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Lanier Outlook

Newsletter for the Lake Lanier Association
April 2012

Upcoming Dates to Remember

LLA Annual Golf Tournament

Legacy Lodge
Lake Lanier Islands
Monday, May 21, 2012

LLA Annual Member Meeting

Gainesville State College
Continuing Education Bldg
3820 Mundy Mill Road
Oakwood, GA
Thursday, May 24, 2012

LLA Promotional Event Lanier Partners Poker Run Captain's Party

Holiday Marina
Friday, July 20, 2012
5:00PM

Shore Sweep

Saturday, September 29, 2012

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Letter from the President

We are gearing up for another fun summer season on the lake. We hope all of our members will consider joining us for our annual fundraiser golf tournament scheduled for Monday, May 21st at Legacy on Lanier and our annual member meeting on Thursday, May 24th at Gainesville State College Oakwood Campus. The golf tournament is a great way to advance

our Clean Lake | Full Lake objectives while enjoying a fun day of golf. The annual meeting is a terrific way to stay informed about lake issues and to communicate with other members and local politicians about lake issues.

2012 Annual Member Meeting

The 2012 Annual Member Meeting will be held at Gainesville State College—Oakwood Campus. There will be several things of interest to our members going on at the meeting:

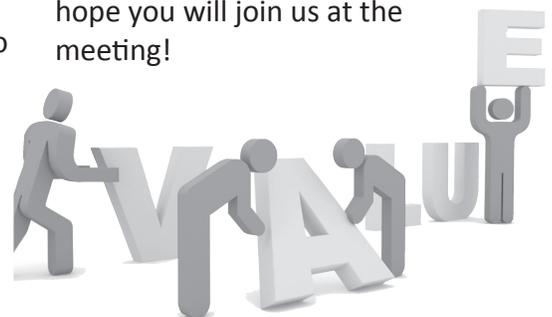
- From 5:00-6:00PM, there will be a Meet and Greet session with many of our local elected officials and candidates running for office. We have asked all the candidates to answer several questions regarding their stance on Lake Lanier related issues and we will include their responses in the handout materials at the meeting. We encourage all members to attend this session and use this opportunity to voice your concerns regarding lake issues to our elected officials.

- Concurrently at 5:00-6:00PM, there will be a business expo for members to speak to local lake related businesses. **ATTENTION LLA BUSINESS MEMBERS:** you are invited to participate in the business expo portion of the annual meeting at no extra charge. You may bring promotional materials or handout items to let LLA members

know about your business or services. There is no charge for this promotional opportunity, but it is limited to our business members, and reservations are required. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Please send an email to lakeinfo@lakelanier.org or call 770.503.7757 to reserve your space.

- From 6:00-8:00PM, we will hold our annual business meeting. Our speakers this year include Lt. Governor Casey Cagle as our keynote. Frank Norton of Norton Realty will also speak regarding economic conditions surrounding lake real estate.

Light hor d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. We hope you will join us at the meeting!





10th Annual Lake Lanier Association Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Monday, May 21st

Legacy on Lanier, Lake Lanier Islands

*Plan now for a fun day of golf
at the beautiful Legacy on Lanier Golf Course.
Enjoy stunning views of Lake Lanier and play a course
designed to appeal to golfers of all levels.*

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

10:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
10:30 A.M.	RANGE OPENS
11:30 A.M.	SHOT GUN START
4:30 P.M.	APPRECIATION RECEPTION AND AWARDS
AWARDS	LOW GROSS, LOW NET, RUNNER-UP NET, LADIES' NET

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

ENTRANCE FEE TO LAKE LANIER ISLAND
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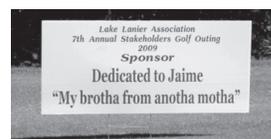
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MAIL TO: LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION
615F OAK STREET, SUITE 100
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Community News

