



Newsletter of the
Lake Rabun Association, Inc.

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SPRING / SUMMER 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

The past year has been terrible and wonderful. All of our lives have been seriously disrupted. Some of us have gotten sick or worse. But many of us have been able to spend a lot more time with our family members. Lake Rabun was busy all spring, summer and fall last year, even on weekdays, as our members took refuge here. Many worked from their lake houses and will never go back to a traditional office. Things have changed so much. But Lake Rabun is always wonderful!

At this writing, most older folks are fully vaccinated. There is a flood of new vaccinations becoming available, so we can expect that things will begin to return to normal. The question is when. Your officers and trustees have been in constant discussion to try to determine what is safe and practical to do this summer. Vice President Dick Newkirk will talk more about this in his comments. We must comply with emergency orders issued by the governor and/or CDC, and we have a responsibility to play it safe. But we are hopeful that restrictions will be eased soon, and that by mid-summer we will be back to face-to-face meetings and parties. We will keep you posted at lakerabun.org.

My time as Secretary, Vice President and President has not been what I expected. But I have learned a lot about the unwavering strength, integrity and generosity of our Lake Rabun Association. The folks who give their time as officers, trustees and volunteers are always striving to optimize your Lake Rabun experience and give generously back to the community. And we need you! If you haven't already, please consider getting involved. You will get back so much more than you give! We especially need our younger folks to step up and volunteer to help. It's fun and you make new friends!

There are too many contributors to list them all here, but I would like to mention a few.

Thanks again to John Williams for creating and continuing to manage our excellent new website. Thanks to Suzanne

"Duck" Newkirk for stepping up to create our LRA e-blasts which keep us informed of all important happenings. Thanks to Ruddy Deas who is leading us through the delicate conversation about the relatively new large wakes on Lake Rabun. And thanks to Anita Pittman who is the "Google" of our organization, and much more.

And so, please be patient a little longer. We will soon be back to normal. The best is yet to come! Have a great summer!

-Dick Simms





Lake Rabun Association, Inc. (LRA) is a nonprofit, social welfare organization dedicated to nurturing the beauty, serenity and quality of life on and around Lake Rabun.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DICK NEWKIRK

2021 Summer Season

The LRA board is actively engaged in planning for our 2021 events. In advance of last year's season, we paid a 50% deposit to hold the venues for our events spanning from May to September. Despite the pandemic, we were technically responsible for full payment, regardless of whether the events proceeded. Fortunately, all of our bands agreed to carry forward LRA deposits until 2021's corresponding dates, except Moxie, our Memorial Day entertainment.



Moxie was already booked for Saturday, May 29th, 2021, and offered to perform on Friday, May 28th, 2021. After consulting with healthcare professionals, the LRA board decided that Memorial Day weekend is too early to host a large, in person event. As such, the LRA will host a Zoom general membership meeting on Sunday, May 30 at 10:00 am.

The LRA will also host an opening night concert featuring Moxie on Friday, May 28th, 2021, atop the boat church boathouse. Guests are invited to attend via boat. Details will follow, but we are currently planning to host the event from late afternoon until dusk. DNR will supervise boater safety and assist with adjournment.

As State and CDC directives become available, decisions on further events will be announced. The LRA board intends to adhere to prevailing science in scheduling events, while recognizing the community's desire to congregate. The Pavilion is reserved for our use on the dates published in the 2021 calendar and it is our hope to hold the balance of this year's events as scheduled.

After much deliberation, the LRA decided not to serve food at our events this year. We are, however, hopeful that our members may have the opportunity to pick up "boxed" meals directly from local vendors. The DNR will not host boater safety classes this year, though the CPR/AED class will proceed as scheduled. The 4th of July golf tournament, fireworks, and wooden boat parade will proceed as planned. Lakemont University and Bingo remain undecided at this time.

Please understand that we are doing our best to satisfy our members while balancing the critical need to keep our friends and families safe. We will provide details on events marked as "TBD" as quickly as possible. In the meantime, we look forward to another summer season on the lake.

Dick Newkirk



Wooden Boat Parade Annual "Pass in Review" Sunday, July 4th

The parade starts at the Big Basin at 10:30, passes abeam on the far shore to the dam and continues back around Witham Point. It is unknown at this time if there will be a "Pass in Review" at the boat church boathouse. More information will be announced later.

