

Wastewater System

Information Update #8

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The Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee (GWBSC) and Morrison Maierle, Inc. (MMI) will conduct the 2nd Public Meeting on the status of the Wastewater Project for the Greater Woods Bay Planning Area on Friday, 20 January 2006,. The planning for this meeting included a 200+% increase in the media coverage with the support from the Bigfork Eagle, The Daily Interlake, The Lakeshore Country Journal, The Lake County Leader/Advertiser, The Bayliner, KUFM-FM, KOFI-AM, and KXZI-FM LP.

The agenda for this meeting will focus on 3 separate areas: 1) The status of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to day; 2) The current efforts underway to develop a wastewater district for the Greater Woods Bay Area; 3) The initial results from the land use planning questionnaire which many of you filled out and returned. The full meeting presentation will be posted to www.yennepoint.org .

There are several initiatives and efforts that are tied to each of the focus area for this public meeting. Additional information will be provided as it becomes clear and verifiable. One of the initiatives linked with the wastewater district effort is the utilization of registered voters not resident year long, and not Lake County registered voters. Discussions are underway with the Lake County Elections Office to best determine how Greater Woods Bay Planning Area land owners can participate in petition drives and vote in local elections. Another initiative is the use of the survey results from the land use planning questionnaire that was mailed out in October to all land owners in the Greater Woods Bay Planning Area. There were many helpful comments gathered from that effort and the GWBSC is incorporating them into broader assessment of the community character which will be discussed with Lake County at a future time.

There are many moving parts associated with the wastewater project and the GWBSC is attempting to monitor each one in an expeditious manner. As key junctures are approached in the process for moving the project from one phase to the next, you will be advised and your opinions and maybe your support will be solicited.

As we approach the mid point of the PER we will be asked by those agencies who will be prepared to grant us money for the continuance of this project to show how

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we have been maintaining our flow of information to the public. We feel confident that there will be no difficulty in showing that information was made available, and we feel equally confident that public involvement in the overall project will be obvious. Thank you for your help in making this first year of the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project a very interesting and beneficial one,... for all of us.

Respectfully,

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One final note. In the past, the annual Polar Bear Plunge at 2PM on 1 Jan next to The Raven, at the top of Woods Bay, has been attended by invitees, residents, guests, on-lookers, well-wishers, and the occasional insane plunger. This year, for the first time in an observed 5-year history, it will be attended by a not-so-welcomed guest. Plungers and witnesses alike will note that the first one in the water will not be the Polar Bear Plunge Grand Poobah, but will in fact be ...the algae. Those once clean and clear stones have succumbed to one of the results of extra nutrients in the water.