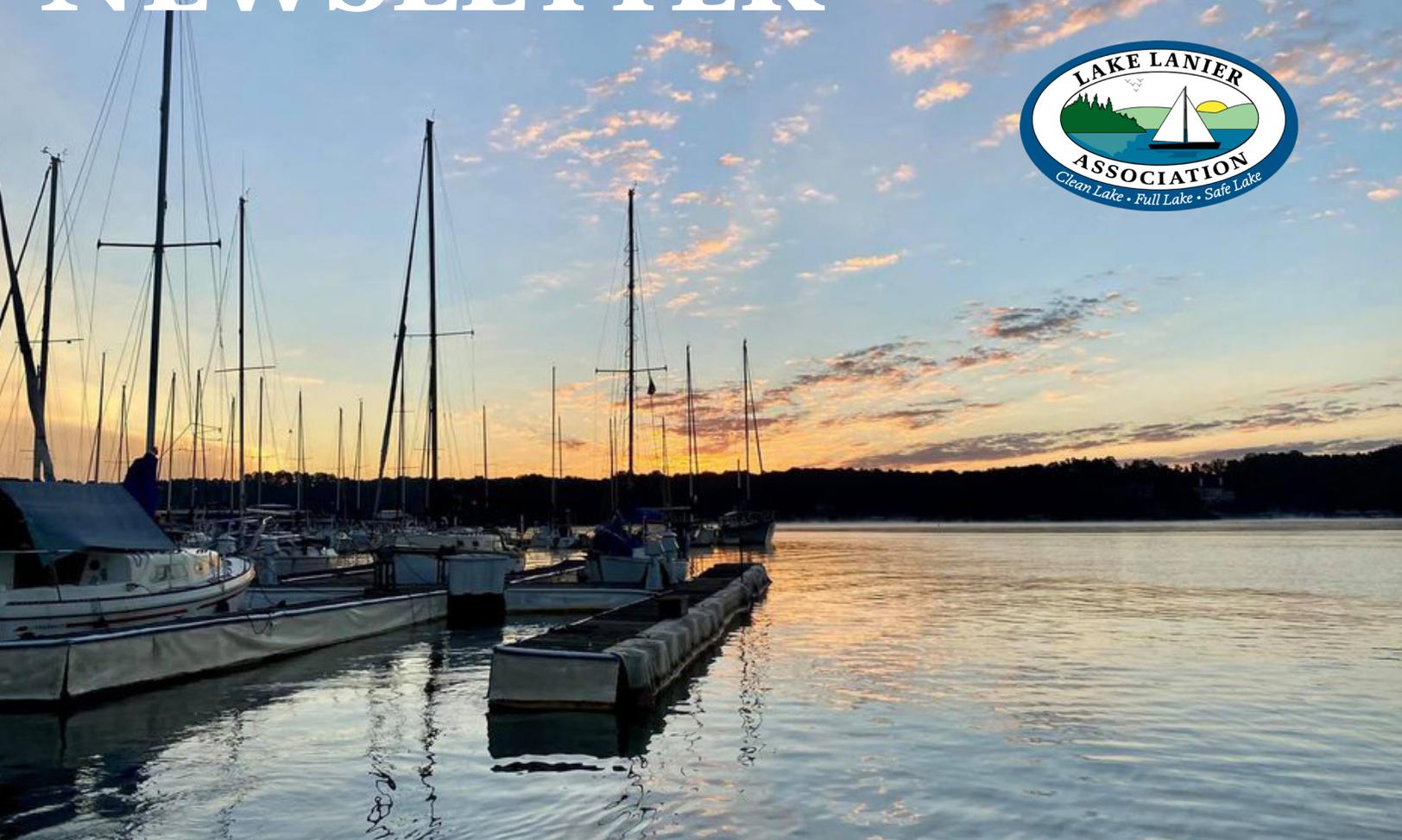


LANIER OUTLOOK NEWSLETTER

Spring 2022



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT,

2022 is off and running. The Lake Lanier Association is planning for another year of programs to keep Lake Lanier CLEAN FULL SAFE. We plan to continue and to enhance our existing programs as well as initiate new programs. We will continue to build on our successful Solar Light Hazard Marker program and our Life Jacket Loaner program. Our 34th annual Shore Sweep Program is scheduled for the last Saturday in September. Monthly water quality testing at over 20 sites will continue throughout the year and abandoned vessels and docks will be removed as necessary.

Additionally, new initiatives are planned throughout the year. We will be testing the impact of adding reflective tape to the most frequently damaged hazard markers in hopes of increasing safe boating navigation. We have plans to begin refreshing the red and green lake markers across the lake to also aid lake navigation. Plans are in place to install an additional trash trap to capture and remove trash and debris from the lake. Our island rip rap program will restart this year with the help of some slightly lower lake levels.

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We have several projects targeted for completion in 2022. We have built a comprehensive erosion and sedimentation plan for 2022 that will focus on more active enforcement of local ordinances to protect the lake from soil erosion coming from the many new developments.

We have built aggressive plans and are investing to keep the lake CLEAN FULL SAFE. We can do all of this because you have so generously supported us with your membership contributions and volunteer commitments that aid the execution of these programs.