All are welcome so spread the word, and come join the fun as we celebrate 106 years of tradition with Lake Rabun's 41st annual wooden boat parade!



RABUN RAMBLE Road Race

Saturday, July 3, 2021
7:30 a.m.
Lake Rabun Pavilion

We all know it's been a crazy year and we've all had to give up so many things that we took for granted before COVID-19. So, when we announced we would be running the 2020 Ramble virtually, we had no idea what to expect. What a fun surprise to have over 250 of you run the race virtually, now that's crazy, right?!

As the LRA Waves goes to press, we are tentatively planning to run the race again on Lake Rabun Road. All participants will be required to wear masks at all times EXCEPT when running the actual race. We will be monitoring CDC guidelines as the race gets closer and will reserve the right to switch back to VIRTUAL if necessary. We hope to make that decision by Memorial Day weekend.

***We will still offer the option to run the race virtually even if we run the race in person.

So, mark your calendars and let's kick off the holiday weekend with a bang at the START line, Saturday, July 3!

Registration opened April 15 at www.rabunramble.com

We always need volunteers, come join us, it's FUN!

Contact Sandy Strong with questions:

sandyobrien1@mac.com • 917-903-8961

Returning to Normal on the Lake

2020 was dominated by COVID-19 and everyone of us made changes in our lives to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. To do that successfully, we stopped sponsoring activities that would bring large groups of people together. But now we're well into 2021, getting vaccinated, and learning how to begin to resume normal activities safely. Doing that applies to us individually and also to the entire Lake Rabun Association.

Included in that resumption of activities and gatherings is LRA fundraising events. In the past, these events have helped fund the Lake Rabun Foundation which supports LRA scholarships and contributions to various non-profit organizations in Rabun County. Not only do we help our Rabun County neighbors with these events, but by planning, contributing and volunteering together, we strengthen our own Lake Rabun community.

We are still tentative about sponsoring a fundraising event for 2021, but are considering safe possibilities, including an online auction this summer. In addition, we are in the beginning stages of reorganizing the Lake Rabun Home Tour as an in-person event for June, 2022.

If you have ideas for these events or want to volunteer to help, contact Judy Cathey at texanjudy@gmail.com or 804.832.3412.

THE LRA PRESENTS:
THE SPECTACULAR ONE AND ONLY:
LAKE RABUN FIREWORKS SHOW
SATURDAY, JULY 3RD AT DARK



"MAKE NO WAVES"
ENJOY THE SHOW • LEAVING:
FOLLOW BOATS WITH YELLOW
FLASHING LIGHTS AND DO NOT
PASS THEM • FIREBOAT BRINGS
UP THE REAR

This important message brought to you by the Boater Safety Committee of the Lake Rabun Association.
Please Stay Safe!!!

Wake Boat Study

The LRA has listened to your concerns as voiced in the 2018 General Membership Survey and the 2020 Wake Survey. 75% to 87% stated that they had some or major problems with the effects of current wake boat operations. We joined with Lake Burton and authorized and completed an independent external consultant study, which indicated a number of problems and some suggestions which have been submitted to the Georgia Power Company and the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). We summarized these results in a previous email to the members and a copy of the consultant's report is available in the current website. We are presently awaiting GPC/DNR comments before we meet to discuss this issue in detail.

-Ruddy Deas



LAKE RABUN FOUNDATION NEWS

Perhaps a good way to summarize 2020 for the Lake Rabun Foundation is to say that unexpected challenges were met by uncommon generosity! THANK YOU!

LRA members responded throughout the year with record support for the Foundation. Thanks to your contributions, the Foundation provided scholarship assistance and grants of more than \$180,000 last year in Rabun County. Donors are listed on the LRA website.

A Legacy of Generosity

For 34 years, the Lake Rabun Foundation has consistently contributed to the well being of neighbors in Rabun County. At year end 2020, our records indicated the Foundation had funded \$1,992,650 in scholarships and grants. It was proposed that the Foundation break the \$2 MILLION milestone with a \$10,000 grant to FAITH, which has experienced a huge increase in demand for assistance during the pandemic.

