



LBCA

January 2004

Newsletter

President's Comments

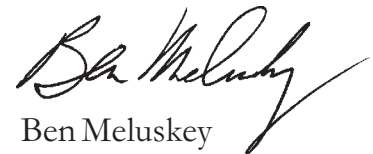
It is winter and it is QUIET around the lake. I hope the holiday season generated fond memories for each of you.

Attached is the LBCA 2004 Member Survey. Please complete the survey and return it to: LBCA, P.O. Box 1988, Clayton, GA 30525-0050. We want and need your input to be responsive to your needs in the future.

To date we have received only a few applications to become LBCA

Directors and we would like to see many more.

Finally, remember that membership dues ARE DUE! If you have not already done so, please send your \$75.00 payment and directory information today. We are already working on the 2004 directory!



Ben Meluskey



LBCA "Road Scholars" Continued

Listed below are additional volunteers who have adopted a portion of the lake's roadways and were not confirmed in time to be included in the November newsletter. Thank you everyone!

Boykin Road

Sam and Carlotta Pignato

Perrin Cove Road

George and Sally Mitchell

Murray Cove Road

Bill and Jill Dahlberg
Ray and Sherry Davis
Michael and Elizabeth Darby
Sam and Linda Dixon
Jim and Nancy Greene
Tim and Sharyn McCabe

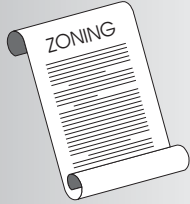
GTC High Voltage Transmission Line

On December 22, environmental groups, as well as several individuals, presented arguments before Senior U.S. District Judge, William C. O'Kelly, requesting that the permit granted to GTC by the U.S. Forest Service to build a transmission line from Tiger to Timpson Creek be withdrawn until the Forest Service prepares an Environmental Impact Statement.

The arguments followed appeals filed in April and Judge O'Kelly is expected to render his decision sometime in January. It is believed his decision will be appealed if it favors allowance of the current permit.



Briefly . . .



- ☑ The Rabun County Commissioners enacted the county's new zoning ordinances on December 23. Thank you for letting the commissioners know that we favored their enactment. The big job – enforcement of the ordinances – now awaits the county's citizenry and the marshal's office. We will report more on this in March.
- ☑ Standpipe locations have been plotted and approved by Georgia Power Company. Construction will soon begin.
- ☑ The real estate development projects around the lake are quiet at this time of year.
- ☑ The *Lake Burton Ecosystem Status Report* is nearing completion and will be enclosed with the March newsletter.
- ☑ LBCA had 912 member families in 2003 – and of that number 78 were listed in the directory as full time residents of the lake.
- ☑ 59 respondents have indicated an interest in high speed Internet access on the lake. In order to provide DSL service, Alltel has to spend a considerable amount of money to upgrade remote switching equipment. We need approximately 25 DSL subscribers served by one of these “remote switches” for DSL to be profitable to Alltel. There are four remote switches serving the lake; therefore, DSL will likely become available in some areas before others – depending on how soon we get a sufficient number of subscribers served by a specific switch. (There are also limitations to how far the DSL signal can be sent from the remote switch to the subscriber.) We are pleased with the response to the notice in our last newsletter, but more subscribers are needed to make this happen. Please mention our efforts to everyone in the area who might be interested in DSL service. Have them contact Bill Bomar at bbomar@windhambrannon.com and Scot Roberge at 706-782-4904 or lbca@lbca.net.



DSL

Lake Burton Civic Association, Inc.

Member Survey - January 2004 - Please Circle Your Responses

IMPORTANT!!! - Please respond by February 15, 2004

Name: _____

1. Are you a full time resident of the Lake Burton Community? Yes No
2. What is your preference for the time of the member meetings?
Spring Meeting (Circle month & time)
May June 10 AM Noon 6:30 PM
Annual Meeting (Circle month & time)
Aug Sept 10 AM Noon 6:30 PM
3. How many times have you visited the LBCA web site (www.lbca.net) in the last 12 months? # _____
4. Please list suggestions to make the LBCA web site more useful to you.

5. Will you volunteer to help with LBCA functions?
A. Meetings B. Home Tour
C. Golf Tournaments D. Bluegrass Party
E. Community Cleanup F. Safety Programs
G. Board of Directors H. Cookbook
6. Should LBCA partner with another organization to sponsor an art & craft show? Yes No
Would you volunteer to help? Yes No
7. Should LBCA conduct a flea market and would you volunteer to help? Yes No
8. Would you like to see more DNR patrols on Lake Burton? Yes No
9. Do you think LBCA should fund a part time position(s) to accompany DNR rangers on weekend patrol boats? Yes No
10. If LBCA sponsored a water safety/boating course with DNR next season,
Would you attend? Yes No
Would you send children or grandchildren? Yes No
If yes, approximately how many would attend? # Adults _____ # Children _____
11. Are you interested in hearing speakers or having programs at member meetings? Yes No
If yes, please give suggestions:

12. What should LBCA do to increase attendance at member meetings?

13. Would you be willing to have your home on the home tour? Yes No
14. Are you and/or your spouse registered voters in Rabun County? Yes No
15. Would you like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail? Yes No
16. What do you want or expect from your Civic Association?

Thank you for responding to this survey. Please cut at dotted line and mail to: LBCA, P.O. Box 1988, Clayton, GA 30525-0050.