Thank you for that commitment and support. A big shout out to the LLA Board of Directors who have given of their time and talent to lead the execution of these plans. Working together we can and will make a difference.


President,
 Lake Lanier Association

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A Warm Goodbye & Thank You to Paul Flood!



Honoring Paul Flood

LLA honored Paul at our board meeting in January, as he retired from the LLA Board of Directors.

Paul served on the LLA board for over 30 years. Over the years, he has held many roles – including treasurer and historian. There's no doubt that he has helped guide and mold LLA into the organization that it is today.

Staff

Jennifer Flowers- Executive Director

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Board of Directors



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION

January

- **21st - 23rd** - MarineMax Boat Show at Bald Ridge Marina

February

- **17th** - Ask the Corps Webinar
- **25th - 27th** - Gainesville Marina Boat Show

March

- Water Quality Virtual Discussion, Details Coming Soon

April

- **23rd** - Annual Member Celebration @ Safe Harbor Aqualand Marina, 4-7pm

May

- **21st - 30th** - Boating Safety Week
- Boating Safety Webinar Details Coming Soon
- Boat Ramp Stenciling, Volunteer Opportunity

June

- Coffee with a Captain, Details Coming Soon

July

- **28th** - Ask the Corps Webinar

September

- **10th** - Shore Sweep Advance Sites Open
- **24th** - Shore Sweep 2022

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for updates on events, programs and volunteer opportunities all year!**



LLA Has Big Plans for 2022

A Note About the New Year from the LLA Board of Directors

As an organization LLA continually assesses our programs to ensure that we are making the most impact possible on Lanier and for our members. In 2021, we increased our communications, events and on lake initiatives. We have seen an even greater need for additions to our on lake initiatives in 2022, plans detailed in the letter from the President and on the following page. It became apparent that in order to bring some of the plans to fruition LLA was going to need a dedicated vessel. For many years the organization has been very successful utilizing volunteer vessels whether to check out problems, take water samples, remove trash or inspect rip rap installation. We plan to still utilize volunteer vessels, however this past year it became apparent that LLA needed ongoing access to a tritoon. A vessel that could be beached for cleanups, easily cleaned after being piled with trash, a boat that had the capacity to move volunteers and stakeholders, easily used for testing and scouting missions yet still be most importantly a work horse. We realized it also wouldn't hurt to have a vessel branded as part of the Lake Lanier Association to go look at problems to spread awareness of the organizations actions.

With this need identified the LLA Board of Directors started the search for a vessel that would fit this criteria. Thanks to Gainesville Marina we were able to purchase, at a good price, a well maintained and gently used 24 foot Berkshire tritoon. This boating season keep your eyes peeled for this new addition to Lake Lanier that will be utilized to make Lanier a better place for all users. If everything works out, we plan to have our new boat on display at this year's Annual Member Celebration at Aqualand Marina April 23rd. If you are unable to make it to the Member Celebration we can catch a glimpse of it on the docks while you eat at Skogies.



We would like to thank all of the business sponsors who have already stepped up to support this new addition to the LLA team. Philip Burton with Gainesville Marina and Paul Perdue with Perdue Vision who will be providing his talents for the branding and wrapping of the boat. Time and time again, this organization has been amazed by the support for the community and we look forward to additional partnerships in support of this resource.

2022 Program Updates

By: Jennifer Flowers, Executive Director

The signs of Spring are all around us, which means those warmer days are right around the corner! This past winter, guided by the strategic plan, the LLA Board of Directors and staff worked hard to identify what programs were working well, what programs could be expanded and what new programs should be added. A few of these were teased out in LLA's first email of the year and we are expanding on a few of them below. Thank you to all of our members for making this a strong organization where we are able to continually assess needs and take action.



Lake Marker Refresh Pilot Project

When looking at navigation, lake markers are an important and valuable tool for all boaters. They are important to know where you are located on the lake and what issues might be around. LLA has started talks with the Corps of Engineers to partner and refresh the lake markers to ensure that they are visible. The full extent of the program will be determined based on the pilot project findings. If you missed it, the Corps has pledged to have all the hazard markers replaced and in working order prior to Memorial Day. This new program will fill in gaps to that replacement program.

Hazard Marker Reflective Tape Pilot Program

If you are a regular user on Lanier you will know that there are certain markers around the lake that are hit essentially as soon as they are replaced. The obstruction marker out side of Port Royale and the hazard marker just north of Thompson Bridge are a few that might come to mind. This year LLA will be experimenting with adding reflective tape to markers to determine to what extent that addition can help add visibility to those markers in the hope there will be fewer needs for marker replacement.

Expanded Life Jacket Loaner Stations

The Life Jacket Loaner Stations around Lanier have been very well recieved. LLA has installed and maintains four stations in Forsyth County in parks that are maintained by Forsyth County and City of Cumming. This program dovetails into the Corps of Engineers program located at their parks. LLA is looking to expand the program to Hall County and or City of Gainesville maintained parks. Volunteers will be needed to help maintain these stations and will be sought later in March.

