

# SUMMER NEWS

## Annual Meeting

On Friday, May 19, 2006 we had our Annual Meeting to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and the election of officers and directors. Our new officers and directors for this year are:

### Officers:

President	Glen Humes	974-3964
Vice President	Margaret Houlihan	974-3072
Treasurer	Rande Chmura	974-1354
Secretary	Clifford Moon	974-1398

### Directors:

Ken Braithwaite	974-2152
Karen Marshall	974-3765
Mike Thompson	974-7001
Eric Werstler	974-3542
Ronald Zavarella	974-3925

## Road Improvements

We will soon be contracting to have Project "B3" of our road improvement plan completed this year. It is the second to last segment of the project and will be completed before June 30<sup>th</sup>. This involves adding culvert capacity to an upper section of Crooked Trail, which has washed out in the past.

## Lake Beautification Day

On Saturday, June 10, 2006, the Witches Woods Tax District Board of Directors invites all lake residents to join us with a day to clean up our lake, roads, and other common use areas. The day will begin with coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 a.m. adjacent to the Witches Woods spillway where some of the day's tasks will be reviewed and volunteers assigned to different tasks. Simply stated, we need everyone's help. A partial task list follows:

- Remove all vines, fallen trees, and debris along sides and below our spillway
- Shovel the excess dirt covering the walkway of our spillway
- On the top of our earthen dam cut all stumps to ground level

- Once stumps are cut, rake and clean entire earthen dam
- Remove the split rail fence on the west beach
- Remove old wooden dock lying in back of west beach
- Remove old Neighborhood Watch pole to Crooked Trail Ext. entrance
- Straighten and re-anchor the wooden pole with Crooked Trail Ext sign
- Remove the speed limit sign from pole
- Install Neighborhood Watch sign on pole
- Remove all water logged stumps and branches located on/around Bungee spillway
- Carefully remove bits of broken glass and other debris around boat launch area
- Rake leaves and muck from water's edge both East and West beaches
- Sand and paint both of the tax district's picnic tables
- Install and anchor boating hazard buoys to shallow areas of lake
- Install swimming area marker lines to both beaches
- Clean debris from end of Indian Spring turn around area
- Remove all sumac tree brush opposite the Bungee outlet valve
- Clean small rocks and debris from bottom of cistern to our outlet valve
- Grease threads to our outlet valve
- Adjacent to our outlet valve, cut and pile all the brush along both sides of the road
- Clean brush and debris to all four streams flowing into the lake

At noon, the Tax District Board of Directors will host a luncheon on the earthen dam. Hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, soda, bottled water, and watermelon will be served to all volunteers. Residents are encouraged to bring other dishes and vittles, and most importantly, a healthy appetite.

The work day will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.

In the end, the real goal for the day is not just cleaner and safer lake and common areas, but an opportunity to meet new neighbors and reacquaint with old ones. Our tax district's property values, appearance, and safety begin with the friendship and familiarity of our neighborhood. Each member of the WWTD Board of Directors hopes to see you there.

## **Taxes**

Enclosed with this newsletter is the FY 2006-2007 tax bill. If there is no bill with this newsletter, then your tax bill has been sent to your lending institution per their request.

## **Summer Quiet Time**

Please remember that Witches Woods Lake has set aside weekend mornings in the summer until noon as a "quiet time" on the lake. During that time no powerboat shall exceed 5 m.p.h. These times were allocated for paddleboats, canoes, rowboats, sailboats and fishermen, and as a period free of boat wakes and noise. This notice is issued to remind some of the power boat users that this rule is still in effect.

## **Water Testing**

Witches Woods Tax District will again this year have the lake water tested every two weeks by a professional water testing company. We believe that it is important to assure the lake water is healthful. We are alternating the testing from three sites, the West Beach, East Beach and at the spillway from Lake Bungee.

## **Boat Stickers**

Boat stickers are required for all hard sided boats, i.e. powerboats, canoes, sailboats, paddleboats, row boats, every boat except blow-up boats and flotation devices used on Witches Wood Lake. The cost of each

sticker is \$5.00. Contact Elmer MacCluskey at 974-2292 for stickers. Many boat owners have purchased stickers for their boats, however, there are a number of boats using the lake without stickers. Unregistered boats could be subject to fines issued by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

## **Reminders**

The speed limit on all lake roads is 15 M.P.H. Our lake roads are subject to the laws of the State of Connecticut, which prohibit the use of unregistered vehicles, such as ATVs and dirt bikes. Unlicensed drivers are not allowed to drive on lake roads unless they have a valid learners permit and are accompanied by a licensed driver.

Any new construction with Witches Woods Tax District requires a permit from the Tax District in addition to the Town of Woodstock's building permit. Our Building and Zoning chairman is Ken Braithwaite, he may be reached at 974-2152. There is no fee for a Witches Woods Tax District permit.

## **Thank You**

We would like to recognize and thank those persons who have continued to keep our beaches clean. It is greatly appreciated! We encourage everyone to clean-up after themselves. Please keep up the good work.

## **HAVE A FUN, SAFE AND MEMORABLE SUMMER**

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## **WITCHES WOODS TAX DISTRICT TAX NOTICE**

**BILLS ARE SENT OUT ONLY ONCE A YEAR**  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WITCHES WOODS TAX DISTRICT  
AND MAIL TO: RANDE CHMURA, TREASURER  
25 CROOKED TRAIL  
WOODSTOCK CT 06281-2601

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- PART A: KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS  
PART B: TO BE RETURNED WITH FIRST PAYMENT. FIRST PAYMENT DUE JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2006, WITH NO INTEREST.  
PART C: TO BE RETURNED WITH SECOND PAYMENT. SECOND PAYMENT DUE JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2007, WITH NO INTEREST.

**INTEREST:** Payments postmarked after AUGUST 1, 2006 or FEBRUARY 1, 2007 will be charged interest. Interest is computed at 1½% per month from July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> respectfully with a minimum of \$2.00 per bill in accordance §12-146 of the Connecticut General Statutes.