



DEEP CREEK DISPATCH

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Newsletter of the
Property Owners' Association
of Deep Creek Lake, Inc.



The President's Message

Folks,

I hope this message finds you all feeling fine and doing well as we all anticipate the 2017-2018 Holiday Season which is just around the corner. We are experiencing cooler temperatures at the lake as expected for this time of year but have only had one light dusting of snow so far with no snow of any significance predicted in the near term.

Although the boating season for 2017 is over and we are not concerning about Aquatic Invasive Species at present, there are a couple of matters we continue to focus on despite the time of year. First, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Mark Belton, recently requested positions of the Policy & Review Board (I sit on the PRB representing the POA) regarding the funding of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund (SLPRF) and the request submitted on behalf of Garrett County requesting financial support for the Pilot Dredging Project in Arrowhead Cove. Greg Snook, Chair of the PRB signed letters addressed to Secretary Belton supporting funding of the SLPRF as well as in support of the application for Tier 1 (100% State) funding for the Arrowhead Project. I should note that the letter regarding the dredging project also contained several "conditions" your POA Board believes are important for the dredging project.

As I have mentioned previously, when the appropriate time is near, we will reach out to our membership and encourage emails of support be sent to key Senate and House legislators as well as appropriate committee chairs for funding of the SLPRF. The SLPRF applies to 16 Maryland State Lakes, 4 of which are in Garrett County. The largest state-owned lake is Deep Creek Lake.

The last item I have relates to the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation (DCWF) which I have mentioned to you previously both verbally and in print. The Foundation has now been in existence for one year and is bringing to a close a large project in support of managing lake water levels as well as embarking on many others that are in support of the implementation of the Watershed Management Plan as well as other important efforts supporting Deep Creek Lake. As a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, you may wish to consider an end of year donation as the close of the 2017 tax year approaches. Just go to the Foundation website at www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org and click on Contribute. You can also review some of the impactful programs under consideration under the Programs tab. Rest assured that any and all donations will be put to good use.

Your POA Board extends best wishes to all of you and your families for a Happy and Healthy 2017-2018 Holiday Season!

--Cheers, Bob

Wake Boat Regulations

By Dan Spohn

Recently many have expressed concern about the adverse effects on the lake posed by Wake Boats. In an eBlast (dated August 21, 2017), the POA warned of the hazards posed by boat wakes and in particular by Wake Boats engaged in “wake surfing” activities. The eBlast further noted that the DNR recognized that Wake Boats create an unusually large wake and instituted new regulations requiring these boats to operate no nearer that 200’ from shore or docks (as opposed to the requirement for other motorized vessels to operate no nearer than 100’.) The DNR also declared some narrow coves off limits for wake surfing activity.

Many academic research activities (e.g. ref 1.) and government sponsored studies (e.g. ref 2.) have addressed the issue of boat wake effects on shoreline erosion and damage to structures. According to these analyses, the rate at which a wake loses amplitude (height of the wave) when it travels away from the boat is related to the cube root of the distance they travel. Simply put, if you double the height of a wake,

it takes eight times the distance for the wake to be reduced to a given level.



Typical ski boats create a one-foot wave where Wake Boats have been advertised to create a wake of upwards of four feet. A Wake Boat operating at a distance of 6400’ from a shoreline thus has the same effect as a ski boat operating at 100’. If a Wake Boat generates a wave even just twice the height of a ski boat, the

distance is 800’. In light of this and considering the size and shape of DCL, the 200’ limitations placed on Wake Boats and wake surfing may need to be reconsidered. It is also worth noting that the 200’ restriction does not apply to wake boarding. The issue here is that the wake boat, not the surfer or boarder, generates the wakes and attendant problems.

As long as the current regulations are in effect, operators of Wake Boats should be aware of the potential damage caused by the wakes that they create, even at great distances. They should engage in wake surfing activities well beyond the DNR imposed 200’ limit, preferably in the center of large portions of the lake; and never in even the largest coves.

