



Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc.

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MAY 2009 Newsletter

Charity Begins at Home

Tickets are selling quickly for the Lake Nottely Spring Tour of Homes, "Celebrate the Lake", Saturday, May 23rd, 11am-5pm and Sunday, May 24th, 1pm-5pm. The fundraiser has three goals: to showcase local artists, to promote local businesses and to raise funds for local charities.

Artists were asked to submit artwork for the logo design and Pat Aube Gray's charming watercolor took the prize. The original piece will be auctioned during the tour.

The ticket brochure offers free advertising for many Union County businesses and includes five free raffle tickets for special gifts donated by the eight charities.

Harold Cornwell's WILDERNESS SCOUTS is dedicated to teaching life skills to local youth. Since 1970, the disabled veteran has led what has been called 'one of the most unselfish humanitarian organizations ever formed' and has aided hundreds of Union County children. His generosity is also extended to seniors in the county who have no family support.

The second charity chosen is the WHISKERS PROJECT, a TNR (trap/neuter/release) organization which has spayed, neutered and vaccinated over 1000 stray and feral (wild) cats since 2003. This important program has prevented thousands of unwanted kittens from being born. CASTAWAY CRITTERS, the HUMANE SOCIETY'S MOUNTAIN SHELTER and the NORTH GEORGIA SPCA, also chosen, are in the business of giving stray dogs and cats a new lease on life.

Three other charities selected include S.A.F.E/ENOTAH CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER which provides a child-focused, community response to child abuse and The FRIENDS OF THE UNION COUNTY LIBRARY provides funding and services for the operation, maintenance and capital improvements to the local library. One of their programs, "Books for Babies" gives books to all Union General Hospital newborns. Also selected, HOLLYWOODREAMZ, founded by Blairsville native, Chad Ferrell, helps local teens expand their interest in writing, acting, web, graphic and photo design and filmmaking.

"It is our goal to boost these groups in a time when donations are dwindling due to the economy. They are all so dedicated to helping others and without them our community would lose some of its heart. The tour is a great way to have a fun day while helping the less fortunate," said LNIA President Jan Boland. "We are also inviting LNIA members who cannot attend the tour to make a tax deductible donation."

Tickets for the tour may be purchased by mail, at UCBI, at the Chamber, or by calling Lynn Varian 706-897-5669 or Sue Boris 706-835-3005. A limited number of tickets will be sold

Great Line-up for Spring Meeting

Plan to attend the Spring Educational Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm, May 14 at UCB. The program will feature The Forestry Service reporting on the development of Davenport Mountain as a recreation area with some added insight on the salmonella problem related to wild birds. Members of the DNR will be with us as well as TVA Board member Tom Gilliland. We are especially pleased to have Susan Jacks with us. She is the River Forecast Center Manager for TVA. She will be sharing information on River Scheduling and what we can expect our water levels to be. We need a good showing for this meeting so TVA has no doubt that we are interested and that we are watching them. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

"Celebrate the Lake" Spring Tour of Homes

Tickets \$25

Charity Fundraiser at Lake Nottely
May 23, 11am – 5pm & May 24, 1pm – 5pm

Each ticket includes 5
free raffle tickets

Yes, I will attend and am enclosing my \$25 check for each ticket, made out to LNIA

No, I am unable to attend, but am sending a donation for the charities

NAME _____ Telephone _____




















Address _____

Mail to: LNIA, PO Box 2033, Blairsville, GA 30514
Check our website for more information: www.lakenottely.org

Check out the new website at www.lakenottely.org. We will continue to build it as time goes on

Corporate Members

Please support them whenever possible!
Check Website for more information

-  Mike's Seafood Market & Grill
-  United Community Bank
-  Appalachian Community Bank
-  Subway (Singleton Food Service)
-  Blairsville Marine, Inc
-  Karen Sweenie, Realtor
-  North Georgia Boat Lift
-  Notla Water Authority
-  Garrison International Fishing Guide Service
-  High Country Canvas & Marine
-  Enotah Land Company - Jim McAfee
-  Hawk's Ridge Development
-  Lakeside Village Community
-  Union County Auto Service & Tire Company
-  Blue Ridge Mobile Marine Service
-  Cary D Cox, Attorney at Law
-  Chuck Gaetano, the BRAFF Group
-  Brett Owenby Grading
-  Backyard Delights

