



**Committed to a Clean and Full Lake Lanier**

# Lanier Outlook

Newsletter for the Lake Lanier Association  
January 2014

## Important Dates to Remember

**March 7-9, 2014**  
**Gwinnett Boat Show at The Gwinnett Center**

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**  
4:00PM-6:00PM  
Annual Meeting at The Carriage House Pavilion at Lake Lanier Islands

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**  
**Shore Sweep**

**Monday, October 20, 2014**  
**Golf Tournament at Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier Islands**

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## Message from the Board



## 2014 continued Progress & Programs

Happy New Year! The LLA is very excited about the initiatives we started in 2013, such as the Solar Lighting project and the Property Owner Pledge agreement, and we are looking forward to expanding those projects along with the continued programs of Adopt-A-Lake, Shore Sweep, as well as the many other special projects we are involved in on behalf of our membership. This

newsletter outlines our progress on several of our initiatives. We value feedback from our membership about our programs and services and we encourage our membership to send us feedback on how we are doing via email at [lakeinfo@lakelanier.org](mailto:lakeinfo@lakelanier.org). We hope you all have a prosperous and happy 2014 and we hope to see many of you at an upcoming event!

## Good Times in the ATL!

The 2014 Atlanta Boat Show was a very successful event! Thanks to all the members that stopped by the LLA booth to introduce and talk with the volunteers working the booth. Also, tremendous thanks to the dedicated group of volunteers that braved downtown traffic to staff the booth and talk to the hundreds of people that stopped by during the show. Over 100 property owner pledge agreement signs were distributed at the show, so look for your friends and neighbors to have their signs in front of their house or mailbox showing that they are participating in keeping Lake Lanier's water quality at a premium level!



Joanna Cloud gets ready for another busy day at the 2014 Atlanta Boat Show!

## Boating Safety Stickers

The Association recently started distributing, free of charge, adhesive decals with some Lake Lanier specific boating "rules of the road".

The stickers have been very well received by the public and we have received multiple requests from people wanting more stickers for themselves and their neighbors. You are welcome to pick one up at the LLA office. There is a mail bin outside the office door containing stickers if you would like to stop by and pick one up. We also have stickers at several of the retail stores and marinas around the lake.

## November/December 2013 Lake Lanier Index

The Lake temperature was two degrees warmer than 2012 in November and 4 degrees warmer in December. Our average Secchi readings were 7.3 feet in November and 7.1 in December. The lowest readings were at the Shallow Water Marker in the Upper Chattahoochee or 3.3 feet and the best in the deep areas of the South Lake of 11.9 feet. Our chlorophyll a readings ranged from 20 micrograms/liter (PPB) to 4 micrograms/liter in Section A, Section B 3 micrograms/liter to 8 and 3 micrograms/liter to 5.5 in Section C. Our Lake Lanier Index will be 5 considering the chlorophyll a and Secchi readings. Our Index has been updated using a newer method for chlorophyll a testing. The new method is more sensitive, thus higher readings. We started testing in 2000 and AM-PRO labs purchased equipment for the analysis of our samples using the best method available. In fourteen years there have been improvements in chlorophyll a testing and the cost of equipment is expensive. We are very fortunate in that Gwinnett County Water Labs has offered to do our testing using the new method, the same one used by Georgia's EPD and the water lab at UGA.

Adopt-A-Lake divides Lake Lanier into three sections "A" north of Brown's Bridge, "B" the center region south of the Bridge to a line from Six Mile Creek east to Aqualand Marina, and "C" south of this line to Buford Dam. We have 30 stations that volunteers test the first weekend every month. Secchi readings are taken by lowering a weighted disk into the water and measuring the distance it can be seen thus giving a gauge of clarity. Chlorophyll a is used to determine nutrients in the Lake.

The Lake Lanier Index is only a measure of nutrients and clarity and not of water safety.

Thanks to our wonderful Adopt-A-Lake volunteers, Gwinnett Water Lab for our chlorophyll a analysis, and the support of all Lake Lanier Association members. We are forever indebted to AMPRO Labs for testing our samples for over fourteen years and being professional and delightful to work with.

Smooth Sailing, Bev Nicholls

## January Solar Light Committee Update

The Light Committee hopes everyone had a good holiday. We look forward to continuing our project installing solar lights on our lake. As was reported in the last issue, Forsyth County has again donated to the Lake Lanier Associations programs to provide a safe lake. Hall County has not yet participated in our light program but it is hoped that they will soon as many hazards exist within their portion of the lake. We hope that the other counties will also follow Forsyth County's lead and help our lake safety programs progress.

The Light Committee is currently looking for volunteers to help with our lighting program. We need assistance with securing donations, inspection of installed lights, and setting up the lights for installation. We are currently receiving support from the Coast Guard

Auxiliary Flotilla 29 and the Lanier Striper and Crappy fishing clubs.

The committee will soon (as weather warms) order our first 20 solar lights to be installed this year. We hope to have them installed by late April and then place an additional 20 lights each month as weather permits.

The recent Atlanta Boat Show presented a great opportunity to demonstrate our solar light and to explain our program. There was considerable interest shown in the Lake Lanier Association booth and we hope there will be positive follow-up to our presentations. Comments are always welcome concerning our solar light program. We look forward to a very productive year.

