



# The Leesville Lake Association Newsletter

April 2013

## 10th ANNUAL LEESVILLE LAKE BEAUTIFICATION DAY

ORGANIZED BY THE

## Leesville Lake Association

*"helping to make Leesville Lake safe and fun"*

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013**

**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**(LAST LOAD TO BE BROUGHT IN BY 3:30 P.M.)**

**Keep The Lake Safe and Clean!**



All who enjoy the beauty and the many water activities of Leesville Lake—fishermen, boaters, lakeside residents, owners of nearby property, Association members and neighbors and friends—are urged to turn out for Lake Beautification Work Day on May 18.

This is the Association's once-a-year, all-hands effort to clear debris from Leesville Lake.

As many know, debris clearing by AEP and contract personnel during the past year has been sporadic.

There's lots of debris to gather up and remove from the lake's shoreline and surface.

The greater the participation and the more debris we remove the less likely will be a tragic accident.

*Here's how and when to help.*

- Folks who have property with shoreline are encouraged to remove debris from their shoreline and take it by truck or trailer to a disposal site/landfill before May 18th. Or, if that cannot be done, pile the debris above the high water mark by that date. Then, on May 18, take the debris to one of the collection sites listed below. Also, if you have a boat, cruise the lake and pickup or tow debris from the shoreline and the surface.
- Folks who do not live on the lake but have a boat, are urged to cruise the lake and pickup or tow debris from the shoreline and the surface to a collection site.

- Members who do not have a boat are asked to come to one of the three collection sites at 9 a.m. to help off-load debris brought to them by boat or overland vehicle.

Bring debris to the sites by 3 p.m.

Snacks and water will be available at each collection site. If you cannot help in the morning, come at lunchtime.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE**

<http://www.leesvillelake.org>

or Contact: Bill Marshall

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The weather is starting to cause many of us to get the urge to get back out on the lake. Last minute checks of all safety equipment and a quick review of boating rules and regulations will make the season more enjoyable.



The Leesville Lake Association (LLA) Board has been discussing ideas to remind boaters that a 50 foot NO WAKE zone should be observed when approaching a dock or swimmers. Additionally there have been concerns that if an emergency occurs on the lake it is difficult to know where to tell Emergency Crews how to locate the emergency to provide assistance. It was suggested that signs be made that provide a warning message to boaters concerning the 50 foot no wake zone and gives the address of the owner of the dock so boaters could provide this information to emergency crews if needed to help locate the emergency.

The Smith Mountain Lake Association has designed a sign to warn boaters of the 50 foot no wake zone. It may be possible to include both sets of information on the same sign. Your Association would like to hear from you as to whether you think this idea should be pursued along with cost estimates. Also, if you have other suggestions or ideas please let us know.

The April 27th Boating Safety Course is already full but the May 4th Course is still taking reservations. If you need to complete this course you should act quickly because these courses have a limited number of attendees.

Have an enjoyable and safe boating season!

Leesville Lake Association President

Sherwood Zimmerman

**Notice to Members:**  
**Leesville Lake Association**  
**July Annual Meeting & Picnic**  
**JULY 13th**  
**4:00 pm. - 6:00 pm.**

**We hope to see you there!**



**Free Fishing Days**  
**Take a kid fishing!**

**June 7-9, 2013**

June 7, 8, and 9, 2013 have been designated as Free Fishing Days in Virginia. No fishing license of any kind will be required for rod and reel fishing in freshwater or saltwater, except in designated stocked trout waters, on these days. Access Permits will also be waived on Free Fishing Days for anyone fishing or with someone who's fishing.

Plan some time to escape and enjoy the beauty of Leesville Lake.

Take the family fishing and boating, creating memories for a lifetime!



Leesville Lake Residents can call

**1-800-956-4237**

You can now also report debris online.

at [www.smithmtn.com](http://www.smithmtn.com).

It is also available through [www.AppalachianPower.com](http://www.AppalachianPower.com)

Or you can contact the Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission (TLAC) During weekday working hours of 8:30am - 4:30pm at

**1-540-721-4400.**

They will log your information, send it to AEP and track their response. TLAC's website is at <http://sml.us.com/index.html>

The LLA has joined the social media!



Search Leesville Lake Association or use the link on the website.



**Mountain Lake and Leesville Lake (LVL).** Last year, AEP operated a skimmer at LVL from April through November making significant inroads in debris collection – the huge pile at the Brumfield storage site attests to the skimmer crew's efforts. AEP reported removing 621 tons of debris on LVL in their 2012 Annual Report. AEP plans to operate

efforts to clean cove and shoreline areas. Volunteers are required to get the debris from the shoreline out to the skimmer. This can be a very effective means to clean specific areas of debris concentration. If you are interested in pursuing this approach please contact Bill Marshall at (703) 926-9808 and I'll put you in touch with the right contact information.

Please help us keep Leesville Lake safe, beautiful and a joy to enjoy. Report debris and