Large Debris Removal Program

It became apparent that there was a gap in our clean lake programs. The long running Abandoned and Derilict Dock and Boat program (ADDV) is there to work on removing abandoned docks and boats, Shore Sweep is there to remove dock floats, some dock debris and trash from Lanier. We realized that there was a gap and no mechanism to remove large debris. Items that can't be removed during Shore Sweep but are not quite docks. We have created a large debris removal program on a case by case basis. We are limited in terms of funding and unable to remove everything, however this program will allow donations to be utilized to help remove items that wash up that have no other means to be removed.

Additional programs that will be detailed throughout the year: A new trash trap, a study on the impacts of Lake levels on water quality, additional educational programs, expediated ADDV removal plans and more. If the first two months are any indicator, **2022 will be one for the record books!**

Sheila Davis Group 2022 Lake Lanier Real Estate Report

BY SHEILA DAVIS, LEAD AGENT - LAKE LANIER'S #1 REALTOR JANUARY 1, 2022

As we all know, Lake Lanier is a sought-after location with the popularity of resort lifestyle living and retiring, working from home for many, and its unique positioning north of metro Atlanta and the airport. In addition, with Lanier's close proximity to the north Georgia Mountains, demand for Lake Lanier real estate has never been stronger. Lake home prices increased 25% in 2021, and the already slim inventory of lake homes depleted to 50 Active homes by end of year. We continued to see multiple offers on many properties and days on market continued to shrink. The Seller's market and low inventory will continue into 2022, with prices still heading upwards, but not as much as the last two years. With interest rates beginning to rise, and some weary buyers stepping aside until the dust clears, home inventory is predicted to slowly come back up. With the pandemic and lack of housing, many Sellers have sat on the sideline waiting it out to make that next move. The good news is more new home construction is on the way. If you can find that next home, whether it be downsizing close by, upsizing or relocating, you can still capitalize on the Seller's market. Buyers, be sure to get your financing in order to act quickly to compete with multiple offers, many cash. Providing Sellers desirable terms can also help. Be sure to contact the Sheila Davis Group if considering buying or selling to take advantage of our expertise, market knowledge and connections. We are here to answer all of your real estate questions so don't hesitate to call if we can help. Have a Happy & Healthy New Year and we will see you on the Lake!

Sheila

- The **average sales price** for a home with a private dock was \$933,175, an increase of **25%** over 2020. The average sales price of all Lake Lanier homes, including homes in neighborhoods with boat slips at neighborhood marinas, was \$901,412. The median sales price was \$775,000.

- **Sellers Market** Demand remained strong. We are seeing more Buyers than home listings and there is migration to our area from many states now.

- 443 lake homes with private docks or homes in neighborhoods with marina style docks sold in 2021, a 13% decrease over 2020.

- 371 lake homes with private docks closed vs 401 last year, a 7.5% decrease.

- The average **sales to list price** was 98.7% and **days on market** was **37**, compared to last year's 96.2% and 75 Days on Market. We are seeing multiple offers and sometimes over list price on desirable properties.

Luxury Lake Is Hot! 🔥 Luxury lake continued to be strong on Lanier in 2021. A record 125 homes over \$1,000,000 sold vs only 90 in 2020! 11 homes sold over \$2 Million up to \$3.5 Million. Average Days on market was 97 days, and the list to sales price was 94%. Some homes sold at full price or more with multiple offers, in most every price range. Luxury homes made up 29% of lake homes sales against last year's 26%. It was a seller's market with on average only 30 homes available at a time. In years past there have been over 100 homes on the market for buyers to choose from.



