



# LBCA

November 2005

## Newsletter

### President's Comments

Thanksgiving Weekend  
Lake Burton, Georgia

It is 26 degrees this morning and just beautiful at the lake! There seems to be more and more people around the lake during this holiday. It is a wonderful place to have a Thanksgiving celebration. The leaves have pretty much fallen off the trees and the lake is down several feet, but a few hardy folks are bundled up and enjoying a late fall boat ride.

While the lake is quiet, several of our members and officers are continuing to work on erosion and siltation issues as they affect the lake and rivers. Zoning is being looked at again to tighten the requirements on development in the Tallulah River Watershed and ridgeline. In addition the Rabun County Fire Committee is being

reloaded with new members who will continue to look at – and hopefully contract with – a vendor to do the ISO study we are all anxious to have completed.

LBCA dues notices have been mailed and I would appreciate your prompt response with both the information requested (especially email addresses) and your dues check. The sooner we have these items in, the sooner Becky Hunter and her helpers can get the directory under way.

If I can be of assistance to any of you, please contact me at [lbca@lbca.net](mailto:lbca@lbca.net) or directly at [srs-inc@juno.com](mailto:srs-inc@juno.com).

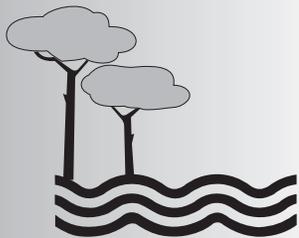
Happy Holidays,

Steve Barrett

### Environmental Protection On Increase

During the month of October, the Rabun County Marshall's Office and the County Magistrate added some teeth to the environmental laws the county can enforce. The Marshall's Office sponsored a meeting attended by 50 or more developers and contractors who were told by the EPD that things were going to be rough for those who break the rules. The county magistrate handed out stiff penalties to Wright Brothers Construction

(Highway 76), J.T. Williams (Waterfall and Kingwood) and three others for their failure to maintain soil erosion control measures. Significant sedimentation from the Highway 76 project has entered the lake in Timpson Cove – a problem which will be corrected this winter, according to a spokesperson for Wright Brothers. Hats off to our law enforcement officers!





## Tri-Cord Capital In News Again

The ownership of LaPrades may soon change hands. The Vinings Marine Group, LLC has an offer on the table for the 43 acres still owned by Tri-Cord Capital, LLC. Peter Anzo, spokesperson for the Vinings Group (and an LBCA member for 12 years) has felt the pangs of nostalgia the past couple of years as he passed the old restaurant and marina on his way to Governor's Cove. Peter says, "It is very important to me and my family that we have

a nice development that fits into the lake lifestyle." The sale could close before the end of the year. Meanwhile, a number of Charlie Mountain landowners have sued Tri-Cord and its subsidiary Charlie Mountain Water, LLC for forcing customer agreements and arbitrary fees on them for continued water service. The plaintiffs also allege that Charlie Mountain Water is not following GEP requirements regarding legal title of the water system.



## Ruth & Bobby Brooks Had A Party . . .

Ruth and Bobby Brooks had a party in October . . . and guess who came . . . Governor Sonny Perdue and his wife, Mary. The Purdues drove up from Athens after attending the Georgia-Arkansas football game. The Brooks own and operate the "Brooks Little General Store and Restaurant" on the south end of the lake.

The restaurant had over a hundred people crammed into a space for fifty – all wanting to hobnob with the governor. "It's just a get-together", said Ms. Brooks . . . "but one which was mostly Republican". What will Ms. Brooks and Bobby do for an encore? This is a tough one to follow.

## Road Relocation Policy

The Rabun County Board of Commissioners has adopted a much needed and more stringent road relocation policy. To move a road, one needs to fill out an application that includes the design and specification of the project completed by an engineer licensed by the State of Georgia. The application must also include

costs, benefits to the county, a construction schedule, written consent from all adjoining landowners and county approval of the project's erosion control plan. In addition, notices must be posted, fees and bonds must be paid and the project must be reviewed at a public hearing.



## Rhapsody – A Huge Success

Rhapsody In Rabun's 2005 Black Tie Ball raised over \$93,000 for this year's recipient, the Boggs Mountain Animal Shelter. "Thank You", to the many LBCA members who helped create an event that was truly a rhapsody.

## Winter Calendar

January 1, 2006

LBCA Member Directory Information Forms & membership dues are DUE!

January 14, 2006

Wildcat VFD Covered Dish Supper

February 26, 2006

Winter Board of Directors Meeting