

# **Annual Report of the Lake Todd Village District**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

It would seem that two factors have been dominant since our 2007 Annual Meeting one being the frustrating pace of the repairs and changes we wish to make to the dam, and a ridiculously long, cold, and snowy winter. But the ice is out, the white stuff is gone at least for a few months and we can redirect our efforts towards the dam.

To refresh your memory we had approved raising of the sidewalls on the East (Harris) side of the dam to match that of the West side, and also a berm or barrier to prevent the water from flowing around the dam during catastrophic storms, which indeed it threatened to do in October of 2005. Our proposal seemed simple enough but no sooner than the conclusion of the annual meeting we ran into new fees, approaching \$10000, and burdensome requirements from the State of NH which will necessitate more money and time to complete the approved projects. At this time we are waiting on the permit from the Dam Bureau to enable us to begin the work, as well as approval from you the voters for the appropriations necessary to get us through 2008/2009. We are cautiously optimistic that we have seen the last of the bureaucratic surprises that ground us to a halt in the summer and fall of 2007. Without question your commissioners feel that the work is necessary and important to the continued safety, and welfare of the Lake.

We have had several highway cleanups on Route 103 since last summer which brings up another subject, namely volunteering. We basically have a core group of about 8 residents who are part of this crew, and in fact without the Beaton family providing the lion's share of the bodies, the task would be very time consuming. This is your Lake; we should all take pride in it and become a part of worthwhile endeavors such as this (the next is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM). We are asking for a few hours so please look in the mirror as this means you.

The water quality testing baton has once again been passed to Bob Doherty, and Norm Lehoullier and they are pleased to report that that there has been very little change, we are about in the middle for lakes of this size in terms of cleanliness, and there are no significant problems on the horizon. Mike Beaton has headed up the weed watchers again and we have been indeed fortunate that Amy Smagula of the DES has shared her expertise with us in person on the Lake. Knowledge of invasive species is power so if you would like to get more involved here please contact Mike.

We, specifically Elaine and I, have dropped the ball on the website with much of the info out of date or just plain wrong, but we have been making a concerted effort to get back on track so if you go on line you will see a difference. If anyone on the Lake has experience running a website we can use the help as well as suggestions to make it more useful to all of you.

In addition to those I have mentioned we owe thanks to Jim Bruss for the use of his copy facilities, and his harness which we borrow when working on the flashboards and the spillway. Both of these save us much time and money. And once again we are fortunate to have the capable hands of Norma Murphy heading up the Lake Todd Times. She can always use articles of interest concerning the Lake so don't be bashful. Lastly Carol Tonkin for auditing the books, while with Joyce Sinagra going around the Lake, welcoming new and old residents alike and getting the flares out for the Fourth of July.

Finally at the risk of sounding self serving I would like you, the owners around the Lake, to know of the dedication and just plain old fashioned hard work that has become the norm with Mike Beaton and Bill Weiler, your commissioners. Year round they are always there when it counts or when necessary, with the best interests of friends and neighbors on the Lake their guiding principle.

Respectfully submitted,

John Warren Commissioner