



# LBCA

July 2006

## Newsletter

### President's Comments

July 5, 2006

Summer is going by fast and the LBCA has been busy! The Spring Meeting and Bluegrass Party was a big success - with 300 or so attending, clapping, and dancing the evening away. Our Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 4th and its planning is well under way. We are currently filling up fast - so get your group signed up to play soon. Our Annual Business Meeting and Art Show is coming up on August 12th at the Wildcat Volunteer Fire House. We will be serving a fried chicken lunch, electing our new officers, and enjoying a great art show. Your reservation form is included with this newsletter. Please fill out and return it to us as soon as you can.

Your officers and directors work hard all year long - but especially during

the active summer months. Please let them know you appreciate what they are doing.

If you haven't sent us your email address, please do so as soon as possible. We are now sending out information that is timely and important to the members on a regular basis by means of these email broadcasts. Please send your email address to [lbca@lbca.net](mailto:lbca@lbca.net) and we will add it to our distribution list.

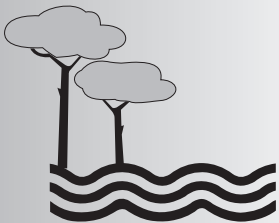
I have enjoyed being your president these past years and hope I have made some positive difference in the lake community. Thanks for having me serve!

Steve Barrett

### LBCA Threatens Lawsuit Against Waterfall

Attorneys for the Lake Burton Civic Association have sent a letter to J.T. Williams complaining of the discharge of soil, dirt, debris, and storm water runoff into Lake Burton - as well as the illegal dredging and filling of waters and/or wetlands during the continuing development of Waterfall Country Club. The LBCA's position is that these acts, documented by its members, are in violation of the federal government's Clean Water Act. The letter provides Waterfall with a 60-day window to remedy the situation,

and Mr. Williams has expressed interest in meeting with LBCA representatives to discuss the matter. LBCA President, Steve Barrett was quoted as follows in the Clayton Tribune: "We're trying to protect the value of the lake and the value of the lake is the quality of its water." Interestingly, a recent study by a major midwestern university validated that the value of lake property is tied directly to the quality of the water of a particular lake.



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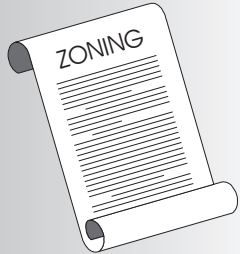


## Waterfall Height Variance Denied

The Rabun County commissioners denied J.T. William's request for a height variance for the multi-family structure being built at Waterfall. The construction on the building was started without a permit.

The commissioners did allow amnesty – because several buildings in the county were above the 36' height regulation. Those buildings that were started after the new ordinance went into effect and prior to the May hearing will be allowed. Quoting an editorial in the local newspaper, "Mr. Williams escaped

penalty only because others had also skipped around the law." Although the commissioners were forced by circumstance to approve the amnesty, they did state publicly, that until now we simply relied on people to obey the law, but from now on the height limit ordinance will be rigidly enforced on any new construction in the county. A new height ordinance is being produced now by the zoning and planning board and the county commissioners. Maybe, in the end, some good will come of all this.



## Land Tract Sold To Developer

A local developer, Morton Campbell, purchased 423 acres from a local farmer, J.R. Brooks, on June 1st. Mr. Campbell plans to create a conservation subdivision named Rocky Grove – with lots ranging from 15 to 34 acres. The development will include 73 acres of green space on Bridge Creek and

each lot will be sold with conservation easements to ensure that only 25% of each lot's area will be developed. Mr. Campbell feels that Rocky Gove will look pretty much like it does now, and he plans to use the Chattooga Conservancy to manage the property and to enforce development rules.



## Annual Members Meeting & Art Show

The Annual Members Meeting and Art Show will be held on Saturday, August 12th at the Wildcat Fire House - just north of LaPrades on Highway 197. The slate of candidates for election to association office are:

- Jim Higdon – President • Becky Hunter – Vice President
- Charlie Boyd – Director • Bill Markert – Director
- Jim Pope – Director • Mike Walters – Director

The format of the meeting was a great success last year. We hope you can be with us this year.





## LaPrades Marina Is Open

The marina at LaPrades is open, pumping gas, and serving snacks – including coffee and muffins in the morning. A Wi-Fi hot spot is now available – to

enable customers to pick up their email. Operating hours are 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Wednesday through Sunday. The facility is closed on Monday and Tuesday.



## LBCA Member Complaints

LBCA officers and directors receive many complaints and comments about activities on and around Lake Burton. Here are the most common complaints:

- ▶ **Leaving outdoor lights on overnight**
- ▶ **Plowing boats**
- ▶ **Kids driving golf carts in a reckless manner on lake access roads**

- ▶ **Speeding automobiles**
- ▶ **Boats coming too close to docks**
- ▶ **Loud music or yelling on docks**
- ▶ **Inexperienced boat operators**

It will be appreciated by all if these items could be addressed by the members themselves.

## Georgia Power To Host Lake Cleanup

On September 22, 2006 Georgia Power will host a lake cleanup day. The kick off will be at Murray Cove boat ramp. Trash bags and directions to target specific areas will be provided. Georgia Power will also have

refreshments and lunch at the noon hour for those who participate. We will have additional information as well as sign up instructions closer to the date. Please consider participating in this very worthwhile event!



## Briefly . . .

- ☑ A 30-year-old aluminum fishing boat disappeared from the Abernathy's dock on the Dick's Creek end of Lake Burton during the past winter. It has an upright seat attached to it. If anyone has found this boat, please call Joan Hallford Abernathy. She can be reached at 404-291-8979.