

# SAVE OUR LAKES



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**TREATMENT AREA:** Steady progress while carefully working in dangerous heat.

Top left: White gravel being delivered to Treatment Cell 5.

Below: Supply Pipe valves have been electrically connected to the master control panels. The plants seen here in Cells 1 and 2 are growing well. Their roots will help direct water through the treatment media.

Bottom, center: the Storage Tank receives water from the pipeline from the Black Creek Pump Station. It holds the water that is released to each of the treatment cells whether large amounts for treatment for release into Alligator Creek or small amounts to simply keep the plants healthy during periods of drought. A mechanical gauge on the tank allows the operator to judge the amount of water in the tank at a glance. (Red arrow)

Lower right corner: Addition of white gravel is nearly complete in Treatment Cell 4.

Upper right corner: Workers are installing the supply pipes in the bottom of Treatment Cell 6.

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# **TREE REMOVAL ON LAKE GENEVA!**



## **YES, READERS...THIS IS LAKE GENEVA...BUT THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN IN 2018.**

The tree removal from the lake bed pictured above was spearheaded by a resident of the South Cove of Lake Geneva who went through the permitting process and secured a proposal from a timber company to remove the trees for the value of the timber. The project did not include removal of the stumps nor of the limbs and other vegetation. The work was stopped when the contractor failed to comply with the DEP and FWC Permit requirements. The current "LAKE GENEVA PROJECT" scope includes the removal of nearly all of the existing trees in the lake bed from elevation 102.9' down as well as the limbs and vegetation. As the current Bid process netted a single Bid that exceeded the current budget available for the Lake Geneva Restoration/Tree removal, a Notice of non-award will be posted in the coming days. The Keystone Heights City Council is expected to motion for current Bid closure at their August 4th City Council meeting. Affordable alternative permit strategies will be discussed with FDEP (governing Sovereign State Lands), SJRWMD (overseeing the current permit), Clay County (current permit holder), Save-Our-Lakes Leadership and the City of Keystone Heights in the coming weeks. The Bid process will revert back to Clay County for modification and a new Bid advertisement will be published once an affordable strategy can be reached. As submerged stumps in the water pose an extreme danger to life and watercraft, the project implementation will address this concern specifically. Hazard markings may need to be utilized until the lake returns to expected depths and these areas are submerged under 8-10 feet of additional water.

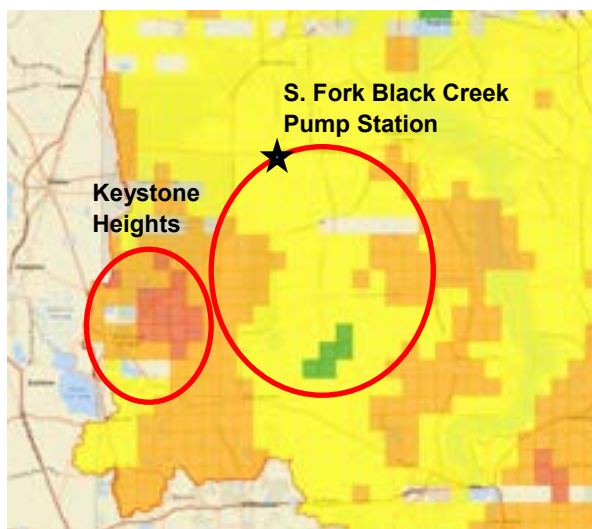
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***Please feel free to check us out!***

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**Verify on website: [www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/](http://www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/) (Live Streaming is available)**





## 7/27/2025 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 107.9Ft

Alligator Creek Flow: N/A Level: 109.1 Ft

Geneva Level: 93.25 Ft

S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 10.7 MGD: Level: 9.1 Ft

SJRWMD Monthly Radar Rain Keystone: 9.2"

(Source: SJRWMD and USGS)

**MONTHLY RAINFALL MAP:** Keystone gets lots of rain in July while, just to the east, the South Fork of Black Creek tributary area gets much less. Welcome to Florida rainfall patterns.

### SAVE-OUR-LAKES OFFICERS AND

**BOARD** at the July meeting. From the left: Scott Slater, President; Glenda Harper, Board Member; Diane Bennett, Secretary; Vivian James, Treasurer; Chandler Rozear, Vice President; Webb Farber, Board Member.

Not Pictured: Dr. Pat Welsh, Board Member and Susan Welsh, Board Member



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**SOLO's next members' meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, Sept 9th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights. See you there!**

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