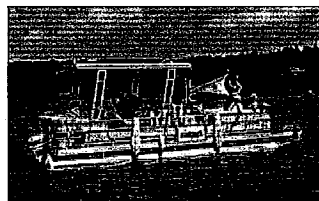
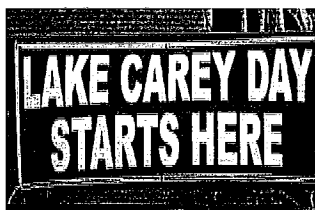
By Gene Skrynski

If you didn't have fun on Lake Carey Day, then you weren't there! Another gorgeous day led to enjoyment and excitement at the many events the day had to offer. From the canoe/kayak races to the paddle boat races; from the boat tours to the poker run; from the chicken bar-b-que dinner to the music of the Covers; the lake was filled with folks just having a great time.

This was probably the most profitable day for the LCCA to date. This would not have been possible if not for the hard work of all the volunteers, the graciousness of our local merchants, and the involvement of the community as a whole.

We are looking to add some new events to the venue (i.e., 5K run, decorated golf cart parade). If you have any ideas or would like to be on the Lake Carey Day committee please contact Gene at 570-836-6449.

Remember Lake Carey Day is the last Saturday in July—for 2009 it will be July 25th.



Dam Update

By Ed Hetzel

On September 13 another work party formed to deal with the leakage at the dam. This time we used large plastic sheets to line the bottom of the lake just in front of the dam. Two runs, each 20 feet wide, were placed across the bottom of the lake. These sheets were held down by rocks and sand. Before we started, there was full pipe flow on two of the pipes on the right side and water coming out of both the left and right edges. After completing the work, the pipes were down to 1/3 of the flow and the leakage on the sides were gone. Additional sand has been delivered and it will be placed as needed to continue to hold down the plastic. It looks like this method has helped to control the leakage and cut the flow by approximately 2/3.

Many thanks go out to all those who volunteered their time to come down and help.

Mug Warning

By Walter Broughton

The mugs we have been selling are supposed to be dishwasher safe. It appears that some dishwashers are too hot; especially those dishwashers that have superheat or sanitizer cycles. The pictures on the mugs can be ruined. We strongly recommend that everyone hand wash the mugs.



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**Thank you
to all who
joined the
LCCA
this year!**

Fun Facts...

The lower lake (flow pond) was formed when the outlet was dammed to yield more waterpower.

Septic System 101

By Deb Tierney

The National Environmental Services Center (NESC), located at West Virginia University, publishes a newsletter entitled *Pipelines*. *Pipelines* is geared towards educating residents living in watershed areas. Their most recent issue, *Septic Systems and Source Water Protection* discusses important facts that homeowners need to know about septic systems; consider this publication as septic systems 101. The LCCA highly recommends everyone read this publication; it can be found on our website. If you do not have access to the web, give me a call at 732-544-1213 and we would be more than happy to send you a printed copy.

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Mr. Davis and the supervisors met with us at our September meeting to explain the scope and intent of the study. Mr. Shupp has basically completed his independent sewage needs assessment of the study areas and has submitted his results to the Townships. Milnes Engineering has begun developing alternative means of sewage collection and treatment. These alternatives will include treatment facilities with a stream discharge, land application, community on-lot systems, and a sewage management program. Particular attention will be given to the requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the requirements of possible funding sources such as PENNVEST and the federal government's Rural Utilities Services (RUS), and the Chesapeake Bay Strategy goals.

Mr. Davis committed to provide the LCCA with copies of draft documents for review and comment. He encouraged the LCCA to consider appointing a committee to offer assistance and comments in the development of this work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Davis through the Tunkhannock Township Secretary at (570) 836-3934.

Water Quality Update

By Ed Hetzel

Testing done in July showed our water quality to be very good with a clarity reading of 3.6 meters – the best we've seen for July since testing began. This could be due to the significant rainfall we received this Spring. In August, the reading had deteriorated to 2.0 meters which is still pretty good. A reading below 1.0 meter is considered bad and indicates a severe algae bloom. In 2003, we had a reading of 1.0 and in 2004 it was 1.5. The Growing Greener Grant for 2009 was submitted and we are awaiting a decision on selection which is usually made in February.

The Eurasian water-milfoil problem appears to have improved. I have yet to see any real indication that the weed is back at a level similar to last year. I'm at a loss to explain why this has happened. Perhaps the observation by someone that carp were seen eating the weed explains it. I feel we need to continue to monitor the situation.

Notes and Reminders

- ◆ **Boards**—the boards will be taken out around the 3rd weekend in October.
- ◆ **Holiday Gifts**—the LCCA is selling Walter's book on the history of Lake Carey for \$19.99. Pictures of the Spring Grove Inn and the Rosland Boat (which are matted and ready to be framed) are also being sold for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$18.00. These would make great holiday gifts! Contact Alan and Trisha.
- ◆ **Dog Walkers**—when walking your dog around the lake, please make sure you clean up after them.

