

APRIL 2007

LAKE ALTOONA REHABILITATION AND PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER

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**ICE DAMAGE**

**DO YOU HAVE ICE DAMAGE?**

AS YOU MIGHT BE AWARE, SINCE APPROX. 1951 THE LEVEL OF LAKE ALTOONA HAS BEEN DRAWN DOWN IN NOVEMBER. THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS 801.7 AND THE DRAWDOWN TOOK IT DOWN TO WINTER LEVEL OF 799.7, OR APPROXIMATELY A 2 FOOT DRAWDOWN. IN 2005 THE DNR ISSUED AN ORDER TO CHANGE THIS DRAWDOWN TO 801.0. LARPD APPEALED THIS ORDER BUT LOST AND HAS SINCE TAKEN THE ORDER TO CIRCUIT COURT FOR A DECISION. THIS WINTER THE WATER LEVEL WAS REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 7 INCHES ONLY.

THIS IN TURN HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO DOCKS, WARVES, RIP RAP, SHORELINE TREES, ETC. THE BOARD AND SEVERAL LARPD MEMBERS MET WITH PAUL LALIBERTE (DNR WATERSHED PROGRAM SUPERVISOR) AND SHOWED HIM A POWERPOINT

PRESENTATION DOCUMENTING SOME OF THE DAMAGE THAT OCCURRED AROUND THE LAKE. THE DNR HAS REQUESTED THAT WE IDENTIFY ALL OF THE DAMAGE ON LAKE ALTOONA.

IF YOU HAVE DAMAGE PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- MARK THE DAMAGE, WITH A BRIGHT COLORED FLAG OR PAINT (ORANGE OR RED)
- PLEASE HAVE THIS MARKED BY APRIL 14, 2007 AND LEAVE IT MARKED UNTIL APRIL 21, 2007.
- THE DNR WILL BE COMING AROUND TO DOCUMENT ALL OF THE MARKED DAMAGE.
- PLEASE ALSO TAKE PHOTOS OF THE DAMAGE AND WRITE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE DAMAGE ALONG WITH YOUR ADDRESS AND MAIL IT TO:

DAN KOUCH

DNR (LARPD ICE DAMAGE)

1300 W. CLAIREMONT AVENUE

POB 4001

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**DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE**

**Dredging:** We are still moving forward with this project and are working with Ayres Associates. Our hope is to start dredging the lake this summer.

**Ski Sprites:** The sprites have been approved to use the lake this summer for a 1 year trial basis. A review board is in place (including one LARPD) member to monitor and review their status.

**Detachment Update:** We currently are in litigation with 5 property owners. Once this is resolved we will continue with the other detachment requests.

**NEW WEBSITE....**

The board wanted to find a way to keep members aware of upcoming meetings, events and issues. We have designed a website and are still in the process of tweaking it. Again, this is a small step to keep members involved.

Please check it out at:

[www.lakealtoonaprotect.org](http://www.lakealtoonaprotect.org)

We will do our best to keep this site up to date and accurate.