Caroline Wallis, Executive Director of FAITH responded *“Since day one at FAITH, the LRA has assisted me not only monetarily, but also through hours of volunteering. I feel the LRA has been the cornerstone of our ability to serve our community. I am very thankful for all that Lake Rabun families have done, and continue to do, to help make Rabun the best it can be.”*

Remembering Josh

Many have sent contributions to the Foundation in memory of our dear friend Josh Addis. Those tributes, combined with a very generous contribution from Gwen North, owner of The Lake Rabun Hotel, will fund THE JOSH ADDIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. After consulting with Josh’s family and some of those who knew him best, it was decided that nothing would please Josh more than to have an LRA scholarship in his honor. His father recalled that Josh took great pride in having been the recipient of an LRA scholarship in 1999. Any additional contributions will be added to his scholarship fund.

The Buz Stone “Lake Rabun Cares” Award

This award was created in 2012 to honor LRA member, Buz Stone, for his leadership of the Lake Rabun Foundation for 25 years. Each year it is presented to an LRA member who **“reflects the spirit of Buz Stone and the goodwill of the Lake Rabun Association in serving the welfare of Rabun County.”** A \$2500 grant will be made to a Rabun County charity selected by the recipient.

Past recipients are: Buz Stone, David & Barbara Cantrell, Charles & Jacqueline Groover, Dorothy Ann King, Kirk & Kathy Knous, Joe Hamilton, Leckie Stack, Anita & Robert Pittman, and Denny Webb.

To nominate an LRA member for this award send a brief letter or email on behalf of the nominee to:

Lake Rabun Foundation • P.O. Box 114 • Lakemont, GA 30552 or email to: Steve Raeber, sraeber41@gmail.com

Nominations should be received by May 30th, 2021.

ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of the Lake Rabun Foundation’s annual budget. Your gift to the Annual Fund sends a clear message in support of the mission of the Foundation in providing scholarship assistance and charitable grants in Rabun County - especially in these challenging times. Donations can be made on the LRA website by clicking the donation button in the Foundation section. Thank you for your support.



Planned Gifts

Please consider including the Lake Rabun Foundation in your estate plans. There are a variety of ways this can be structured with your attorney and the North Georgia Community Foundation. Planned gifts will provide for the viability of the Lake Rabun Foundation for future years. Please contact Greg Rhodes (fgrhodes@equivalinc.com) with questions.



LAKE RABUN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS WEATHER THE PANDEMIC

During Fall 2020, the LRA had 42 scholarship students in college. Three of them graduated in December – Abbie Cox (Agnes Scott), Parker Moore (Georgia Southern), and Jessica Phillips (Piedmont). Congratulations!

The COVID pandemic has not been easy for any of us but college students faced unique challenges. It was not the same for everyone, but we thought you would like to know some of the situations and problems they faced.

Of the 39 students that were to be in school for Spring 2021, two decided to put their college careers on hold, earn some money, and wait for things to return to “normal”. In addition, one student had a family crisis, another one was struggling academically and concerned about college debt, and a fifth one is not sure about continuing his college career.

Imagine the following: you spend almost every waking hour in your dorm room. It is where you sleep, go to class, study, and eat your take-out food. You are lucky if you are in an apartment or house with room to spread out and a kitchen. And count yourself extremely lucky if you have a good roommate(s)!

Additional stressors have increased during the pandemic - problems with virtual classes, getting Covid and missing class and/or labs, and professors not offering additional help to students who ask for it. The big stressor, of course, is grades. Students struggle with how to handle classes and their workloads if they are having problems – should classes be dropped and Hope Scholarships lost because full loads are not being taken anymore or should they stay in classes and hope that passing grades occur so that GPAs aren't lowered and Hope Scholarships are maintained.

Our Connection families have been a big asset to our students, even though they could not meet with the students during the pandemic. The following email from Joy Wilson lets us all know how the little things make a big difference.



Hemlock Report

The relatively mild winter we experienced here in Rabun County means the insect population did not suffer much dieback and will be thriving this spring and summer. That includes the hemlock wooly adelgid. We have already noticed more of the white egg sacks on hemlock trees around the lake than usual - even on trees that have been treated. Now is the best time of year to check the needles for infestation. It's also the best time to treat your trees. If you see it, go to the LRA website, click on "LRA Hemlock Program" for information on resources and names of facilitators who can help you treat your trees. There is no charge, except for the usually minor cost of the chemical used in the treatment. Call Buz Stone at 404-626-1746 to arrange a time to meet you on your property and check your trees.