The Solar Light Committee

## Flat Creek Update



### WORK IN PROGRESS

We have not won the battle at Flat Creek but we are making progress. In 2013, there was a concerted effort to start cleaning up the Flat Creek and Atlanta Highway areas. Those efforts included several clean up events, renewed efforts through code enforcement by the county Marshal's office and a push from the county and city governments to jump start a revitalization program

in that area. There are also plans in the works to continue improvements efforts in 2014 and in the years to come, so stay tuned for more.

We would like to thank all the groups and volunteers that helped clean up over 22,000 lbs of trash along Flat Creek and Atlanta Highway this year in Gainesville. Specifically, would like to thank Brian Wiley at Gainesville Water Department, Robert Eidson and Bonny Putney with the Lake Lanier Association, Kelly Norman and Scott Broome with Keep Hall Beautiful, Commissioner Jeff Stowe District 4, Warden Walt Davis Hall County Correctional Institution, Capt. Andre Niles County Marshal's office, Dan Owen City of Gainesville Solid Waste Department, and the over 100 student and citizen volunteers. We apologize if we missed anyone!

## Solar Light Sponsors



The Lake Lanier Association would like to express our appreciation to the following families that donated funds for three new solar lights in loving memory of Gayle Glenn.

**Gordon and Kathy DiZinno**  
**Jackie Joseph**  
**Michael and Michelle MacPherson**  
**Lynne Mullen**  
**Denny and Beverly Nicholls**

Solar Light sponsorship costs \$250. To sponsor a light, contact the Lake Lanier Association at lakeinfo@lakelanier.org, by phone at (770) 503-7757, or see the sponsorship form on our website under the Safe Lake tab.



**Please encourage your friends and neighbors to become members of the LLA!  
There is strength in numbers and for a mere \$50 per year,  
we can, together, accomplish so much!**



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**PERSONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Family, \$50-\$199 <input type="checkbox"/> Captain's Club, \$200-\$499 <input type="checkbox"/> Admiral's Club, \$500-\$999 <input type="checkbox"/> President's Club, \$1000 and up	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All members will receive window clings by mail, suitable for placing on a car or boat windshield, designating their annual membership level.</b></p>
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**BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Business Member, \$250	Name listing on LLA website
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Sponsor, \$500	Name listing plus logo on LLA website
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**YOU MAY ALSO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY PAYPAL VIA OUR WEB SITE, [WWW.LAKELANIER.ORG](http://WWW.LAKELANIER.ORG). IF YOU HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT, YOU MAY SET UP YOUR PAYPAL ACCOUNT TO AUTOMATICALLY ANNUALLY BILL.**

All dues and donations are tax-deductible under IRS 501(c)3 Not for Profit tax code, as permitted by law 01/14

## ACF STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

At the October Governing Board meeting a strong concern was expressed by the Metro Atlanta water manager interests that the data being generated by the modeling and watershed analysis efforts of the ACFS could potentially be used in litigation efforts. Specifically, the State of Florida had already sued the State of Georgia in the Supreme Court. In order to make sure that data paid for by all stakeholders was not used to the detriment of any stakeholder, a process was begun to develop policies and procedures to protect the data. This effort resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding that was presented to the Governors of Georgia, Florida and Alabama requesting a pledge on their parts to not use unreleased data in any litigation efforts. To this date, both Alabama and Florida governors have

said they would not sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Efforts are still underway with the State of Georgia.

In addition to the MOU, the organization's charter and operating procedures were modified and approved at the December Governing Board meeting at Lake Blackshear. The modifications provide for restrictions on distribution and review of data that is in the process of being developed and analyzed. Once the Governing Board approves the release of documents, then there will be no further restrictions on the data or the analysis associated with the data.

In hindsight, ACFS should have anticipated the miss-use of



*Working together to share a common resource.*

information being developed and put in place document distribution restrictions provisions earlier.

The modeling effort being conducted by the Georgia Water Resource Institute at Ga Tech is still underway with preliminary results expected this quarter related to optimized reservoir management provisions and a better understanding of the effects of fresh water flow on the Apalachicola Bay. These results will not be available for distribution under approved by the Governing Board.

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and safe Lake Lanier to enhance its  
economic value in Georgia.*

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## **LLA NEWS ALERT**

**Important Change to the ANNUAL MEETING of THE LLA MEMBERSHIP  
New format: New Venue: New Date: Lots of Information and fun for all.**

The LLA announces its ANNUAL MEETING Date for 2014 as: Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 4:00-6:00PM at The Carriage House Pavilion next to Sunset Cove at Lake Lanier Islands. We will have political candidates for their various offices present in the meet and greet format at the beginning of the meeting to allow you to personally meet and interact with them. There will not be a formal presentation by the candidates. Also presented at the meeting will be the review and highlights of 2013, as well as current and planned initiatives for 2014.

Feel free to “boat on over” and tie up at Sunset Cove. The Carriage House Pavilion is only a short walk away. Alternatively, you are welcome to arrive by car and park in the Grand Hall parking lot. Of course, the dress is boating casual. (No bathing suits or bare feet. Shirts are also required.) After the meeting, feel free to wander back to Sunset Cove for food and beverage if you like.

**We are looking forward to seeing you for an exciting meeting with a lot of  
new information in a boating casual atmosphere!**