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Lake Lanier Real Estate

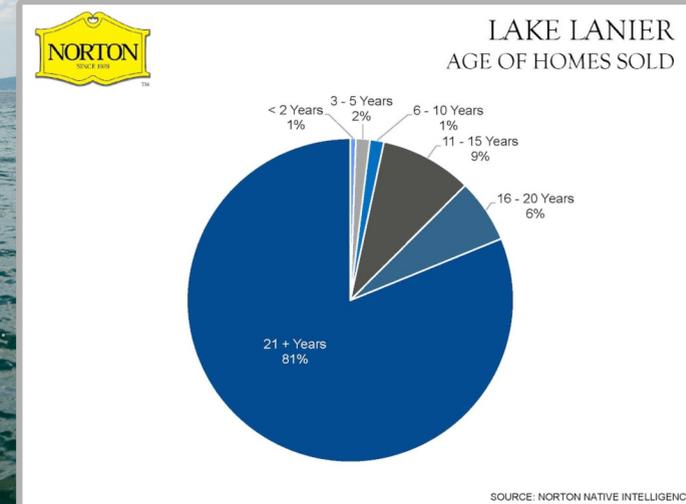
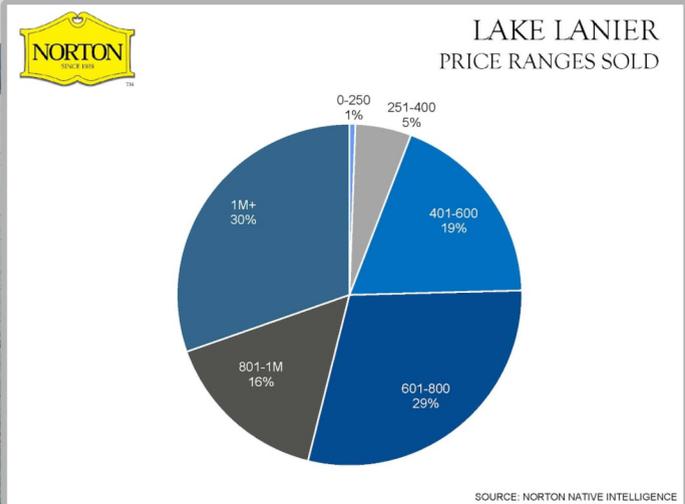
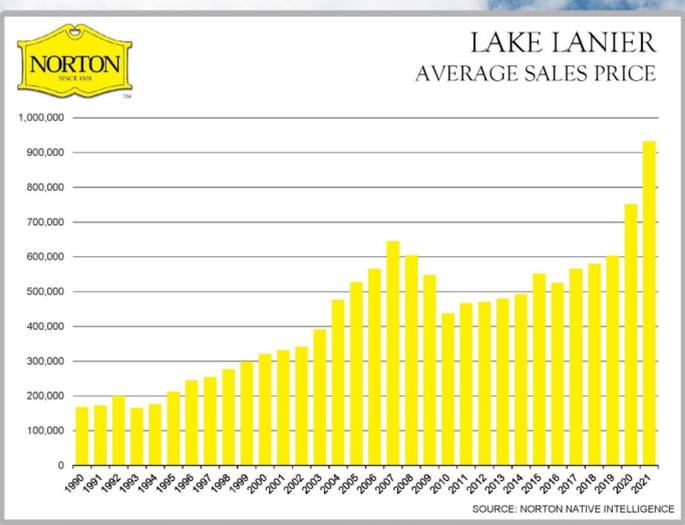
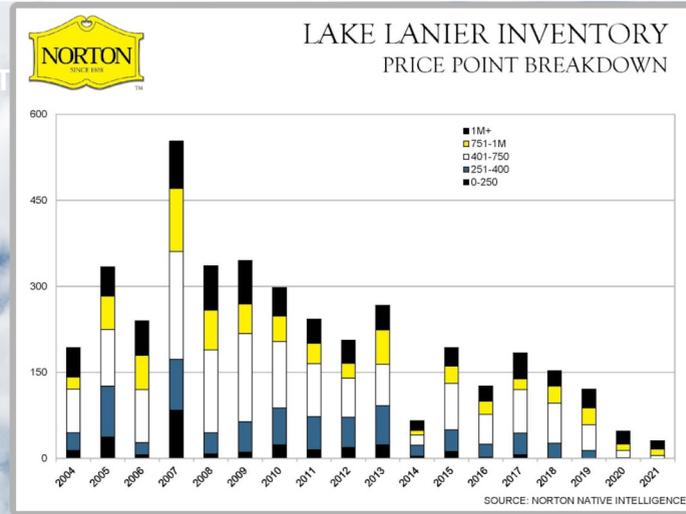
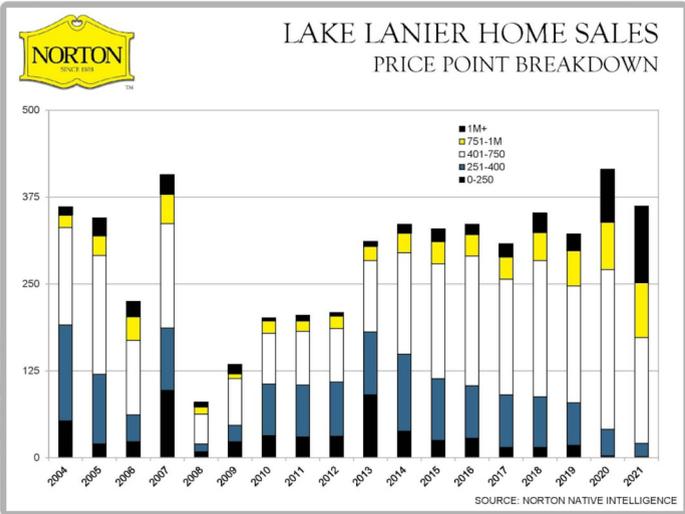
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Sheila Davis Group 2021 Lake Statistics

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*Norton Native Intelligence™ only tracks homes with private docks. Homes with group docks, homes with lake access with no dock, and lake view homes are not included.



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An Update from the Corps

What You Should Know Before Boating Season Begins

After the recent Ask the Corps Webinar, Tim Rainey, Operations Project Manager for Lake Sidney Lanier, chatted with LLA staff member, Victoria Clevenger. Here are the details and updates you should know before boating season begins!

As of March 1st, the Lanier Project Office is reopened for in-person visitors. A new Natural Resource Ranger is coming on-board and Craig Sowers continues to serve as the Chief Ranger. Additionally, Lake Lanier has 8 Rangers (6 area rangers, 1 ADDV and problems ranger and 1 New Permits ranger). The office is complete with 2 Admin Staff as well.