The Lanier Crappie Anglers Club currently has 55 members. The monthly meetings are the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Hammond's Fish & Tackle Store (Hwy 369 & 306). Guest Speakers update our members on current conditions, updated tackle, current hot fishing spots on the lake, etc. Members discuss their latest

fishing trips with the membership. If you like crappie fishing and want to keep up with current techniques, bait & hot spots, this club is for you. We also have family fish fries. If you don't have a boat, don't worry, existing members will welcome you aboard their boat for a day of fun, fishing, and camaraderie. Annual dues are \$30.00. We have a monthly

fishing tournament the last Saturday of each month. This is a great way of meeting new friends and having fun. We also get involved in various civic and charitable causes including the Lake Lanier Association Shore Sweep event. For further information call Woodie Malone at 770-634-6539.

Shore Sweep 2012 underway



Although Shore Sweep will occur on Saturday, September 29, 2012, members of the Lake Lanier Association's Board of Directors and key volunteers are already meeting for the purpose of planning this year's event. Shown above are LLA Board Members Gordon Brand, George Daniel, and Bev Nichols, LLA executive director Joanna Cloud, together with Beth DeNeergaard, and Tammy Wright and Kevin Smith of Keep Forsyth County Beautiful.

For purposes of Shore Sweep, the lake is divided into zones, and each zone has at least one captain. In

March 2012 Lake Lanier Index

Our Lake temperature rose to an average of 55 the first weekend in March from 51 in February. We had several reports of temperatures in the mid-60s in mid-March, the Lake is warming quickly. The Secchi readings decreased for the second month to an average of 4.9 feet from 5.2 feet in February 5.5 feet in January. The best reading was near Bald Ridge Marina of 9.1 feet and the lowest at three stations north of the Rowing Venue of 3.3 feet. Section A had an average of 4.5 feet, B 4.9 feet and C 6.2 feet. We had two Chlorophyll a readings above 1 both in the upper Chattahoochee River area north of the Rowing Venue of 6 PPB and 4 PPB respectfully. We will drop the Lake Lanier Index to 5 with the decrease of Secchi readings and slight increase in the Chlorophyll a readings.

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, AMPRO Labs for our chlorophyll a analysis, and the support of all Lake Lanier Association members.

addition to the various zones, there will be designated "advance drop off points" available for participants to drop of lake debris prior to the actual day of Shore Sweep. Zone, captains, advance drop off points and many other subjects were discussed, but the meeting centered on safety and how to keep the event safe as it continues to grow. Shore Sweep was started in 1988, and this will be the 24th occurrence. Last year over 30 tons of debris were collected and properly disposed.

We appreciate all the volunteers that help with this event. We are always looking for additional boats to go out either in advance and scout shoreline areas, or the day of to help haul in debris from areas not reachable by car. If you would be available to assist with either of those activities, please email us at lakeinfo@lakelanier.org to let us know. Also, we may be in need of one or two more location captains for the day of the event.



Lake Lanier Association takes a look at Glades Reservoir

The Lake Lanier Association has begun our review of the Glades reservoir project sponsored by the Hall County Board of Commissioners. After attending the US Army Corps of Engineers Public Agency and Scoping Meeting in Gainesville on Wednesday, March 20th, 2012, we have some observations.

As background, the Glades project began in 2007. The proposed reservoir would have stored available natural stream flow from Flat Creek and would have been intended to supplement existing water supplies from Lake Lanier (through the City of Gainesville water system), to meet the needs of eastern and northern Hall County through the year 2060. It was to provide 6.4 million gallons per day of water.

In 2009 Federal Administrative Law Judge Paul Magnusson issued a ruling as part of the Tri-States water war litigation that Lake Lanier was not authorized to provide water supply for North Georgia and the city of Atlanta which was subsequently overturned by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. In spite of that ruling, the Glades project grew from 6.4 MGD to 80 MGD.

Today, the plan is for an 850-acre



reservoir that will be used to augment the flow to the Cedar Creek Reservoir during periods of low flow. Nominally at its maximum capacity, 80 MGD will be withdrawn directly from the Chattahoochee to supply water to the Cedar Creek Reservoir in Hall County only.

