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Advisory Committees to the Borough

In a previous e-Newsletter residents and property owners were asked to volunteer if they would serve on one of the new advisory committees being considered. Positive response came from as far away as New Jersey !! More detailed information on these new committees is now available [\[click here\]](#). Community involvement is still needed. I hope from the write-up you agree that these are each important for our Community and worthy of your time.

New on the Web-Site

The Contacts/Who's Who under the INFO tab has been updated to reflect our new Mayor and Councillors.

New reference material has been added [under INFO>>Maps and Reference].

Events for 2010 are being scheduled. To add an event just ask...

What about the Lake?

Well, right now it's not... The valves are closed. The lakebed is a frozen mass of snow and ice, as are the roads and yards... The good news is that as we thaw in the spring it will all be captured. With a watershed area of ~14 square miles [9000 acres] and a ~500-600 acre lake, the math says we need about 10 inches of rain or 10 feet of snow if none of the runoff seeps into the underground... There has been talk of a pool where we could wager on the exact date and time the Lake is full (normal pool level); how appropriate. I'm betting on May 5th, 4:00 P.M.

All work on the dam will be done and the site restored by mid-June for Part II of Phase II. New Council member Paul Cornez has stepped up to provide oversight of the dam work and schedules so we may get future updates from Paul.

What about the lawsuits?

They are progressing through the courts.

The nature of the lawsuits is all tied up in a huge communication debacle. They started based on misunderstandings and disagreements rooted in suspicion and lack of good, clear and open communication. Now that we have citizen pitted against citizen, and

citizens against the Borough, strategies for addressing and potentially resolving them must be handled in private. Such privacy unfortunately feeds the suspicions and reinforces the lack of clear and open communication. The only way out seems to be to slowly, steadily and forcefully communicate our way out. At least that is my personal opinion. Everyone I speak with (empathetic with both sides) say they wish we can resolve the differences and move on without conflict. Communication alone may not be sufficient, but it is inarguably a necessary component. It's a great place to start, and I believe we have begun. I apologize for perhaps sounding preachy , and the lack of meaty detail...

I hope some of you begin to share my optimism.

How often should eNewsletters be issued?

In the last issue we introduced an e-mail poll. So far the results are 50% prefer weekly, 38% prefer monthly, 12% biweekly. Biweekly may be the least-preferred but compromise choice... It's not too late to voice your opinion...

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