Regarding permits, Tim gave an update that there are 337 Permits to be signed and 879 Real Estate License to be signed. What is often confusing about these permits, is traditional homeowners on Lake Lanier have both a dock permit and a real estate license. Unsure about the differences? Here's a brief breakdown to help explain: Real Estate License is needed for land items - such as electric, water line or a walkway. Essentially it's a license to allow for attachment to land and the dock. Additionally, docks and/or homes with docks have a Shoreline Use Permit. This is why most homeowners on Lanier, have both a dock permit and a real estate license.

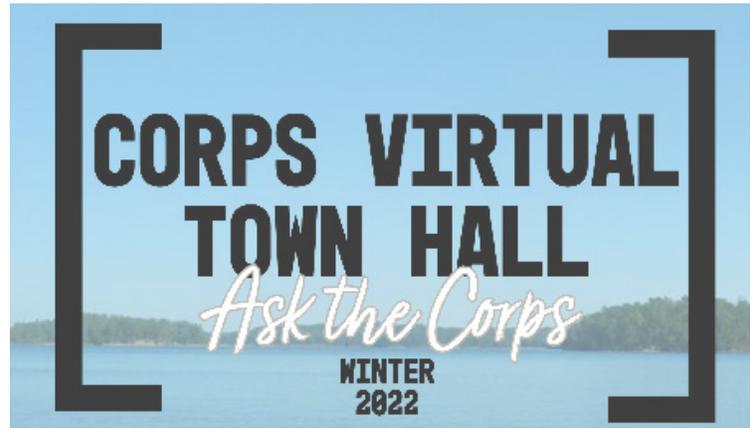
There are currently just over 700 permits that are ready to go (this includes new, renewal or modifications). Over 500 are waiting for return to Corps, for signature at LSL and Real Estate (this is the process that can take 2-3 months because real estate licenses are completed at the Mobile offices). Lastly, there are 100 new dock permits available.

Corps Office Hours:

-Pass Sales: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday, through Summer.

-Shoreline Help Desk : 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday, Wednesdays only after May 8th.

These are subject to change, see Corps website for updated hours.



If you missed the most recent Ask the Corps webinar, the recording is available on the LLA Website, Facebook and YouTube.

Important Contacts at the Corps

Need to contact the Corps? Always start with your Area Ranger. If a response is not provided within a week, you're advised to use the contacts below. Area Ranger map & contact info available on the LLA Website.

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Recreation Chief Ranger: VACANT

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Natural Resources Management Chief Ranger:
Dan Barnes
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The Many Hats of Tom Child

Husband, Father, Owner of Marine Specialties & More

“Don’t get too busy making a living that you forget to make a life.” This quote is posted on Tom Child’s office wall and it seems quite fitting for a man that has built a successful marine construction company from the ground up, has raised two beautiful daughters and still finds time to give back and go on spontaneous adventures with family.



Though this success didn’t come overnight. Tom Child, owner of Marine Specialties, came to Georgia at just 19 years old to visit his uncle that lived in Dunwoody and much to everyone’s surprise, Tom decided to stay. Instead of returning to Chicago and family back home, he began building a life here in Georgia. Initially, he lived with his uncle and helped with his cousins after his aunt passed away. Tom was attending EMT school and later became a DeKalb Co. firefighter.

While working as a firefighter, Tom started Marine Specialties and juggled both careers for nearly 10 years. MSI started as just a boat lift company and later added rip rap to their services in 1997. Tom started MSI 34 years ago and today is a leader in marine construction. If asked to pin-point a favorite division of MSI, he simply couldn’t. To Tom, MSI is his identity, but to everyone else, he wears many other hats.

Tom Child is also a loving husband, father to his twin daughters, Maddy and Abigail, friend, dog-dad to two pups and much more. Michelle Child, Tom’s wife of nearly 27 years, notes that Tom has the biggest heart. He’s always found ways to give to others. Whether it be coaching whatever sport his daughters decided they wanted to pursue (soccer, basketball, you name it!), supporting local non-profits like the Lake Lanier Association, Boys and Girls Club or Children’s Hospital of Atlanta and others. Tom is influenced by a large family at a church, who has 6 disabled children, 12 children total. He notes that this family is always so kind, happy and just a joy to watch. It’s worthy causes like this family and other local organizations that Tom and his family strive to support however possible.



“Be nice. Give a little. Even if that’s all you’ve got. You’ll get more than you’d ever imagine in return.” Tom Child spoke these words when reflecting on the organizations he’s proud to support. These are full-circle words when thinking about their humble beginnings. Tom has built something very special in MSI and it’s opened doors that were unimaginable when MSI was first started in 1987. His work has been featured in movies like Fast and the Furious and even in tanks at the Georgia Aquarium. Most importantly, Tom has built a life he loves. He spends free time traveling with family and as much time as possible outside. Whether it be riding jet skis, teaching friends and family to ski and surf while cheering loudly when they get the hang of it. Tom Child has built a life and generously shares it with so many.

An Industry Leader in Marine Construction

Marine Specialties is one of the largest marine contractors in GA and SC. Our company offers Boat Docks on Lake Lanier & Lake Hartwell and everything in between! Also, we have been one of the top dealers for HydroHoist Boat Lifts for over 30 years. We have also been one of the top dealers for Wahoo Aluminum Boat Docks for 25 years. MSI also has one of the largest fleets of service boats on the water.