Save Georgia's Hemlocks is looking for volunteers to help with hemlock treatments all across the North Georgia mountains, many in our National Forests. If you like being outdoors in our beautiful mountains and helping save trees, you'll love this experience. Check the website, savegeorgiashemlocks.org, for scheduled treatment projects.

I appreciate all the work and time the members of the LRA dedicated to us students. I'm so grateful to be a recipient. Knowing I am supported by the foundation has given me encouragement throughout the past couple years and helps me keep thinking "I CAN do this, just remember all those people who believed in you, and still do". Speaking of support, I'd also like to brag on Clay and Al Battle. They are so genuine, intelligent, and kind; just phenomenal, I absolutely love them. They have held up to their title and been a real connections family I didn't know I needed. We may not contact each other for a month or two, but I know they are thinking about me and looking out for opportunities for me to grow as a person and in my career. Them checking in acts as a reminder to keep pushing forward, and it always makes me think that they deserve my success just as much as I do because they have played a huge role in supporting me from the beginning. All the gold stars belong to them (:

Even the students that have not had trouble with virtual classes, professors, or family situations appreciate being told that they CAN do it!

Many thanks to all our Connection folks. You never know the difference you can make in a young person's life. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful program, please contact Laura Rhodes at rhodeslaura@bellsouth.net.

Anne Pledger and Laura Rhodes



Nominations for 2021 Whippoorwill Award

Mike Swink has recently taken over the Whippoorwill Award nominations from Carol Raeber. Carol possessed great wit and an unselfish attitude with this responsibility and we are deeply grateful for the many years of her hard work.

If you would like to nominate a member of the LRA for the 2021 Whippoorwill Award, please go to the "About Us" heading on the lakerabun.org website and choose Whippoorwill Award. Complete the nomination form and mail to:

Mike Swink
P.O. Box 157
Lakemont, GA. 30552

Deadline is August 1, 2021.

Whippoorsnapper Award

The first ever Whippoorsnapper was awarded in 2018. The Award is to recognize and encourage the contributions and volunteer efforts of our younger members.

Fashioned after the Whippoorwill Award, which recognizes long term volunteer service, the Whippoorsnapper Award gives credit to the next generation who have started volunteering on the lake. Be it lake clean-up, event participation, water safety, technical skills, recruitment, or committee work, a Whippoorsnapper personifies the spirit of giving and character of an up-and-coming member (and potentially a future Whippoorwill). This award will shine light on and give credit to our many young people who will carry the torch for the future of our organization.

CRITERIA:

- An individual who is an ambassador in promoting the Mission Statement and goals of the LRA
- An individual who steps up willingly and has volunteered or assisted with multiple events or committees for a minimum of 2 years
- An individual who exhibits character, willingness, energy, and displays positive role modeling for others in his/her peer group
- An individual who is a problem solver and communicates ideas thoughtfully

The Whippoorsnapper Award will be announced at Labor Day meetings. Nominations will be taken from the lake community in the same fashion that the Whippoorwill Award is chosen. This may or may not be an annual award. Please send nominations and a list of qualifying criteria, no later than August 1st, 2021, to: Mike Swink at liftnote@bellsouth.net or mail to P.O. Box 157, Lakemont, GA 30552. Forms are available at www.lakerabun.org.



LAKE RABUN STORE

The Lake Rabun Store is available for all your LRA merchandise needs at The Open Door at Alley's ol' Store.