As we understand it, the Glades Reservoir will only be used to “make up” inadequate flow during low flow periods. With this dramatic proposed water withdrawal from the main Lake Lanier water supply, we feel the following questions need to be considered and evaluated:

- What is the impact on Lake Lanier of taking 80 MGD from the main Lanier input river and transferring the flow to another basin (Oconee)?
- Further, the water flowing into and out of the Cedar Creek reservoir will be managed by Hall County, not the Corps of Engineers. What will the Hall County management strategy for water flows and utilization be?

The Hall County proposal estimates that the only impact on Lanier would be a reduction in the water level by 3.5 inches. We feel that an independent evaluation of this impact would provide not just an “inches average” reduction

Legal Update

In Phase 1 of the Water Wars, the LLA and other Georgia parties are preparing their opposition to the petition filed by Florida, Alabama, and the Southeastern Power Customers in the U. S. Supreme Court. The Court will then determine whether to accept the petition or to let the 11th Circuit’s ruling stand. No guarantee on

but should include the maximum impact and frequency on Lanier, which has been at 21 feet of water loss during drought conditions.

Last June the Magnusson ruling was overturned by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, and that decision was “en banc” supported by all 10 of the Appellate Court Judges.

We now ask, “Is it really necessary to increase the Glades project to 80 MGD, now that Lake Lanier has been validated and authorized as water supply purpose?”

North and Eastern Hall County are not the only growth areas above Lake Lanier. Habersham and White Counties will no doubt experience significant growth along with Hall County. The total impact of all of the growth on the Lake Lanier recreation economy should be evaluated.

In summary, we are convinced that a significant detailed study is needed to determine the impacts on Lanier and downstream stakeholders of creating a large diversion of the main water source for North Georgia and other water users. We will continue to study these questions and will prepare a final comment document for the Corps by April 17, 2012, as directed by the current process.

when the Supreme Court will make that decision, but we hope to hear something in July 2012. In Phase 2, the Fish and Wildlife Service continues to revise its study of the effects of higher river levels on the protected mussels. Briefing is now scheduled in the 11th Circuit for fall of 2012.

Interview with Roy Crittendon - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

The LLA recently spoke with Roy Crittendon of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and asked him about his experience with boating safety on Lake Lanier.

How did you get involved in the Coast Guard?

I had been a recreational boater for years and had never heard of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary until I retired from Eli Lilly & Company and took a safe boating course offered by the Auxiliary. I was so impressed with the teaching material and the well informed friendly instructors, I joined the organization. That was 19 years ago.

What services/programs do you handle for the Coast Guard?

The Coast Guard has given the Auxiliary responsibility for recreational boating safety. In that capacity, we offer safe boating courses, perform free vessel safety checks, to ensure that boats have the State of Georgia required equipment on board and that it is in good working order, we perform safety and regatta patrols from mid-May through September, weekends and holidays, from noon until 8 PM, the most active months for the recreational boater on Lake Lanier. In addition, we routinely call on boating related businesses and leave free boating safety brochures. We also have safety booths at boat

shows and other events from which we receive invitations. The Auxiliary does not have law enforcement authority even though while we are on patrol we are under Coast Guard orders issued by Sector Charleston, S.C.

What safety concerns do you have for recreational use on Lake Lanier?

There are a number of deaths on Lake Lanier each year, most of which are due to drowning. National Coast Guard statistics show that of the deaths due to boating accidents, approximately 75% of the individuals were not wearing a life jacket. Many times alcohol use is a contributing factor, as is inattention by the skipper and/or crew. Ironically, the vast majority of operators of boats involved in accidents had never taken a safe boating course.

How have your safety concerns at Lanier changed over the course of time you have been involved with the Coast Guard at Lanier?

Our safety concerns have not changed, and we continue to direct our attention to the prevention of boating accidents and deaths and their primary causes. Our safety courses also cover most aspects of safe boat operation and "rules of the road", such as who has the right of way, etc.