Our mission at Marine Specialties is to provide the highest quality products and accessories available to our customers.

We specialize in HydroHoist Boat Lifts, Wahoo Aluminum Boat Docks, Boat Dock Repair and Service, Boat Dock Moving, Rip Rap Erosion Control and Shoreline Steps along with a host of boat dock accessories. We are your one stop shop for all your lake needs, and we consider customer service our #1 priority.



For more information, please visit marinespecialties.net or call (770) 531-7735.



ADDV Program Update

A New Tool to Fight Abandoned Docks

By: Jennifer Flowers, Executive Director

Lake Lanier Dock Disposal/Transfer Form

I intend to (circle one) **SELL / DISPOSE OF / MOVE** my dock. I am transferring ownership/responsibility to a/an (circle one) **INDIVIDUAL / COMPANY**. I understand that I am responsible for compliance with all applicable Shoreline Management conditions pertaining to my permit. I will provide this information and a current photograph of my dock to my Area Ranger.

Current Permittee/Owner Name: _____
 Associated Dock Permit #: _____
 Contact Phone #: _____
 Current Lake Address: _____

New Responsible Party (Individual/Company): _____
 Associated Dock Permit # (# applicable): _____
 Contact Phone #: _____
 Future Lake Address/Location: _____

Invoice/Bill of Sale Attached (Y/N): _____

Summary of dock disposition (i.e., relocated (to where), transfer of owner (to whom), removed from lake (location, company), etc.): _____

Physical Description of Dock for Future Identification Purposes

Width: _____ Length: _____
 Roof (Y/N): _____
 Height (Y/N): _____
 Walkway Attached (Y/N): _____

Form Date 01/29/2022 OP-SI Shoreline Management

There is a new tool in the fight against abandoned docks! LLA has always recommend that dock owners utilize the dock replacement form when replacing a dock. This form in the past has been hard to acquire and limited on the information that it can provide. Thanks to actions from head ranger, Craig Sowers, and Natural Resources Specialist, Eddie Grimes, there is a new tracking mechanism. This new form is more than just another form to fill out. It protects those selling and purchasing docks to ensure that they are transferred appropriately.

The new form can be found on the Lake Lanier Association website under the ADDV page or through your area ranger. It needs to be submitted to the area ranger for any dock replacement action that takes place. We have seen where private dock sales end up at unpermitted locations, contractors who have been paid for disposal but instead push docks into coves, and like the example below, docks that were given away but pulled to a cove to be stripped of anything of value.

These practices will only stop if we as a lake community decide to ensure that our docks don't become part of the problem. We have seen a reduction in dumped docks over the past year, this new tracking and new focus by the Corps will continue to protect Lanier and make a difference on the problem.

See Something, Say Something - It Works!

In this particular instance, it might have taken over a year, but the See Something, Say Something program is working. In 2020, a dilapidated dock showed up in the back of Taylor Creek. The metal and much of the wood were pulled off the dock. However, there were enough signs present to point to a past owner. LLA posted pictures and information came forward that lead us to find the previous owner of the dock. Turns out, that owner had given away the dock and it was moved a good distance away to be partially dismantled and dumped. Luckily for the original owner they had the contact information for the person who was given the dock. Without this information they would have been held responsible for the docks removal and possibly could of been held liable for dumping charges.

This is a great reminder to always follow the correct protocols and receive documentation when disposing of a dock. Thank you to the Corps of Engineers for following up on this dock and ensuring that the responsible party removed this eye sore and safety hazard from Lanier!



Get to Know Philip Burton, Gainesville Marina Manager



Philip Burton, manager of Gainesville Marina, has spent more than 45 years around boats and the water. He grew up on Lanier and visited Lake Burton often, spending much of his time boating and skiing. By age 13, he was servicing boats and by 19 he had bought and sold nearly 25 boats working in sales. He went on to become the manager of Gainesville Marina in 1984 and has proudly held this roll ever since. In the late 80's, he even lobbied for Save the Lake and has been a part of countless boat shows over the years. Philip even had a part in the 1996 Olympics, allowing for equipment to be stored at the marina facilities. It's safe to say, Philip loves boats and has years of experience to show for it.

This passion has also led to a great involvement in LLA. While Gainesville Marina is a Business Sponsor with LLA now, it's stemmed from years of involvement for Philip personally. Philip sat on the LLA Board of Directors and helped start Shore Sweep in the late 80's and early 90's. Philip has a lot of pride seeing Shore Sweep be the success that it is today and is amazed at the continuous growth.



When he's not managing Gainesville Marina, you can find him spending time with his family, saltwater fishing, building or riding tractors around his property. Philip notes that he feels so blessed by such wonderful customers over the years. Many of his clients have become repeat customers and even second-generation customers. Seeing his customers love the water and pass it onto their children brings Philip a lot of joy and reminds him of what he's been able to do for his family too.

To learn more about Gainesville Marina, visit their website gainesvillemarina.com or call (770) 536-2171.

Meet LLA Board of Director: Kelly Marlowe

Kelly moved to Gainesville in March of 2019 and shortly after joined the LLA board. Though she's one of the newest LLA board members, she's no stranger to Lake Lanier. While attending UGA, she often escaped campus on the weekends to visit Lanier with her now husband, Cord.

