

KCB JUNE 2022 MONTHLY



Letter from the CEO

A lot more folks are recycling these days and we're very glad to see it. More of the garbage haulers have returned to picking up recycling on a weekly or every other weekly basis. Staffing issues seem to be at work here. We're hoping that situation improves down the road.

As summertime rolls around, there'll be more opportunities for folks to recycle all the plates, forks, and spoons from picnics and other household meals on the run. A reminder of what should and what should NOT be placed into the recycling bins seems appropriate here!

The list of non-recyclable items seems longer than what CAN be recycled, but efficiencies in the disposal of these items dictate what we can and cannot recycle.

Feel confident that all steps we take to keep the landfills from filling up and reducing the need for new containers is good for all of us!

DO RECYCLE

- Clean and dry bottles, cans, paper, & cardboard
- Caps on bottles are ok
- Plastics with 1,2, or 3 in the small triangle
- Food and beverage cans
- Aerosol cans ok, but remove plastic lid
- DRY paper, newspapers & magazines
- Flatten all cardboard material
- Loose recyclables only, no bagged items

DO NOT RECYCLE

- No bags of recyclables, **EMPTY ALL BAGS**
- No grocery bags, place in garbage bins or return to store
- No plastic wrap or plastic film
- No cups with wax
- No styrofoam or polystyrene "takeout" boxes
- No diapers
- No "garage" waste-air or oil filters
- No garden hoses
- No medical waste

No recycling with numbers 4 thru 7 in the small triangle

Please consult your garbage hauler's website for more info on how to recycle correctly. We are all in this TOGETHER, and TOGETHER we can make a difference!

Best wishes for a safe and happy Summer,

Mark Preetorius
Chief Executive Officer
Keep Cherokee Beautiful

May Clean-up Recap



For the month of May, we had four groups report clean-up events.

Volunteers from the Falls of Cherokee collected 33 bags of garbage, weighing 660 lbs, along Sixes Road from Transart Parkway to 1-575.

Players and family members from the Georgia Academy Power organization collected 15 bags of garbage, weighing 315 lbs, along State Route 5.

Members of Waleska United Methodist Church collected ten bags of garbage, weighing 210 lbs, along Little Refuge Road.

Finally, volunteers collected 40 bags of garbage, weighing 840 lbs, along several roadways in the Hickory Flat community.

In all, there were 98 bags of garbage collected weighing just over 1 ton.

Remember, we LOVE to recognize your cleanup efforts. Please submit after clean-up reports to tdbrazie@cherokeega.com.

Upcoming Events

June 11 - BridgeMill community roadside cleanup event. Check the [KCB Facebook page](#) for future details.

Lake Allatoona Association

What is the LAA? Formed in 2012, the LAA is a completely volunteer non-profit. LAA's Mission is to bring together lake users, local businesses, and government to make improvements in lake water quality, lake levels, and safety for its recreational users. Our goal is to

be the "Voice of Lake Allatoona".

Who is the LAA Board? There are five volunteer LAA Board members: Aaron Feldt and Carole Miller reside in Bartow County; Dean Bourne and Linda Hartsfield reside in Cherokee County; and Dave Matthews resides in Cobb County. These volunteers come from various professional backgrounds and include boat owners, area residents and environmentally-concerned citizens.

Why was the LAA formed? Lake Allatoona, located 30 miles north of Atlanta, covers 12,000 acres with 270 miles of shoreline, surrounded by another 25,000 acres of beautiful wilderness and Federal public land. The Lake is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is framed and bordered by the Allatoona Range of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The lake meanders through Bartow, Cherokee and Cobb counties. It draws 9 to 10 million visitors a year and provides in excess of \$250 million dollars to the local economy. It also offers 688 campsites and 453 picnic sites. It is home to nine city and county parks and one state park. There are eight commercial marinas and also three boat accessible restaurants.

With all that Lake Allatoona offers, and what it provides for the people around it, it needed to have a voice to speak on its behalf. Therefore, the Lake Allatoona Association was formed.

What programs does the LAA manage?

Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup (GLAC) - The LAA's largest program that they manage is the annual GLAC which averages 3,000 volunteers for the one-day cleanup of Allatoona Lake. The GLAC is normally the most attended Public Lands Day Event nationwide. This year will be the 37th annual GLAC. From 1986-2021, GLAC volunteers have collected over **five hundred tons** of trash since 1986. The LAA Board and GLAC Committee are looking forward to the 'after clean up' volunteer appreciation picnic after a two-year COVID hiatus. Registration is now open to Volunteer for the 2022 GLAC: www:lakeallatoonaassoc.com

Allatoona Lake Warriors (ALW) – The ALW, formed in mid-2018, are a group of 'dedicated' volunteers that clean the shoreline of Lake Allatoona year-round. Even on the coldest days of winter, this group will collect trash while the lake level is at it's lowest and on the hottest days of summer, they will clean areas that have been trashed. The ALW have two pontoon work boats, one docked in Bartow County, and one docked in Cherokee County. Members of the ALW use their personal kayaks and canoes to paddle into areas the pontoon boats or GLAC volunteers cannot easily access. The ALW have removed **26.4 tons** of trash in addition to the trash collected by the GLAC volunteers during the annual one-day event.

