



# PPL donation to help purchase weather radios

PPL donated \$8,250 to the Wayne Pike Chapter of the American Red Cross to help purchase weather radios for people living along the Lackawaxen River.

"The Lake Wallenpaupack Public Advisory Committee identified a need to improve emergency notifications to people who live along the Lackawaxen River, and we are pleased to support that initiative," said Paul Canevari, PPL's regional community relations director.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radios broadcast official National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Wayne Pike Chapter of the American Red Cross will purchase 150 NOAA radios, which will be distributed by local municipalities to people who live

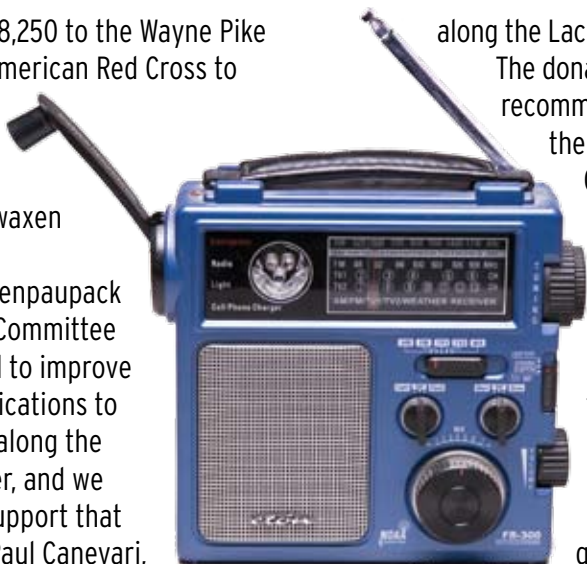
along the Lackawaxen.

The donation was recommended by

the Emergency Communications Subcommittee of the public advisory committee, which brings together elected officials, community associations, government representatives and

local business leaders to address issues that affect the quality of life of residents in the lake region.

The public advisory committee continues to review various issues that affect shoreline management and the future environmental and economic viability of Lake Wallenpaupack. These issues include flood mitigation, shoreline permits and emergency communication.



## Help keep the shoreline clean

You can help maintain Lake Wallenpaupack's natural beauty by taking these actions to keep the shoreline clean:

- Compost leaves rather than raking them into the lake. Leaves make nutrient-rich mulch for gardens. Lake policy prohibits raking leaves into the lake or burning leaves below the high-water mark of the lake, which is 1,187 feet above sea level.
- Keep fire pits or circles above the normal high-water mark of the lake.
- Do not burn any material except in fire pits or grills.
- Remove all nonpermissible items, previously permitted items that are no longer used and all debris that washes in from the lake.

## We have a new phone number

The Lake Wallenpaupack office now has a toll free number: 1-877-PPL-LAKE (1-877-775-5253).



# Remember to store your dock



Front-lot owners are reminded that docks should be removed by Dec. 1. You can store your docks on PPL property above 1,195 feet if you do not need to remove trees, plants and other foliage.

For permission to store your dock below that elevation, owners of residential docks should contact AnnaLisa Black at 1-877-775-5253 or [ablack@pplweb.com](mailto:ablack@pplweb.com); owners of commercial and community access docks should contact Frank Gillette at 1-877-775-5253 or [fmgillette@pplweb.com](mailto:fmgillette@pplweb.com).

The lake policy states that you should move your dock and other floating structures to an elevation of at least 1195 feet above sea level by Dec. 1 or prior to the formation of ice on the lake. Docks should not be placed back in the lake before April 1 of each year or until all ice has melted from the lake.



POCONO MOUNTAINS

## PPL donates land for lake region visitors center

In an effort to enhance tourism and recreation in the lake region, PPL recently reached an agreement with Palmyra Township to donate 10 acres at Lake Wallenpaupack.

The land will be used by the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau to build a center for visitors to the lake region. The facility will also be the new home of the Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce.

"The agreement to donate the land helps us make reality a vision that we have been working on for a number of years," said Robert Uguccione, executive director of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. "With a year-round facility, we'll be able to share with more visitors all the beauty and recreational opportunities the region has to offer."

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the land donation as part of the 2005 licensing agreement for the PPL Lake Wallenpaupack hydroelectric facility.

In keeping with the license from the FERC, PPL manages lake levels to meet all of the interests the lake serves, including seasonal power demands, drought relief, flood control, recreation and tourism.

## Understanding nonstandard permits

Nonstandard Shoreline Use Permits are required for any work that is to be done below the normal high-water mark of the lake and for any work that involves earth disturbance on PPL property. The permits are required for work on residential, community access and commercial property.

