



# Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc.

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## January 2012 Newsletter

### A message from the President ...

Can you believe 2012 is already here! 2011 was a fun, productive year for LNIA. In addition to monitoring lake concerns, we continued to stay connected with the community by supporting and volunteering at the Scottish Highland Games, the Green Bean Festival, and the North Georgia Bass Fishing Tournament. Our 911 Emergency signs were a big hit with over 70 being sold; we cleaned the shoreline and the road near the dam and held two well attended picnics and a very interesting Spring Informational meeting. Many of our members keep a daily watch on the TVA lake levels and I, personally, have put Carolyn Koroa, TVA Senior Manager, on speed dial. She is always very responsive to our queries. Our focus on lake issues includes close involvement with TVA authorities, the DNR and the Union County Sheriff's Department. These efforts are continuing and we are glad to see these teams working together to make our lake a safer place. Be sure to note the time and date (page 2) of the Sheriff's Department's new Neighborhood Watch programs in your particular area. We encourage you to become more involved with LNIA. We need VOLUNTEERS to help with lake and road clean-ups. This is a very important mission and benefits EVERYONE who owns lake property.

-----Lynn Varian

### LNIA 2012 Calendar

Board Meetings are scheduled for the dates listed below. Members are always welcome to attend. The meetings are held in the UCB community room at 7pm.  
**2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10**

















April 28 Lake Clean-up Lakeside Village  
9am breakfast and 1pm lunch  
May 19 Road clean-up at Nottely Dam picnic area 10am  
June 16 Annual meeting and picnic at Poteete Pavilion 3pm  
Aug 18 Summer membership picnic at Poteete Pavilion 12 noon  
Sept TBA lake clean-up

### It's time to re-up!

**Annual Dues are due now. Please send your \$15.00 yearly dues to LNIA, P.O. 2033, Blairsville, Ga. 30514.** Please send your membership dues in by January 30. Your dues are critical since we rely 100% on them to support the work we do in caring for Lake Nottely and it's surroundings. Thanks in advance for your support and for being a member. We are always looking for folks to help us with the various projects we tend to. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please call Lynn Varian 706-897-5669 or email [lynnvarian@brmemc.net](mailto:lynnvarian@brmemc.net). THANKS!

### Corporate Members

Please support them whenever possible!  
Check Website for more information

-  United Community Bank
-  Subway (Singleton Food Service)
-  Blairsville Marine, Inc
-  Karen Sweenie, Realtor
-  North Georgia Boat Lift
-  Notla Water Authority
-  Garrison International Fishing Guide
-  High Country Canvas & Marine
-  Nottely Marina
-  Blue Ridge Mobile Marine Service
-  Cary D Cox, Attorney at Law
-  Chuck Gaetano, the BRAFF Group
-  Brett Owenby Grading
-  Cozy Cove Marina
-  Mountain Valley Motors
-  Hughes Store and Gas Station

### E-911 signs for docks

To date: 71 emergency 911 signs have been produced and delivered to lake residents. The application for the signs will stay on the website and we will produce more signs in the Spring.

**Interested in getting involved with Lake Nottely Improvement Association?** Please contact Henry Dominick by phone (706-835-2497) or e-mail [hddominick@windstream.net](mailto:hddominick@windstream.net).

**Another Park Bench.....**

LNIA is working on getting another bench for Poteete Park. We have had very positive response to this project as many people are enjoying a good resting place when spending time with family and friends.

**ADOPT-A-SHORELINE**

LNIA is working with the TVA to establish an Adopt-a-Shoreline Program. This program will be similar to the Georgia Adopt-a-Road which gives citizens an assigned length of road to keep clean. As we learn more about what is involved we will explore it further and keep you updated.

**Why the sudden drop in the lake level????**

TVA responded to this questions as follows: We have been holding water from recent rains in the tributary reservoirs to allow room in the main river to hold back water off the Ohio River which has been in a flood control operation (flooding at Cairo, Illinois). The flood operation on the Ohio is over, so we're moving water out from the tributaries and main river reservoirs to return to flood guide elevations. December is historically the rainiest month of the year and we want to make sure we're able to handle the next system that moves through.

**>>>FYI<<<**

Great bird attracting native plants for your shorelines: Phlox, Solomon's Seal, Virginia Bluebell and Wild Bleeding Heart.

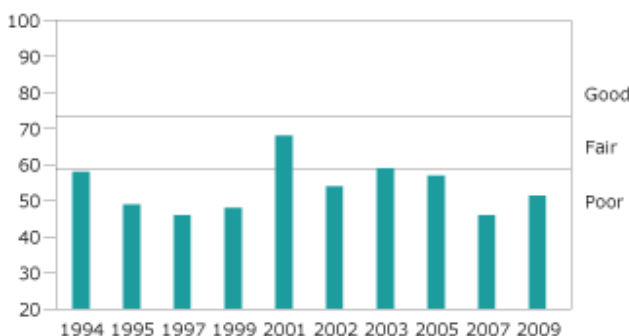
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The Blairsville Chamber of Commerce has moved to a new location. Take a tour of the Union County Community Center at Butternut Creek Golf Course; the Chamber is on the 1st floor.

**Reservoir ecological health**

TVA monitors ecological conditions at 69 sites on 31 reservoirs. Each site is monitored every other year unless a substantial change in the ecological health score occurs during a two-year cycle. If that occurs, the site is monitored the next year to confirm that the change was not temporary. Roughly half the sites are sampled each year on an alternating basis.

The overall health ratings of TVA reservoirs are based on five ecological indicators: Dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll, fish, bottom life, and sediment.

**Nottely Reservoir Ecological Health Ratings, 1994-2009**



TVA monitors two locations on Nottely Reservoir—the deep, still water near the dam, called the forebay, and the middle part of the reservoir—usually on a two-year cycle. It would appear that we would have updated information soon as it has been two years since this report. Check out the TVA website for more information.

**FALL BASS TOURNAMENT**

The LNIA sponsored the North Georgia Fall Bass Tournament at the Silver Level. We received a lot of good publicity and a tremendous amount of appreciation from the main sponsor, the Blairsville Chamber of Commerce. Joe Garner, Chamber Chairman, stated "We believe this to be close to the heart of a perfect storm of fishing tournaments by having the event on Lake Chatuge and Lake Nottely with the championship in our hometown. This year's event welcomed fishermen from across North Georgia with 25 boats participating. As the tournament grows so will the guaranteed cash payout of \$3000.00 for first place and almost \$7000.00 total prize money."

Matt Harper, owner of Blimpies in Blairsville and co-sponsor of the NGA Bass Tournament with LNIA, was so impressed with the work our members had done to clean the lake prior to the tournament that he has offered to cater our Spring Shoreline Clean-up. Thanks, Matt!! Also to our membership, be sure to drop by Matt's Blimpies on Hwy. 515 for a delicious sandwich.

**Support LNIA!** Buy your T-shirt (\$10) and/or Sweatshirt (\$15) with the official LNIA logo. Available at any LNIA gathering.

**Newsletter – Sue Boris, Editor**

If you have any suggestions, requests or comments for the LNIA Newsletter, please submit them via email to me at [sueboris@windstream.net](mailto:sueboris@windstream.net)