

# SAVE OUR LAKES



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## REMEMBER!!!!



Picture taken by Glenda Harper

This was on the front page of our March **2013** SOLO newsletter! That' right...a short six years ago. I believe most in our lake community can REMEMBER "mud beds" instead of lake beds. Four wheelers, dirt bikes and "mudders" were having a grand time!...fishing, swimming and skiing were but a memory.

**THIS** March newsletter comes when our beautiful lakes are actually starting to look beautiful again! Folks are out enjoying family time...fishing, swimming and skiing. Why am I saying "REMEMBER"... even though we have had a couple of good rain years, it's not all about rain. When we enter into another dry period (and we most certainly will), will our beautiful lakes turn into the dry, parched "mud beds" again? The answer is YES, unless we have options for ensuring our water supply!

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You can get information as well as communicate with us through our website: [www.saveourlakes.org](http://www.saveourlakes.org) or our email [save-our-lakes@comcast.net](mailto:save-our-lakes@comcast.net). Our newsletter comes out once a month by email and US Mail (usually the first week of the month).

*Please feel free to check us out!*

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## REMEMBER... (Continued)

Rain may stop for a while, but permitted pumping will NOT stop! In fact, if you think about it, that pumping will actually increase! Imagine a July with little or no rain...the grass and plants start wilting...sprinklers are turned on more often...pools evaporate more...YOU get thirsty more often! This scenario has been going on for decades.

Think about the flip side of this issue - heavy rains and hurricanes. Weather alerts go out...sand bags are made available for those in low lying areas...people board up their homes and businesses. Evacuation alerts may go out! It's called getting prepared for the inevitable. The effects of dry seasons, however, just seem to creep up on everyone...no alerts go out. That's NOT okay!

As Florida's population increases, there will be more demands on our infrastructures, school and medical systems...and, oh yes, our precious water supply. The answer is to be prepared for those increased demands...**even during dry periods!**

There is no ONE fix for the water supply vs. demand issue. It will take a combination of many projects ranging from water conservation (that includes you and me), big utilities developing water reuse plans and agriculture/dairy finding ways to provide our food supply in a more water-wise environment. Ultimately, it will also take **NEW** water projects AND better enforcement of MFLs (Minimum Flow Levels) by the Water District to meet the water demands of the future.

What and where is **NEW WATER**? To my knowledge, we haven't figured out how to manufacture water...yet! If you think about it, it's not NEW at all. It's RAIN. What's NEW is the ways (projects) being developed to make that rain serve even more purposes. Examples: (1) Those ponds along the roadways help pull excess water off for safer driving conditions...some of that water actually benefits the local surficial (surface) aquifer, but some can be moved and stored for another use. (2) Flood zones (we all have seen or experienced them) - when there is excess water in those areas, move and store that water for future beneficial use. (3) Water treatment - water not currently available for human consumption can now be treated for beneficial use. I'm reminded of "the good old days" when rain barrels were a part of most households and towns had "water towers". Some actually still exist! So, better use of what nature gives us makes sense.

Our Floridan Aquifer (our drinking water) is being pumped at an alarming rate. WE feel and see this more dramatically locally because our lakes are a major recharge area for the Floridan Aquifer. We literally ARE the "canary in the coal mine" of Florida's water issues. It is imperative that the Black Creek Project be brought to completion! No more "mud beds" but a thriving Floridan Aquifer and a thriving Keystone Heights lake community! **IT JUST MAKES SENSE...**

**WATER FLOW!**

**NOTE - SOLO MEETING - MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m., FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF K.H.**



**GET INVOLVED IN 2019!!**

**MARCH 2019 - Calendar**

**Please join us in our efforts to Save Our Lakes - Save The Aquifer!**

**\*SJRWMD BOARD MEETING-MARCH 12th, 11am-District Headquaraters, Palatka**

**\*CLAY COUNTY COM. MTG-MARCH 12th - 4pm- Green Cove Springs**

**\*S.O.L.O. MEETING- MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of K.H**

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**NEXT SOLO MEETING: MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> 7p.m. - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF K.H.**

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**SOLO MEETING!!!**

**MARCH 12th**

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