

# LET'S MAKE THE LAKE MONTICELLO COMMUNITY FISHING PIER A REALITY!

## *Donate Today!*

By now, you probably have heard a lot about the **Lake Monticello Community Fishing Pier**. There have been articles in the *Lake Monticello News*, *Friday Flyer*, *Fluvanna Review* and *Rural Virginian*. Ted Makranczy, chair of Bo's Pier Group, a group of community volunteers working on this project, has appeared on LMOA's cable TV channel 10 several times. Members of the group have visited numerous groups to raise interest and made personal appeals for support, and plan to continue this community-wide effort. The reception so far has been amazingly positive.

The LMOA Board of Directors supports the community fishing pier and plans to build it with donations and volunteer labor on Tufton Lake. It will be a wonderful amenity for all residents and their guests.

For those who like to fish but don't have a boat, the pier will be a great place to fish. For those who don't want to fish, the pier will be a peaceful place just to relax, read a book or simply enjoy nature. The pier will be for the enjoyment of all of us.

On December 17, 2009, the Board authorized the volunteers to begin raising money to cover the cost of the pier. According to a survey of Lake Monticello residents last April, there is ample support in the Lake Monticello community to reach the goal of \$25,000. ***Now we are asking you to make your donations to help make this dream a reality.***

**Please complete the form below, remove it from this sheet, and mail it in with your donation.**

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**Donor Information:**

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Make checks payable to LMOA, write "Fishing Pier" in the memo area, and place the check and this **Donor Information Form** into an envelope clearly addressed to:

**Bo's Pier Group  
265 Turkeysag Suite 102, #130  
Palmyra, VA 22963**

Donations with Donor Information Form can be mailed, dropped off at the Clubhouse or placed in the LMOA lock box next to the Clubhouse mailbox.

***Credit Card payments are accepted at LMOA Administration office as well.***

I/we donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards construction of the Community Fishing Pier.  
I/we understand that our gift does not qualify as a tax-deductible donation for individuals under IRS rules.

**Donor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check below** if we may contact you for further assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising Assistance      \_\_\_\_\_ Construction Assistance      \_\_\_\_\_ Other Assistance

***Thank you for helping make this community project a reality.***

**It was just a year ago** that the original idea to build a community fishing pier was first presented to the Board of Directors. Since that time, much work has been done to raise awareness, gather support and seek donations:

### **Accomplishments to Date**

- *Surveyed the community to determine level of interest*
- *Selected Tufton Lake as the site*
- *Confirmed suitability of site with the assistance of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries*
- *Worked through procedural issues to advance the project*
- *Researched and developed a reliable cost estimate and a plan for securing necessary funding*
- *Kept residents informed on the purpose, need and process for the project and, through inclusion in the process, encouraged community participation at all levels*

### **Questions and Answers**

**Q. *How much should we donate?***

A. Whatever amount you can comfortably afford will be appreciated. The April 2009 survey showed that nearly three out of four residents said the community fishing pier was an “excellent” or “good” idea, and 60% would support it financially. Responses to the survey indicated that intended level of giving varied from under \$25 to more than \$100. To date, the amount of donations received also has varied widely.

**Q. *Are there any fish in Tufton Lake?***

A. Absolutely! Biologists from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Commission confirmed through a population study that there is an overabundance of largemouth bass and large bluegills in Tufton Lake.

**Q. *If there are so many fish in these waters, why can't I catch them?***

A. In the summer the fish seek cooler waters in a deep channel that runs through the center of the lake. They cannot be reached by casting from the shore. The pier is sized, designed and sited to reach these excellent, fishable waters.

**Q. *Who will build the pier?***

A. LMOA is responsible for building the pier with volunteer labor working under experienced supervision.

**Q. *What will the pier cost?***

A. The estimated cost of materials is \$25,000.

**Q. *What will the pier cost LMOA?***

A. Very little. This is a voluntarily funded project. LMOA will be responsible for the cost of ongoing maintenance.

**Q. *What will the pier look like?***

A. The pier will be a T-shaped design, 10 feet wide, and extending 90 feet into the lake. It will reach into prime fishing waters. The cross piece of the “T” will be approximately 50 feet long. The design allows ample space for wheelchairs and fishing from both sides of the pier. There will be seating areas built in. Guard rails will encompass the pier, with some rails lowered to make it easier for children and seated anglers to cast. The accompanying photo is of a similar design, which was used at a park in Apex, NC.



**For more information**, email Bo's Pier group at [bopiergroup@gmail.com](mailto:bopiergroup@gmail.com) or go to the dedicated website at <http://sites.google.com/site/lmoafishingpier/>.