

# LAKWOOD/JAMESTOWN REACH WATER AGREEMENT

The Village of Lakewood and the Jamestown City Council have approved a 30-year inter-municipal water agreement that will also impact the towns of Busti and North Harmony.

The agreement will allow the Jamestown BPU to assume all operations and maintenance of Lakewood's water system while also assuming the village's contracts with the towns of Busti and North Harmony.

"In many circles," Jamestown Mayor Sam Teresi said, "It has long been fashionable to call for inter-municipal cooperation and regional approaches to local government. Once again, the government partners in the greater Jamestown area are at the forefront of delivering on what others aspire to do. This agreement clearly demonstrates that regional efforts can be restructured in a win-win manner to the benefit of residents in each community."

The BPU directors first voted to tentatively approve the agreement resolution and then forwarded the proposal to Jamestown's City Council for review and approval. Jamestown City Council approved the agreement as did the Lakewood trustees. It was then forwarded on to the towns of Busti and North Harmony for their approval.

Lakewood Mayor Anthony Caprino stated, "I am pleased that the Village was able to reach an agreement with the BPU and I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work."

Caprino went on to say, "Lakewood residents will continue to receive excellent service from the Jamestown BPU."

Lakewood is currently a bulk water customer of the BPU (the utility supplies only the water and Lakewood is responsible for its distribution) at a charge of 110% of the Jamestown water rate.

BPU General Manager Wally Haase indicated, "Lakewood village residents will realize a rate reduction of 12% with the new contract. In addition, the agreement will allow Lakewood to reduce its work staff by two employees who will join the BPU Water Division saving the Village an additional \$78,000 annually."

Lakewood has existing water contracts with the Town of Busti and the Town of North Harmony, which will be assumed by the BPU under this agreement. William Reynolds, Supervisor of the Town of North Harmony stated, "Having been part of 'Metro Six' and seeing the spirit of regionalism fostered and nurtured for a number of initiatives, this exercise of inter-municipal cooperation through joint agreements is another example of what can be done to benefit the area." He went on to say, "This agreement is a win-win for all the parties involved, including taxpayers and customers. The agreement shows that a small rural town like North Harmony and a behemoth city like Jamestown and others can work together for mutual benefit." Reynolds continued, "The folks in North Harmony who are on the system, will see water rate savings and those who are not should have hope that future agreements like this will come to fruition and they too may soon be on a municipal water system."

Dale Robbins, Busti Town Supervisor said, "The Jamestown area continues to grow closer with the consolidation of the Lakewood and Jamestown water systems. The agreement recognizes the reality of a single water system by placing it under a single management. The immediate cost savings as well as the long term benefits of a single entity will serve as an example of what can be done in other areas. Ultimately, our entire community—the greater Jamestown area—benefits when our residents are delivered the highest quality services at the lowest possible cost."

City, Town and Village Officials congratulated those who were instrumental in bringing the agreement to fruition including: the BPU Strategic Planning Committee comprised of Mayor Teresi, BPU Board President John Zabrodsky, BPU Board member and Jamestown City Council President Dr. Lillian V. Ney; Walter Haase, BPU General Manager; William Wright, BPU counsel; and Randall Peterson, BPU Water Resources Manager.

The BPU will officially take over service on July 1, 2004.

# WARNER DAM AND CHAUTAUQUA LAKE



May 2004 was the wettest May Jamestown has seen since 1930. More than 8.92 inches of precipitation was recorded during the month according to BPU Water Resource Manager Randy Peterson.

The Chautauqua Lake level rose to 1309.69 on May 24. Many homes along the lake have had significant damage to docks, boats, waterfronts and basements and the lake is awash with debris. The highest reading in recent years was in 1977, when the lake rose to 1311.1 feet above sea level

The Warner Dam, originally built in 1918-1919, was replaced in 1979. It is located behind Evans Skateland on the Chadakoin River which drops over 50 feet in elevation as it winds its way through Jamestown. The BPU operates the Dam in accordance with the Chautauqua Lake management plan, an agreement between the New York State Department

of Environmental Conservation and Chautauqua County. The plan helps assure adequately high lake levels during the summer boating season, sufficient draw-down during winter months to lessen the effect of Spring flooding, and sufficient flow down the Chadakoin River to maintain acceptable water quality along the outlet and through Jamestown and Falconer.

The dam has three gates which are designed to allow a maximum of 6,000 cubic feet of water per second to flow down the river, which is the outlet of the lake. Each of the gates is capable by itself of carrying the full channel capacity for the river. The width of the river channel is fairly narrow. Once the first gate is open, the flow is at its maximum. But water does not flow down the river that quickly due to constrictions in the river.

The flow of water in the river channel is controlled strictly by the obstructions along the riverbed. Restrictions begin at the Boatlanding and work their way down the Chadakoin. There is a point upstream from the dam where the shale bottom of the Chadakoin is actually 2 feet higher than the top of the dam. The maximum flow down the Chadakoin River and through the dam is absolutely dictated by the water level of the lake. The higher the lake level, the more water will flow down the river. When the lake is low, the flow is significantly reduced.