References:

- 1) *Glamore, William C, “A Decision Support Tool for Assessing the Impact of Boat Wake Waves on Inland Waterways”, University of New South Wales, 2008.*
- 2) *Chesapeake Bay Commission, Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, “Review of boat wake wave impacts on shoreline erosion and potential solutions for the Chesapeake Bay”, STAC Publication 17-002, Fall 2016*

-County Chatter-

Brian & Crystal Boal Named Garrett County's Most Beautiful Persons

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Pictured are Crystal and Brian Boal receiving their award

Garrett County's 2017 Most Beautiful Persons are a couple — Crystal and Brian Boal of Oakland. The announcement was made during the Garrett County commissioners' public meeting Monday afternoon at the courthouse in Oakland. The standing-room-only crowd included Sen. George Edwards and Del. Wendell Beitzel.

Each year, the commissioners conduct a search for the county's "unsung heroes," those who donate their time and talents to help others in need. A local committee then chooses one person, persons, or group to be the "Most Beautiful."

"This program recognizes and honors individuals for unselfishly giving of themselves and for having a positive impact on our community," said committee spokesperson Jim Shaffer at the 31st annual ceremony. "The board of county commissioners would like to emphasize what an honor it is to be nominated."

Five nominations were submitted for the 2017 award. The Boals were nominated by Liz Gilbert on behalf of the Our Town Theatre board of directors.

"Brian and Crystal are two of Garrett County's most beautiful people because they show their kindness and compassion in all they do for our community," Gilbert wrote in her nomination letter. "They share their valuable volunteer work for local nonprofits, gifts of books and programs from their own Landon's Library, and pro-bono financial service provided by

Boal & Associates, just to name a few."

Gilbert noted they volunteer their time and talents to local schools and their church, and that Brian is a member of numerous boards, foundations, and such organizations as Christian Crossing and the Oakland/Mtn. Lake Park Lions Club. Landon's Library was established in memory of their son.

"Landon's Library, now in its 11th year, invests 100 percent of its donations to monthly books through the Imagination Library, play dates, Kindermusik classes, a youth basketball league, and the Learning Beyond the Classroom bus, all benefiting Garrett County children and families," Gilbert wrote.

In 2009, she noted, the Boals partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, whereby a book is mailed to a child every month from birth through age 5. The program is funded 100 percent by Landon's Library and, to date, has distributed more than 100,000 children's books.

"Crystal and Brian invest their warmth and goodwill, resourcefulness, and generosity for the benefit of all of us," Gilbert wrote.

The commissioners presented the Boals with a certificate, a commemorative piece of Simon Pearce glassware, and a container of Steyer Brothers maple syrup.

Sen. Edwards and Del. Beitzel also presented them with resolutions from the state Senate and House of Representatives in recognition of their many contributions.

"We're absolutely honored," Brian said about receiving the award. "And everyone who was nominated deserves this just as much as we do. We really appreciate this, and wouldn't change living in Garrett County for the world."

Click here to view the entire article <https://www.garrettcounty.org/economic-development/news/brian-crystal-boal-named-garrett-countys-most-beautiful-persons>

State Dam and Lake Brown-Circa 1890

By Scott Johnson

You've been boating over it and driving past it for as many years as you have been coming to Deep Creek Lake and you never knew it was there. You had not even a clue that it was there. None.

A framed collection of four U.S. Geological Survey maps hangs in our hallway. The maps date from the 1900, and earlier, field surveys covering present day Deep Creek Lake and most of Garrett County. (They are a gift from our son Ben during his younger days of wandering all over Deep Creek Lake in is 16-foot Wenzel in search of a trophy walleye.) But, I digress.

The map shows to the south of the present-day Glendale Bridge and Cat Rocks a structure labeled "State Dam". The dam was one of several dams built by the state in the 1890's as part of its fish hatchery program. The first notation about the State Dam is in a newspaper clipping for the "Sentinel" of October 10, 1893. A correspondent, who signed the article with the initials "W.K.," spent time at the dam as part of a visit to Oakland that year. He designated the lake which is now beneath Deep Creek Lake as Lake Brown.

He wrote: "Lake Brown is situated on Deep Creek in the midst of a wilderness of mountains, streams, forests and glade meadows. It is in distance nine miles from Oakland and six miles from Deer Park, and is reached over a romantic mountain road. We arrived there late Monday afternoon in company with Senator Browning." State Senator Browning had a home nearby, I'm guessing that's where the name Brown Lake came from.

