

LANIER OUTLOOK

The LLA Newsletter

60th Anniversary Edition

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LLA Members and Friends,

What a great summer it has been on Lake Lanier! As we settle into fall, I find myself reflecting on how fortunate we are to enjoy this lake—and to have a community so committed to taking care of it. Whether you spent the summer boating, fishing, swimming, or simply enjoying the view, I hope you made some wonderful memories with family and friends.

On behalf of the Lake Lanier Association's board and staff, thank you for your continued support. Your membership, volunteer hours, donations, and encouragement make our work possible. Our mission to keep Lake Lanier clean, full, and safe depends on people who care enough to get involved, and this community continues to show up.

One of the best examples of that commitment is Shore Sweep. In this newsletter, you'll find detailed results from another fantastic cleanup, with more than 1,000 volunteers helping remove over 100 tons of trash and debris from our lake. Those numbers are impressive, but the people behind them are what make this event so special.

Fall 2026

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Think about the effort represented in that total: neighbors giving up a Saturday, families working side by side, boat owners hauling debris, and partners providing equipment and support. Together, they accomplished something that none of us could have done alone. To everyone who participated, helped organize, or supported Shore Sweep in any way, thank you. You made a visible, lasting difference for Lake Lanier.

Of course, keeping the lake clean is a year-round responsibility. Beyond Shore Sweep, we are working hard on more localized cleanups to address areas where large debris has accumulated. You may have seen some of our recent posts highlighting that work. These efforts require additional planning, coordination, and resources, but they are an important part of caring for the lake. We appreciate the members and partners helping us tackle these challenges and keep the progress going.

Now, as we celebrate our 60th year, we're turning our attention to a very special milestone: our 60th Anniversary Gala on November 12. Sixty years is something worth celebrating. It represents generations of people who have cared about Lake Lanier and worked to protect it. Today, we have the privilege—and the responsibility—of building on that commitment for those who will enjoy this lake after us. The gala will be an opportunity to come together, reflect on how far we've come, and support the work still ahead. There are a few tickets remaining, and we would love to have as many of our members as possible join us. I hope you'll make plans to be there for an evening celebrating this organization, this community, and the lake that brings us together.

Most of all, thank you for being part of the Lake Lanier Association. The strength of this organization has always come from its people. Because of you, we can celebrate a successful summer, meaningful progress, and 60 years of service while looking ahead with confidence and enthusiasm.

I look forward to seeing many of you on November 12. Let's celebrate what we've accomplished together and help ensure a strong future for Lake Lanier.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lake Lanier Association.



Todd Baxter, LLA President

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WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE WHEN LLA WAS FOUNDED?

As we close out the year, we're celebrating a milestone worth looking back on: the Lake Lanier Association's 60th anniversary! This final newsletter of 2026 is dedicated to six decades of history, progress, and the people who have helped protect the lake we all love.

Let's turn back the clock to 1966. The Beatles had just released Revolver, the Baltimore Orioles swept the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series, the Vietnam War dominated headlines, and a dollar went a lot further. In fact, $1 in 1966 had the purchasing power of approximately $10.40 today!

That year, a group of concerned Lake Lanier homeowners established the Lake Lanier Homeowners' Association to represent the interests of lakeside property owners. Jackie Joseph served as the organization's first president, helping give the growing lake community a collective voice.



What began as a small effort has grown into six decades of advocacy, education, and conservation. In the early 2010s, our mission expanded from Clean Lake, Full Lake to Clean, Full, and Safe Lake Lanier, reflecting the evolving needs of the lake and its community.

Throughout this edition, we're highlighting the milestones, programs, and people who have shaped LLA's history. And for a little extra nostalgia, look for a fun fact from 1966 at the end of each article!

Thank you to our members, volunteers, partners, and supporters who have made these 60 years possible. Here's to celebrating our roots and protecting Lake Lanier for generations to come!

FUN FACT: IN THE YEAR 1966, THE AVERAGE PRICE OF GAS WAS $0.32

Shore Sweep Succeeds Once Again

Over 1,000 volunteers collected 110 tons of trash!



