

LAKE ASBURY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT (LAMSBD)

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Charles Aquatics presented his Service Report for November. North Lake's observations confirmed that the shallows remain infested with hydrilla with the deeper water clear. South Lake is another story in that the hydrilla is growing in the deeper waters, as well as in the shallows. The remedy recommended was to add 1,500 carp to South Lake. The budget can not support the cost, therefore the Treasurer was tasked to examine each line item in the budget to come as close as possible to this recommendation. This will be challenging with the loan payment for the dredging project due in February for \$ 43,906. The revenues provided by the Tax Collector are highest during the next few months, but the amounts deposited per month are an educated guess. The Board will then decide what fish quantities can be reasonable purchased during the next meeting or meetings. The entire Charles Aquatics Report can be reviewed on the web site.

Residents, who have had private hydrilla treatments of their waterfronts, tend to have the hydrilla growth under control. It is fair to point out that because of currents in the lake some after treatments have seen their neighbor's waterfront somewhat clearer than their own. The positive effects of private applications are that you not only clear your waterfront, but you contribute to reducing the hydrilla which gives the carp assistance in getting ahead of the infestation. Charles Aquatics can be contacted by email dcharles@charlesaquatics.com or call 904-997-0044 to schedule an application of granular Aquathol Super K.

The Vision Committee is moving rapidly, with their purpose being to conduct a Reserve Study assuring that the lakes' maintenance and capital funding plans are sufficient to ensure the lakes are more attractive and functional in ten (10) years than today. The Chairman has begun to establish contacts with the regulatory agencies and engineering resources necessary to frame a study with current information related to maintaining, improving, and/or replacing the dams. The Engineering Studies on file are very old with recommendations that were unfunded and never completed. The Board's understanding of current requirements to apply for permits to repair or replace the dams is dated. These procedures must be updated, documented and estimated costs to have engineer's studies completed and improvements prioritized under current permitting standards. The organizational meeting is December 2nd at the Community Center and this meeting is open to the public. There are seats on the Committee to be filled and you can contact the Chairman at 864-7709 or through email carlkocher11@comcast.net for more information.

The Annual Dam Inspection was conducted during October to evaluate the valves' mechanism, water flow through the drainage pipes, moisture levels within the dams' structures, French drains' performances, erosion or moisture on the earthen parts of the dams and fish barriers. The dams were satisfactory with the exceptions of some fish barriers and small areas of erosion. The barriers were immediately attended to so we keep the fish in the lake they were placed in and out of Black Creek. The erosion issues will be address at the next meeting.

The reelection of Bill Proctor was very positive for LAMSBD because he and his staff are very involved in moving our new assessment request through to Tallahassee for consideration during the 2009 session. It would have put us back possibly another year had Mr. Proctor not been reelected. You may read all Lakelighter's LAMSBD articles and meeting minutes on the web site, you will see how critical HB 1541 is to our current and future financial soundness.

Speaking of elections, the Board's legal support has been provided by Rob Bradley, the newly

elected Chairman of the Clay County Board of County Commissioners (BCC). This is our Board's loss in that he resigned because of the conflict of interest after he takes his new position the 18th. There is, of course, a big positive in his election because he best understands our most critical issue, HB 1541 passage. Rob assisted the Board in various ways to become more professional and to conduct their business within the spirit and intent of the Law. The Board wishes to thank Rob for his support and he will be missed.

The Open Government and Sunshine Laws familiarization session was Rob's last contribution to the Community by providing the Board with a basic understanding of the Law and how it applies. Some Board members had submitted specific questions before the meeting related to LAMSBD'S specific practices and he responded, in writing, thereby leaving with us references to draw upon while conducting future Board business. Rob provided the best current resources to follow case law and any legislative changes to keep the Board up-to-date on Open Government Law.

The Board of Trustees hopes you and your family have a happy Thanksgiving. Please attend the December 1st Board meeting or the Vision Committee meeting December 2nd to be involved.