

DEEP CREEK DISPATCH

Spring, 1999

Newsletter of the
Property Owners' Association
of Deep Creek Lake, Incorporated

President's Letter:

State Announces Purchase of Deep Creek Lake; Important Details Remain to Be Negotiated

On March 30, 1999, Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening announced that his administration had signed a letter of intent with GPU, Inc. to purchase Deep Creek Lake for \$7.8 million. The letter of intent describes the purchase price as covering approximately 4,400 acres comprising the lake, together with all "non-developable portions of property known as the add-on parcels." The letter of intent goes on to provide that "among the non-developable add-on parcels conveyed to the State with the Lake shall be the portions of the 'safety strip' between the buffer and adjacent property owner unless the adjacent owner is Penelec." GPU officials have been quoted subsequent to the March 30 announcement as describing developable land that is not being acquired by the state as comprising approximately 600 acres.

Although most of the details of the transaction have been agreed to, the remaining negotiations concern the 600 acres of land. The parties are now negotiating as to whether the 600 acres, or any portion thereof, should also be acquired by the State, and if not, the restrictions and conditions that would be imposed upon GPU's use or disposition of such land. The State's chief negotiator has advised the Property Owner's Association that it is the intention of the State to assure continued access by all existing lake property owners to the lake, and that

any transaction must meet these requirements.

POA representatives requested that the State's negotiators clarify the exact nature and extent of the land being acquired, and were advised that the letter of intent contemplates that the State will acquire the Lake (all land up to an elevation of 2,462 feet above sea level), the buffer strip (which is being described by the parties to the negotiations as being an additional four feet vertical elevation), and the safety strip (defined as an additional 25 feet measured horizontally from the edge of the buffer strip), but only in those areas in which the owner of the property adjacent to the safety strip is not GPU.

The letter of intent states that all developable parcels retained by GPU will be conveyed to the State at the end of five years unless they have been sold to a third party.

Subsequent to the date of the State's announcement, negotiations have continued between the State and GPU negotiators in hopes of reaching a definitive agreement for the State's acquisition of Deep Creek Lake. The parties had previously announced that June 30 was the target date for reaching a definitive agreement, but it is not known whether the deadline will be met. The principal negotiator for the State is still Eugene Lynch, former State Secretary of General Services and now Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Glendening. He has been joined recently in negotiations by other officials from the Department of General Services and the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland.

POA members should look for further develop-

ments concerning the Lake sale sometime during the next month or two.

General Membership Meeting Scheduled June 26 at 8:30 a.m.

The next general membership meeting will be Saturday June 26, 8:30 AM at the Garrett Community College (GCC) auditorium. The college is located on Mosser Road, just off US 219 in McHenry. The August meeting will be the 21st, same time, same place. Additional information about the sale of Deep Creek Lake and buffer strip to the State of Maryland may be available.

If you have not yet paid your 1999 POA dues of \$30 per year, please complete the attached coupon and return to the POA, PO Box 816, McHenry, MD 21541. Please use the address at which mail will reach you year round. We are unable to track who leaves for warmer parts when, and for how long. If you are not sure if your dues are current, the two

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The Deep Creek Shuttle

digit number after your name on the address side of *The Dispatch* indicates the last year you paid dues. Some of you are a year ahead.

The new shuttle service began operation Memorial Day weekend. Jonathan Kessler, shuttle project organizer, announced that the fare will be \$1 per person all day. The shuttle is sponsored by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and Community Action.

The People Mover bus will carry 22 people, and should complete the circuit every hour. The shuttle will stop at Dry Dock Plaza, Pointview/Boardwalk, Market Square, Black Bear Tavern, Red Run, Uno's, Garrett Cinema, Silver Tree, Alpine Village, McClive's, Wisp Resort, Cobblestone Alley, The Fun Zone, The Tourist Trap, Funland, and the Lakeside Creamery, all supporting businesses, as well as the Deep Creek State Park.

Until Thursday, June 10, the shuttle will operate Fridays through Sundays; then it will begin seven day operation. Friday and Saturday the shuttle will run from 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday the shuttle will operate 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. This looks like a good solution for the family who wants to go in several directions without enough cars or boats, or those who forgot a designated driver.

Boating Safety

The Maryland Natural Resources Police will offer Boating Safety Course equivalency exams at the McHenry Public Safety Building at the intersection of US 219 and MD 42 every Friday from May 28 until Labor Day weekend.

