



Remembering Fred Thayer



POA Past President, community leader, and retired Garrett County Circuit Court Judge Frederick A. Thayer III (73) died unexpectedly on Friday, February 16, 2007. He suffered an apparent heart attack during a POA Board Committee inspection of the proposed new site for the Thousand Acres golf clubhouse.

Fred was born in Oakland and was a lifelong resident of Garrett County. After graduating from Oakland High School, he attended the College of Wooster (BA in History 1955) and Duke Law School (JD 1958). The tributes to Fred's life emphasized such attributes as personable, down-to-earth, strong leadership, personal integrity, promptness, great competence, and a true gentlemanly manner. In a letter to the *Republican* Newspaper, his fellow judges from the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Maryland stated "no trial judge in Maryland enjoyed a higher reputation and respect. He managed trials with firmness and fairness. His rulings and decisions were concise and definitive, leaving no room for doubt or equivocation."

Fred served as our POA President from 2001 to 2005 and continued on the Board of Directors thereafter. He is survived by his wife Diane, son Frederick IV (Rick) and wife Karen, and two grandchildren. We will greatly miss his friendship, counsel and guidance.

2007 POA Meeting Schedule

The 2007 POA General Meetings will be held on **Saturday June 23rd** and **Saturday August 25th**. Both meetings are at **8:30 am at the Garrett 8 Cinema**. Please mark your calendar and attend. It is a great opportunity to meet Garrett County and State of Maryland officials, DNR management, and your POA Board Members. Items of interest to Deep Creek property owners will be discussed and the floor is always open to questions or comments from our members.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2007, please use the form contained in this issue and mail your check for \$30 to the POA, PO Box 816, McHenry, MD 21541. By checking the mailing label on this issue, you can tell your payment status. If the year shown after your name is 2007 or 2008, you have paid your dues. If the year is 2006, you have not paid yet and are past due. We thank you for being a POA member.

Electricity Rate Increase Plan

In the Winter *Dispatch*, we outlined Allegheny Power's proposal to increase electrical rates 15% annually for the next four years. This would build a savings account through December 2008 and then the savings account would be used in 2009 and 2010 to help offset the actual rate increase that would occur on January 1, 2009.

On March 30, 2007, the Maryland Public Service Commission approved Allegheny Power's "rate transition plan" with a modification that allows customers to opt-out of the plan. Customers who select not to participate will continue to pay the current generation rate of \$0.04065/kwh through 2008 but would face an estimated 70% increase in their bills beginning in January 2009 when the state-imposed rate caps expire. The modified plan would also allow a partial refund to those that participate in the plan but sell their property before the early payments are fully returned to customers. Your May 2007 electric bill should contain information on the rate transition plan and its opt-out procedure.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Beginning in May, the Maryland Department of Agriculture will conduct an aerial spray program on 51,500 acres in 11 counties to prevent forest defoliation caused by the gypsy moth. In the Deep Creek Lake area of Garrett County, there are three blocks scheduled for spraying. Area GA101 is in Thousand Acres on North Glade Cove along North Shoreline Drive up to the west edge of Sky Valley. Area GA102 is on Harvey Peninsula across from Sky Valley, east of Harvey Peninsula Road, and south of North Glade Road. Area GA103 is on both sides of Glendale Road from Beckman Peninsula Road east past North Glade Road. Maps of the spray areas along with spray schedules are on the MDA website (www.mda.state.md.us) and click on Gypsy moth.

2007 Lake Area Cultural Events

GLAF (Call 301-387-3082 or www.artsandentertainment.org for Tickets and Information; Cost Adult/Student): **June 15th GLAF Golf Tournament** Oakland Golf Course (1:00pm) Call for details and cost; **June 16th Chu-Fang Huang Piano** (7:30pm) Garrett College Auditorium (\$15/\$7); **July 4th Garrett Community Concert Band Annual Independence Day Concert** (7:30pm) Garrett College Lawn and Tent (\$ Donations

