

## Annual Report of the Lake Todd Village District for the year ending June 30 2010

It would seem like we just had our 2009 Annual Meeting and yet the clock waits for no man and here it is 2010. By and large the functions of the District have remained the same with very little change but the elephant in the room is still the dam with many modifications to the planning, the design, and the permitting process.

Essentially the State has given us a moving target of requirements both for the needed permit and the construction details. By November of 2009 we had a short list to complete the application for the permit only to see the State engineer in charge get a promotion and then we had to deal with a new person and a fresh ballgame; more designs, more engineering fees, more negotiations with the abutters, the list goes on. As of now we think we are in the final stages of the design which will allow us to complete the initial phase and move on to the bidding and lastly to bring our proposals to you, the littoral owners.

Where there is most certainly cost involved to all of us perhaps you may be thinking “why do we have to do this”? Well we don’t but the state has tightened all aspects of their regulations and maintenance of dams, largely because of the disasters of 2005 and 2006, and the ultimate answer as far as they are concerned is that non-compliance is cause for pulling the plug on the dam and ending Lake Todd as we now know it.

An idle threat? I think not, especially in the light of other states such as Massachusetts which are doing exactly that; don’t meet our standards then see you later. Your commissioners want you to know that we take both your interests and the success of this project extremely seriously and are committed to its eventual success.

The weed watchers this past year were led by Mike Beaton, and so far so good in terms of invasive species; to the best of our knowledge we are still free of the nasty stuff. Bob Doherty and Norm Lehouillier are back for another enlistment as water quality samplers and the news here is positive, the cleanliness of the lake continues to provide excellent fishing, swimming, and boating.

Our Sponsor a Highway program continues three times a year to police up the trash along route 103; this is most certainly a worthwhile endeavor and I for one am very grateful to the core group who does the work.

Norma Murphy makes time from her growing number of grandchildren to spearhead the newsletter and as always your offerings are more than welcome. Margie Weiler has done a fine job keeping the website up to date and here too your contributions will find a home.

We will have Flare Night on July the 2<sup>th</sup> with Carol Tonkin and Joyce Sinagra back in charge, while the Village district social will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1PM at Peter and Sue Carl's house.

By the time you read this several new officials of the LTVD will have been elected; they can use your input and assistance, and we can use a few willing volunteers. Lastly hail to all the new folks on the Lake and a fond farewell to those who will no longer grace our shores.

Respectfully,

John Warren