

Community Relations: Diana Kenworthy

Hello from the Community Relations Committee! These last few months have been pretty quiet around the lake. It has been good to see a few courageous people out walking, taking in the beauty of winter and the cold, fresh air. We would like to thank Rick Hayes for plowing a nice, wide walking train across the south dam.

Our Milan-Elk Road clean up day on November 6<sup>th</sup> was a great success! Thank you so much to those who showed up to help! There were not as many of us as there were at the previous clean-up day, but we were determined to clean up the litter from the lake all the way up to the Riverside Market, and we accomplished what we had set out to do. The county provided the supplies and came and picked up all the garbage, and there was a lot!

Hopefully, we have started a new Christmas time tradition here at the lake! On December 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of community members climbed aboard a trailer decorated with lights, sat on straw bales and sang Christmas carols for the community as we were pulled around the lake. It was a lot of fun, but we also learned some things that we can improve on for next time. We discovered that we will need a more powerful speaker and more songs on our playlist with the correct corresponding words. We are also hoping to eventually have horses pulling the trailer so we don't have to breathe the exhaust from the diesel truck. After caroling we gathered at Kent and Angie's house to warm up and share some food and refreshments. We would like to thank Angie and Kent Ward for the idea of caroling, their work on the trailer, and their hospitality. And thank you to all who participated to make this another successful community activity. It was cold, but we had a good turnout.

We are looking forward to spring time in this beautiful place we are all lucky enough to call home. Our Community Relations Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month except for some of the cold winter months. If you would like to be involved in planning and working on community projects and activities, please join us!