

SAVE OUR LAKES



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SAVING OUR LAKES ISN'T ENOUGH!...



This Save Our Lakes is visible as you cross the bridge on Hwy. 21 coming into or leaving the Keystone Heights lake community. The effort to “Save Our Lakes” has been going on for decades. The fact is, it’s not just about Saving Our Lakes. More importantly, it’s about Saving Our AQUIFER!

The Floridan Aquifer provides our drinking water, spring flows and, literally, our economy. Without our Floridan Aquifer, life in Northeast Florida would be very different...and may not exist at all! As has been mentioned in several SOLO newsletters, the Keystone Heights area is one of the major recharge areas for our Floridan Aquifer. That’s the most important reason to SAVE OUR LAKES!

In order to save the Floridan Aquifer, NEW water must be introduced to offset the demand for water that Florida’s growth has created. Growth is inevitable and, in addition to conservation, new water resource projects must be completed. This is going to take the teamwork mentioned in our last newsletter. Teamwork means just that! A team has to work together to find SOLUTIONS. That doesn’t mean everyone will be in total agreement all the time. The ultimate goal, however, should be finding solutions.

A letter to the editor that was published in the Gainesville Sun on September 16, 2018 was pretty negative and, in fact, mentioned the Black Creek Project specifically. The Black Creek Water Resource Project will bring recharge to the Florida Aquifer. This type of project is exactly what is needed to help Save Our AQUIFER. We chose to send our response to the Gainesville Sun (both to their Letter To The Editor and Opinion pages). The Letter to the Editor was published in the Gainesville Sun September 25th.

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WEBB FARBER'S RESPONSE LETTER TO THE EDITOR
(As Submitted to the Gainesville Sun)
(Published September 25, 2018)

Dear Editor,

A recent Sun article suggested that money is being wasted on state water projects that are intended to ease stress on Florida's groundwater resources, and that this could be managed by reducing pumping and conserving water. However, with twenty-one million residents and their enterprise in this state, it does not follow that this is an easy challenge. All viable methods should be employed, including those mentioned, as well as project opportunities to capture fresh water otherwise lost to tide.

The Black Creek Water Resource Project is such an endeavor, and is a "Win-Win-Win" project. It can; 1) Help replenish the regional groundwater supply; 2) Provide relief from drawdown of the Keystone lakes; and 3) Give some flooding mitigation to Black Creek. With Water Plan projections indicating increased groundwater demand as much as 30% by 2035 in this part of Florida, all reasonable methods that can bring relief to our regional aquifer should be in process -- now.

*Webb Farber
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We hope to see more Floridan Aquifer recharge projects in the future – NOT just to SAVE OUR LAKES but to Save the Floridan Aquifer. That's going to take a solutions oriented team willing to do a lot of work! Let's applaud their efforts!

MINIMUM FLOW LEVELS (MFLs) UPDATE

As of this newsletter, the MFL re-evaluations for Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva are still in process. The Peer Reviews and other stakeholder questions and concerns have been submitted to the SJRWMD. SJRWMD staff currently is reviewing those questions and will provide answers to each question. This will take some time. We expect to be meeting with the SJRWMD before the end of the year regarding our questions and concerns. At present, it appears the SJRWMD staff will seek Board approval in early 2019. We will keep you posted.

SOLO MEMBER MEETING CHANGE REMINDER

Our SOLO Board decided to change our Member meetings from monthly to every other month. That seems to be working! We had a great turnout for our September SOLO Member meeting! We will continue the every other month Member meeting schedule through 2018.

NEXT SOLO MEMBER MEETING – NOVEMBER 13TH – 7PM – First Baptist Church K.H.

MEMBERS AND VISITORS WELCOME!



GET INVOLVED IN 2018!!
OCTOBER 2018 - Calendar

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

*SJRWMD BOARD MEETING-OCTOBER 9th 11a.m.-District Headquarter, Palatka

*CLAY COUNTY COM. MTG-OCTOBER 9th - 4pm (time change) - Green Cove Springs



S.O.L.O. MEETING- NOVEMBER 13TH, 7p.m., 1st Baptist Church/KH

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PLEASE SELECT ONE: SEND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY (**US MAIL OR EMAIL?**)

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