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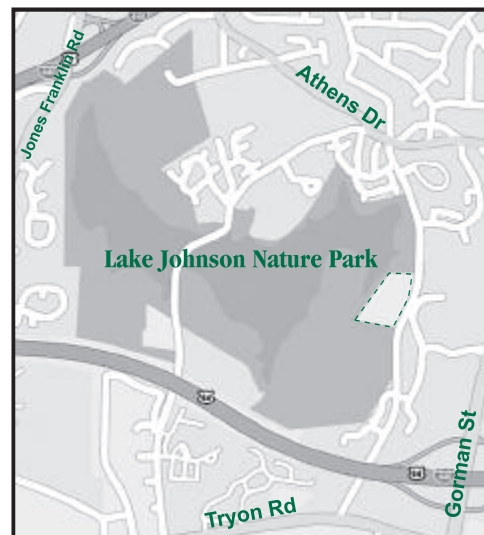
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This is our first attempt at offering timely information about Lake Johnson Park to our many friends. We plan to publish newsletters at least twice a year, mailing our newsletters to our supporters as well as offering a few additional copies at the boathouse.

www.lakejohnson.org



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FRIENDS OF LAKE JOHNSON PRESENT SECOND ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK!

At the Lake Johnson Boathouse

4601 Avent Ferry Road

Monday, April 28, 2008, 5-8 PM

Parking is available at Athens Drive High School off Avent Ferry Road w/ free shuttle every 15 minutes.

Art in the Park features local artists who are helping Friends of Lake Johnson raise money to expand & protect Lake Johnson Park. A selection of special drought-hardy plants from local nurseries will also be offered. See inside for a partial listing of some of the exciting offerings.

Starting at 5 p.m., join us at the boathouse. Meet artists & landscape/nature specialists...enjoy the beautiful view...Participate in the Silent Auction featuring original art & premium landscape plants!

Dine on heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Amedeo's

**The Silent Auction opens at 5 p.m.
and closes promptly at 7 p.m.**

You can also purchase directly from the artists on site.

**All proceeds from the event go
toward land purchase.**

Visit www.lakejohnson.org to learn about the artists and Art in the Park, as well as offerings added after this printing.

Claire Alderks Miller – Painter — Talented painter who creates incredible images capturing the pure beauty of nature in a variety of media; featured in a special showing at the NC Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill through March.

Joel Haas – Metal Sculptor — Work ranges from breathtaking welded steel angels and brightly painted whimsical animals to unique gates, trellises, benches, arbors, and archways for private gardens. Uses recycled steel and durable sign-painters lacquers. See www.joelhaasstudio.com

David Martin – Painter — A special offering of one of David's (recently deceased) most beautiful coastal paintings; a rare chance to own a masterpiece.

Mike Levi – Wood Turner — Creates beautiful hand carved bowls, vases, and candleholders out of wood from dying trees destined for the landfill.

Dave Bibb – Fine Art Photographer/Heritage Photo Restorer — Art photographs of nature and architecture; Dave also repairs and restores heritage photos that are torn, faded, or suffered water damage; he also combines photos into collages. Owner of Point of View Gallery, and will bring works of other local photographers for direct sale. See povgallery.com

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UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE FRIENDS OF LAKE JOHNSON

Ann Boyer Lepere – Painter — Paints traditional fine art portraiture in oil or pastels including portraits of families, children, pets and scenic locations. See annboyerlepere.com

Dan Finch – Potter — Creates diverse array of pieces—stoneware, porcelain, wood-fired, salt-glazed, and raku pottery including miniatures as well as 10’ tall urns and 30 lb stoneware pots. Also, hand-crafted Bluebird Homes for direct sale. See www.danfinch.com

Patrick Bartley – Photographer — Portraiture, Fine Art Photography (including nature photography), Commercial Photography, Custom Matting & Framing. See BartleyPhotography.com

Keith & Charlotte Cassel – Wood Scrollers — This talented couple creates a variety of ornaments, clocks, as well as other useful and decorative pieces from fine woods with hand finishes.