After putting down roots in Gainesville, Kelly sought out ways to get involved in the community. She sits on the Keep Hall Co. Beautiful Board and is a Committee Member for Vision 2030, a group of volunteers leading long-term initiatives for Gainesville-Hall Co., defined by the citizens. These community involvements are a direct reflection of her passion - conservation and sustainability which she advocates for, believing we should steward the gift we have from Lake Lanier.



Kelly notes that being on the LLA Board is an honor and is privileged to serve. She is especially grateful to be able to learn from the knowledge and wisdom of other members. There's a special energy that comes from being around people that want to take care of Lake Lanier and Kelly is thankful to be a part of such a group. When she is not cruising in her vintage boat at sunset with her husband, you can often find Kelly enjoying a meal at one of the local restaurants or enjoying a glass of vino at Cork It!



KNOW THE ROPES

DIRT SEASON - EROSION & SEDIMENTATION

The area around Lanier is certainly growing. For those that have had a development near you, you know that it can feel like a daunting process to keep sediment out of Lanier. Sediment loss from a site can clearly impact coves around Lanier.

Why is sedimentation bad?

Sedimentation affects fish habitat, depth of coves, water clarity and introduces phosphorous into the lake. Phosphorous, the largest contributor of algae growth is bound to the sediment and releases into the lake creating what is known as internal phosphorous loading. Sediment transport down creeks is a natural process. However, there is nothing natural about what we have been seeing.

Visually, sediment loss from a site tends to leave a trail of sediment along its path to the lake, or there are obvious breaches to silt fences, eroded pathways, tracked dirt on roads, etc. Thanks to a generous donation, the Lake Lanier Association now has a turbidity meter. This meter has allowed us to take samples in affected areas to determine the extent of the impact. What we have found is that sometimes the water may appear brown but once a sample is pulled it is relatively clear with very low turbidity.



What is Turbidity?

Turbidity is the measure of how clear a liquid is. **Caution: We're getting scientific!** To be technical, turbidity is the measurement of the amount of light that is scattered by material in the water when a light is shined through the water sample. The higher the intensity of scattered light, the higher the turbidity. Material that causes water to be turbid include clay, silt, very tiny inorganic and organic matter, algae, dissolved colored organic compounds, and other microscopic organisms.



When testing waters around Lanier after a rainfall, varying levels of turbidity were seen. Streams that looked like the picture to the left had a surprisingly low turbidity level. The sample from the stream was almost clear in appearance. This means that, there was some sediment entering the lake, though not a large enough quantity to constitute a violation.

Where things get tricky, is that there might have been an issue with a silt fence earlier during heavier rains that were not reflected in the sample.

It all adds up!

Whether the turbidity is 30 or 580 like in the sample on the right, the dirt starts to add up in coves. This sample pictured was taken from a stream near a site off Wahoo Creek. Imagine now that this was one tiny sample bottle taken at one moment in time. It will be dispersed over an area, however that adds up over time with each rain event.



So what do we do?

We See Something and We Say Something. We are the eyes and ears around the lake and the pictures that we report are speaking volumes. If you know where an issue is coming from, make sure to report it to the jurisdiction where the construction site is located every time there is an issue. The vast majority of jurisdiction staff really care and are very responsive to issues, see their contact information below. Additionally, some builders and developers really care and are responsive. As in all businesses there are the good and the bad. We have some good success stories regarding positive actions taken, fines given as needed and sites rectified. We also have frustrating stories of continual failures that are not being elevated to EPD.

After you report it to the jurisdiction, let LLA know! Go online to lakelanier.org/get-involved/report-a-problem/ or email photos and location info to lakeinfo@lakelanier.org. Please include whether you have already reported it to the jurisdiction. We will follow up with them regarding what actions have been taken and ensure the appropriate steps have been taken. It is important to report issues EVERY TIME you see them. All complaints are logged by the jurisdictions into the site's record. Complaints build the case that there are ongoing issues and can help push the addition of additional measures where needed. Together we can continue to BUILD THE CASE for Lake Lanier.

Solar Light Update ~ Temporary Fix for Hazard Markers

LLA Board Member - Todd Baxter, has worked with our solar light contractor, LS3, to come up with this temporary solution for damaged lake markers awaiting a proper repair.

These hazards tend to take a while to be properly replaced, so LLA and LS3 put our heads together to make a "temp marker" for damaged but exposed poles, which are especially dangerous. The temporary markers have affixed reflective tape and a solar light. While this solution is only temporary, it makes for a visible and suitable marker while we await Corps permanent replacement.

LLA will continue to improve this temporary marking process and mark additional hazardous poles as needed. If you see a lake marker that needs attention, please let LLA know through our Report a Problem form online. We know there are quite a few that have been previously reported and have a pledge by the Corps that they will be replaced or repaired by Memorial Day.

TEMP FIX FOR HAZARDS

BEFORE
Damaged marker was identified with a life jacket and buoy, still difficult to see - especially at night.

AFTER
Hazard is marked with a spare solar light from LLA until the marker can be repaired and a proper marker is installed.

