

# SOUNDING THE WATER

## *Technology may save lives*

Nothing ventured, nothing gained is an oft-repeated saying. For community activist Holly Hughes, a White River Township trustee, nothing ventured translated to perhaps another child will be lost at sea.

Enter electronics expert Tim Korthase. He was challenged by Hughes to help overcome an obstacle that has plagued White River Township since life rings were placed at the White Lake Channel.

Korthase knows that technology is available that can instantly transmit an image whenever a life ring is taken. But currently, costs for that type of safe keeping are prohibitive. For now, he is confident that a little different electronic tether may just do the trick. It will

alert local officials that rings are taken, without having staff visit the wall each day to take a look.

We give credit to both Hughes and Korthase, Top Rail Electric/Power Link Plus, White River Township's Board of Trustees and the White Lake Community Fund for working to coordinate this first system, at no small cost to Hughes, Korthase and the company.

They even had to arrange for a street address for Medbery Park.

This is a pilot project that may grow to include Fruitland Township if successful, and could become a model for other harbor towns with similar challenges.

We hope this type of venture helps to protect against human loss.