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The unseasonably warm spring this year has given everybody a chance to get a head start in preparing for summer activities. The rains have helped the lake levels and everything is green. Summer will soon be underway.

With all the surrounding lakes down (many boat owners aren't even putting their boats in), it's great to see our lake looking so healthy.

**Spring Meeting - Abbott Pavilion  
10:00 am Saturday, May 27, 2000**

I hope everyone can attend. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you as we kick off a Y2K summer.

**Dues**

Approximately one-half of the dues has been collected. This is a reminder, please pay your dues, as we depend on the cash flow to support the services around the lake. Attached is a profit and loss statement. We are pretty healthy at this point; however, we will need the remaining dues, as most of it has been earmarked for weed kill. Please send in your dues payment as soon as you can.

**Boat Ramp**

As you probably know, last year the Board conducted a survey to determine the top priorities for Board action. One of the top concerns listed in the survey, and repeatedly raised at the lake meetings, involves lake security. Most of the lake security issues involve unauthorized boat ramp launches, and we've taken steps to try

and prevent (as much as possible within our financial resources), the unauthorized use of the lake by outsiders.

The boat ramp is currently being reconditioned. The ramp will contain a gate and a lock with a combination. As soon as the combination is set, and as soon as dues are paid, you will receive the combination to the lock. Please do not circulate the combination to outsiders, as our security depends on you! The locks have been purchased, at a cost of approximately \$60.00. This is the best alternative, at our current dues level. Other alternatives are available, but they are much more expensive. Please cooperate, and use the improved gate all you like, but please keep the combination secret. The combinations on these locks can and will be changed from year to year.

**Maintenance**

We plan to continue maintenance for the parks and lakeshore properties. We have plans to continue to clean, paint, and fix up the lakeshore parks, equipment and facilities. Any volunteers who want to help with lawn mowings and maintenance, please contact the members of the Board. We plan to repair some fences, take care of the lawns and continue with our main priorities around the lake. Any help would be greatly appreciated.