Appreciated); **July 5th through July 8th Chautauqua** (5th Julia Child, 6th Upton Sinclair, 7th George Washington Carver, 8th Cesar Chavez) Garrett College Lawn and Tent (7:30pm) (\$ Donations Appreciated); **July 13th Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Classical Performance** Larry Loh Conductor (7:30pm) The Lodge at Wisp Resort (\$25/\$7); **July 14th Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Pops Performance** Marvin Hamlisch Conductor (7:30pm) The Lodge at Wisp Resort (\$25/\$7); **September 22nd Philadelphia Classical Guitar Trio and Anna Menendez** (flamenco dancer) (7:30pm) Garrett College Auditorium (\$15/\$7); **October 19th National Players** musical adaptation of Jack London's Call Of The Wild Classic Play (7:30pm) Garrett College Auditorium (\$15/\$7).

McHenry Highland Festival (20th Annual) Tickets available on their web site (www.highlandfest.info). **June 1st through 3rd: Friday 1pm St. Andrew's at Wisp Golf Tournament** (Check web site for information); **Friday 8pm Celtic Concert with Bonnie Rideout and Coyote Run** The Lodge at Wisp, (\$25); **Saturday 9am to 5pm Highland Festival** Garrett County Fairgrounds (\$12/\$6).

Music at Penn Alps (Tickets at Penn Alps (\$12); call 301-895-4250 or www.musicatpennalps.org for information; shows at 7:30pm but arrive by 7:00pm to assure seats): **June 2nd Cardinal Trio** (violin, Cello, Piano); **June 9th Traverser Saxophone Quartet** (Classical to Jazz); **June 16th Messaien's "Quartet for the End of Time"** (Chamber Ensemble); **June 23rd Baltimore Mandolin Quartet** (Classical); **July 7th Arco Voce** (Baroque Ensemble); **July 14th Aime Sposato and Karen Keating** (Soprano/Piano); **July 21st Chan Kiat Lim** (Piano); **July 28th I Venti Semplice** (Classical Woodwind Trio); **August 11th Andrew Kohn and James Miltenberger** (Double Bass and Piano); **August 18th Red and Murphy & Co.** (Bluegrass); **August 25th Peter Kolkay and Pei Sien Lim** (Bassoon and Piano); **September 1st Oxford String Quartet** (Mozart and Faure).

Little Yough Summer Music Festival (Friday evenings at Mountain Fresh Pavilion in Oakland town parking lot; shows begin at 7pm;

food vendors on site at 6:00pm, bring your own chairs; free, but donations encouraged): **June 22nd Fabulous Bel Airs** (50s and 60s); **June 29th Smith & Roberts** (local group); **July 6th Dennis McClung Blues Band**; **July 13th Son Quatro** (latin beat); **July 20th BJ Beverly and the Wayward Drifters** (honky tonk country); **July 27th Mon River Big Band**; **August 31st The Remedy** (local group).

ASCI Whitewater Course

The \$24 million Adventure Sports Center International Whitewater Course on the top of Marsh Mountain is planning to open during the Memorial Day Weekend. The course spans a quarter mile in length with 24 feet of vertical drop that gives the course a gradient of almost 100 feet per mile. It closely resembles a natural waterway in its design, landscaping, and water flows. The Garrett County course is the second artificial whitewater course in the United States but is the only course in the world to have adjustable features. Using large rubber air bladders beneath hinged steel plates, the course can be adjusted with air pumps from Class II to Class IV rapids.

Operations director Matt Taylor (a two-time Olympian in the C-2 slalom) said “We can get the cub scouts down it and also make it challenging for Olympic level paddlers.” The recirculating course has an authentic feel thanks to the thousand of boulders dug out of the mountain and strategically placed in the water channel. Plans call for adjusting the difficulty throughout the day beginning at Class II in the morning, Class III from 11am to 3pm, and Class IV until closing.

The course is only part of the diverse array of adventure sports at ASCI. The 550-acre Fork Run recreation area on Marsh Mountain offers hiking, mountain biking, rock-climbing, and much more depending on the season.