BY BONNY PUTNEY, VICE PRESIDENT AND SHORE SWEEP CHAIR

As with most years, Shore Sweep 2026 was an overwhelming success. We thank each and every person, group, nonprofit, county, club, and business that helped make it happen. Over 100 tons of trash two years in a row obviously marks a new era for the event. Shore Sweep has morphed from a small, Boy Scout-driven event from 38 years ago into a huge, industrial cleanup. We are happy to get over 100 tons of trash off the lake, but we have to ask ourselves, **"Is this a good thing our community has accomplished every year?"**

When Shore Sweep started many years ago, it was a concern about the cleanliness of our parks and shoreline. It was picking up small trash left by visitors after a long summer. Children and clubs made up the crew, with a party and hot dogs after the day. It wasn't a multi-week event with 17 sites, huge pieces of equipment, barges, workboats, brave volunteers, and over 30 dumpsters to make it happen. Lake Lanier is a big lake with millions of visitors, but the trash has changed. Of course, there are bottles, grills, and all the stuff that makes up a day at the lake on the shoreline and islands, but the focus and tonnage of Shore Sweep are now pieces of docks, parts of abandoned boats, and, of course, encapsulated foam.

Encapsulated foam became part of the required dock design in the early 2000s, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers banned the use of non-encapsulated foam blocks in docks. The white foam blocks can easily turn into small particles, and the change was inevitable and seemed like a good thing to all of us environmentally minded individuals. Of course, there was no plan for when the blocks would break off, where they are going to go, or who was going to handle it, so, like many issues of this nature, it ended up with the Lake Lanier Association and the annual Shore Sweep.

Other lakes do not face this issue to nearly the same extent. Why, you ask? Because the Lake Lanier Association and our partners have continued to accept the challenge year after year, investing in additional equipment and resources to address the problem. Unfortunately, this has made it common practice for some to simply abandon black floats rather than dispose of them properly. LLA spends thousands of dollars each year addressing this largely preventable issue, and it should not fall solely on our members and partners to dedicate their time and resources to cleaning up discarded floats. With greater community awareness and participation, we can work together to prevent this problem at its source.

The continued huge success of Shore Sweep was in no small part because of the help we received from the dock companies who do it right and want to make sure the lake is clean, safe, full, and beautiful. I thank each and every one of them for their continued support and for stepping up to make sure the lake and the people using it are protected. It's up to every dock owner to fix this. Don't just use the cheapest dock company for your work; use dock companies that do it right. Be sure to check that your floats are attached correctly, which means not drilling directly into your float, as that guarantees failure. Before you do dock work, please demand to use floats that are one piece, have an attachment plate, and will not end up breached and in a Shore Sweep dumpster next fall. It's going to save you money in the long run and stop contributing to the trash heap. Demand to know and see proof that your old floats are removed properly and not floating down the lake. We can fix this problem. The LLA website with our Dock Builders Pledge and the back of our Shore Sweep shirt is an easy place to start.

Our goal should be to take Shore Sweep *Back to the Future* (38 years ago), returning to its roots as a family-friendly event where volunteers pick up actual trash along the shoreline and the black floats under the docks where they belong.



2026 SHORE SWEEP SITE CAPTAINS

In the weeks leading up to Shore Sweep, Site Captain volunteers gathered at the LLA office to prepare for the 38th annual cleanup.

From providing guidance and assistance to keeping volunteers safe and organized, they play an important role in coordinating cleanup efforts across all 15 Shore Sweep sites. We're grateful for the dedicated Site Captains who help make this annual event possible! If you see them around, be sure to thank them for their efforts.







SPECIAL THANKS TO:

ON-LAKE SUPPORT:

Boat Dock Movers Lanier
Boat Dock Works
Casey Custom Docks
Garney Construction
Lighthouse Marine Solutions
Marine Specialties
Martin Docks
Southeastern Dock Supply
South Shore Dock Service & Repair

ADVANCE SITE SUPPORT:

Bin There Dump That
Boat Dock Works
Browns Bridge Dock Company
City of Gainesville
Hall County GA
Lighthouse Marine Solutions
Marine Specialties
Martin Docks
Southeastern Dock Supply
USACE

In early September, the LLA met with several of the dock builders to strategize on how to ensure a smooth and effective Shore Sweep. From this meeting, the 'On-Lake Support,' or Mobile Sites, ideas became reality for a second year in a row. Thanks to these dock builders for helping with Shore Sweep 2026!



DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, SHORE SWEEP TAKES OVER! CHECK OUT THE LLA OFFICE DURING SHORE SWEEP PREP





VOLUNTEERS GOT TOGETHER IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO SHORE SWEEP AND UTILIZED LLA'S ADVANCE SITES

VISIT THE LLA FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM SHORE SWEEP 2026!

That's a wrap on Shore Sweep 2026! Stay tuned for more information on next year's event!

SHORE SWEEP IS POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY!

Bald Ridge
Site Captain: Apryl Milam, KFCB
Bald Ridge Marina
Keep Forsyth County Beautiful
Bin There Dump That
Garney Construction
City of Cumming Department of Utilities
AAI Interact Club/Alliance Academy
Forsyth Central High School
Lambert High School
South Forsyth High School FCLLA Club
Lummus Supply Company
South Forsyth Rotary Club
South Forsyth High School HOSA - Future Healthcare Professionals
Horizon Christian Academy National Honors Society
Team TurtleBots - Community Robotics Club
Girl Scout Troop 22185
Boy Scout Troop 39
First Step Team
YMSL Cumming Chapter

Balus Creek
Site Captions: Tom & Diane Rothberg
Kent Halderman
Hall County Government
Teresa Smith Living on Lake Lanier
Skogies
Whitley Group
The RC Team

Cresswind
Site Captain: Tom Shillock
Cresswind at Lake Lanier
Cresswind's Kayak Club

Don Carter State Park:
Site Captains: Jamie Madden, Georgia DNR
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites

Gainesville Marina
Site Captains: Todd Baxter, Sheila Davis
Sheila Davis Group Lake Lanier Real Estate Team
United Rentals
Hall County Government
Gainesville Marina
Skogies
Lakeview Academy Troupe 3630

Gwinnett Park
Site Captains: Lori Pietro, Angie Persyn
Bin There Dump That
United Rentals
USACE
Garney Construction
Bethlehem Christian Academy Bass Fishing Team
Green Garrett Neighbors

Holly Park
Site Captains: Becca Risser, CRK and Kenesha Cooper, Gainesville Parks & Rec
Hall County Government
BDG Home Services
Smart Move Storage

Lanier Islands
Walker Site Captains: Barbie Skalleberg, Bev Nicholls
Boater Site Captains: Bob & Carrie King, Rachel Price
Lanier Islands
United Rentals
Hall County Government
Barefoot Sailing Club
UGA Scuba Diving Club
America's Boating Club Atlanta

Lanier Park
Site Captains: Cindy Ringwall
America's Boating Club Atlanta, Mary Pitcher
USACE
Lanier Middle School
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 29
Osborne Middle School Hawks Fishing Club GCPS
Tzu Chi Youth Association, TCYA Atlanta

Laurel Park
Site Captains: Shanda Sexton, KHB, and Howard Bradley
Keep Hall Beautiful
Hall County Government
Liberty Utilities
Chattahoochee River Riders
Gainesville Department of Water Resources

Little River
Site Captain: Robert & Stephanie Eidson
Hall County Government
Boat Dock Works

Port Royale
Site Captain: Janet Schultz, KFCB and Julia Bonogofsky, KFCB
Port Royale Marina
Keep Forsyth County Beautiful
Lighthouse Marine Solutions
Townley Construction
Impact Rentals
Permafloat (Cellofoam)
East Forsyth High School
Scout Troop 434

Shady Grove
Site Captains: Scott & Tonya Leonard
Keep Forsyth County Beautiful
Forsyth County Georgia
Forsyth Co. Parks and Rec
Bay Colony Float Crue
Freedom Boat Club

Toto Creek
Site Captains: Beth DeNeergaard & Ben Wilson, Bill & Cheryl Hayn
Grist Arbor Services
Townley Constructions