### Examples of work requiring a nonstandard permit include:

- Maintenance or reconstruction of existing structures such as ramps or steps located below the normal high-water mark of the lake.
- Large stone removal below the normal high-water mark of the lake in order to enhance walking access to a dock.
- Placement of a gravel path below the high-water mark of the lake to provide walking access to a dock.
- The placement of steps below the high-water mark of the lake.
- Lake bed maintenance dredging to maintain adequate water depths at permitted docks.
- Installation of a nonstandard path or road inland of the normal high-water mark of the lake.
- Shoreline stabilization and protection structures including shoreline bank stabilization and drainage improvements above or below the high-water mark of the lake.

For more information or to obtain a nonstandard permit application, please contact the PPL Lake Wallenpaupack office at 1-877-775-5253 or [lakewallenpaupack@pplweb.com](mailto:lakewallenpaupack@pplweb.com).



## Shoreline work order inspections eliminated

### Routine inspections of PPL property continue

PPL will no longer perform inspections requested through a Shoreline Work Order Request. However, the Lake Office staff will continue inspections of PPL property between the lake and front-lot owners' properties to ensure compliance with PPL's policy.

Periodic inspections will be performed on an ongoing basis throughout the year and there may be times when the Lake Office will be closed while inspections are in progress. Front-lot owners are encouraged to call the office before visiting since the Lake Office staff is available only by appointment.

Front-lot owners who plan to transfer Standard Shoreline Use permits to a new owner should refer to their copy of PPL's current policy and their current permits for more information.

For a copy of PPL's current policy, please contact AnnaLisa Black at 1-877-775-5253 or send a request to [lakewallenpaupack@pplweb.com](mailto:lakewallenpaupack@pplweb.com).

## Notify us of ownership, address changes

When you sell a front-lot property or transfer ownership, please notify the PPL Lake Office to ensure permit compliance. The previous owner will remain liable for all fees, costs and obligations under the permit until the permit is transferred to the new owner.

Although you may have had your electricity service transferred by PPL Electric Utilities, notification of the changes must be made separately to the Lake Superintendent.

Also, please let us know if your address or phone number changes. In addition, community access groups and associations with license agreements should notify us if their officers change.

Written notices of ownership and address/phone number changes can be sent to AnnaLisa Black, PPL Lake Office, 126 PPL Drive, P.O. Box 122, Hawley, PA 18428. Officer changes should be sent to the attention of Frank Gillette, Scranton Service Center, 600 Larch St., Scranton, PA 18509-2899.

## Educational program a hoot

Darryl Speicher of the Pocono Avian Research Center will discuss the nocturnal hunters known as owls from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Lake Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center.

Learn all about "Project OwlNet" and how you can get involved in collecting data about migrating Northern saw-whet owls, the smallest owl in the eastern United States.



The program will start indoors with a presentation on owl biology, behavior and much more. It will then move outdoors so you can try your hand at calling. Please dress for the weather.

Registration is required. To register, contact PPL at 570-251-6196 or [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com).

## Majority of permits approved

The majority of permit applications and license agreements for front-lot owners have been approved. As of Oct. 15, 1,071 residential front-lot owners have been issued Standard Shoreline Use Permits.

Residential front-lot owners who have not acquired permits should contact AnnaLisa Black at 1-877-775-5253 or [ablack@pplweb.com](mailto:ablack@pplweb.com).

In addition, 80 percent of license agreements for commercial and community access front-lot owners have been completed.

Community access or commercial entities that have not obtained a license agreement should submit an application immediately by contacting Frank Gillette at 570-348-1525 or [fmgillette@pplweb.com](mailto:fmgillette@pplweb.com).



## **Permits required for vegetation removal**

Please remember that PPL requires that you obtain a permit before removing any vegetation on PPL property.

PPL will seek compensation from anyone who removes vegetation without a permit or damages trees or vegetation on PPL property, to cover the following costs:

- The commercial and resource value of the trees removed, pruned or topped as determined by an independent consulting forester.
- The replacement costs (costs for nursery-quality stock and planting) as determined by an independent consulting forester.
- Costs of the independent consulting forester.
- Costs associated with the maintenance of replacement plantings.
- Other legal fees and court costs.

In addition, PPL may prohibit a front-lot owner who is in violation of Public Lake Use and Shoreline Use Permitting Policy from receiving any permits for an extended period of time.

Collected fees are placed in a separate fund and may be used to replant PPL property where unauthorized vegetation removal has occurred. Additional uses include restoration to areas where vegetation was removed due to storm damage or where vegetation restoration is desirable.

To obtain a vegetation removal permit, please submit a written request to the Lake Office.