A county road known as Hoop Pole Ridge Road, traveled north through this part of the Garrett County. It crossed Deep Creek stream near the breast of Lake Brown, and after the construction of the dam, the breastwork itself

became a part of the old county road. The bridge mentioned by the correspondent "W.K." carried this road across the spillway of the dam.



Submerged under the surface of Deep Creek Lake, parts of the breastwork are probably still there. I believe I located it a few years ago with my fish/depth finder. But, maybe that was wishful thinking. A trace of the old Hoop Pole Ridge Road, which crossed the dam, is now incorporated into a cottage access road called, "Driftwood Drive," which joins the Glendale Road ¼ mile east of the Glendale bridge.

So now you know.

The historical content of this article was taken from "Garrett County History" by John Grant.

The map photo shows the State Dam and a hand drawn projection of the lake's full pool shoreline by a neighbor prior to the lake filling.

-Charity Spotlight-



To Whom It May Concern,

For many years, law enforcement officers throughout the United States have participated in a volunteer program during the Christmas season where police officers take underprivileged children shopping for gifts. Many of our officers had the privilege of participating in our 2016 inaugural "Police Providing Presents" event and saw the excitement generated in children and wanted to make this an annual event in Garrett County.

On the day of the event, uniformed officers from various local and state offices volunteer their time to be with children. The purpose of the event is to foster positive relationships between youth and officers. Garrett County children will shop with an assigned officer at Walmart in Oakland to purchase gifts for members of their immediate family and for themselves. Each child is given an amount of money to spend, normally between seventy five (75) and one hundred fifty (150) dollars. Approximately one (1) to two (2) children are assigned to each police officer. The officers will then escort their "partner for the day" around the store and assist in selecting appropriate gifts for each family member and themselves. After shopping, the children will continue to get to know the police officers in a fun environment, attend a luncheon party, and have their gifts wrapped and ready to take home. This unique December shopping experience assists children and deters them from choosing a life of crime or violence.

As police officers, we know firsthand the look in a child's eyes when we have to take their parents or other loved ones out of the home. We want to help change that view of police officers, for them to know we are the 'good guys' and we care about them.

We are graciously asking for donations in support of this program to provide each child with the opportunity to make their holidays a little brighter. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. You and/or your business will be recognized. Because the program is funded entirely by donations, the generosity of our donors is essential to the program's success. Would you please assist in making Christmas special for underprivileged Garrett County children?

All donations can be mailed to the Garrett County Department of Social Services, Attn: Finance Dept, 12578 Garret Highway, Oakland, Maryland 21550. All checks and money orders need made out to GCDSS and note in the comments, "Police Providing Presents." Any questions can be directed to F/Sgt. B Williams, Maryland State Police - McHenry Barrack at 301-387-1101.

Thank you again for your interest and helping to make this program a success and placing a smile on a child's face!

-Respectfully, Police Providing Presents Committee

Watershed Preservation Workshop - October 27, 2017

By Bob Sutton

Sky Valley Association (HOA) applied for and received an \$1800 Margaret Rosch Jones Keep Maryland Beautiful grant through the DNR to eliminate some runoff from going directly into the lake by installing culverts across a road to divert water into the woods instead of directly into a stream. A requirement of the grant was that Sky Valley hold a workshop on watershed improvement. Jackie Takacs and Ashley Bodkins both from the University of Maryland extension service conducted a workshop in Sky Valley on 10/27/17. Several POA members as well as Sky Valley members attended. The program centered on rain barrels and rain gardens as methods to conserve runoff and was very interesting. Gary Aronhalt - Garrett County Watershed Coordinator arranged the workshop for Sky Valley. Ashley works out of the local extension office and can be contacted for additional information. Links to some of the information presented are listed below. As the POA has stated, sediment control must take place in order to preserve the lake long term and everyone can help by improving their own property on or near the lake!

<http://www.mdsg.umd.edu/programs/extension/communities/watershed/raingardens>

<http://www.rainscaping.org/>



Attendees at the Watershed Preservation Workshop



Sample Rain garden #1



Sample Rain garden #2



Sample Rain garden #3

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