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Cardboard Boat Regatta Canceled; Dam Repairs Continue

Due to ongoing repair work on the dam at Lake Accotink Park, the Fairfax County Park Authority's popular Cardboard Boat Regatta will be missing from Springfield Days 2010. The Park Authority has determined that there is no safe way to conduct the Cardboard Boat Regatta this year since the lake is too shallow for patrol boats to navigate. Many other Springfield Days activities will continue however, including the inaugural running of the Springfield 15K/5K race which will wind through Lake Accotink Park the morning of Sunday, June 6. More information on Springfield Days is available online at <http://www.springfielddays.com/>.

The depth of Lake Accotink has been significantly reduced to facilitate state-mandated repairs to the dam, leaving insufficient water to proceed with recreational boating. In order to comply with state regulations, the 2004 Park Bond included capital funding to construct dam repairs and related improvements at Lake Accotink. The repair work includes:

- structural repair of the concrete dam and stilling basin
- replacement of the wood flashboard system
- installation of three seepage monitoring wells on the earth embankment
- installation of a seepage control drain along the toe of the dam embankment

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) is managing the project. Coastal Gunite Construction Company of Cambridge, MD was awarded a contract in June 2009 in the amount of \$497,705. Work on the dam began on September 14, 2009, but significant amounts of rain and snow has prevented the project from proceeding on schedule.

In order to draw down the lake water level and allow the work to continue, DPWES is contracting with Environmental Quality Resources LLC (EQR) to remove silt and debris in and around the dam outlet structure. Once EQR has completed their work to lower the water level and Coastal Gunite resumes the dam repair work, the pedestrian trail parallel to the dam will be closed until the work is complete. The dam project is anticipated to be completed by the end of June 2010.

For more information regarding the project please contact Branch Manager, Project Management John Lehman at 703-324-8738. For more information regarding the status of park activities please contact Park Supervisor Julie Tahan at 703-569-0285 or via e-mail at julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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