"CELEBRATE LAKE NOTTELY" Spring Tour of Homes

Hopefully you are seeing our advertising throughout the County for the Home Tour. A great deal of work has gone into the preparation for this event and we are getting more excited as it continues to come together. The results of our efforts will certainly pay big dividends for organizations throughout the area. You are encouraged to participate by buying tickets, selling tickets, making donations, or by volunteering some time during that weekend to help with supervision in the homes, driving golf carts, or helping in other ways that may be needed as we get closer to the Tour dates.

In addition to local advertising, we have placed information at many North Georgia Chambers of Commerce. We have also had the good fortune to be featured in some of the magazines that support activities in our area, as well as being listed on many websites for "May Events".

Tickets are available at the Blairsville Chamber, at Blairsville United Community Bank, or by mail. We will also have tickets at the May 14 Educational Meeting. If you have any questions or would like to offer volunteer time, please contact Lynn Varian (706-897-5669) or Sue Boris (706-835-3005).

The Tour homeowners have put a lot of time and effort into making us welcome and we need to give this activity our full support.

The Lake Cleanup held May 2 was a great success. We had 24 of our members show up along with 3 boats – (Boland, Folmer, Boris). Many thanks for the use of your boats and for all the help. We also thank the men at Lakeside Village for preparing breakfast for the crew prior to heading for the lake. Even though it was a bit of a messy morning, everyone worked hard to get much of the Forest Service land cleared of unnecessary debris. We all need to constantly police the lake and do our part to keep the shorelines neat. The next cleanup is Hwy 325 scheduled for June 6 at 9:00 AM. Meet at picnic area near the dam.

LNIA's ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC will be coming soon (June 13) at the Poteete Park Pavilion. The time has been changed to 4:00 due to a conflict in scheduling prior to our gathering. Plan to attend and bring the family. You will need to bring a covered dish (meat is provided) and since there is limited seating in the pavilion, a chair is usually handy. During this event, we have our annual business meeting and election of officers. It's a great time for fun, food, and fellowship.

We have had some requests for T-Shirts and/or Sweatshirts with the LNIA logo. These will be available at the picnic and we will also have some available at the May 14 Spring Education meeting. The T-Shirts are \$10 and Sweatshirts are \$15.

HELP WANTED

Interested in getting involved? Call Jan Boland (706) 745-2798 or contact via e-mail boland4768@windstream.net.

We always need Volunteers, especially at Lake shore and Road clean-up time. It's actually fun!!! The contact for clean-up duty is Monroe Tuttle at 770-634-4336.

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.

Mark your LNIA Calendar for 2009

- May 14 Spring Educational Meeting – 7 pm at UCB Brackett Room
- 23-24 "Celebrate Lake Nottely" Tour of Homes
- June- 6 Highway 325 Road Cleanup –9 AM at picnic area
- 13 Annual Meeting (Covered dish picnic and election of officers) – Poteete Park - 3 PM
- August – 15 Island Picnic (Covered dish along with fun and games)– Poteete Park – 3 PM
- September- 5 Highway 325 Road Cleanup –9 AM at picnic area
- October- 3 Nottely Lake Cleanup – Poteete Park - 9 AM
- 15 Fall Educational Meeting – 7 pm
- November- 7 Highway 325 Road Cleanup –9 AM at picnic area
- December- 12 Yearly Planning Meeting - 9 AM (location to be determined)

Board meetings are scheduled at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise indicated) in the UCB Community room on May14 (6:00 pm), June 11, July 16, August 13, September 10, October 15 (6:00), and December 12 at 9:00 am is a breakfast planning meeting for the year 2010.