The Chautauqua Lake watershed contains 180.5 square miles or 115,520 acres. The surface area of the lake itself is 20.6 square miles or 13,181 acres. It is estimated that one inch of rain will cause the lake to rise one foot. Even if the BPU is in control of the dam, the BPU is NOT in control of the lake level. The Warner Dam has the ability to influence the level of Chautauqua Lake, but not control it.

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Join us at our Red Cross Blood Drive  
 June 24 - 10 am to 3 pm  
 BPU offices - 92 Steele Street  
 Lunch courtesy of FARM FRESH FOODS

# SPRING CLEANUP IN JAMESTOWN



Jamestown's spring or fall cleanup SHOULD NOT look like this. Wood and metal should be recycled; wood goes to the Fluvanna Avenue Yard Waste Site and metal goes to the South Work St. Transfer Station. Pickup of mattresses, couches, chairs, and large appliances must be arranged for and paid for ahead of time by calling the Garbage Hotline at 661-1651. The remainder of the items should be placed in plastic bags and neatly stacked on the terrace the evening before your scheduled garbage pickup. Please dispose of small amounts of EXTRA trash each week with your normal garbage rather than saving it all for spring/fall cleanup.

## 2003 Spring Cleanup

**Week 1-** 466.81 Tons  
**Week 2-** 313.78 Tons  
**Total-** 780.59 Tons

## 2004 Spring Cleanup

**Week 1-** 458.02 Tons  
**Week 2-** 395.89 Tons  
**Total-** 853.91 Tons

**2001-** 765.40 Tons  
**2002-** 727.28 Tons  
**2003-** 780.59 Tons  
**2004-** 853.91 Tons



### CARL P. PILLITTERI APPOINTED TO BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Carl P. Pillitteri was appointed to the Board of Public Utilities on April 29, 2004 to fulfill a term which expires on December 31, 2007.

Pillitteri has over 16 years of combined management experience in sales, production, operations, quality control, environmental compliance, and safety and team development. He was recently named to the position of Director of Lean Manufacturing at Artone Manufacturing Company.

A Jamestown native, Pillitteri graduated from Jamestown High School in 1983 and earned an A.A.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from SUNY Alfred State College of Technology in Alfred, NY and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical/Mechanical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester, NY. He is a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME).

Mr. Pillitteri enjoys adult hockey and is an avid golfer and has played in the Italian American Golf Tournament several times. Pillitteri and his wife Polly, Program Sales Coordinator for SYSCO Food Services of Jamestown, are the parents of a daughter, Sarah.

Pillitteri stated, "I am honored to be named to the Board of Public Utilities by Mayor Teresi and look forward to assisting the utility in whatever I can with my manufacturing and engineering background."

He went on to say, "In just the span of several weeks, I have been immersed in learning about the operations of the utility and am impressed as to the depth and complexity of the organization. I look forward to helping in whatever way I can to develop policies that will affect the future operation of the BPU."

### 2004 "STAY COOL" PROGRAM

There will be no bounty offered this year for the "STAY COOL" Program developed several years ago by the New York Power Authority (NYPA), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA).

The three organizations continue to remind all utility customers that ENERGY STAR appliances save money and energy while adding value to your home. For example, ENERGY STAR room air conditioners:

**SAVE MONEY.** Replacing a 15-year-old room air conditioner with a new ENERGY STAR model could save you up to \$56 a year on your electric bill.

**SAVE ENERGY.** ENERGY STAR room air conditioners use 10% less energy than conventional models.

**SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT.** ENERGY STAR appliances are good for the environment because they use less energy, which cuts down on emissions generated by power plants.

Next time you're in the market for a new appliance—an air conditioner, clothes washer or dishwasher—by ENERGY STAR. For more information log on to [www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org).



### NO PLACE OUTSIDE IS SAFE WHEN THUNDERSTORMS ARE IN THE AREA

- ? **Plan your outdoor activities to avoid thunderstorms. Listen to the weather channels for latest forecast before heading out.**
- ? **30/30 Rule—if the time between lightning and thunder is 30 seconds or less go to a safe shelter. Stay there until 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.**
- ? **A safe shelter during lightning is inside a fully enclosed, substantial building or a vehicle with a solid metal roof.**
- ? **Indoors—stay away from anything connected to power, telephone, and cable lines. Remote controls and cordless phones are okay. Stay away from water or plumbing.**
- ? **Outdoors—Stay away from high places, open areas (including golf courses and other sports fields) and tall isolated objects. Avoid open structures such as picnic shelters. Make sure you leave enough time to get to safe shelter.**

VISIT THIS SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov)

### TIPS FOR CUSTOMER SAFETY

- 1. Utility employees rarely need to enter a customer's home. When they do, they should first call to arrange an appointment.**
- 2. Customers should always ask to see an ID badge of a utility employee who comes to their home. BPU employees wear uniforms with our logo.**
- 3. Customers should call the utility to verify the identity of a stranger before allowing that person to enter their home. The BPU Customer Service phone number is 661-1660.**