

GREETINGS TO ALL LAKE ASBURY RESIDENTS

This is to update everyone on what your board has been doing so far, as to the construction of the spillway on the south lake, which I just found out today is SLAIP, (which is gobbley gook for South Lake Asbury Improvement Project). (I call it the DAM Improvement Project) The spillway project is progressing well, we're borrowing the money from Ameris Bank at 2.6% - last years inflation rate was 3.2%, so we're coming out cheaper by borrowing, plus we'll have the improvements several years earlier than waiting until we have all the cash saved up. Tom Petrucci is the board's treasurer and a trustee and is one of the best I have ever seen. We are fortunate to have his services. Tom is responsible for lining up and obtaining the low interest rate we're getting from the bank. Construction is supposed to start in October and the south lakes's water level will be lowered by 4.5 vertical feet to do the work. As I presently understand it, it'll take about 120 days to do the job, but right now I don't know how many of those days the road will be closed. Trustee Carl Kocher asks that anyone wanting to be on the automatic notification list for lake e-mail alerts or emergency info, log onto www.lakeasbury.us and sign up for alerts. I read that the county has a maintenance agreement with L.A.L.L.O.A. for the first time ever. I am advised by Shawn Thomas, the county engineer that is incorrect. Mr. Thomas told me by phone on May 24 that the "agreement" touted, is the same thing that Clay county public works practices with everyone. If someone has a problem, they can call and public works will respond to everyone equally. According to Mr. Thomas, no special agreement is in place. Not everything in print is accurate. Folks living on the south lake need to take precautions during this time as far as any water they are depending on from the lake for well pumps, irrigation, etc. The lake isn't gonna be completely drained so as to protect as many fish as possible, but how it'll look or be usable is anybody's guess. It'd probably be a good idea not to figure on much use of it during this time. If anyone plans on any bulkhead or dock work, this might be a great time to consider it though. There are several ways to see where the spillway will be built. Mike Kelter, our engineer has detailed plans available to see, or you can go onto the south dam and look at all the spray painted color stuff. The easiest is to go to the two signs on the center of the dam, there are two spray painted white stripes across the road. That'll be it and it'll look great-works for me. We have asked the county to give us surplus dirt for this project. The dam's roadway will be raised 1.2 feet to compensate for years of settling. If the county agrees, it'd sure save us all a lot of money. I'll let you know how that goes when I find out. Our community has a real good board now. Things are getting done & no egos or baloney are popping up. You made this possible by electing us. Thank you. Give me a wave when you see me and my dog. I am 70 and she is 72, but we still do 5 miles every day. (Golfcart) I will always sign my name to anything I write and I am your trustee, William L. Futch