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I am writing this letter to all residents of Yesterday's South Subdivision to simply inform everyone of where we currently stand with regard to the "community" lake and this last ditch effort to prevent the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality from draining it.

I am sure most residents, especially our newest residents, are not aware of how we ended up in this unfortunate situation or the effort I and others have made to try and save our lake hoping one day we would come together and take the steps necessary to have a well managed asset to our community.

Since Yesterday's South inception, it has been a very rocky road. From the developer going bankrupt, to the lake/levee and open spaces defaulting to the State of Mississippi for non-payment of taxes by the developer, to the levee being classified as an unpermitted High Hazard Dam by the State (thanks Tate County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission) to the many failed attempts to form an HOA or some sort of community organization.

I have put all the details for you to review online. Please visit www.friendofthelake.com to view the timeline of events.

Over the last 10 years I have personally expended over \$16,000 doing everything in my power, on behalf of the entire community, to meet all of the maintenance, regulatory and onerous documentation/inspection requirements as mandated by the State to prevent them from draining the lake (even though I only own 4/5ths of the backside of the levee.) All the while, folks have been free to use the lake without contributing financially to have the privilege to do so.

The lake itself is owned by another group of residents – Yesterday's South Lake Corp. (owns the lake, front & top of levee and West side open space). To date, other than occasionally cutting the West side open space, the majority have not contributed to the effort at all.

This is a community of 49 houses. A community that would benefit from a shared vested interest in their neighborhood. Imagine if we had an improved open space to enjoy the lake with picnic tables and playground equipment for the kids, a well maintained entrance, and the power of our numbers to petition the county to demand decent roads, but sadly, that has not yet happened.

So we are at a crossroads. Either folks step up and become involved for the good of their community or the lake is going to be drained. If the value of the lake is not appreciated, especially by those who have houses on it, then there is nothing else that can be done. However, if there are residents that want to become involved and help spearhead a renewed effort, I am here to assist in any way I can.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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