Van Pugh
Site Captains: Cynthia Cochran, Matt Williams
USACE
United Rental
Marine Specialties
Martin Docks

War Hill
Site Captains: Lu Treadway and Robert Hathaway, Kirby Burt, Michael Burgess
GFL - Red Oak
Dawson County Government
Keep Dawson County Beautiful
Marine Specialties
North Georgia Crappy Anglers
Rotary Club of Dawson County
Lummus Supply
Dawson County Woman's Club



FUN FACT: IN THE YEAR 1966, TV AUDIENCES MET BATMAN & STAR TREK

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For more than three decades, Lanier boaters have counted on Marine Specialties for the boat lift that started it all, and for the certified team that keeps it running.







1964 HydroHoist patents the first hydro-pneumatic boat lift

30+ Years as Lanier's certified HydroHoist dealer

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Chances are, a few of the lifts in your cove went in with help from Marine Specialties. For more than 30 years, Lanier boaters have trusted the team to keep their boats high and dry. It's Lanier's certified HydroHoist dealer, and it has long been the only one in Georgia.

THE LIFT THAT STARTED IT ALL

HydroHoist didn't just enter the boat lift business. It invented the hydro-pneumatic boat lift. In 1964, Oklahoma marina owner Henry Rutter patented a simple idea: pump air into buoyant tanks, push the water out, and let the boat rise gently out of the water. More than 60 years later, that idea has made HydroHoist the most trusted name in boat lifts.

WHY OWNERS CHOOSE IT

A HydroHoist mounts to your floating dock and moves with it, so your lift is always in position. There are no cables, pulleys or winches to wear out. Press a button and your hull rises clear of the water, protected from algae, blistering and corrosion, and ready whenever you are.

CERTIFIED TO DO IT RIGHT

A great lift still depends on a great installation. Marine Specialties' dedicated install team is trained and certified by HydroHoist, so every lift is matched to your boat and set up to factory standards. You get a local partner that has worked on these lifts for more than three decades.

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New lift or old, it starts with a call to the dealer Lanier has trusted for over 30 years.

WHY HYDROHOIST

- ✓ Inventor of the hydro-pneumatic boat lift
- ✓ More than 60 years of proven performance
- ✓ Moves with your floating dock
- ✓ No cables, pulleys or winches
- ✓ Keeps your hull high, dry and protected

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60 YEAR LEGACY OF LLA

1966: LLA's Founding Year - The Lake Lanier Association was formed in 1966, ten years after the completion of Buford Dam. It began as a group of lakeside property owners concerned about issues affecting the health and safety of Lake Lanier.

1988: Inaugural Shore Sweep Cleanup - Approximately 100 volunteers gathered for the first annual Shore Sweep cleanup, beginning a tradition that would become one of LLA's longest-running and most impactful programs.

2000: Water Testing Program - LLA launched its Adopt-A-Lake Water Testing Program in 2000 and today operates one of the most extensive Chlorophyll A (algae) testing programs on Lake Lanier. Volunteers test 25 sites across the lake every month, year-round.

2004: Victory for Clean Water - LLA won a Georgia Supreme Court case challenging Gwinnett County's wastewater discharge permit, upholding requirements for the best available treatment technology. LLA then urged lake-bordering counties to adopt stricter discharge limits, and all agreed to protect Lake Lanier's water quality.



Above: Jackie Joseph and Val Perry

2013: Solar Light Program - LLA launched its solar light initiative in 2013, installing lights atop hazard markers to improve nighttime navigation safety. Today, LLA maintains and monitors approximately 300 lighted markers across Lake Lanier.

2014: Rip Rap Shoreline Protection - LLA launched its rip rap initiative in 2014 to combat erosion and protect vulnerable islands and shorelines. To date, 28 islands and three miles of shoreline have been protected through three completed phases.



Above: LLA Board of Directors, Circa 2017

2014: Abandoned and Derelict Docks and Vessels - LLA established its ADDV team to address abandoned and deteriorating docks and vessels that posed environmental and underwater safety hazards. Over the years, numerous docks and vessels have been removed or traced to their owners for removal.

