

THE HYCO LAKE REVIEW

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PARK UPDATES

Spring is here and with the warm weather, the 2013 season begins on Hyco Lake. The Person Caswell Lake Authority is working on improving the park grounds and providing activities for all our leaseholders while keeping the lake safe and clean.

Two major projects are underway, replacing the boating access ramps and renovating the original bathrooms. Both projects are in the initial planning stages. The hope is to construct ramps of the caliber provided by NC Wildlife at public areas. The width of the boat ramps may remain the same, but the ramps will be a steeper grade and long enough to ensure boats are able to load in deep water. Our expectation is to have the engineering completed this year and begin construction in the fall of 2014. (We anticipate the fall of 2014 will be the first time the construction team will be available.)

Renovating the bathrooms is the first stage of a longer term goal of being able to offer events in the park for the

BOAT PERMITS

Part of the computerization will provide all residents an online portal detailing their lake lease and all permits associated with their property, including building and boat permits. This will provide an easy method to pay online and eliminate the concerns with late payment fees.

As part of the system implementation, all existing vessels located below the Progress Energy property line are expected to have a 2012 or 2013 permit. Typically if a boat is found with an older permit, you will be expected to pay the permit fees for the lapsed years or face a summons. While implementing the new system, we are providing amnesty for unper-

REVENUE SOURCES

While reading about the coming changes and boat permitting, it is important to understand that Hyco Lake is a non-profit entity. Changes to the park will happen at a slower rate than municipal parks simply because of funding. Hyco Lake functions on three revenue streams, the income from the campground, the income from boat permits, and the lease fees collected. Other aspects of the business raise limited amounts, such as boat storage,

benefit of everyone on the lake. Once the ramps and bathrooms are complete, the next phase will be adding boat slips to allow residents to visit by boat. Once suitable bathrooms and access options are in place, we will offer wellness and cultural programs to provide additional enrichment options for those around the lake. Our hope is to provide a comfortable environment to keep your mind and body healthy while also being a great place to meet and get to know your neighbors on Hyco.

There will be more mundane changes happening as well. The old accounting system has been replaced with the contracted services of a local accountant firm. In addition, the pen and paper receipt systems are being moved to a computerized management system. This new system should allow office interactions to be a little quicker and provide more options to stay in touch and pay for permits and leases.

mitted boats, please purchase a current permit or remove the boat from the Progress Energy leased land within 14 days of being notified to avoid any issues with being ticketed for a non-permitted vessel. (The majority of the boats we are finding with expired permits are in derelicts, understandable why the permit is not current. But if the boat will not run again, it is time to remove the vessel from the lake.)

The cost for a 2013 Hyco Lake annual boat permit is \$50. Boat Permits are NOW available by mail and phone. You can mail your payment to Person-Caswell Lake Authority at PO Box 343, Roxboro, NC 27573 or call with your credit or debit card (336-599-4343) and we can assist you.

the park entrance fee, and penalties. (As disagreeable as penalties are to leaseholders on the lake, the penalties contribute less than 2% to the overall budget.) Hyco Lake has never received any federal, state, or local tax monies to supplement their budget. Some projects are helped with federal or state grant money, but those grants are sporadic and highly dependent on the project.

SUGGESTIONS, KUDOS, AND GRIPES

There are several ways to contact the Person Caswell Lake Authority. The phone or stopping into the office are the traditional methods. As we modernize the park, new methods to reach us are available.

Feel free to contact us via email:

Park Manager: whit@hycolake.org

Shoreline leases and permits:

tammy@hycolake.org

suggestions@hycolake.org if you would like to contact us anonymously.

(Emails sent to suggestions@hycolake.org will have the origination information stripped from the original email before being forwarded to the staff.)

You may also find us on Facebook—“like” Hyco Lake Park & Campground

Feeding the kids and guests while enjoying the lake can be tricky around Hyco. Depending on the restaurant situation we've considered reaching out to various Durham food trucks to arrange for Friday and Saturday visits this summer. Facebook is how we would let people in the area know which trucks would be in the park and when.

There will be a \$5 handling charge per permit by mail and phone.

One final clarification: Any boat operating on Hyco Lake is expected to have a valid yearly or daily permit—this includes boats owned by leaseholders. Boats that remain on boat lifts and are not in use have a grace period until June 1st to display a valid permit. i.e. If you are using your boat, you need to have a current annual sticker—you may not wait until June 1st to buy a sticker.

DOCK REPAIRS

There has been a change to the permit pricing when doing minor repairs. **A permit is required for all construction repairs to your dock.** The Person Caswell Lake Authority Board discussed the repair permitting issue and set a new policy: If your repair materials will cost less than \$250, a permit will be issued at no cost. In other words, if you are replacing a few deck boards, fixing your stairs, replacing a few shingles—you still need a permit, but the permit is now free instead of \$100. Because of abuses in the past, a permit is required for any work, but at least now when minor work is done—the permit won't cost more than the work being done.

LEASE FEE INCREASE

The lease fee is increasing on July 1st, 2013. The new rate will be \$125 for the first 100', an increase from the previous rate of \$75 for the first 100'. The rate for each additional foot over 100' will re-

main unchanged at five cents per foot. The additional funds will be used for salaries as well as the ongoing maintenance required to keep our lake and park safe, clean, and entertaining.

Person County Sheriff's office:
336-597-0500
Caswell County Sheriff's office:
336-694-9311

BURGLARIES AROUND THE LAKE

A few years ago there were several break-ins on a few private roads off Kelly Brewer Road. This past winter there unfortunately were more break-ins, this time on roads located off Zion

Level Church Road. The Person and Caswell Sheriff departments are actively patrolling the area, but without home owner vigilance—catching the perpetrators will be difficult. If you see unfa-

miliar/suspicious vehicles, please contact the appropriate Sheriff's office with any information you can provide.

We at the Lake Authority want you to have the best possible experience at Hyco Lake.

Should there ever be any need for assistance we are available by calling 336-599-4343.

Person Caswell Lake Authority
205 Kelly Brewer Road
Leasburg, NC 27291



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