

# Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake



## **Sewer Spill on Quarry Road**

August 4, 2017

Folks,

We just received the following notice from the Garrett County Department of Public Works-Utilities Division:

### ***"NOTICE OF SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW***

*On Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at approximately 3:30 p.m., the Garrett County Department of Public Works - Utilities Division (DPW-U) Maintenance Division received a call notifying the department of a sanitary sewer leak at 136 Quarry Rd. Upon receiving notification, response staff were dispatched to the location. At approximately 3:45 p.m. DPW-U maintenance personnel arrived at 136 Quarry Rd and observed sewage surfacing on the property, and running downgrade and along the roadside ditch to culverts at the intersection of US 219 and*

*Quarry Rd. From there, the flow crossed US 219 and entered a drainage way that flows to Deep Creek Lake. It was determined that the leak was originating from the 1 ½-inch service lateral serving 136 and 200 Quarry Rd. At approximately 4:00 p.m., the DPW-U tanker arrived on site and began containing the leak, preventing any more sewage from entering the waterways. At approximately 9:00 p.m., DPW-U personnel completed repairs to service lateral serving 136 and 200 Quarry Rd and returned the system to service.*

*Based on the approximate rate of the spill, the estimated overflow volume was 1,500 gallons.*

*At approximately 9:00 a.m. on August 2, 2017, DPW-U personnel contacted the Garrett County Health Department (GCHD). At the same time, DPW-U personnel began sampling the stream and lake in the location of the overflow, and at upstream and downstream locations. Out of an abundance of caution, DPW-U personnel also posted signs warning of the overflow at properties and docks along the shoreline in the affected area."*

We have received further information:

- The spill entered the lake at the docks adjacent to the Honi Honi.
- The contamination is considered to be "minimal".
- Cautionary signs will be removed when the contamination is no longer considered to be a problem.

We are addressing the timeliness of reporting these incidents with Garrett County officials.

We will keep you informed as soon as we learn more.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Haffman".

Bob Hoffmann  
President