2019: Lake Lanier Legislative Caucus - During the 2019 Georgia legislative session, the Caucus was formally established as a viable committee under the Georgia Constitution, providing a forum for legislators to address issues affecting Lake Lanier.

2020: Life Jacket Loaner Stations - LLA launched its Life Jacket Loaner Station program to increase awareness and access to life jackets and promote safe boating. The stations provide life jackets along with prominent bilingual signage encouraging proper use and life jacket safety.

2021: Tri-State Water Wars - After more than 20 years of litigation over the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin, the Tri-State Water Wars reached a major conclusion in 2021, with Georgia's position ultimately prevailing. The LLA played a vital role in the decades-long Tri-State Water Wars, acting as a prominent legal advocate and protector of the lake's water levels on behalf of homeowners, recreational users, and local businesses.

2022: Channel Marker Refresh - LLA partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to replace and refresh channel markers throughout Lake Lanier. The red and green markers, identified by letters and numbers, help boaters navigate the lake and identify their location.



Above: Resolution 962, LLA in 2018

2025: Shore Sweep Record - At the 37th Annual Shore Sweep, LLA set a new record with more than 1,200 volunteers removing 128 tons of trash and debris from Lake Lanier and its shoreline.

2026: 60th Anniversary Celebration - This year, LLA is celebrating 60 years of protecting and preserving Lake Lanier while raising funds to support its on-lake programs and advocacy efforts for the next 60 years and beyond.

DO YOU KNOW HOW SHORE SWEEP STARTED?

In 1988, the LLA launched Shore Sweep to bring volunteers together to help keep the lake clean. Early cleanups relied on existing dumpsters at marinas and parks, with volunteers collecting litter and foam by hand. Jackie Joseph and her husband, Bob, helped promote the event and provide entertainment through their Oldies Lake 102 FM radio station. The original event also included an after-party at Lanier Park.

By the late 1990s, Shore Sweep had expanded to more marina locations, with Martin Docks helping remove larger pieces of foam using trailers and specialized equipment. When Lake Lanier dropped nearly 20 feet between 2005 and 2007, LLA organized additional cleanups along the exposed shoreline with help from local businesses and nonprofits.

After the lake level recovered in 2008 and 2009, Shore Sweep evolved from a walking cleanup into a boat-based effort. **As the amount of bulky debris and aging encapsulated foam grew, larger equipment became essential for removal.**

Today, Shore Sweep continues to bring the community together to protect Lake Lanier, **recently removing 110 tons this past September.**



*The iconic **skiing brooms shirt** debuted in the 90s as a thank-you gift for volunteers who helped clean the lake.*

FUN FACT: IN THE YEAR 1966, RAZZLES DEBUTED, "FIRST IT'S CANDY, THEN IT'S GUM"

Solar Lights
Lighting Up Lanier for Safer Boating After Dark

By: Todd Baxter, LLA President and Solar Light Program Manager



Over the last two months we've replaced approximately 50 inoperative solar lights around Lake Lanier, bringing our operating percentage back close to 100% as we head into the slower season. We plan to inspect all lights in late March or early April and complete needed replacements before Memorial Day, in an effort to ensure as many lights as possible are operative year round.

Let's hope water levels rise significantly between now and then! Many hazards are currently exposed, and some light poles are actually standing on dry land, making maintenance more challenging. While these hazards may be more visible during daylight, they can be extremely difficult to see at night. Please proceed with caution, especially while lake levels remain this low. Stay in the main channels and familiar waters, reduce your speed, and maintain a careful lookout. Even routes you know well can present new hazards as water levels change. If you see something, say something. Please report damaged or nonworking lights and other concerns to the Lake Lanier Association so we can add them to our list and address them as needed.

Thank you for helping us keep Lake Lanier Clean, Full, and Safe!

Pirates of Lanier Charity Poker Run

We had so much fun in September at the Pirates of Lanier Charity Poker Run! It was a great weekend filled with boats, community, and a little pirate fun! We loved connecting with so many members of the Lake Lanier community, lending courtesy life jackets to help promote safety on the water, and sharing more about the Lake Lanier Association's mission.





