

Lake Murray



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The Voice of Lake Murray

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Lake Murray Association, Inc.

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## State of the Lake by Dave Landis, President

As we pass the mid-point of 2019 the FERC is getting closer to granting approval of the new license for Dominion Energy SC to manage and operate the lake. The energy company will have some different rules and procedures managing the lake when the new license does go into effect. All stake holders will be watching with a close eye.

The general health of the lake over the past few years is good. We have had issues with weeds, shore line erosion, runoff from new neighborhood construction and flooding events. These issues have been and are being addressed. One area of concern is still the issue of new developments near the lake's shores. Our water testing program remains active and the results are reported to the proper authorities when necessary.

With the increased activities in fishing, pleasure boating, sailing, canoeing, paddle boarding, kayaking, wake boarding and swimming, safety is paramount. A bill has been introduced to extend no-wake distance from 50 ft to 100 ft from docks, piers, wharves, boats at anchor and persons in the water. We are looking for positive results in the upcoming legislative session.

We are at a cross road with technology. Most, (but not all) of our members use email in their daily lives. We can save a few trees by publishing the Lake Link via email. Please take the survey on our website and let us know your thoughts. Of course, if some members don't use email we will always print a hard copy and mail it out.

In closing, please patronize our Corporate Members listed in the newsletter. They are our neighbors and most have a vested interest in keeping this lake clean and pristine. They support us and we should support them.

## Lake Murray Association Public Meeting

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Salem Methodist Church  
1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, SC 29063

6:30 Meet & Greet/Refreshments

7:00 Agenda

### **Dominion Energy**

Keynote Speaker Jim Landreth, VP

Bill Argentieri, Manager Civil  
Engineering

### **Relicense Information**

Including shoreline changes,  
drawdowns, lake level, and/or sale  
of shoreline property

Q&A





## Ladies Day on the Lake

by Lisa Early, Treasurer

We held our Ladies Day on the Lake 2019 event on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The weather was beautiful, and we were fortunate to be able to hold our event at Catfish Johnny's next to Lighthouse Marina.

Ladies Day consists of programs geared towards encouraging women to be comfortable and safe while enjoying the Lake. This year's programs were:

- a) Boater Safety, led by Elaine Price from Lake Murray Power Squadron;
- b) Boat Trailer Backing, led by South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Officers from various state locations (SC DNR);
- c) Boat Docking, led by SC DNR;
- d) Kayak launching and proper rowing technique, led by Billy Easterbrooks from Carolina Outdoor Adventures [www.carolinaoutdooradventures.com](http://www.carolinaoutdooradventures.com); and
- e) Stand-Up Paddleboard launching and proper rowing technique, led by Steve Fisher from California Republic Stand-Up Paddleboards [www.CaliforniaRepublicSUP.com](http://www.CaliforniaRepublicSUP.com).

The day started at 8:30 am with registration and an overview of the day. Attendees were then broken into four groups. Each group was assigned to start at one of the above programs. Throughout the rest of the day, the groups rotated to each of the other programs. Lunch was provided by Chick-fil-A of Ballentine. Emily from WLTX Channel 19's Street Squad was on hand to interview some of the attendees and film them "in action." Emily's footage was shown on WLTX Channel 19's five o'clock news that evening.

LMA Member Sue said "We had a wonderful time! Special thank you to Lake Murray Association and DNR for their time and patience."

If you are interested in participating in Ladies Day on the Lake 2020, please check our website in the Spring for the date, time and location.



## **4H20**

by Stephen Phillips

4 H2O is a cooperative event between the Lake Murray Association and the 4H club. The kids get to ride on pontoon boats to do various on the water activities. In the past this included a tour of the West Columbia Water Treatment Plant that gets its water supply from Lake Murray. The kids also take water samples at several locations to determine water quality. They get to complete some of the analyses themselves.

The Lexington County fire boat gives a demonstration of their fire pump and allows the kids to aim the fire nozzle and change the spray pattern. At times some folks get very wet. South Carolina DNR has demonstrated their fish shocking boat that allows them to check the health of fish in Lake Murray. The fish are merely stunned and are returned to the water after the kids get to see them up close.

As we travel between locations the kids get to steer the boats under close supervision of the boat captain. But by far the most popular activity is eating and later swimming at Sandy Beach.

Unfortunately, the course is not going to be offered in 2019.

### **The Value of your Lake Murray Association Membership**

by Joe Halford, Membership Director

LMA provides collective representation for individual users on all issues that pertain to the development and management of Lake Murray. We work to foster a community spirit among residents, non-residents fishermen, boaters and business owners for the good of the lake. When Lake Murray benefits, we all benefit. Our strength is in our numbers. Your involvement helps "The Voice of Lake Murray" grow stronger. Our membership numbers speak volumes to governmental agencies and other groups. Our dues are minimal, but the rewards will be felt for generations.

