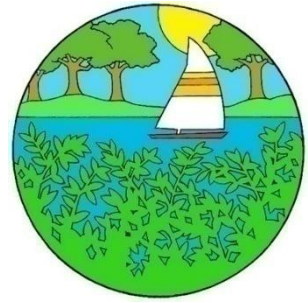


SAVE OUR LAKES



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WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO...???



SOME POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO PONDER

STOP FLORIDA'S POPULATION GROWTH? - If you've had the opportunity to drive almost anywhere in the state of Florida recently, you see new construction. Big businesses are moving into areas once occupied by citrus groves, cattle ranches and farmlands. With that comes housing and other businesses to accommodate the needs of the increased population. So, the answer is NO, Florida's population will continue to grow; making more demands on our water supply.

STICKING OUR HEAD IN THE SAND AND HOPING WATER WILL RETURN TO OUR LAKES? - For years, this may have been the situation. Now we have more SAND than Water. So, the answer is NO.

However, Florida's population growth will continue to bring about additional demands on our water supply. That demand for water WILL surpass the supply in just a few years. A very wise Assistant Director at the SJRWMD, Dave Fisk (now deceased), said it best - "it's going to take NEW WATER to solve the water supply problem AND the low lake levels in Keystone Heights."

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There are lakes within the Keystone Heights lake community considered to be major recharge points for the Floridan Aquifer. As population and demand for water have increased, pumping from the Floridan Aquifer has also increased. The low lake levels in the Keystone Heights lakes reflect the lowering levels of the Floridan Aquifer.

"NEW" WATER OR "NEW USE" WATER?

We have ONE real water supply ... RAIN. The rain that falls goes into the ground, into waterways, on hard surfaces (i.e. roadways) and feeds the Floridan Aquifer (our drinking water). There are SEVERAL real demands for that water! While nature plays a demand role...(e.g., evaporation), man plays the biggest demand role. Food and water are necessities for our survival.

Florida's average annual rainfall is approximately 51 inches. While this number may change, the source doesn't. To date, there is no NEW source of water making "New Use" more accurate. In the past decades, man found ways to capture rain water for future use (rain barrels and cisterns). The supply was easily determined by the level of water in the rain barrel or cistern! The need for conservation was obvious! A cup of water was sufficient for brushing teeth! "New uses" became apparent...what was left of that cup of water could be water for a plant.

You get the idea! We can find ways to both conserve and find "new uses" for the water supply we have:

- Redirecting flood waters to storage areas for future use and lowering potential damage from rain.
- Allow excess rain water to be redirected to storage for future use or back into the Floridan Aquifer instead of going to tide.
- Making best use of storm water runoff from roadways instead of allowing it to stagnate and evaporate.
- Find "new uses", such as irrigation, for water first used by industry.
- Develop cost effective purification methods to allow more "new uses".

It's our collective responsibility to find "new uses" for every inch of "new" water that falls. That means businesses, communities, agencies and elected officials MUST work together. That's not always easy, but the word MUST seems to fit at this time!

WATER FLOW!



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OCTOBER 2019 - Calendar

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

***SJRWMD BOARD MEETING-OCTOBER 8th, 11a.m. -District Headquarters,Palatka**

***CLAY COUNTY COM. MTG-OCTOBER 8th - 4pm-Green Cove Springs**

***SOLO MEETING-(NOVEMBER 12th,) 7pm- 1st Baptist Church of K.H**

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