We were honored to be one of two beneficiaries, alongside Georgia K9 Search & Recovery, and are so grateful to everyone who came out to support this incredible event! A special thank you to the Pirates of Lanier team, all of the participants, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who helped make the weekend a success.

Learn more about their events at laniercharityevents.com

FUN FACT: IN THE YEAR 1966, THE BEST-SELLING CAR WAS THE CHEVY IMPALA

Browns Bridge Dock

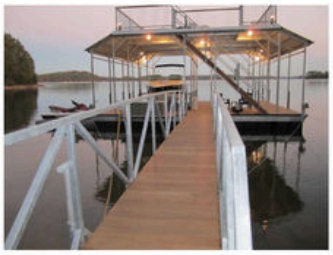
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Our Residential Dock Services



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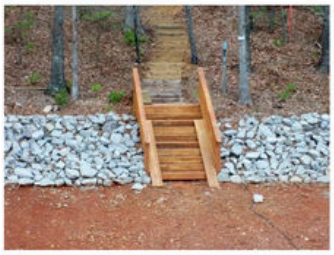
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Whether you're planning a new dock, updating an existing structure or creating a complete dock-and-lift setup, Browns Bridge Dock Co. is ready to help bring your waterfront vision to life. Our commitment to custom design, quality craftsmanship and durable construction helps you make the most of your time on Lake Lanier for years to come.

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DOCK COMPANIES JOIN FORCES TO CLEAN UP BEAVER RUIN



By Terry Morrisey, Director, ADDV & Shore Sweep

A large-scale cleanup is underway at Beaver Ruin in Forsyth County, on the south side of Young Deer Creek near the Beaver Ruin Road shoreline, where years of discarded dock materials and other debris have accumulated.

The Lake Lanier Association, in conjunction with Shore Sweep, organized the effort with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Forsyth County Recycling, Keep Forsyth County Beautiful, and Solid Waste Department, and several local dock companies. The cleanup started in October, with work divided among participating companies.

So far, about 10 dumpsters have been filled and swapped out, with an estimated 10 or more still to go.

The material at Beaver Ruin includes old docks and dock components, boat lifts, jet ski ports, floats, household trash, tires, refrigerators, televisions, and other debris. The site has long been used by dock builders and marine contractors, as recognized by the Corps, while its land access has also contributed to unrelated trash accumulating there over the years.

The cleanup effort began with an on-site meeting coordinated by LLA in late September. Representatives from the Corps of Engineers, Forsyth County, Boat Dock Works, Southeastern Dock Supply, and Browns Bridge Dock participated in developing a plan to divide the work and assign cleanup dates throughout the month.



The Corps of Engineers is providing dumpsters for floats, recyclable metal, and trash. Forsyth County Recycling, Keep Forsyth County Beautiful, BDG Home Services, and Solid Waste Department have also contributed significantly. Volunteers completed a preliminary walk-through to remove non-heavy trash, and they are expected to return near the end of the project to collect the remaining smaller debris. The department is also donating multiple dumpsters.

The Lake Lanier Association donated a portable restroom for the month of October, including weekly maintenance for the crews working at the site.

Old docks are being manually dismantled, with metal separated for recycling. Floats, wood, and other materials are being sent for proper disposal.

Much of the labor, equipment, dumpster capacity, and volunteer time involved in the project has been donated. So far, the portable restroom has been one of the few direct expenses associated with the cleanup.

The project has brought together lake organizations, local government, the Corps of Engineers, and dock companies around a shared goal of improving a long-neglected area of Lake Lanier. By the end of the cleanup, Beaver Ruin is expected to look significantly different, thanks to the combined effort of the organizations and businesses involved.

ABANDONED AND DERELICT DOCKS AND VESSELS (ADDV) PROGRAM

Update: LLA removed an abandoned vessel from Lanier Pointe Park, just south of Gainesville Marina, shortly before Shore Sweep 2026.