Cameron Park Inn Bed & Breakfast — Enjoy the luxury of a special night in one of Raleigh’s historic neighborhoods adjacent to Cameron Village. Proprietors Jon & Nikki will ensure a restful, romantic getaway. See cameronparkinn.com

Great Outdoor Provision Company — Special fly fishing class from the area’s premier supplier of eco-friendly outdoor supplies. See greatoutdoorprovision.com

Bill Leslie & Lorica – Vocalist/Musician/Song Writer— A collection of CD’s from a local favorite featuring music that appeals to all ages: praised by famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma as “one of the greats in modern Celtic Music.” See BillLeslie.com

Sue Church – Painter — Talented pediatrician from Rocky Mount who paints and draws beautiful renditions of a variety of subjects

The Abyssinia Ethiopian Restaurant — Royal Ethiopian Feast for Four or a Royal Ethiopian Feast for Six personally prepared by Chef Tegene Wondafrash. See EthiopianRestaurant.biz

The Angus Barn Restaurant — Deluxe gift basket that includes a certificate for dinner for two at one of NC’s premier restaurants. See AngusBarn.com

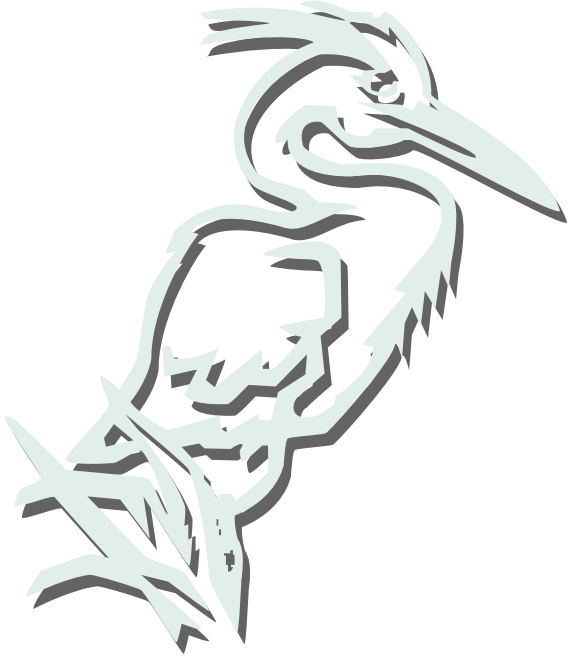
Cody’s Chinese & Thai Bistro — Lunch for two at one of Glenwood South’s anchors; perfect for the business luncheon. See codysbistro.net

Holly Hill Daylily Farm — Jim Massey, breeder & grower is offering some of his select daylilies; truly outstanding additions to your landscape – and very drought-hardy. See hollyhilldaylilies.com

Woodburn Cottage Bed & Breakfast — Gretchen & George Chapman offer a special night in one of Raleigh’s newest bed & breakfast inns; perfect for a personal getaway or for that special friend or business guest. See woodburncottage.com

And other offerings that were not available at printing: see www.LakeJohnson.org for the latest listings.

If you would like to be a sponsor of this event or if you want to volunteer to help, please email info@lakejohnson.org or call Benson Kirkman at 859-1187.



On April 28th you can help purchase the 12-acre Lake Johnson Park Addition.

Come learn more about Lake Johnson, enjoy the boathouse view, and meet local artists who are helping to keep Lake Johnson Park GREAT!

Friends of Lake Johnson (FLJ) was formed in 2003 to help purchase the last undeveloped land around Lake Johnson Park. The Trust for Public Land (TPL) purchased these 12 acres with a commitment from Friends of Lake Johnson to repay \$950,000 of the total purchase price in a public/private partnership matching payments made by the City of Raleigh and Wake County. FLJ has already raised over \$340,000 from individual donors and through a grant from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. FLJ is committed to raising the remaining \$610,000 from public & private sources to complete our contract with TPL.

Why this land has been acquired:

- Acquisition of this 12-acre property was identified by the Lake Johnson Master Plan Committee as the most strategic acquisition to protect the Lake.
- Water quality is at stake. The entire 12-acre parcel drains directly into either Lake Johnson or Walnut Creek. Both have been identified as impaired. This is critical for the protection of our watershed.
- This park is immensely popular and highly used by citizens from all across the City and County. Park use will continue to grow at a rapid pace as urbanization of this part of Raleigh and the County expands. The population in this part of the county is projected to double in the next 20 years.
- Necessary for preservation of wildlife habitat. The breakup of large tracts of forested land has disastrous effects on local wildlife, especially bird populations and small mammals.

We all have the opportunity to protect this precious resource for our long-term quality of life. The map shows the 12-acre addition. This is the last parcel of undeveloped land. Please make a donation today!

Go to www.lakejohnson.org for updates on our April 28th event.

Friends of Lake Johnson is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit citizen based organization in Wake County whose mission is to purchase and maintain a critical 12 acre addition to the City of Raleigh’s Lake Johnson Park. Under the Federal Tax Code, any contribution is fully tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.
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Make checks payable to Friends of Lake Johnson, and mail your check with this form to:

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Tickets \$25 per person or \$20 each in multiples

Tickets _____ x \$_____ = \$ _____

Sorry, I cannot attend, but I am including a donation of \$ _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please contact me about volunteer opportunities _____
 *(Email and other personal information will only be used by Friends of Lake Johnson).

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Thank you for your generous support!