Shop 7 days a week • Credit cards are accepted.



at Alley's ol' store

Our very special thanks to Carolyn Brown for providing this space for The Lake Rabun Store!

www.lakerabun.org

Please join us in welcoming our newest LRA members:

Archie & Stephanie Baker
Steve Barnard & Margaret Lamb
David & Lisa Barr
Jeremy Diem & Michelle Bernhart
Andrew Blaisdell
Kevin & Mabre Bottoms
Shea & Trish Campbell
Brenda Cox
Leighton & Cynthia Cromer
Gary & Sharon Davis
Lee Epting
Torsten & Sarah Ernst
Randy & Allison Gardner
Mark & Joanna Ghegan
Will & Laura Gurley
Judd & Valerie Harper

Tim & Sharon Harper
Grant & Rhonda Hogan
David & Jeni Knight
Carl & Lee Llewellyn
Scott & Sandy Moretz
Watersports Central
Joe & Julie Pecenka
Jeff & Ann Rice
Kim Roberson
Bob & Amy Rose
Gary & Beverly Springer
Jeb & Alley Staples
Clark & Sharon Tate
James & Beth Taylor
Chris Wilkenloh
Andrew & Lori Woosley

We are thrilled to have you join our LRA family. You will soon learn that it's the members who make our community so special. We look forward to getting to know you at one of the many volunteer opportunities or social events.

A. C. T. NOW to save a life!

Greeting Friends and Neighbors,

Did you know that in one year alone, 370,000 Americans die from a cardiac arrest? That's 1000 people per day or one person every two minutes. A cardiac arrest happens when a victim's heart stops beating and they stop breathing. It's a problem that globally claims more lives than colorectal cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, influenza, pneumonia, auto accidents, HIV, firearms, and house fires combined.

In the last year our fire department, along with the Lake Rabun Association, began a campaign to make the lake safer through CPR training and group AED purchases; however, we need your help as residents. Did you know that CPR, especially if administered immediately after cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person's chance of survival? There are only two things ever proven to increase survival of cardiac arrest: chest compressions and an electrical shock delivered to the heart which must be done within minutes of a cardiac arrest.

You can easily perform both life-saving interventions. In the event you witness a cardiac arrest this season on the lake we ask you to remember the acronym **A.C.T.**

- Assess – Is the person responsive?
- Call – Call 911
- Treat – Start chest compressions and use an AED, if available.

Chest compressions consist of placing the palm of your hand on the center of the chest and pressing hard and fast. Two compressions per second is the goal, and the song "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor has the perfect beat to simulate this rate of 120 beats per minute.

Key things to remember are mouth to mouth ventilation is not needed because there is enough oxygen left in the lungs, and for every 60 seconds without compressions there is a 10% increased chance of not surviving. You can't do it wrong, any attempt is better than no attempt, and you cannot make the situation worse. If you see an adult or teen that has collapsed, you must ACT Now. We will be offering additional CPR and AED training during the summer season. For further information and demonstration videos on A.C.T. and hands-only CPR visit www.nghs.com/actnow.

John Murray, Captain

Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department

Boat Safety TOP 10 LIST!

1. Wake boats, Surf boats, and Ski boats: Empty BALLAST TANKS when not towing riders.
2. ALL BOATS: Be mindful of LARGE WAKES and the IMPACT on OTHER BOATERS as well as DOCKS, BOATHOUSES and SHORELINE.
3. 100 foot rule. Boaters must stay 100 feet from any fixed or standing structure while underway. There is an example of 100 feet measured out at Halls across from the gas boat slips. There are yellow signs that mark 0 and 100 feet. DNR has written numerous citations for this violation. Wake boats and surf boats with full ballast are encouraged to allow much more space between themselves and other boats or shore. Wake boarding and surfing are discouraged in the narrow parts of the lake.
4. RULES OF THE ROAD APPLY TO THE LAKE: STAY TO THE RIGHT WHILE UNDER WAY. IT'S THE LAW and makes the lake safer...It's just good safe boating!
5. Navigation Lights on BEFORE DUSK. Red/Green on front/Bow and White light on the back/Stern. ALWAYS HAVE A SECONDARY EMERGENCY LIGHT ON BOARD.
6. All boats should have a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET for each person on board. Children 12 years of age and under must wear a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET WHILE THE BOAT IS UNDER WAY. (Swimmies for the little ones do not count unless it has a TAG THAT STATES COAST GUARD APPROVED.)
7. DO NOT ALLOW SMALL CHILDREN TO RIDE IN THE BOW OF A BOAT. This is not a LAW but it is VERY DANGEROUS. Children can bounce right out of the boat while encountering waves.
8. NO SKIING, TUBING, WAKEBOARDING or RIDING PWC's after SUNSET. It is the law.
9. A valid, operable FIRE EXTINGUISHER should be on board every boat.
10. Each person on a PADDLE BOARD, KAYAK or CANOE must have a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET with them while paddling. (*You don't have to wear it, just have it with you.*)

FYI

Rabun Beach Grocery opens May 13th
and their phone number is 706-212-9643.