The vessel had been reported to LLA's Abandoned and Derelict Docks and Vessels (ADDV) team multiple times due to the safety and environmental risks posed by sinking boats. Its removal resulted in nearly 1.5 tons of waste removed from Lake Lanier before Shore Sweep even began.

We appreciate Southeastern Dock Supply and Impact Marine's efforts in removing this vessel, and their continued support of Shore Sweep and LLA's ADDV program, demonstrating how our Clean Lake initiatives work together to protect Lake Lanier.





FUN FACT: IN THE YEAR 1966, ENGLAND WON THEIR FIRST WORLD CUP

Lately with LLA

A sneak peak into the recent events of the Lake Lanier Association!

SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT LLA
COMMUNITY EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS



LLA staff members have been spreading the word about our mission and the work we do to protect Lake Lanier! Over the past few months, we've had the opportunity to speak with several local organizations, including:

- **The Rotary Club of Gainesville**
- **South Forsyth Rotary Club**
- **University of North Georgia Intern Fair**

Would you like LLA to speak at your community organization?
We'd love to connect. Reach out to lakeinfo@lakelanier.org to learn more.



LANIER ISLANDS PRESENTS
CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

A big thank you to Lanier Islands for supporting the Lake Lanier Association through its Concerts for a Cause series! **This year's series raised $28,000 for two local nonprofits, LLA and the Georgia Mountain Food Bank.** These funds will help support important work across North Georgia, including LLA's Shore Sweep program and local food pantry initiatives. We're grateful to Lanier Islands and everyone who helped make this possible!

Q4 LUNCH AND LEARN
WHAT'S FLOATING IN YOUR WATER?



On October 21st, LLA hosted its fourth and final **Lunch and Learn** of 2026. During the event, members of the Lake Lanier community had the opportunity to ask questions and gain practical insights about **dock floats, the environmental impact of their docks, and sustainable practices**. A big thank you to Haley and Luke with Permafloat for sharing their expertise! We're grateful for their time and for helping make this an informative and engaging discussion.



WOMEN IN BUSINESS
GREATER HALL CHAMBER NETWORKING

LLA recently hosted **Women in Business**, a networking event in partnership with **WomenSource** and presented by the **Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce**! Approximately 45 women joined us at the LLA office for coffee, a light breakfast, and great conversation. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other local professionals, build relationships, and strengthen our community.

LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

We had a blast celebrating our amazing volunteers in late October at Pig Tales Lake Lanier! Our **Shore Sweep site captains, water testers,** and **life jacket loaner station monitors** were recognized for their vital role in keeping Lake Lanier **Clean, Full,** and **Safe** year-round. We are so grateful for our incredible community of those who protect and preserve Lake Lanier.



FUN FACT: IN THE YEAR 1966, THE FALCONS PLAYED THEIR FIRST SEASON



MEMBER EXCLUSIVE

MEMBERS MAKE OUR MISSION POSSIBLE

Did you know? **LLA's newsletter, the Lanier Outlook, is a member exclusive publication!** LLA is pleased to offer our members an inside look at our work on Lake Lanier and exclusive information for home-owners, businesses and our donors.

Donating to the LLA goes well beyond knowing you are a part of a group of concerned constituents who partner together to keep Lake Lanier Clean, Full, and Safe. Your generosity directly supports LLA's programs in measurable ways. Our goal in publishing the Lanier Outlook is to provide our members an inside look at our accomplishments and the work we're achieving together on Lake Lanier.



We invite you to encourage your friends, family and neighbors to become a member to gain access to this exclusive publication!
Print this page and cut along the dotted line to share our mission with someone who should join the Lake Lanier Association!

CLEAN | FULL | SAFE | TOGETHER

SUPPORT THE PREMIERE ADVOCATE FOR LAKE LANIER

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR LLA MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Your LLA Membership helps protect & preserve Lake Lanier for everyone, for generations to come!

300 SOLAR LIGHTS
12 LIFE JACKET LOANER STATIONS
128 TONS OF TRASH REMOVED AT SHORE SWEEP
MONTHLY WATER QUALITY TESTING
3 MILES OF ISLAND RIP RAP

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