

AMBERATIONS

Summer 2006

Thanks TFGCPAs!



ing brush, creating gardens, and even gathering trash. The volume of work accomplished was incredible. Thanks to their efforts we will be able to invite the public to tour our grounds during our first annual bike-a-thon and family fun day on Sunday June 25th (more on this inside). We can't emphasize enough what a huge impact this caring group of volunteers had on making our dream a reality. Thank you TFGCPAs!

WOW!!! On June 12th over 50 volunteers from TFGCPAs descended on our grounds for a day of giving. The firm has an annual tradition of sending all of its employees out for a day of community service once a year. Amberations is fortunate to have been chosen as the recipient of their services this year. Seven crews from the firm worked very hard on building wheelchair paths, transplanting trees, clear-

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CONTACT US... We are here for you. We are not exclusive. While our target group is the mentally and physically challenged we realize the importance of maintaining mental health and the benefits of interacting in a natural environment for everyone. Call to arrange a private tour or to see how we might work with your group.

PRINTING... A great big thank you to **RAS/rway** for providing printing services.

WANT TO HELP?... Our needs are too many to list. If you have a desire to be part of Amberations contact us and we'll see how we might work together.



BARN SITE ...As we began refurbishing our barn in the spring we discovered that the foundation was severely deteriorated and that major support beams needed replacement. Those structural repairs are almost completed, mostly thanks to **John Wiley and his supportive friends and family.** The siding repairs have had to wait but are soon to begin. **The Brittenhams** have added a chicken house to the barn and we have five beautiful chicks of assorted colors that were hatched from eggs in **Anne Brittenham's** classroom. They are enjoying their new home. The wooden deck which we anticipated building will

be a stamped concrete deck thanks to the efforts of **Steve Hewitt and Vista Builders.** This project had to be postponed while we did some excavation work but should be completed very soon. Our pond will be put off a little longer and may be developed as a marsh to nurture native wildlife. Our bridge has been stabilized with railroad ties and seems to be significantly stronger than the storms that caused its predecessors demise. We are hoping to be ready for an animal or two to move in before the summer is over. Our first choice is an alpaca if anyone knows of one in need of a home.



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Updates

BIRD SANCTUARY...Approximately 11 acres of our site has been accepted by the **Natural Resource Conservation Service** for management through their Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. We will be following a pre-determined schedule of mowing that will provide unique habitat situations for various species of wildlife including native songbirds. There will be a path adjacent to this area for visitors to enjoy.

INSURANCE...Yes, we finally have it. Unfortunately it ended up costing almost \$1000.00 more annually than we were originally quoted. Due to this financial setback we do not have portable toilets at our site yet. As we are hosting our first bike-a-thon from the adjacent Community Center we will have facilities available on the 25th. We are hoping that after this event we will be able to rent a wheelchair accessible portable toilet for our site.

LAWYERS...While many of them get a bad rap, we found a really good one. **John Yuh** has helped us out immeasurably in the past few months. He was able to resolve in a few weeks issues that previous lawyers were unsuccessful at over the course of years. Always friendly, professional, and helpful ...we can't say enough good things. Thank you for all your help John!

ROCKS & STONE...A few local trucking companies have really helped us out by donating stone deliveries. We would like to give a huge thanks to **Dave Smith, Vanslyke Trucking, and James V. Spano Inc.** You guys are the best.

GARDENS...We have a wonderful patch of oregano in our herb garden and invite you to add your favorite herbs. Many local businesses donated plants for TFGCPAs to plant in our new perennial garden and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them, they are: **Anna's Rose Hill, Crazy Daisies, Delaney Farms, Silver Spring Farm Market, Hillside Gardens, Marcellus Nursery, and D&R Convenience.** Thank you so much for your generous donations!!! Thank you also to **Jean Lofink** who did the running, delivery and securing of donations.

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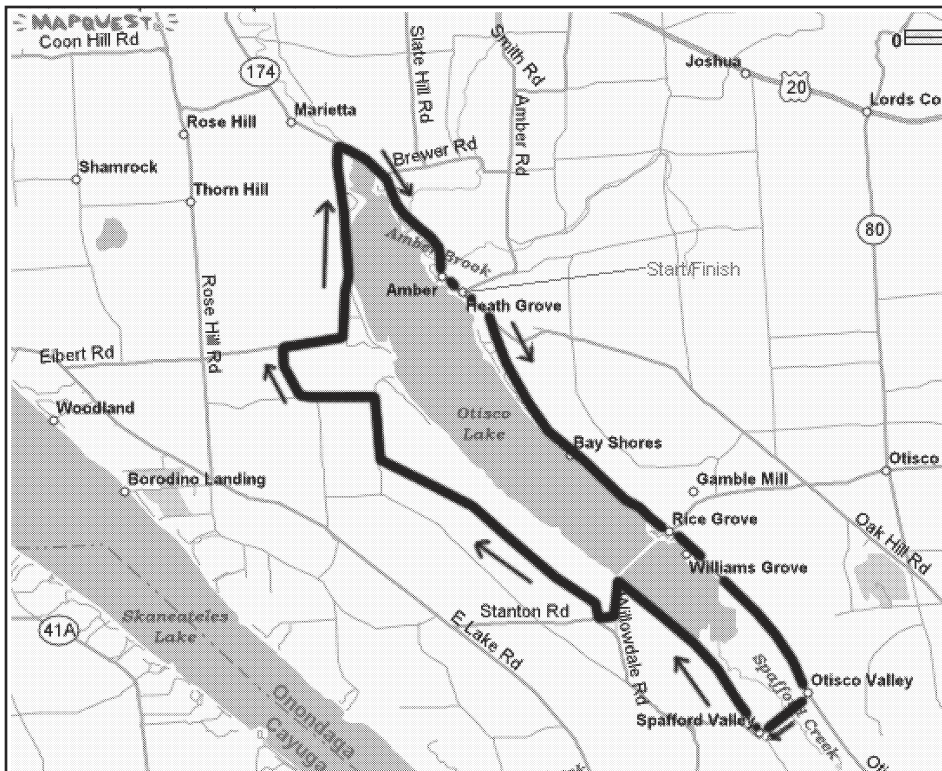
Let us know other ways you could help. Your suggestions are an important part of the success of Amberations.

Bike Race and Family Fun Ride

Amberations first annual bike-a-thon will be held Sunday June 25th, 2006. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Otisco Lake Community Center at 2223 Amber Road in Marietta. Registration is \$20.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for families. Prizes will be awarded for a variety of accomplishments including 1st place, most average, last place, most colorfully attired, etc.

The course is 17 miles of scenic roadway surrounding Otisco Lake. There is one "killer hill" measuring 5 tenths of a mile but the majority of the route is level or gentle hills. There are many beautiful roadways nearby for those wishing to enjoy a leisurely ride of shorter duration. For anyone just wanting to enjoy the center while waiting for your biking enthusiast there is a playground, basketball court, volleyball court, picnic tables, and a shade pavilion. We will have refreshments available or you are welcome to bring your own.

All proceeds from this event will go to Amberations, Inc. We have worked hard in order to have our grounds open in time for this event. Though we are bit rough around the edges at this point, we hope you will come see what we have accomplished and what we are all about. It should be a fun time for a worthy cause.



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(North) onto Willowdale Rd (4.6 mi)

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(East) onto SR-174 (2.5 mi)

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