You don't have to live on the lake to become a member! [www.lakemurrayassociation.com](http://www.lakemurrayassociation.com)

### **Officers and Executive Committee**

President: Dave Landis

Executive Director: Joy Downs

Treasurer: Lisa Early

Secretary: Nancy Nelson

Environmental: Jim McGrath

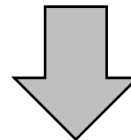
Government Liaison: Eddie Richardson

Membership: Joe Halford

Safety: Lee Ayers

Web: Diane Urban

At Large: John Altenburg, Steve Phillips



### **Updates from the State House**

**by Eddie Richardson**

The 50 foot no wake zone is proposed to increase to 100 feet from docks, moored boats and people.

It is a benefit to all boaters and home owners with docks. Legislation is pending on approval of the change and in the second legislative session should get serious consideration!

## **Corporate Members:**

**Become a Corporate Member today! Only \$100 annually [www.lakemurrayassociation.com](http://www.lakemurrayassociation.com)**

Please support our Corporate Members by using their services and recommending them to others.

### Agnew Lake Service

Norman Agnew  
P.O. Box 227  
Ballentine, SC 29002  
803-781-0399

### Bio Gator, Upgrading Septic Systems

Wallace Hubbard  
Chapin, SC  
803-749-1140

### California Republic SUP

Steve Fisher  
3072 Hwy. 378  
Leesville, SC 29070  
803-608-5033

### Captain's Choice Marine

3216 US-378  
Leesville, SC 29070  
803-532-2270

### Carolina Outdoor Adventure

Billy Easterbrooks  
P.O. Box 4262  
Irmo, SC 29063  
803-381-2293

### Carts Plus

Ed Horton  
1824 NorthLake Drive  
Lexington, SC 29072  
803-359-5505

### First Citizen's Bank Ballentine

Rick Pascal  
Ballentine, SC 29002  
803-781-3414

### Huggins for House District 85

Representative Chip Huggins, Jr.  
308 Wayworth Court  
Columbia, SC 29212  
803-732-4418

### Jake's Landing

Archie Trawick, Jr  
220 Jakes Landing Road #3  
Lexington, SC 29072  
803-359-9268

### Lake Murray Cruises

"Spirit of Lake Murray"  
at Hollow Creek Marina  
Ken Colton  
3340 Hwy 378  
Leesville, SC 29054  
803-730-3044

### Lake Murray Boat Club

Jon Dukes  
Ballentine, SC 29002  
803-407-2828

### Mid Carolina Club (golf)

3593 Kiblers Bridge Road  
Prosperity, SC 29127  
803-345-6039

### Nancy Nelson-Embler

JP & Associates Realtors Magnolia Group  
5140 Sunset Blvd., Suite H  
Lexington, SC 29072  
803-331-0635 cell 803-251-9855 office

### PilingGuard.com

John Rowley  
P.O. Box 5208  
Clover, SC 29710

### Pinestraw Place Landscape Supply

Lewis Grady  
1011 Old Cherokee Road  
Lexington, SC 29071  
803-808-7587

### Pontoon Rentals & Tours

Ken Hardee  
301 Harbor Heights Unit 15B  
Lexington, SC 29072  
803-530-3713

### Redline Motosports

Nathan Stuewer  
138 Beekeeper Ct.  
Lexington, SC 29072  
803-359-2702

### Sea Tow Lake Murray

John Altenberg  
732 West Highway 378  
Lexington, SC 29072  
803-957-0664 24hr 803-606-7027

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Membership expiration is noted in the lower right of your mailing label.

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***Important Phone numbers – Cut out and put on your frig***

**Lake Levels:** 800-830-5253

**Lake Murray Information:** 803-217-8399

**Dock Permits:** 803-217-9221

**DNR Information:** 803-734-3888

**DNR Law Enforcement:** 803-734-4002

**DNR Law Enforcement:** after 5pm & weekends 803-955-4000

**Marine Office:** 803-951-2564

**Richland Co. Sheriff's Office General Info:** 803-576-3000

**Lexington Co. Sheriff's Office:** 803-359-8230

**Newberry Co. Sheriff's Office:** 803-321-2211

**Lake Murray Association:** 803-749-3888

**SC Legislative Council:** 800-734-2145

**DNR Nuisance Animals:** 800-922-5431

**Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators List:** 803-734-3886