

2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS of LAKES & WATER COMMITTEE

1. Committee members maintained dialogue with state and local organizations involved with water utilization, quality standards, and support issues, specifically:

AIM - Alliance for Improvement of the Middle Fork
ANRC - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
FWS - Fish and Wildlife Service
AGFC - Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
ADEQ - Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality
USGS - United States Geological Service
SWA - Saline Watershed Alliance
MAWA - Middle Arkansas Water Alliance

2. Held monthly meetings that, among other things, provided an avenue for Villagers to express concerns about various lake usage and other water issues (there were 24 resident visitors).
3. Recommended the Property Owners' Association (POA) draw down Lakes DeSoto and Pineda. Established a yearly schedule for the draw down of other Village lakes.
4. Expressed continued interest in obtaining a water allocation for the Village from MAWA.
5. Expressed continued interest in dam inspection reports and test results for Lake Granada.
6. Arranged for Water Department member to present an overview of the Village's water projects to the morning Kiwanis Club.
7. Arranged for past member of Lakes & Water Committee to address the Lions Club regarding fishing in Village Lakes.
8. Updated the "All about Water" document that is on file at the POA (added a provision regarding water conservation by the various water consumers of the Village).
9. Suggested POA Board institute a system to prompt boat owners to apply their boat decals in a **correct** and **timely** manner.
10. Recommended changes for the Village Lakes brochure and placed this brochure in rental agencies offices. Suggested that the brochure be handed out by Public Relations Officers to visitors towing watercraft of all types through the Village gates as part of our lake safety campaign.
11. Participated in the creation and/or editing of press releases designed to educate the public on such subjects as:
 - rules and regulations that govern proper and safe use of Village lakes.
 - preservation of larger bass in the lakes (slot limits).
 - phosphate content of dishwater detergents that eventually are routed to local streams.
 - boat decals.
 - publication of "All about Water" document.

12. Advocated the holding of another tour of the Villages' water treatment facilities for all interested parties.

13. Worked with the Director of Public Works on a number of subjects such as:

- improving the population of desirable fish in the Village lakes through carp control.
- refinement of guidelines of slot limits for black bass in Village lakes.
- reviewed the 5-year Angler's Plan, which includes adding nutrients to Village lakes for a healthy fish environment.
- gabion maintenance.
- recommended that the beautification of Lake Balboa launch ramp by the Anglers Club be done.
- placement of more informative wording on buoy wraps for buoys that demarcate towing and non-towing sports areas in Lakes Balboa, DeSoto, and Cortez.

14. Welcomed two new members, Don Langston and Henry Browder.

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