

SAVE OUR LAKES



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A VERY SUCCESSFUL LAKE GENEVA CLEANUP EVENT!

On April 26 (Saturday from 9-12), SOLO sponsored a Lake Geneva Cleanup event to prepare the lakebed for the upcoming Lake Geneva Restoration Project. We had a great turnout of about forty folks at the 5th Street boat ramp. Everyone came prepared for work and work they did! Commissioner Betsy Condon also came to lend her support!

K.H. Engineer James Booth had scouted the area around the boat ramp and provided good directions for everyone. Thanks to Denmark Builders, LLC for providing a commercial size dumpster and Ken Massey for bringing his red tractor to provide hauling support.

Lake Geneva has been used by some as their own personal dumping ground! Here are a few of the things we found and put in the dumpster:

A pile of dried sakrete bags, mattress/boxsprings, carpet pile, tires (4 with rims on them), heavy gauge wire, metal chair frame, fertilizer bags, pile of wood with attached metal angle

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CLEANUP AREA When Lake Geneva is fully recovered, the cleanup area pictured above will be underwater. With the unauthorized release of water from the western lobes of the lake significantly raising the main body of the lake, an additional group of trees has been killed. The timber harvester works in of a maximum of 3 ft of water, potentially leaving a hazardous condition for future boaters.

brackets, deteriorating blue pool or pool liner, old orange paddle boat, riding mower trailer, metal fence pole, trash can in a burn pit, **engine block**, headlamp assembly for jeep, **several party spots with lots of beer cans and bottles**, broken cinder blocks, clothing, big tire with a 20-30 foot tree growing through and bags and bags of general trash.

TOTAL TRASH WEIGHT - 3020 lbs THAT'S 1.51 TONS!

It is time to stop "trashing" Lake Geneva. **SOLO AND THE K.H. COMMUNITY OWE A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LAKE GENEVA CLEANUP!**

The Lake Geneva Restoration Project has now been permitted. Lake Geneva can again be the big, beautiful lake it once was.

Thank you!

Vivian

SOLO WEBSITE www.saveourlakes.org

You can get information as well as communicate with us through our website: www.saveourlakes.org or our email: save-our-lakes@comcast.net. Our newsletter comes out once a month by email and US Mail (usually the first week of the month).

Please feel free to check us out!

SJRWMD GOVERNING BOARD Mtg. 10:00 AM TUESDAY, 5/13/2025 at the Palatka Office
Verify on website: www.sjrwmd.com/governingboard/ (Live Streaming is available)



BLACK CREEK INLET: Despite recent lack of significant rainfall, on 4/28/25, water still covered the inlet pipe screens.

4/30/2025 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)

Brooklyn Level: 110.15 Ft

Alligator Creek Flow: .13 MGD*; Level: 110.2 Ft

Geneva Level: 93.75 Ft

S. Fork Black Creek (SR-16): Flow: 12.9 MGD: Level: 9.2 Ft

Monthly Rainfall: 1.26" (Source: SJRWMD and USGS)

* non-adjusted reading

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TREATMENT AREA: Steady progress - Top left: Planting in Cell 1;
Below: Excavator spreads media in Cell 2; Above: Photo 3/26/2025

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SOLO's next members' meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, MAY 13th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights, See you there!

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