

## **Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District**

### **Report from the Chairman, November, the Lakelighter**

**PDM (Pre Disaster Mitigation) Grant:** We previously reported we were pursuing a PDM (Pre Disaster Mitigation) Grant with a deadline of 11-6-2009. Our problem was our portion of the \$1,070,000 potential grant was \$268,000.

We had contacted the Governor's staff requesting help in obtaining our portion of the grant. We received word from the Governor's staff (John Mitchell) that we could pursue our portion through The Community Block Grant process. We do appreciate the Governor's staff help, but we ran out of time. The Community Block process would take us beyond the PDM deadline. In a way, this works better for us, because we were using the most conservative cost ranges from a couple of engineering firms.

With the help of Maria Haney, Coordinator, Clay LMS (Local Mitigation Strategy) Committee, we are now pursuing a Community Block Grant. The goal is to obtain an approximate \$200,000 for a much-needed engineering study plus a South Lake Asbury spillway design engineering study. The end result will give us a better handle on future PDM grant applications. We will know the true costs of the spillway, and as a result, will be able to better communicate our problems and needs.

**Lake Asbury Risk Assessment:** Again with the help of Maria Haney, who placed the lakes on the critical facility list, we were able to get a lake risk assessment review. This review was completed at no cost to LAMSBD. Mike Meissner, Northeast Florida Regional Council conducted the review on 10-20-2009. The completed observation will provide us with an assessment of related possible points of failure for specific natural and manmade threat vectors such as IEDs, chemical contamination, and hurricanes.

The end result will allow us with the help of Clay LMS to pursue a Homeland Security Grant in reference to valves, water level alarms etc.

**Lake Asbury Watershed & Flooding Study:** First phase is complete. Second phase is awaiting approval from the BCC. The Chair did speak with CDM (Camp, Dressler & Meckee, Inc) the engineering firm conducting the study. A new watershed map should be ready in a month. The second & third phases still have at least 6 months before completion.

**Saratoga Springs Development:** A major new development to be situated between Route 739 B & County Rd 218 is under review by the BCC. The Chair contacted the BCC and the SJRWMD (St. Johns River Water Management District) asking what was the impact on the Lake Asbury watershed.

The Chair was advised by Chuck Iley, Director of Development Services/Clay County Engineer and Lou Donnangelo, Engineer Scientist, SJRWMD that the Saratoga Springs drainage would not impact Lake Asbury. Water from the development would be intercepted by Bradley Creek, which flows into Black Creek.

**Thank you:** We wish to thank Ronnie Robinson, BCC Commissioner, Seat 5, for his continued support of LAMSBD in the pursued of grants and keeping the Lake Asbury watershed & flooding study on course.

#### **Lake Asbury Facts:**

Constructed 1965

Lake Size – 111 acres, with approx 400,000,000 Gallon of Water

Dam Length – 1600 feet, Dam Height – 31 feet & Dam Width – 38 feet

Next LAMSBD Board Meeting is 11-09-2009.

Since there is no Lakelighter in December, **the LAMSBD Board wishes everyone Holiday Happiness, Health, Joy & Good Cheer and a Merry Christmas.**