Noonday Creek Trash Study – The LAA and ALW began keeping records of the amount of trash collected and the location of the collection. The data provided information as to which tributaries have the largest quantity of trash entering Lake Allatoona. A trash study

was conducted on Noonday Creek within the Woodstock city limits. LAA provided data to the City Council. As a result, Woodstock has purchased a permanent trash buoy system that they will continue to monitor and clean.

In late February 2022, the LAA presented information to the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, Keep Cherokee Beautiful Board, Canton Stormwater Department and Holly Springs Stormwater Department Staff during a joint meeting. The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners advised LAA that as a result of the data collected by the Lake Warriors, a budget has been set to purchase possibly two permanent trash buoys to be placed in tributaries identified by the ALW Study. The process will take a few months; however, LAA is very excited that more action is being taken to hopefully eliminate the inflow of trash into the Lake.

Partnership with Georgia Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division – In April 2022, the LAA Board requested a meeting with GA DNR Fisheries Biologist, the US Army Corps of Engineers, Keep Cherokee Beautiful, and Keep Bartow Beautiful to express concerns regarding the “Georgia Cubes” fish attractors being placed into the lake. The “Georgia Cubes” are made of PVC pipe and French drainpipe. Zip ties are used to hold them together and are anchored with concrete blocks. LAA’s concern was that over time the “Georgia Cube’s” would become yet another trash nuisance on or in Allatoona Lake. GA DNR Fisheries Biologist presented a very informative program to the group. We received information that the “Georgia Cubes” would be replaced with the “Mossback” brand, a more effective type of fish attractor. The “Mossback” brand creates food for fish, keeps hooks from snagging, has the look of a “natural piece of cover” and is made from recycled materials. Additionally, Keep Bartow Beautiful, Keep Cherokee Beautiful and Wildlife Action have expressed interest in this initiative for the “Mossback” fish attractors. During this meeting, the Board voted to begin a partnership with GA DNR Fisheries to assist with some projects including Button Bush plantings and placement of the fish attractors.

Water Quality Testing – The LAA has partnered with Georgia Highlands College Science Department regarding water quality testing. This program is in the early stages. There will be more information to come at a later date.

Solar Light Program – Again, this program is in the initial stage. Please watch for more information about this ‘safety’ project.

LAA Fun Activities – Annually, the LAA sponsors and coordinates the Lake Allatoona Poker Run and the “Lights on the Lake” Christmas Boat Parade.

Lake Allatoona Poker Run proceeds benefit The Folds of Honor, a non-profit organization that provides educational funding for spouses and dependents of downed or disabled American service personnel. This event is not only for boat owners but those that do not own a vessel. Playing Cards are drawn at various marinas (card stops) or you

can select all of your playing cards prior to the card opening. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd top scoring poker hands. This year's Poker Run will be Saturday, **August 6th**.

Lights on the Lake Boat Parade proceeds benefit a non-profit organization that assists children 'in foster care'. Each year a non-profit is chosen from Bartow, Cherokee or Cobb Counties to receive the proceeds from the Boat Parade. Boat owners decorate their vessels in the holiday spirit. Effective 2022, the boat parade is being moved to the second Saturday in November due to conflicts with other holiday activities, football playoffs, etc. This year's boat parade will be held on **November 12th**.

Keep up to date with our activities by visiting our website at www.Lakeallatoonaassoc.com. Check us out on [Facebook – Lake Allatoona Association](#).

Summer Cleaning Tips

Warm weather and pollen, welcome to summers in the south. This is also a great time to get outside and give your adopted roadways some attention.

Just a quick reminder that in the process of planning your road clean-up event please notify the Recycling Center of your planned dates as they only have a limited number of supplies.

Safety vests, trash pickers and road signs are on a first come first serve basis and trash bags can always be supplied.

Once your event is complete, please notify the Recycling Center of the number of bags collected, regardless if you are handling the disposal, the Recycling Center needs those numbers for reporting purposes.

Don't forget to watch for wildlife. With temperature swings and breeding season, animals are out and about. Please be aware of venomous snakes and the areas they like to frequent.

We appreciate those of you who take the time and give back to your community, you truly are making a noticeable difference.

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