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Sullivan & Forbes Building the Dream on Lanier

Sullivan & Forbes, LLC is a custom lake home builder servicing the Forsyth, Hall, Dawson, Lumpkin County areas of Lake Lanier. Our company has been owned & operated by two husband and wife teams (Hank & Winde Sullivan and Larry & Renee Forbes) since 1997. Combined, we bring over 80 years of building experience to the table. Each of us are “hands-on” every job, and bring our own unique abilities together to make our projects come to life. We specialize in the “Design/Build” process, helping to create the perfect home for your lot. Our subcontractors, most of which have been working with us for at least 15-20 years, are top notch – lending their knowledge, skill, hard work and dedication to each and every home we build. With all of the challenges facing our industry and communities, it’s the people that really do make the difference.

We are local, living in Forsyth Co., and are invested in our community - giving back in a variety of ways, including our support of the Lake Lanier Association. Larry and Renee Forbes live on Lake Lanier as well. This keeps us rooted in the “lake vibe”, which helps us to create the perfect individual feel for each of our clients while maximizing all that the lake has to offer. We never forget that what starts out as a project to us, becomes someone’s home – the place where they gather with their families and friends, making a lifetime of memories. We value and appreciate the trust that our clients bestow on us when they partner with Sullivan & Forbes, LLC to make their dream home become a reality.



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Updates to the Lake Lanier Master Plan Include Seaplanes

As part of the Lake Lanier Master Plan Update, seaplanes may be allowed on Lanier. The Corps’ Environmental Impact Statement released this past November states, “The preferred alternative with respect to seaplanes is to allow seaplane operations on Lake Lanier. The USACE, Mobile District is considering a policy change to permit recreational seaplane activity on Lake Lanier. If the policy is changed, seaplane operations on Lake Lanier would be limited as noted below. No commercial operation of seaplanes on Lake Lanier would be allowed. Seaplanes would not be allowed to moor at docks authorized by a shoreline use permit (that is, individual private docks or community docks). However, if mooring at docks is allowed at all, it would be addressed in the update to the Lake Lanier Shoreline Management Plan. Use of courtesy docks at recreational areas (parks and campgrounds) would be allowed. Overnight mooring of seaplanes at campgrounds while its pilot and guest(s) are camping would be allowed. USACE, Mobile District would not restrict the use of commercial docks by seaplanes, but their use would be



at the discretion of the individual lease holder (marina, restaurant, etc.). No seaplane operation would be allowed between sunset and sunrise, that is, a seaplane engine could not be on between sunset and sunrise."

Use of seaplanes on Lanier has been in discussion since 2014. During that time, Troy Wheeler, the owner of Lanier Flight Center and the National Seaplane Pilots Association's Georgia Field Director, and members of Lanier Flight Center have been trying to gain the approval to operate seaplanes on Lake Lanier. When asked why he thought Lanier would be an appropriate venue for this activity, Troy said, "There is plenty of open water out on the lake that would be suitable for landing and once you're on the water you become a boat. Then you follow all the boat rules. Safety is also top-of-mind for the pilot's group, a pilot has a good visualization point when making his/her approach and can decide not to land if it's not safe. Recreation on Lanier would be enhanced because bringing seaplanes on the lake would make it possible for people to visit here. That also being said many of us have homes on Lake Lanier, or we have close friends and family that live on the lake, and we want to ensure that Lake Lanier is enjoyed by everyone and that all pilots operate responsibly on this great resource."



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The seaplane policy must be approved by the Mobile District Commander to become effective. Many of LLA's members have varying viewpoints of this new proposal and registered comments with the Corps both for and against it. The decision regarding seaplane use on Lanier is now in the hands of the Mobile District.

Meet LLA Board of Director: Clyde Morris

If you proudly display an LLA sticker or magnet, you may never know the impact it has. For Clyde Morris, his first encounter with one led to a decades-long commitment to the lake.

The day he purchased his lake house in 2001, Clyde was unlocking the front door and looked down at a window panel to see ... an LLA logo sticker. He immediately thought "The Lake Lanier Association - that's something I should join!" Fast forward 20 years and he's been an active member and LLA's legal counsel all that time and on our Board of Directors for nearly 4 years. And yes, he was the guy who represented all of us LLA members during the Water Wars.

Clyde grew up in Baltimore, attended the University of Virginia, then came to Georgia to attend Emory Law and has been here ever since. Not just a lawyer, he also worked for many years in marketing and sales with 3M, served as the chief legal counsel for GA Medicaid, and was a partner in a start-up company.

Nowadays, Clyde loves to travel with his partner and life companion Ruth, whom LLA members may have had the pleasure of meeting at various LLA events. When he's not helping LLA, he's often with a group of guys who self-deprecatingly call themselves ROMEOs - "Retired Old Men Eating Out." When the weather allows, they ride their jet-skis weekly to lake restaurants and monthly on lakes and rivers throughout the Southeast.

Clyde says he loves working with LLA because he feels he makes a lasting difference in something that matters to millions of people. He probably speaks for all of us at LLA, and we can't think of a better way to describe how we feel about our members. So, if you haven't displayed an LLA sticker lately, think about putting one out there - it may just inspire someone else to commit to helping the lake in a big way.