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN at Hall's Boathouse

Take a moment when you are at Hall's Marina to stand in front of the Memorial garden where you will see the plaques of so many great lovers of Lake Rabun that we have lost over the years. If you would like to order a plaque in memory of a friend or loved one that loved Lake Rabun go to lakerabun.org. Ordering information is under "About us" heading. The instructions and order form are there. Keep in mind it takes 4-6 weeks to get the plaques engraved and installed.



Jason Gilbert and Scotty Mitchell-Gilbert are continuing to enhance and Maintain the Memorial garden. They replanted the Garden last year with the help of their friend, Molly Welch, the landscape architect with W Designs. Molly donated the design plan that Jason and Scotty implemented.

Any help with weeding while you are filling up your boat would be much appreciated! And, please make sure to clean up after your dogs.

CONTACTS:

Carol Raeber - Memorial Plaques 404-316-1683
Scotty Mitchell-Gilbert - Memorial Garden 678-777-7418
Molly Welch - W Designs 404-414-3024

LAKE CLEANUP DAY

WHEN: Friday June 11th

WHAT TIME: 9:00 AM

WHERE: Convene at Hall's Boat House

You do not have to visit many other lakes to realize that Lake Rabun is at the top of the list for clean shorelines and beautiful water.

We are so blessed to be able to ride along the shores of our lake and admire the beauty of the landscape without man-made debris to tarnish the beauty. We attribute this to the good stewardship of lake residents and also to the ongoing bi-annual Lake Clean-up activities. If you just love being on the lake like we do and are looking for a legitimate excuse to be able to spend another day on the lake, please join us the morning of Friday, June 11th !! You will be able to spend a fun filled day on the lake and will also be able to give back to the lake in gratitude for all the pleasure it has brought to many generations. No boat is necessary, but boats are welcome and needed! Come with gloves, sunblock and a smile!

Lunch will be served to all volunteers. If you plan to join us, please send us an email with the number of people in your party. This will help us with our lunch order. An email link is attached to our names below.

Thank in advance for volunteering!

RSVP to Melissa and Bobby Clinkscals
mobile: 404-218-2879 or rmclink@aol.com

The screenshot shows the Lake Rabun Association website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Search". To the right of the search bar is a logo featuring a tree and the text "RABUN 1915". Further right is a "Log In" button. Below these elements is a horizontal navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Volunteering, Foundation, Logo Merchandise, LRA Store, News, Contact Us, The Pavilion, and Links. The main content area features a large photograph of three boats on the water. The boats are labeled "HALL'S BOATHOUSE", "HALL'S BOATHOUSE No.1", and "7 RABUN BOATHOUSE". Overlaid on the photo is the text "Lake Rabun Association" and "Welcome to Our New Website". At the bottom of the screenshot is a red banner with the text "WEBSITE: JOHN WILLIAMS".

The new website is up and running. There are several new features that allow for timely communications to our membership. The News Blog on the home page provides updates to important information pertinent to our community. You can now enter unlimited email addresses in your profile. This allows for all your family members to stay informed through emails from the LRA. We have also broadened the pages for the Lake Rabun Foundation. You can see the wonderful things that the Foundation does for the community along with the multiple ways to give. Once we are able to gather again, the calendar will allow for easy registration to LRA Events. As a reminder, usernames have changed from what was used with our legacy site. The primary email address listed in your profile acts as your username. If you have issues getting in to the site, please email admin@lakerabun.org for help.



SPRING TIME AT THE TRIANGLE

For a lot of you, the first landmark you meet when you're approaching Lake Rabun is the Triangle at the junction of Lake Rabun Road and Old Historic 441. You come to the Triangle, turn left and before you know it, you'll spot the Lake on the left.

The garden in the Triangle was designed, built and planted over 25 years ago and has helped keep the intersection safe and attractive ever since. For the past year, it's been maintained by a group of Lake Rabun volunteers. We gather four to five times a season to weed, trim and tidy up. We particularly like to have it ready for the big summer weekends.

