



FLG Bulletin

Late Summer 2009

Grand Summer Social a great success

On a cool summer night July 18, 2009, 69 members of the Friends of Lake Glenville gathered at The Lake Club on Lake Glenville to meet and greet each other, renewing old friendships and meeting new members. For the fifth year in a row, the spectacular “heavy hors d’oeuvres” were prepared by a group of member ladies led by Lynn Leach and Karen Scarborough. With appetizers, dips, sandwiches, and several main course equivalents, no one went home hungry. This event is the social highlight of a season that also includes three member breakfasts and the Annual Meeting breakfast. If you missed this year’s event, keep an eye on your email or the Friends of Lake Glenville web site for details about next years event.

Have I missed some newsletters?

The answer is probably “no”. The last newsletter mailed to the entire membership was labeled “Summer 2008”. Due to a variety of “issues”, none have been created since then, with all communications this season being via email. The next full newsletter is anticipated for Fall 2009.

Email

Are you getting email notices about FLG events? If not, we probably do not have a current correct email address for you. Send an email to flg28736@yahoo.com or flginformation@friendsoflakeglenville.com to be included in future mailings. Please make sure you include your name if it is not obvious from your email address. If more than one family member wants to receive FLG notices, include their names and email addresses too.

Water Sonde purchased

As a significant enhancement to the water quality program begun a number of years ago, the FLG Board approved the purchase of a water sonde at its June meeting. The sonde, from Hach Environmental, will allow on site measuring of various water quality parameters, including for the first time a quantitative measurement of chlorophyll, if present. After years of testing for pollutants in incoming streams, the focus will shift to lake water testing to better document the consequences of increased shoreline erosion, decreased water clarity, and a recent algae bloom, among other issues. The results will allow the FLG to engage various local, state, and federal entities in an attempt to reverse the degradation of our previously pristine lake water that is easily and qualitatively visible to even a casual observer.



The purchase of the water sonde was facilitated by generous donations from The Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club, the Cassidy Family Foundation, and the Austin family. Additional donations can still be made to help cover the over \$15,000 cost of the sonde and its ancillary operating items.

Upcoming Events

FLG Annual Meeting: Saturday August 1, 2009, 9am, Glenville CDC; breakfast, election of new Board members, outside speaker

Final Member Breakfast of the season: September 13, 2009, 9am, Trillium Clubhouse

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Relicensing: On hold

Duke Energy's relicensing of Lake Glenville and its other Western North Carolina hydroprojects remains in limbo. The mediation effort described in recent articles in the Crossroads Chronicle and the Sylva Herald, among others, was not successful. Details are not available, as federal mediation proceedings are considered "confidential" and not to be divulged outside those directly involved with the mediation process. The appeal by Jackson County focused primarily on the proposal to demolish the Dillsboro dam remains in the US Court of Appeals, as does our companion effort to regain shoreline leases under special circumstances, mandate more stable and predictable lake levels, be allowed to clear brushy buildup in the shoreline buffer, restrict lake water releases for downstream kayaking, and seek more funding for Andrews Park near the dam. A decision by the Court is expected some time this fall.

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It is not too late to join for 2009 or to increase your membership level and become a sponsor. Payment of dues by former members still getting this newsletter would be especially appreciated, to help pay for the on-going water quality program, the new sonde, the July 4th fireworks, and the social program that lets us have fun while helping "Protect and Preserve" the lake. Mail to address below, with membership form on FLG web site.

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