Excessive Boat Noise

Each summer, excessive boat noise is a frequent subject of discussion but the DNR says that they do not receive any official complaints. To establish a record so that we can get them to act, we need to have property owners call the

Natural Resources Police when the noise occurs to record their complaint. If you hear what you consider to be extremely loud boat noise, call the NRP on (301) 777-7771 or (800) 628-9944 and tell them that you want to report excessive boat noise on Deep Creek Lake. Provide the location of the boat and any details of the boat which you have (color, model, type of boat, registration number, owner). Ask that your call be logged so that an official complaint record can be built. Following up with a letter (copy to Scott Johnson, POA, PO Box 816, McHenry, MD 21541) would also be helpful. After many discussions, it is clear that the DNR will not act unless they have a record of significant complaints, so if you consider boat noise to be a problem we need your help to build this official complaint record.

Dove Center Domestic Violence Programs

The Dove Center is continuing its fund raising campaign to expand their facilities. This organization was founded 15 years ago to help victims of domestic violence in Garrett County and has been a great success. Through its work, many residents have learned that help is available and have taken shelter in the existing home. State and federal grants will leverage the money raised by the campaign. More information may be obtained by calling the Dove Center at 301-334-6255 and contributions may be sent to the Dove Center at PO Box 402, Oakland, MD 21550.

Miscellaneous Items

Deep Creek Marina is building a new showroom along US-219 and a new restaurant is planned on the Alpine Village property at US-219 and Glendale Road.

The town of Oakland is working to annex land on US-219 outside of town limits to provide public water and sewage to the area and allow construction of a Lowe’s Home Center.

Several public meetings have been held recently on the Oakland Bypass with construction to begin in 2010 and opening in 2012 unless significant local opposition from residents causes changes.

Property Owners Association of Deep Creek Lake

P.O. Box 816
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Dues Statement

Description	Amount
2007 Calendar Year Dues Entitles you and immediate family to the privileges of membership attendance at two general meetings during the summer, receipt of the Dispatch quarterly newsletter, participation in an organization representing the common interests of property owners, and advice and counsel on specific problems.	\$30.00

Fill in and return the application form below with your payment.

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Name _____ Home Phone _____

Lake Location _____ Lake Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Legal Residence: Lake Other _____

Comments _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Fall 2007 Lake Drawdown

The Maryland Department of Environment expects to grant a variance to the water appropriation permit of Brookfield Power Company in order for them to accomplish maintenance and repairs at the Deep Creek Lake powerhouse in the fall of 2007. Please read the information below and plan to take necessary action to protect your dock, boats, and other property.

Description and Need for Outage:

- The outage is required to facilitate replacement of the two existing turbine valves at the facility, one of which is original (about 82 years old), with new butterfly turbine valves. Both valves are located within the powerhouse.
- A station outage involves securing and draining the entire pipeline from the intake structure at the reservoir to the powerhouse. This is especially important given the fact that the generating units are the only way to remove water from the reservoir without utilizing the emergency spillway.
- Based on historic hydrologic data, the reservoir level at the start of construction would have to be Elevation 2454 to reduce the likelihood of discharge from the emergency spillway.
- The impoundment will begin to fill from the start of construction and continue throughout construction.
- Following construction completion, Deep Creek Hydroelectric Station will be subject to all normal parameters of the MDE permit and upper and lower rule bands.

Schedule of Fall 2007 Deep Creek Planned Outage

Week of	Work to be completed
10/08/07	Begin drawdown of water level in Deep Creek Reservoir on 10/8/07
10/22/07	Complete Drawdown of impoundment, demolition and removal of Turbine Valves
10/29/07	Completion of demolition, begin form work and pour concrete for new valve supports.
11/05/07	Installation of spool piece and turbine butterfly valves.
11/12/07	Final Installation and testing.
11/19/07	Punch list items, project complete

Anticipated Reservoir Surface Elevations

Date	Upper Rule Band	Lower Rule Band	Required Elevation
Labor Day (09/03/07)	2458.95	2457.90	Normal Operation
10/08/07	2458.35	2456.74	2456.74 (LRB)
10/14/07	2458.23	2456.59	2455.5 +/-
10/22/07	2458.07	2456.29	2454.00
11/21/07	2457.90	2455.30	2454.00 +, level dependent on inflow during construction period.

Monitor the lake elevation at www.deepcreekhydro.com

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