What suggestions to you have for recreational boaters to enhance



Roy Crittendon

their personal safety and the safety of their guests?

In my opinion, every skipper, and even family members, should plan to attend a safe boating course given by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the Sail & Power Squadron, another boating organization committed to recreational boating safety. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources also offers an online course. By the way, under maritime law, the skippers are responsible for the safety and behavior of all on board their vessels, truly a sobering thought.

Roy Crittendon may be contacted by email at alcrit@mindspring.com.

Book Recommendation

For you Lake Lanier history buffs out there, *Fall Line*, a work of fiction by Joe Samuel Starnes, might be of interest. Lanier is not the focus of the book, but there is a lot of resemblance. The Amazon.com description is below:

Set in December 1955. Floodgates are poised to slam shut on a concrete dam straddling the Oogasula River, creating a lake that will submerge a

forgotten crossroads and thousands of acres of woodland in rural Georgia. *Fall Line* unfolds in one day's action, as viewed through the eyes of Elmer Blizzard, a troubled ex-deputy; Mrs. McNulty, a lonely widow who refuses to leave her doomed shack by the river; her loyal, aging dog, Percy; and a rapacious politician, State Senator Aubrey Terrell, for whom the new lake is named.

A story of land grabs, wounded families, bitterness, hypocrisy, violence, and revenge in the changing South, *Fall Line* is populated by complex characters who want to do the right thing but don't know how. Starnes's novel is a memorable, beautiful, and heartbreaking tale of a backwater hamlet's damaged people and transformed landscape.



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New Smartphone App



The Lake Lanier Convention & Visitors Bureau is developing a new smartphone app for Lake Lanier called Best of Lake Lanier. It highlights the top recommendations from the Lake Lanier Convention & Visitors Bureau for Stay, Play, Eat and On the Lake. All the sites featured on the app will have gps map locators, click to call, etc.

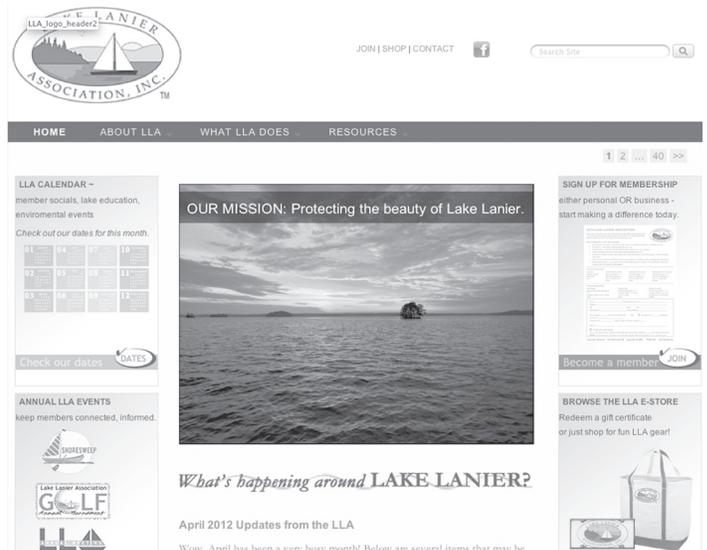
One thing it will have that is totally cool is the 'On The

Lake' section. Here boaters will have points of interest, places to get gas, food, entertainment, and more that are gps map located with photo reference from the lake. Basically, a boater who wants to know the nearest place to dock their boat and take a short walk for a bite to eat...the app will show them how and where to go.

The app will be available on Apple, Blackberry and Droid formats for free!

Look for signs at marinas, boat docks, and other locations around the lake for a QR code that will go straight to the download of the app. Or go to the CVB website at www.lakelaniercvb.com.
<<http://www.lakelaniercvb.com>>

Check out the new and improved LLA website! www.lakelanier.org



We have recently launched a new and completely revamped website for the LLA. The new website is designed to be easier to navigate for our members and contains lots of great information for anyone interested in Lake Lanier. Be sure to check it out!