Persons who pass the 50 question test with a grade of 88% or better will be issued a Certificate of Boating Competency, and are not required to take the Boating Safety Education course. Remember, anyone born after July 2, 1972 must take the course or pass the test to operate a power boat or PWC in Maryland.

Garrett Lakes Arts Festival Schedule

All programs are at the GCC auditorium unless otherwise specified.

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| <p>June 6 West Virginia String Quartet
3:00 PM Will O'The Wisp
Adults \$8, Youth \$4</p> <p>June 12 Ethel Caffie-Austin, Gospel Singer
Saturday 8:00 PM GCC Auditorium
Adults \$8, Youth \$4</p> <p>June 22-23 Donald Davis, Story Teller
Tuesday 8:00 PM, Adults \$8, Youth \$4
Workshop, Tues., 9:00-noon
Wed., 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM</p> <p>June 25 Word Beat, Prose, Poetry & Percussion
Joint venture at Our Town Theatre
East Center St., Oakland, Fri., 8:00 PM
Adults \$8, Youth \$4</p> <p>July 5-8 Chautauqua, A GCC/Maryland Humanities
Council event, under the big tent at GCC
Monday-Thursday 7:00 PM FREE</p> <p>July 10-11 Elizabethan Roots of Appalachian Music
Local musicians showcase our mountain
heritage, sponsored by First United Bank
Saturday 8:00 PM, Sunday 3:00 PM
Adults \$8, Youth \$4</p> | <p>July 12-16 Young Artists Workshop, for youth entering
7th thru 12th grades. Sponsored by Sprenger
& Eugene Lang foundations
Mon-Fri, Fantasy Valley 301-387-3082</p> <p>July 19-23 Young Writers Workshop. Same sponsors and
location as Young Artists Workshop</p> <p>July 24 Renaissance City Winds, Music & Mime
Sat. 8:00 PM Adults \$8, Youth \$4</p> <p>July 31 River City Brass Band, sponsored by Deep
Creek Mountain Resort
8:00 PM GCC Gymnasium
Adults \$10, Youth \$4</p> <p>August 8 Michael Horton, tenor, Nancy McDill, Piano,
Gabriel Schaff, violin
Sunday 3:00 PM, Adults \$8, Youth \$4</p> <p>Aug. 13-14 Deep Creek Chamber Players, sponsored by
the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
Friday & Saturday at 8:00 PM
Adults \$15, Youth \$10</p> <p>Aug. 15 Annual Student Piano Recital
Sunday 3:00 PM Free</p> |
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NEW MEMBER

CALENDAR YEAR 1999 DUES—\$30.00

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Lake Location _____ Lake Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Legal Residence: Deep Creek Lake Other

Comments _____

Date _____ Signature _____

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- Aug. 20-21 The Symphony at Deep Creek, sponsored by Coldwell Banker Deep Creek Realty and The Sincell Publishing Co. Friday & Saturday at 8:00 PM Adults \$15, Youth \$10
- Sept. 5 US Navy Band, sponsored by Westvaco Sunday TBA Deep Creek Lake State Park FREE

For further information call the Garret Lakes Arts Festival at 301-387-3082, or visit them at www.artsandentertainment.org.

Nunsense II: The Second Coming

The five sisters of Hoboken will be appearing on the GCC auditorium stage June 26, 27, 30, and July 1, 2, and 3. The production is sponsored by the Garrett Choral Society.

Music at Penn Alps

All programs will be held at 7:30 PM in the Penn Alps Great Hall, a part of Penn Alps restaurant and craft shop in Grantsville.

- June 5 Duo harpsichordists Vera Kochanowsky and Thomas MacCraken
- June 12 Trio Latre with Valdimir Lande, oboe, Barry Trent, bassoon, and Trina Lande piano.
- June 19 Cellist Yumi Kendall accompanied by Naoko Takao, piano
- July 3 A male quartet, "Songfellows"
- July 10 Celtic music by Tony Ellis and the musicians of Braeburn.
- July 17 "Axiom Duo", Emmanuel Feldman, cello, and Pascale Delache-Feldman, double bass.
- July 24 Guitar soloist William Feasley
- July 31 Hyun-Woo Kim violin and Anna Balakerslaia piano
- Aug. 7 Appalachian Brass Quintet
- Aug. 14 "The Unfortunate Rakes" perform Celtic music, with penny whistle, bagpipes, bodhran, fiddle & banjo.

For further information call 301-895-5985.

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