



Spring 2021 Seed Lake Newsletter

Well, Spring started with yet another flood. We all knew rain was on the way; but it must've taken some by surprise. The rainfall was close to 9 inches within a day or so, in some areas. Being downstream from Burton, we'll always get the flooding. Extremely aggravating, and damaging, and the Association has engaged in discussions with Georgia Power for decades with varying results. The flooding has grown more frequent, but no significant improvement seems to be forthcoming. Stay tuned for more on this topic.

Please read all of this newsletter; it's lengthy but has a lot of important information.

1. Dues are \$65 annually and due May 1. Any additional donations are welcome, and we donate to organizations that directly benefit our lake residents. Send to: Seed Lake Association, P.O. Box 29865, Atlanta GA 30359. If you're new or any information has changed, include that, but always put your name, lake address, and email. There are many LLCs and we don't know everyone's info.
2. Lake Cleanup is tentatively scheduled for Friday-Saturday May 7-8. We are hoping to involve Georgia Power in these efforts. You should have received an email about tree removal; but note that this only applies to trees floating in the lake, and those that are hazards and interfere with navigation. Trees on private land are the homeowner's responsibility.

Most of us have several trees that are leaning or in the lake, but Georgia Power will not remove all those.

3. When the lake is flooded, it is IDLE SPEED ONLY, and even then, boats should only be out for necessary reasons. A wake causes even more damage to an already precarious situation. Georgia Power puts signs on sawhorses that can, and were, easily removed at the boat ramp saying 'Closed'. There should be poles set in concrete, with a padlocked chain, when flood conditions exist. We're preaching to the choir about this, but please let any newcomers know.
4. When you're away from your lake house, leave everything as if you know a flood will occur. Let your family, guests, friends, everyone know to put up, tie up, and secure belongings.
5. Upcoming Events will be July 2-3, boat parade and boathouse decorating contest July 3, and of course fireworks and music on both nights but not sure which yet. Save the dates! The Annual Meeting and Picnic will be July 17 at Fred's Shed, if all goes well.
6. Thousands of fish were killed in the flood; DNR fish biologists examined the lake and the fish, and determined that almost all were killed in the fall from Burton Dam. The upside is that it wasn't a chemical or water issue; and it's been a bonanza for the other wildlife. Bald eagles, turtles, other wildlife are flocking to our shores. Every dark cloud has a little silver lining.
7. There is a website that measures the real time flow of the Tallulah River, which feeds Burton, ergo Seed. You can check it, and even set alerts if it gets above a certain flow rate. This has been exceedingly accurate and helpful in predicting flooding. <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/02178400/#parameterCode=00065&period=P365D>
8. The best way to share information about the lake, lost and found, recommendations, social gatherings, alerts, and much more, is through the Seed Lake Nextdoor site. But: if you already have another Nextdoor account associated with that email address, it will not let you on. Email Nancy at nancyhja@comcast.net for an invitation or more information.
9. Seed Lake Association also has a web site; check it out. Seedlake.org Lots of information, Board contact info, calendar, Lake levels etc.

Thanks for sending in your dues, and reading all the way to the bottom!

See you on the lake.

The Association Board