

# SAVE OUR LAKES



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## ALLIGATOR CREEK (SOUTH FLORIDA STYLE)!!!...



### ALLIGATOR CREEK - PUNTA GORDA, FL

Hopefully the water flowing in this photo will show up clearly! Every time I cross over this water way in South Florida, I turn green with envy! If our Alligator Creek had this flow, the lakes throughout our Etonia chain would be healthy and the Floridan Aquifer would be constantly recharging!

Once the Black Creek Project is completed, that scenario becomes more of a possibility. The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is in charge of the Black Creek Project. As this newsletter is heading to press, the majority of the preliminary engineering and studies have been completed and the SJRWMD has submitted permit applications.

Additional information is available on the SJRWMD website: [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com)

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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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## LOOKING BACK AT 2018...

SOLO stayed focused on TWO very important issues capable of affecting our lake community for decades to come:

**MFLs** - Earlier this year, the SJRWMD submitted the Minimum Flow Levels (MFLs) reports for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva for peer review. SOLO is participating in that review. We have, along with peer reviewers, submitted questions to the WMD. We will be meeting with the WMD soon to discuss their response to those questions.

MFLs set by the WMD effects how much pumping is allowed. The WMD issues Consumptive Use Permits (CUPs) that allow pumping from the Floridan Aquifer. For example, the Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) has a CUP allowing approximately 155mgd (million gallons per day) to be pumped from the Floridan Aquifer. The more CUPs issued, the more water is pumped, the more potential harm done to the Floridan Aquifer and our lakes. MFLs cannot protect against a major draught that would impact everyone. However, a solid MFL would set a benchmark requiring other water resource projects if pumping negatively affects that MFL benchmark. SOLO invested funds and many man hours staying involved in the MFL process and are hopeful that a "fair" MFL will be set for both Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva.

As of our last MFL meeting with the WMD, we were more encouraged by the process they are using. We are expecting the WMD to go to their Governing Board in early 2019 for approval of the MFLs for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. We WILL keep you posted and WILL be sending out a RED SHIRT ALERT for that meeting!

**Black Creek Project** - This Project is a part of the Water Supply Plan designed to bring new water resources to an already stressed system. The Black Creek Project will bring recharge to the Floridan Aquifer. The Keystone Heights area lakes provide major recharge to the Floridan Aquifer. This reality means our lakes also will benefit from this project. Once the WMD sets the MFLs for Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva, the Black Creek Project will help to actually meet or surpass those MFLs! An additional benefit - the pipeline required for the Black Creek Project may, in fact, make other water resource projects more feasible!

SOLO has been heavily focused on these two issues in 2018 and will continue that effort into 2019 and on to their completion!

**HOLIDAYS REMINDER** - There will be no SOLO meeting or Newsletter in DECEMBER! Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

**REMINDER - NOVEMBER SOLO MEETING - Nov.11<sup>th</sup> - 7pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of K.H.**

**STAY INVOLVED IN 2019!**

**WATER FLOW!**



**GET INVOLVED IN 2018!!**  
**NOVEMBER 2018 - Calendar**

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

- \*SJRWMD BOARD MEETING-NOVEMBER 13th, 11am -District Headquarters,Palatka
- \*CLAY COUNTY COM. MTG-NOV. 13th - 4pm (time change) - Green Cove Springs
- \*S.O.L.O. MEETING- NOVEMBER 13th, 7pm-1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of K.H

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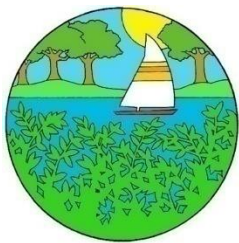
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**NEXT SOLO MEETING: NOVEMBER 13th-7p.m. -FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF K.H.**

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**SOLO MEETING!!!**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

**7 P.M.**

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