We're always looking for more volunteers. If you like to be outside and play in the dirt with like-minded people, call Judy Cathey (804.832.3412) and join the team. No experience necessary and the only equipment needed is gardening gloves, hat, sunscreen and willing hands.

KEEP LAKE RABUN BEAUTIFUL

In the fourth quarter of 2020 your LRA launched our community effort to keep the stretch of Lake Rabun Road from the Seed Dam to Terrora Circle free of litter... 6.3 miles in total. This is part of the Keep Rabun County Beautiful Program. We sent out messages through signup genius and the response has been great!

Participants promise to walk their section of the road (~ one mile) an average of once per month over the period signed up for (calendar quarter). Anything else? Yes! We ask people to take a selfie of whatever gets collected each time the route is walked to post their results to the Lake Rabun Facebook page! Anything else someone should know about? There is wildlife around the lake, so it is recommended to purchase a 48" grabber tool to pick up items without touching them!

Several times during the year the LRA sends out a link to signup genius to sign up. Select the SECTION and the Quarter you want to sign up for. Add your full name, phone number and email so you can be contacted. Save your sign up and you're finished!

What's next? We would like to hear from you if you have an interest in helping us expand the program to include the rest of the lake. There are about 25 additional one-mile sections that could benefit from special care! Your comments, questions or suggestions are welcome and should be sent to Chris at cdunn@dunnworks.com.

NEW LRA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY COMING!

The new LRA directory is in the works and should be ready for pickup at the Pavilion three weekends in early summer, including Memorial Day weekend.

Details will be provided in May.



PAVILION UPDATE

2020 certainly was a difficult year, and virtually all the scheduled activities were either cancelled or downsized due to COVID restrictions. Hopefully, the country will be able to vaccinate all adults by the end of May and events can get back on track. Jan and Nancy have seen to the ongoing maintenance of the Pavilion and have continued to follow the applicable guidelines while working with folks interested in having events planned as effectively as possible.

Our fees have been raised only once since 2009 and the Pavilion is still a bargain when compared to other venues in our area. Chairs, tables and a sound systems are included in a rental which make the Pavilion a desirable venue. For 2021 there are 9 events scheduled besides the LRA annual events. Some of the events are weddings postponed from 2020. One wedding was scheduled for early last year and then rescheduled for last fall, then scheduled for this spring and has now been rescheduled for 2022. This shows the Pavilion is the place to have your wedding.

We hope to see all of our LRA members at the Pavilion this season.

In the meantime please visit the Pavilion tab at lakerabun.org.

Rick Asbill, Co-Chair, Finance
Kirk Knous, Co-Chair, Operations



Lake Rabun Association

Calendar of Events 2021 (tentative)

Friday, May 28	Memorial Day Concert - Moxie on Boat Church Boathouse (6-8:30) Enjoy from your boat! Strictly no congregating around the boathouse.
Saturday, May 29	Trustee meeting at Lakemont Fire Department building (9:00-11:30)
Sunday, May 30	General Membership Zoom meeting (10:00-12:00)
Friday, June 11	Lake cleanup from Hall's ramp (9:00-2:00)
Saturday, June 12	CPR / AED class at the Pavilion (9:00-11:00)
Saturday, July 3	Rabun Ramble from Pavilion (7:30- 9:30) LRA fireworks at the lower basin (Dusk)
Sunday, July 4	Wooden Boat Parade starting from Big Basin 10:30 am Bluegrass TBD
Monday, July 5	Golf Tournament at the Orchard (8:00-5:00)
Saturday, July 17	Lakemont University TBD Bingo TBD
Saturday, July 24	Beach Party TBD Swingin' Medallions TBD
Saturday, August 7	Lakemont University TBD Bingo TBD
Saturday, Sept. 4	Trustee meeting at Pavilion (9:00-11:30)
Sunday, Sept. 5	General Membership meeting (10:00) TBD Atlanta Rhythm and Groove TBD
Friday, Sept. 10	Lake cleanup (9:00)
Friday, Nov. 26	Potluck dinner at Glen Ella Springs 6 pm TBD

***Dates, times and events subject to change,
so refer to www.lakerabun.org for updates.**

