May, 2005

John's Lake Property Owners

Dear John's Lake Property Owners:

Welcome to spring 2005, I think! Although the ice is off the lake, it seems old man winter has not yet given up. Nighttime temperatures have been in the 30s, and today we had white stuff falling from the sky. But the days are getting longer, and I'm confident that warmer weather will be here soon.

One sign that spring is here is the John's Lake Management District annual meeting. The meeting this year will be on Saturday May 28th, 9:00 AM at the Mountain View Community Center. To make it easy to remember, that's the Saturday of Memorial weekend.

Over the winter we had two new members join our board. Bernadette Krentz has joined us representing the county and replacing her husband Gordon who served on the board since the district started in 1989 until his passing in 2004. Dan Nowak has also joined the board representing the town. Dan had previously served on the board for several years, and is now rejoining us and replacing Neil Strelow.

At this year's meeting we will also have Tom Littwin joining us. Tom is with the county land conservation office and will be giving us a short presentation on shoreline habitat, erosion control, and more.

Each year we have an election for one of the commissioner's seats. This year the position of treasurer, currently held by John Schmidt, is up for election. John is willing to serve another term and is running on the no tax platform. You may have noticed that there were no taxes collected for the district on this year's tax bill. Enclosed in this mailing you will find a proposed budget for our next fiscal year, and if that budget passes as it stands, there will be no taxes levied for the district again on your next tax bill. I think this might make John a very popular guy. However, all joking aside, we will as always take nominations from the floor.

The annual meeting is your chance to meet others from around the lake, learn more about what is going on, ask questions, and have an impact on the future. We'll start at least ½ hour prior to the meeting with coffee, juice, and donuts. This is a great time to make new friends and catch up with neighbors. So please come early and be a part of the action.

Sincerely,

Michael A Ales
Chairman